

ROBERT EDEN GOVERNOR

Mr. Robin, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Purnell, have Leave of Absence.
On Motion, Resolved unanimously, That this House is constitutionally invested with a Power to commit to the publick Jail, by Way of Punishment, any Person for Breach of Privilege or Contempt, there to remain till discharged by Order of this House.

Resolved, *unanimously*, That this House, as the great Inquest of the Province, has an unquestionable Authority, founded on Precedent and long uninterrupted Usage, to hear and enquire into all Complaints and Grievances; and, as incidental to that Authority, has constitutionally a Power to commit any Person, for any Crime whatsoever, to the publick Jail, there to remain till he be discharged by due Courts of Law.

Ordered, That the following be entered as the Resolves of this House.
Resolved *unanimously*, That the Representatives of the Freemen of this Province have the sole Right, with the Assent of the other Part of the Legislature, to impose and establish Taxes or Fees, and that the imposing, establishing or collecting any Taxes or Fees, on or from the Inhabitants of this Province, under Colour or Pretence of any Proclamation issued by, or in the Name of the Lord Proprietary, or other Authority, is arbitrary, unconstitutional and oppressive.

Verd: The House is not bound by any Resolution that should be made by any Authority, no power that the prisoners be their Deacons

Resolved *unanimously*, That in all Cases where no Fees are established by Law for Services done by officers, the Power of ascertaining the Quantum of the Reward for such Services is constitutionally in a Jury upon the action of the Party.

Resolved *unanimously*, That the Proclamation issued in the Name of his Excellency Robert Eden, the Governor, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, on the 26th Day of November, 1770, was illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and oppressive.

Resolved *unanimously*, That the Paper Writing under the great Seal of this Province, issued in the Name of the late Lord Proprietary, on the 24th Day of November, 1770, was illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and oppressive.

Resolved *unanimously*, That the Advisers of the said Proclamations were Enemies to the Peace, Welfare and Happiness of this Province, and the Laws and Constitution thereof.
The House adjourns till Tomorrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

S A T U R D A Y, July 3, 1773.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday, except Mr. Purnell, Mr. Robins, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Richardson. Mr. Hager appeared in the House.

Ordered. That the last Resolves of Yesterday be printed in the next Week's Maryland Gazette, and continued therein Six Weeks successively.

Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, and George Plater, Esquires, from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor desires the Attendance of this House immediately in the Upper House, to see the Laws passed.

The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and, attended by the Members of the Lower House, went to the Upper House, and there presented to his Excellency the following ingrossed Bills, viz.

- No. 1. An Act concerning Estates Tail and the Jurisdiction of the County Courts.
- No. 2. An Act to continue the Acts of Assembly therein mentioned.
- No. 3. An Act reviving and continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act for amending and repairing the publick Roads in Baltimore County.*
- No. 4. An Act for the Enlargement of *Baltimore-Town.*
- No. 5. An Act to prevent counterfeiting the Paper Money of other Colonies.
- No. 6. An Act to enable the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit to provide Stationary for the Use of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly.
- No. 7. An Act to continue the Acts therein mentioned.
- No. 8. An Act for the Relief of *John McClure* and others.
- No. 9. An Act to explain an Act relating to Leases by the Rector, Vestrymen and Churchwardens of *Saint Anne's Parish.*
- No. 10. An Act for the Relief of the Poor in *Frederick County.*
- No. 11. An Act to empower *Thomas Jett* and *William Bernard*, or either of them, to sell and dispose of the Lands therein mentioned, pursuant to the Directions of the last Will and Testament of *John Morton Jordan*, deceased.
- No. 12. An Act confirming to *James Hendricks* of *Baltimore County*, sundry Lands therein mentioned.
- No. 13. An Act for the Relief of certain Prisoners in the several Jails therein mentioned.
- No. 14. An Act for the better regulating Attachments.
- No. 15. An Act to enable the Representatives of deceased Treasurers to pay over the Balances in their Hands.

All which, except No. 9, his Excellency passed into Laws in the usual Manner, and made the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

IT gives me Pleasure to think that the Province will reap great Advantages from the Acts passed this Meeting.

The Absence of so many Members, and the little Prospect of any further Benefits accruing from a Continuance of the Session, at this Season, lay me under the Necessity of proroguing this Assembly.