

Words. " And in all other Matters Civil and Criminal, to use and exercise
 " all or any Jurisdiction and Authority, for the Administration of Justice and
 " Conservation of our Peace within the said *Island*, as any Justice of Peace
 " in *England*, may or ought to use and exercise, by virtue of his Commission
 " for the Peace ; and further (as there shall be Cause) to hold a Court or
 " Courts, and in the said Courts to award Proceſs, hold Pleas, and to hear
 " and finally determine all Actions and Causes whatsoever Civil, happening
 " and arising between any the Inhabitants of the said *Island*, not exceeding
 " in Damages, or Demand the value of One Thousand Weight of *Tobacco* ; as
 " also to hear and finally determine all Misdemeanours and Offences, what-
 " soever Criminal, happening or committed within the said *Island*, and to
 " award Execution thereupon, so that the said Crimes extend not to the
 " Questioning of any One for his Life or Member : And all Matters or Causes
 " whatsoever aforesaid, to hear and determine in the most summary, and
 " equal Way that he may, according to the Laws of this Province established
 " or to be established, after Publication thereof in the said *Island*, and in De-
 " fault thereof, then according to the Laws of *England*, as near as he shall
 " be able to judge." We hope these will be sufficient to shew your Lord-
 ship the Antiquity of what we contend for, without troubling you with
 further Instances. This then (may it please your Lordship) being so early an
 Inducement to our Ancestors, to come and reside here under the happy Cir-
 cumstances of being bound by such Laws, as they were bound by in *England*,
 or such as should be made here by their Consent, no doubt was what much
 encouraged them to hazard their Lives and Fortunes, amongst unknown
 Nations of Barbarians, from whom and with whom they were oblig'd to
 purchase and cultivate Terms of Peace, by paying them for their Possessions,
 supplying them with *English* Manufacturies, and being generally obliging to
 the Heads of their Nations, till by a wonderful Providence they are become
 an inconsiderable People in themselves amongst us ; how strong they may be
 in their Alliances abroad upon the Continent, no *English-Man* can know : We
 therefore yet buy our Lands of them, when they demand pay, as neither
 thinking it just to refuse it, nor safe, to provoke a People whose Interest we
 know not.

We find in the Records of 1647, Page 143, sundry Depositions taken in
 open Assembly, whereby it is prov'd that sundry the Inhabitants of the Pro-
 vince, declared they would depart the Province for fear of the great Charges,
 for Payment of *Soldiers* Wages, like to light upon the Country ; to which
 Inhabitants, the Honourable *Leonard Calvert*, Governour, (his then Lordship's
 Brother) said, that his own Estate and his Brothers should pay the
Soldiers, and that no other Charge should come upon the Country more than
 the 60 Pounds of *Tobacco per Hoghead* ; and further said, (if that wou'd not
 do) he would engage his Lordship's Country for the Satisfying of the *Sol-
 diers*. And we find in the same Book, (Page 273, Anno 1649,) an Act
 for the Support of the Lord Proprietary, whereby Ten Shillings *per Hoghead*
 is imposed on the Exportations of *Tobacco* therein mention'd to his Lordship,
 One Half whereof to be employed towards the Satisfaction of all Interest,
 Arrears and Claim, touching the late Recovery and Defence of the Pro-
 vince, until they should be fully discharged ; and also that Sixteen Cows and
 a Bull, should be raised by Assessment upon the Inhabitants, within Two
 Years, in Consideration of his Lordship's Stock distributed towards the De-
 fence of the Province: And also another Act in the same Page, touching
 the Lord Proprietary's Stock of Cattle and other Estate within the Province,
 wherein