

Post Meridiem

L. H. J.
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The House met according to Adjournment.

The House unanimously Agrees to the following Resolves; and Ordered, that they be entered on the Journal as Resolves of this House Viz.

Resolved That the levying and Collecting twelve Pence sterling per Hogshead on Tobacco exported out of this Province, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, or his officers for his use, ever since the year 1733, is not warranted by any Law of this Province

Resolved, That the levying and Collecting fourteen Pence sterling per Tun on shipping trading into this Province, and not properly belonging thereto, is arbitrary and without Law to support it

Resolved That the taking of Judgment Bonds for Fees before they become due and refusing peoples Business to be done in the offices until such Bonds are given and also the taking such bonds in Penalties within the Iurisdiction of the Provincial and County Courts, where such Penalties, being only double of the Principal sums would be recoverable before a single Magistrate, is oppressive 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, and 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 Inconveniences 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 Land in this Province

Resolved, That the Vacating of the Pattents for Land of the People of this Province by the Right Honble 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.