

October the 15th 1722.

Resolved,

There be a Committee for Courts of Justice.

Proposed by a Member, and Resolved by the House, That the Members that are appointed as Members of the Committee of Aggrievances, have likewise the Character of a Committee for Courts of Justice, and that that Character, and the Duty of such Committee, be annex'd to the said Committee of Aggrievances, as a standing part of their Duty.

Their Duty.

And that it be an Instruction to the said Committee, as a Committee of Courts of Justice, That they observe the Nature of all the Commissions to the several Courts of Judicature within this Province; and that they especially observe any Alterations that may at any Time happen by accidental Omission, or otherwise, therein, and particularly relating to such Words therein as require the several Judges and Justices to Hear, Try and Determine according to the Laws, Statutes, Ordinances and reasonable Customs of England and of this Province, or to such other Words as have relation thereto, and that they shall immediately make Report to the House of any Alterations that shall at any Time happen in such Commission; and likewise to have regard, as near as may be, to observe wherein they Differ from the Forms of the several sorts of Commissions to the Judges and Justices in England.

Likewise, Resolved, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, to Inspect the forms of the Oaths of Office that have been, and now are usually taken by the several Magistrates; and that in case the following 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 notwithstanding.”

The Duty of the Clerk of the Assembly.

And that 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.

Maryland not Conquered but acquired.

Resolved also, That this Province is not under the Circumstance of a Conquer'd Country; That if it were, the present Christian Inhabitants thereof would be in the Circumstance, not of the Conquered, but of the Conquerors, 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

And how.

Measure obtain'd. And 'tis unanimously Resolved. That whoever shall advance, That His Majesties Subjects by such their Endeavours and Success, have forfeited any part of their English Liberties, are ill Wishers to the Country, and mistake it's happy Constitution.

If Conquered, can only be against the Indians.

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