

L. H. J. M.<sup>r</sup> Ghiselin accordingly attended, and after being asked some  
 Liber No. 54 Questions respecting his Letter to the Gentlemen appointed a Com-  
 July 2 mittee to inspect the publick Offices, the House discharged him from  
 any further Attendance.

John Ridout, Esq., from the Upper House, delivers to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker the paper Bills N.<sup>o</sup> 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, severally indorsed; "By the Upper House of Assembly, July 2.<sup>d</sup> 1773. The ingrossed Bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

Signed by Order, U. Scott, Cl. Up. Ho."

M.<sup>r</sup> Robins, M.<sup>r</sup> Holland, and M.<sup>r</sup> Purnell, have Leave of Absence.

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 inquire 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.

Ordered, That the following be entered as the Resolves of this House.

Resolved, unanimously That the Representatives of the Freemen of this Province have the sole Right, with the Assent of the other Part of the Legislature, to impose and establish Taxes or Fees, and that the imposing, establishing or collecting any Taxes or Fees, on or from the Inhabitants of this Province, under Colour or Pretence of any Proclamation issued by, or in the Name of the Lord Proprietary, or other Authority, is arbitrary, unconstitutional and oppressive.

p. 338 Resolved, unanimously, That in all Cases where no Fees are established by Law for Services done by Officers, the Power of ascertaining the Quantum of the Reward for such Services is constitutionally in a Jury upon the Action of the Party.

Resolved unanimously, That the Proclamation issued in the Name of his Excellency Robert Eden, the Governor, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, on the 26.<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 1770, was illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and oppressive.

Resolved, unanimously, That the Paper Writing under the great Seal of this Province, issued in the Name of the late Lord Proprietary, on the 24.<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 1770, was illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and oppressive.

Resolved unanimously, That the Advisers of the said Proclama-