

in an amicable Course of Trade with them except some partial Outrages and Skirmishes which never amounted to a General War much less to a general Conquest the Indians yet enjoying their Rights and Privileges of Treaties and Trade with the English of whom we yet frequently purchase their Rights of such Lands as we take up as well as of the Lord proprietary

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Resolved further That this province hath always had the Common Law and such General Statutes as are Securitative of the Rights and Liberties of the Subject and such Acts of Assembly as were made in the province to suit its particular Constitution as the Rule and Standard of its Government Judicature such Statutes & Acts of Assembly being subject to the like Rules of Common Law or Equitable Construction as are used by the Judges in construing Statutes in England which happy Rules have by his Majesty and his Royal Ancestors and also by his Lordship and his noble Ancestors or some of them been hitherto approved by having the Commissions of Judicature to include Directions of that Nature to the several Judicial Magistrates unless those Words have at any Time been casually or carelessly Omitted by the Officers in this province that drew such Commissions

Resolved That the levying and taking the Sum of twelve pence Sterling per Hogshead by the Right Honourable the Lord proprietary of this province on all Tobacco exported out of the same under pretence and Colour of the Act of 1704 is not warranted by Law Resolved Nemine Contradicente that if the above Act of 1704 have been in fforce from the Restoration of the Government by the Crown to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary to this Time Yet the Sum of three pence Sterling part of the said twelve pence Sterling Agreeable to the plain Construction of the above mentioned Act of 1704 And her late Majesty Queen Anns Instructions to her Governor here when the said Act was in Force ought to be applied towards the purchasing of Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this province

Resolved That the Hours of Sitting for the Dispatch of public Business during this Session be from nine of the Clock before Noon until Twelve and from two of the Clock Afternoon until five

Ordered That M^r Dulany do acquaint the Rev.^d M^r Love that he is desired by this House to read Divine Service daily during this Session at three Quarters of an Hour past Eight in the Morning and at five of the Clock Afternoon

The following Petition of sundry the Inhabitants Freeholders and Free Voters in the Corporation of the City of Annapolis Viz

To the Honourable the Speaker and the Lower House of Assembly