

Acts of Assembly being Subject to the like rules of Common Law or Equitable Construction as  
used by the Judges in Constructing Statutes in England which happy rules have by his Majesty  
and his Royal Ancestors and also by his Lordship and his Noble Ancestors or some of them  
been either to Approved by having the Commissions of Indictment to Include Directions of the  
Nature to the several Judicial Magistrates unless those Commissions have at any time been  
casually or carelessly Omitted by the Officers in this Province that I have such Commissions  
that there fore whoever shall Advise his Lordship or his Successors to Govern by any other  
Rules of Governm<sup>t</sup> are Evil Counsellors. He wishes to his Lordship and to our present happy  
Constitution and Intend thereby to Infringe our English Liberty and to frustrate in great  
Measure the Intent of the Crown by the Original Grant of this Province to the said Prop<sup>r</sup>.  
Resolved further that the aforesaid Resolutions of the house are not Occasions of any  
Apprehension that the Lord Prop<sup>r</sup> has ever had any Intention to Infringe the Liberties  
or privileges of the people or to Govern otherwise than according to the usage and Customs  
of the Country since the first Settlement thereof but merely to assert their Rights and  
Liberties and to transmit their Sense thereof and of the Nature of their Constitution to  
posterity without the least Design of reflecting upon any other whatsoever.

- 4 An Engrost bill to confirm Lands Devised to the use of Churches —
- 5 An Engrost bill to Regulate prosecution in Criminal Cases —
- 6 An Engrost bill for the amendm<sup>t</sup> of the Law & the speedy Adjudicm<sup>t</sup> of Justice in relation to the  
Assessing of Damages —
- 7 An Engrost bill for continuing all Causes in the high Court of Chancery from the Court that  
was appointed to be hold in July seventeen hundred & twenty two for the time therein Mentioned —
- 8 An Engrost bill for preventing the Destroying of Boundaries or bounded trees and the  
boundring of trees or setting up boundaries without Lawfull Authority —
- 9 An Engrost bill to Enable Mr. Keyd & Anne his wife & Deborah Samberton Surviving Executors  
of Albert Grundy deced<sup>d</sup> to Convey the Lands and Water mill therein Mentioned  
according to the Sales thereof made by the deced<sup>d</sup> in his Life time —

All which bills aforesaid were severally read and assented and being so Endorsed  
were sent to the upper house by Captain Harrison and Mr. Fawcett — they returned  
and say they Delivered them — Col. Holland from the upper house delivers Mr.  
Speaker the following Message viz<sup>t</sup> — By the upper house of Assembly Octob<sup>r</sup> the 25<sup>th</sup> 1722  
Gentlemen the Indians upon the Eastern Shore having <sup>made</sup> frequent Complaints to Govern<sup>r</sup>  
and Council of the many Injuries done them either by purchases made of their Land  
when in Drink or of Inroads made by the English into their bounds and of  
Such persons also who, having Entred upon their Lands by Consent, and upon  
Condition of paying rent therefore, have not Complied therewith so that the Indians  
on the one hand are Cheated of their rents and on the other hand with the loss of their Land  
the first of w<sup>ch</sup> gives a great deal of Unnecessary trouble to this Governm<sup>t</sup>; as the  
Other will Argue under a necessity of purchasing more Lands for them to make  
Corn upon; for prevention whereof and for Discouraging for the future the many  
Quarrels and Differences that have daily Arisen hereon; it is recommended to your  
to prepare a short bill to Oblige all such English people as are settled upon  
their Lands to pay the rents contracted for that no English man for the future  
be allowed to lease Lands from them for more than seven years nor any  
Lease or Leases already made to run longer than the term seven years