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ordained or done within this Province to the contrary hereof notwithstanding
And Your Petitioner shall pray &c

To the Right Hon.^{ble} the Lord Proprietary of Maryland, The humble petition of Captain James Neale

Humbly sheweth Whereas Your Petitioner hath lived divers Yeers in Spain and Portugall following the trade of Merchandize and likewise was there employed by his Majesty of great Brittain and his Royall highnesse the Duke of York in severall Emergent affaires as by the Commissions herewith presented may appear during which time of his abode in those parts he had four children borne by his Lawfull wife Anna Neale Vizt Henieretta Maria James Dorothy & Anthony Neale which four he hath now living in this Province of Maryland wherefore Your Petitioner most humbly prayeth Your Lordship that it may be ordained enacted and established by Your Honour your Honourable Councill of State and the formers of this present Assembly and by the authority of the same your Petitioners children and every of them shall from henceforth be adjudged reputed and taken to be Your Honors Naturall people and as persons naturally and Lawfully borne within this Your Province of Maryland and also that they and every of them shall and may from henceforth by the same authority be enabled and adjudged able to all intents and constructions to demand challenge ask have hold and enjoy lands tenements & Hereditaments and tenents as heir or heirs to any of their ancestors by reason of any descent remaine or to come to them or any of them by any other Lawfull conveyance or means whatsoever or which hereafter shall come &c as if they and every of them had been Your Lordships Naturall People