

I. AS the People are *English*, or *British* Subjects, and have always adhered to, and continued in their Allegiance to the Crown.

II. AS the Rights of *English*, or *British* Subjects, are granted unto Them, in the *Charter of the Province*, to the Lord Proprietary.

BUT before I proceed to treat of these several Rights, it will not be amiss, to observe, that the Law of *England* consists of the *Common and Statute Laws*. That the *Common Law*, takes in the *Law of Nature*, the *Law of Reason*, and the *revealed Law of God*; which are equally binding, at *All Times*, in *All Places*, and to *All Persons*, And such *Usages*, and *Customs*, as have been experimentally found, to suit the *Order*, and *Engagements of Society*; and to contain Nothing inconsistent with *Honesty*, *Decency*, and *Good Manners*; and which by *Consent*, and long *Use*, have obtained the *Force of Laws*.

THE *Statute Law*, consists of such *Acts of Parliament*, as have been made from *Time*, to *Time*, by the whole *Legislature*; some of which, are *declaratory*, or alter the *Common Law*; I mean, such Part of it as consists of *Usages*, and *Customs*, that received their *Force* and *Sanction* from the *Consent* of the *People*; when those *Usages*, and *Customs*, have been mistaken, misapplied, or found to be unsuitable to the *Order*, and *Engagements of Society*, in order to make the whole *Body of the Law*, best answer the true *End* of all *Laws*, the *Good and Safety of the People*.

SOME have restored the *People* to the *Rights*, that were theirs, by the *Common Law*, (which contained nothing inconsistent with *General Liberty and Property*,) and which ill Men, ~~and at Times, invaded, and infringed, and have made new~~ *Barriers*, (if I may so speak,) to prevent future *Infringements*,
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