

RESOLVED, *nemine contradicente*, That the Upper House, Four Members of which hold the Secretary's, Commissary-General's, and Land-Office, and the Fees of which Offices were attempted to be regulated by the first mentioned Bill, have, in the Intercourse between the Two Houses on the Subject of that Bill, and by their ultimate Rejection thereof, manifested an unreasonable Attachment to the Emoluments of Office; and by their Rejection of the said other Bills, that House hath evinced an unjustifiable Design to force this Branch of the Legislature, by the Feelings of the People, into a Regulation of Fees more correspondent to those *Schemes of Wealth and Power*, which, it is much to be apprehended, are formed by some of the great Officers of this Government; and which, if carried into Execution, will tend to the Oppression of the People, and, in the End, greatly endanger their Liberties.

RESOLVED, *nemine contradicente*, That the Charge of Fees (estimated at above the annual Amount of 60,000^{lb} Tobacco) by the Commissary-General, upon Administrations granted by his Deputies, and for which they are paid, is an Abuse of the old Regulation of Fees, illegal and oppressive.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the additional Charge by the Commissary-General, of Order to almost every Service done in his Office, (estimated at above the annual Amount of 40,000^{lb} of Tobacco) when, by the same Regulation, it was only allowed in Testamentary Causes, is an Abuse of that Regulation, illegal and oppressive.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the Charge by the Secretary and County Clerks of this Province, for recording of Papers in Actions discontinued, abated, struck off or agreed, when they are not, nor need be recorded, is an Abuse of the same Regulation, illegal and oppressive.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the Charge by the Secretary for making up Issues in the Provincial Court, when the same is done by the Attornies; for issuing a Venire Facias for Jurors, when none is issued; for Copy of Judgment on issuing Executions; or for Search and Copy of Judgment on issuing Scire Facias, is an Abuse of the same Regulation, illegal and oppressive.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the Charge of 300^{lb} of Tobacco by Surveyors, for laying down adjacent Tracts, merely to correct the Errors of an original Survey, is an Abuse of that Regulation, illegal and oppressive.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the Charge of 300^{lb} of Tobacco by Surveyors, as for a Re-survey, for surveying or laying down each Tract of Land, on a Warrant of Survey from the Provincial Court; and of 300^{lb} of Tobacco for any Tract of Land laid down only for Illustration, is an Abuse of that Regulation, illegal and oppressive.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the Charge by the Examiner-General, on every Plat laid down for Illustration, and on every Piece of Vacancy added, as on separate and distinct Tracts, is an Abuse of that Regulation, illegal and oppressive.

ORDERED, That the above Resolves be printed in this Week's *Maryland Gazette*, and be continued therein Three Weeks successively.

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, *nemine contradicente*, That this House, as the grand 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 Course of Law.

RESOLVED, That the Lord Proprietary has no Right to dispose of his vacant Land, within this Province, upon Terms different from his former Proclamations for that Purpose; and that his Lordship has no Right to settle and regulate the Fees or Reward to the Registers or Officers of the Land-Office, for Services performed by them therein.

Mr. Ward hath Leave of Absence.

Benedict Calvert and Daniel Dulany, Esqrs. from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Members of the Lower House immediately in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (with the Members of this House) went to the Upper House, and there presented the following Bills, viz.

N^o. 2. An Act empowering Edward Tilghman, Solomon Wright, and others, to sell certain Lands devised by Colonel Vincent Lowe, formerly of Talbot County, to be sold for the Purposes by the said Devise intended.

N^o. 3. A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, *An Act to enable the Justices of Queen-Anne's County Court, for the Time being, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of St. Luke's Parish, in the said County, a Quantity of Tobacco, for building a Chapel in the said Parish.*

N^o. 4. An Act to divide St. George's Parish, in Baltimore County.

N^o. 5. An Act to establish a Market in Frederick-Town, in Frederick County, and for the Regulation of the said Market.

N^o. 6. An Act to remedy the Omission of the Enrollment of a Deed of Bargain and Sale from Thomas Collier to Thomas Lightfoot; William Lightfoot, Abraham Mitchell, Walter Franklin, and Samuel Franklin.

N^o. 7. An Act for the Establishment of a Chapel of Ease in St. Peter's Parish, in Talbot County.

N^o. 8. A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of the Poor within the several Counties therein mentioned.*

N^o. 9. An Act for the Relief of certain Prisoners in the several Jails therein mentioned.