Clause be not inserted in the said Oath, it be reported to the House; such Clause being agreeable to the Oath taken by the Judges in *England*, and *Resolved* to be necessary here; *viz.*

" To do equal Law and Right to all the King's Subjects, rich and poor; and not to delay any Person of " common Right, for the Letters 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 notwith- " standing."

And that a Copy of these *Resolves* be made and given to the said Committee, when they first go out every Sessions; and that making and giving such Copies be the undoubted Duty of the Clerk of this House, and within the Purview 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 thereof would be in the Circumstances, not of the Conquered, but of the Conqueror, it being a Colony of the *English* Nation, encouraged by the Crown to transplant themselves hither, for the Sake of improving and enlarging it's Dominions; which, by the Blessing of God upon their Endeavours, at their own Expence and Labour, has been in great measure obtained: And 'tis *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, are not Wellwishers to the Country, and mistake it's happy Constitution.

Resolved also, That if there be any Pretence of Conquest, it can be only supposed against the Native *Indian* 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 Skirmishes, which never amounted 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 yet 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 Statutes of *England*, as are securitative of the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and such Acts of Assembly as were made in the Province to suit it's particular Constitution, as the Rule and Standard of it's Government and Judicature; such Statutes and Acts of Assembly being subject to the like Rules of Common Law, or equitable Construction, as are used by the Judges in construing 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 hitherto approved, by having the Commissions of Judicature, to include Directions of that Nature to the several judicial Magistrates; unless those Words have at any Time been casually or carelessly omitted by the Officers in this Province, that drew such Commissions.

Resolved, That the levying and taking the Sum of Twelve Pence Sterling *per* Hogshead, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, on all Tobacco exported out of the same, under Pretence and Colour of the Act of 1704, is not warranted by Law. *Resolved, Nemine contradicente*, That if the above Act of 1704 had been in Force from the Restoration of the Government by the Crown to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, to this Time; yet, the Sum of Three Pence Sterling, Part of the said Twelve Pence Sterling, agreeable to the plain Construction of the abovementioned Act of 1704, and her late Majesty Queen *Anne*'s Instructions to her Governor here when the said Act was in Force, ought be applied towards the purchasing of Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this Province.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to A[illegible]

On motion of a Member, *Resolved*, Tha[illegible]

given to the Reverend Mr. *James* [illegible]

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