

L. H. J. not to the Questioning of any one for his Life or Member: and all matters or Causes whatsoever aforesaid to hear and Determine in the Most Summary and Equal way that he may according to the Laws of this Province, Established or to be Established (after publication thereof in the said Island) and in Default thereof, then according to the Laws of England as near as he shall be able to Judge. We hope these will be Sufficient to shew Your Lordship the Antiquity of what we Contend for without troubling You with further Instances.

p. 118 This then may it please Your Lordship being so Early an Inducement to our Ancestors to Come and Reside here under the happy Circumstances of being bound by such Laws as they were bound by in England or such as should be made here by their Consent, no doubt was what much encourag'd them to hazzard their Lives and fortunes amongst Unknown nations of Barbarians from whom and with whom they were obliged to purchase and Cultivate Terms of Peace, by paying them for their possessions, supplying them with English Manufacturaries, and being Generally Obliging to the heads of their Nations, till by a Wonderfull providence they are become an Inconsiderable people in themselves amongst us. How strong they may be in their Alliances abroad upon the Continent, no Englishman can know, We therefore Yet buy our Lands of them, when they demand pay, as neither thinking it just to Refuse it, nor safe to provoke a people whose Interest we know not.

We find in the Records of 1647: page 143: Sundry Depositions taken in open Assembly, whereby it is prov'd that Sundry the Inhabitants of the province declar'd they would depart the province for fear of the great Charges for payment of Soldiers Wages like to light upon the Country, to which Inhabitants the Honōble Leonard Calvert Governour his then Lordships Brother said that his own Estate and his Brothers should pay the Soldiers and that no other Charge Should Come upon the Country more than the 60<sup>l</sup> Tob<sup>o</sup> p hhd and further said if that Could not he would Engage his Lordships Country for the Satisfying of the Soldiers, and we find in the same book page 273: Anno: 1649 An Act for the Support of the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> whereby Ten Shillings a hhd is Imposed on the Exportations of Tobacco therein mentioned to his Lordship one half whereof to be Employ'd towards the Satisfaction of all Interest arrears and Claime touching the Late Discovery and Defence of the Province untill they should be fully Discharg'd, and also that Sixteen Cows and a Bull should be Rais'd by Assessment upon the Inhabitants within two years in Consideration of his Lordships Stock Distributed towards the Defence of the Province, and also another