

being only double of the Principal Sums, would be recoverable before a single Magistrate) is Oppressive, Illegal and Extorsive.

*Resolved*, That Officers Fees can only be Settled and Ascertained by Law, and that the settling or ascertaining of them by the Proprietary, his Governor, or Council, by way of Proclamation or Ordinance, is contrary to the Royal Charter, against the Rights and Privileges of the Subject, Arbitrary and Illegal.

*Resolved*, That the Buying and Selling of the Offices of County Clerks, is against Law, and tends greatly to the Ruin and Oppression of the People of this Province.

*Resolved*, That the Persons, who hold the Offices of Clerks or Registers, or receive the Fees of those Offices, practising as Attorneys in the Courts to which those Offices belong, is against Law, of the most dangerous Consequence, and introductive of many Evils and Inconveniencies to the Suitors in such Courts.

*Resolved*, That the exacting Alienation Fines on Devises, is contrary to the Tenor and Condition of the Grants of Lands in this Province.

*Resolved*, That the Vacating of the Patents for Land of the People of this Province, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, or his Chancellor, for any Cause whatsoever, as attempted to be practised here, is Arbitrary, Illegal, and an Invasion on the Rights and Properties of his Majesty's Free and Liege Subjects inhabiting here.

*Resolved*, That the Naval Officers of this Province, obliging People to pay their Fees in Gold or Silver, is directly contrary to an Act of Assembly of this Province.

*Whereas* of late there has been erected within this Province, a new Office under the Denomination of Master in Chancery, with new Fees, without any Law of this Province to support the same, which is against the common Custom and Usage in such Cases, as appears by a Report of the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice, Dated the 1st Day of June 1739, and concurred with by this House:

*Resolved* therefore, That the appointing new Offices with new Fees, without the consent of the People, or their Delegates in Assembly, is Illegal and Oppressive.

*And* for as much as this House have, this Session, Addressed his Excellency the Governor, setting forth the several Aggrievances aforesaid, but finding no Relief thereby, have on the same Subject Addressed the Right Honourable our Lord Proprietary, and lest no Relief should be found from him, have also prepared an Address to be presented to his most Gra-