

Inspect the forms of the oaths of Office that have been and now are usually taken by the several Magistrates and that in case the following clause be not inserted in the said oaths it be reported to the House such clause being agreeable to the oaths taken by the Judges in England and resolved. to be necessary and viz.

" to Do Equally Law and right to all the King's Subjects and poor. and not to Delay any person of colour right for the better of the King the Lord Proprietary Or of any other or for any other Cause, but if any such letters come to them they shall proceed to do the Law the same Letters. notwithstanding"

and that a copy of these resolves, be made and given to the said Court when they first go out. every Justice and that making and giving such Copies be the undoubted Duty of the Clerk of this House and within the perview of his Oath

Resolved. also. that this province is not under the circumstances of a conquered Country. that if it were the present Christian Inhabitants whose words be in the Circumstances not for the conquered but of the conquerors. it being a Colony of the English Nation Encouraged by the Crown to transplant themselves hither for the sake of improving and enlarging its Dominions which by the blessing of Gods upon their Endeavours. at their own Expence and Labour has been in great measure obtained and it is unanimously Resolved that whoever shall advance that his Majesty's Subjects by such their Endeavours and success. have forfeited any part of their English Liberties and Privileges of the Country and mistake its happy Constitution

Resolved also that if there be any pretence of conquest it can be only supposed against the native Indians. Infidels which Supposition cannot be admitted because the Christian Inhabitants purchased great part of the Land they at first took up from the Indians as well as from the Lord. Proprietary and have ever since continued in an amicable Course of trade with them except some partial outrages. and Mercurio his 10th never accounted to a General war. much less to a General conquest. the Indians yet enjoying their rights and privileges of Treaties and trade with the English of whom we frequently purchase their rights of such Lands as we take up. as well as of the Lord. Proprietary

Resolved further that this province hath always hitherto had the Common Law and such General Statute of England as are not restrained by words of local Limitations in them and such Acts of Assembly as were made in the province to suit its particular Constitution as the rules and standards of its Government and Judicature such