

The following RESOLVES were unanimously entered into by the House, and ordered to be recorded in the Proceedings.

I. RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the first Adventurers and Settlers of this Province of *Maryland*, brought with them, and transmitted to their Posterity, and all other, his Majesty's Subjects, since inhabiting in this Province, all the Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, and Immunities, that at any Time have been held, enjoyed, and possessed, by the People of *Great-Britain*.

II. RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That it was granted, by *Magna Charta*, and other the good Laws and Statutes of *England*, and confirmed by the Petition, and Bill of Rights, that the Subject should not be compelled to contribute to any Tax, Tallage, Aid, or other like Charge, not set by common Consent of Parliament.

III. RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That, by a Royal Charter, granted by his Majesty, King CHARLES the First, in the Eighth Year of his Reign, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-two, to *Cæcilius*, then Lord *Baltimore*; it was, for the Encouragement for People, to transport themselves and Families, into this Province, among other Things covenanted and granted, by his said Majesty, for himself, his Heirs and Successors, as followeth: And we will also, and of our more special Grace, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, we do strictly enjoin, constitute, ordain, and command, that the said Province shall be of our Allegiance; and that all, and singular, the Subjects and liege People of Us, our Heirs and Successors, transported, or to be transported into the said Province, and the Children of them, and of such as shall descend from them there, already born, or hereafter to be born, be, and shall be Denizens, and Lieges of Us, our Heirs and Successors, of our Kingdoms of *England* and *Ireland*, and be in all Things held, treated, reputed, and esteemed, as the liege faithful People of Us, our Heirs and Successors, born within our Kingdom of *England*; and likewise, any Lands, Tenements, Revenues, Services, and other Hereditaments whatsoever, within our Kingdom of *England*, and other our Dominions, may inherit, or otherwise purchase, receive, take, have, hold, buy, and possess, and them may occupy, and enjoy, give, sell, alien, and bequeath; as likewise, all Liberties, Franchises, and Privileges, of this our Kingdom of *England*, freely, quietly, and peaceably, have, and possess, occupy, and enjoy, as our liege People, born, or to be born, within our said Kingdom of *England*, without the Let, Molestation, Vexation, Trouble, or Grievance, of Us, our Heirs and Successors; any Statute, Act, Ordinance, or Provision to the contrary thereof, notwithstanding.

AND FURTHER, OUR PLEASURE IS, and by these Presents, for Us our Heirs, and Successors, we do covenant and grant to, and with the said now Lord *Baltimore*, his Heirs and Assigns, that We, our Heirs and Successors, shall, at no Time hereafter, set, or make, or cause to be set, any Imposition, Custom, or other Taxation, Rate, or Contribution, whatsoever, in or upon the Dwellers and Inhabitants of the aforesaid Province, for their Lands, Tenements, Goods, or Chattels, within the said Province, or in; or upon any Goods, or Merchandizes, within the said Province, to be laden, or unladen, within any of the Ports, or Harbours, of the said Province: And our Pleasure is, and, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, we charge and command, that this our Declaration, shall be henceforward, from Time to Time, received and allowed in all our Courts, and before all the Judges of Us, our Heirs and Successors, for a sufficient and lawful Discharge, Payment, and Acquittance; commanding all and singular our Officers, and Ministers of Us, our Heirs and Successors, and enjoining them, upon Pain of our high Displeasure, that they do not presume, at any Time, to attempt any Thing to the contrary of the Premises, or that they do, in any Sort, withstand the same; but that they be, at all Times, aiding, and assisting, as is fitting, unto the said now Lord *Baltimore*, and his Heirs, and to the Inhabitants and Merchants of *Maryland*, aforesaid, their Servants, Ministers, Factors, and Assigns, in full Use and Fruition of the Benefit of this our Charter.

IV. RESOLVED, That it is the unanimous Opinion of this House, that the said Charter is declaratory of the Constitutional Rights and Privileges of the Freemen of this Province.

V. RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That Trials, by Juries, is the grand Bulwark of Liberty, the undoubted Birth-Right of every *Englishman*, and consequently of every *British* Subject in *America*; and that the erecting other Jurisdictions, for the Trial of Matters of Fact, is unconstitutional, and renders the Subject insecure in his Liberty and Property.

VI. RESOLVED, That it is the unanimous Opinion of this House, that it cannot, with any Truth, or Propriety, be said, that the Freemen of this Province of *Maryland*, are represented in the *British* Parliament.

VII. RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That his Majesty's liege People of this ancient Province, have always enjoyed the Right of being governed by Laws, to which they themselves have consented, in the Article of Taxes, and internal Polity; and that the same hath never been forfeited, or any other Way yielded up, but hath been constantly recognized, by the King, and People of *Great-Britain*.

VIII. RESOLVED, That it is the unanimous Opinion of this House, that the Representatives of the Freemen of this Province, in their legislative Capacity, together with the other Part of the Legislature, have the sole Right, to lay Taxes and Impositions on the Inhabitants of this

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