

- U. H. J. Case of Jamaica where An Act was lately made Entituled An Act for making his Maj^{ties} Revenue perpetual & Augmenting the same, and Continuing and Declaring what Laws are in force in this Island.

This Act his Maj^{tye} with the Advice of his Council has been pleased to Disallow after due Deliberation and References had and Reports made thereon, By the Lords Com̄issioners of his Maj^{ties} Treasury by the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations and by his Maj^{ties} Attorney and Sollicitor Generall recommending the said Act, tho' in many parts of it highly necessary, as not proper to be allowed of, For that amongst many other Reasons set forth in the said Reports the said Act might possibly Introduce the whole Body of the English Laws to become Laws of Jamaica in Cases not particularly provided for by Laws of their own which in many Cases were by no means Competent but might do great Mischief and be attended with many Inconveniencies both to his Maj^{ties} Government in that Island and to the Estates and Com̄erce of his Maj^{ties} Subjects there.

Here Gentlemen you may perceive a Law after mature Consideration (many parts of it Agreed to be highly necessary and Convenient) Disallow'd of Because in one part of it the English Statutes are made to Operate in that part of his Maj^{ties} Plantations called Jamaica: which Proceeding does not at all seem to Support some late Resolutions Address'd to me, setting forth among other things that such General Statutes of England, as are not restrained by Words of local Limitation, are in force in Maryland another part of his Plantations
 p. 6 Were they in force what need to make Laws to Establish them, as in the Case before you of Jamaica, The Disallowance of which Act, with the Reasons given for it, shews plainly that it is not thought proper to suffer them to be Introduced as not Competent but Mischievius in many Cases and the Attempting to make the Act shews as plainly that they are not look'd on as Laws of that Country without a Law of their own to Enforce them.

I must take notice indeed at the same time that this Act was represented to his Majesty as not proper for his Allowance, it was Recommended to him, that if any of the particular Statutes of England Should they be look'd on as necessary, and Convenient for them, and His Majesty should think them reasonable, that he would be pleased to Allow them to be Introduced by a Law of their own making: and in this particular I Esteem my self very fortunate it being so Agreeable to that part of my Instruction set forth in your Address, Gentlemen of the Lower House where I recomend, that