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or Remainder upon any Estate taylor as aforesaid or by any other Lawfull conveyance or conveyances or means whatsoever as if they and every of them had been borne within this Province or were of British or Irish descent as aforesaid and also that they and every of them from hence forth may and shall be enabled to prosecute maintaine and avow Justifie and defend all manner of actions suites plaints and other demands whatsoever as liberally frankly freely fully Lawfully and securely as if they and every of them had been naturally borne within this Province of Maryland or were of British or Irish descent and as any other person or persons naturally borne within this Province or of British or Irish descent may any wayes Lawfully doe any law provisions Act or custome of this <sup>Province</sup> or other thing whatsoever had made ordained or done within this Province to the contrary thereof in any wayes Notwithstanding

An Act For the Encourageing the Importacon of Negroes and Slaves into this Province

Whereas Severall of the good people of this Province have been discouraged to import into or purchase within this Province any Negroes or other Slaves and such as have imported or purchased any such Negroes or Slaves have to the great displeasure of Almighty God and the prejudice of the soules of those poore people neglected to instruct them in the Christian faith or to endure or permitt them to receive the holy Sacrament of Bapthisme for the remission of their sins upon a mistake and ungrounded apprehension that by becoming Christians they and the issues of their bodies are actually manumitted and made free and discharged from their servitude & bondage be it declared and enacted by his Lordship the