[illegible] And for the [illegible] shall alsoe bee publiquely [illegible] And whereas the inforceinge of the Conscience [illegible]

[illegible] wealthes where it hath beene practised and for the more quiett and peaceable governement of this Province and the better to preserve mutuall love and amyty amongst the Inhabitants [illegible]

by the Lord [illegible]etary wth the advise and assent of this Assembly ordeyned and enacted except as in this present Act is before declared and sett forth that noe person or persons whatsoever within this Province or the Islands [illegible]

or havens [illegible] to belonginge professinge to beleeve in Jesus Christ shall from henceforth bee any wayes troubled molested or discountenanced for or in respect of his or her Religion nor in the free exercise thereof within [illegible]

or the [illegible] thereunto belonginge nor any way compelled to the beleife or exercise of any other Religion against his or her consent soe as they bee not unfaithfull to the Lord Proprietary or molest or conspire agai[illegible]

govern[illegible]ed or to bee established in this Province under hym or his heires And that all and every person and persons that shall presume contrary to this Act and the true Intent and meaninge thereof directly or [illegible]

either [illegible] estate wilfully to wronge disturbe trouble or molest any person whatsoever wthin this Province professinge to beleeve in Jesus Christ for or in respect of his or her Religion or the free [illegible] thereof [illegible]

Province [illegible] then is provided for in this Act That such person or persons soe offendinge shalbee compelled to pay treble damages to the partie soe wronged or molested And for every such offence shall alsoe for[illegible]

shillings sterling [illegible] or the value thereof halfe thereof for the use of the Lord Proprietary and his heires Lords and Proprietaries of this Province and the other halfe thereof for the use of the partie soe wronged or molested as aforesaid or if the partie [illegible]

[illegible] to recompence the partie soe wronged or to satisfie such fyne or forfeiture then such offender shalbee severely punished by publique whippinge and ymprisonment duringe the pleasure of the Lord Proprietary or his Lieutenant [illegible]

Governor of this P[illegible] wthout baile or maineprise And bee it further alsoe enacted by the authoritie and consent aforesaid that the Sheriffe or other Officer or officers from tyme to tyme to bee appoynted and authorized for that purpose of the

County or Precinct [illegible] in this present Act conteyned shall happen att any tyme to bee comitted and whereuppon there is hereby a forfeiture ffyne or penalty imposed shall from tyme to tyme distreyne and seize the goods and estate of every such

[illegible] soe offendinge as aforesaid [illegible] or any parte thereof and sell the same or any parte thereof for the full satisfaccon of such forfeiture fyne or Penalty as aforesaid restoringe to the partie soe offendinge the Remaynder or overplus of the said goods or [illegible]

such satisfaccon soe made as afo[illegible]

An act of Recognition of the lawfull and undoubted Right and Title of the Right Honoble Cecilius Lord Baron of Baltemore Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Mary Land unto the said Province and unto all Islands Ports and Creekes to the same belonginge

2 **Greate** and manifold are the benefitts wherewth Allmighty god hath blessed the Colony first brought and planted wthin this Province of Mary Land att yor Lops charge and contynued by your care and industry in the happy restitution of a blessed peace unto us beinge lately [illegible] wth a miserable dissention and unhappy warr But more inestimable are the blessinges thereby poured on this Province in plantinge Christianity amongst a people that knewe not god nor had heard of Christ All wch as wee recognise and acknowledge to bee done and performed [illegible] under god) by your Lops industry and pious intentions towards the advancement and propagacon of Christian Religion and the peace and happines of this Colony and Province Soe wee doubt not but posterity will remember the same wth all fidelity to the honor of yor Lop and yor heires for ever In [illegible] whereof wee humbly beseech yor Lop that as a memoriall to all posterities amonge the Records of the Courtes of yor greate Assembly wthin this Province forever to endure of our thankfullnes fidelitie and obedience It maye bee published and declared by your Lop and this parl[illegible] [illegible] enacted by authority of the same That wee beinge bound thereunto by the lawes both of god and man doe Recognize and acknowledge yor Lops Title and Right unto this Province by the grant and donacon of the late high and mighty Prince Charles the first of that name of England Scotland France and Ireland King &c Defender of the ffaith [illegible] under the greate Seale of England bearinge date att Westminster the twentith daye of June in the Eight yeare of his Reigne Anno Dni 1632 And doe alsoe Recognize and acknowledge [illegible] absolute Lord and Proprietary of this Province and doe humbly submitt unto all power Jurisdiccon and authoritie given granted and confirmed unto yor Lop and yor heires in and by the said grant [illegible] and doe hereby submitt and oblige us our heires [illegible] the last dropp of our bloud bee spent to mayntayne uphold and defend yor Lop and yor heires Lords and Proprietors of this Province in all the Royall Rights Jurisdiccons authorities and preheminencies given granted and confirmed unto yor Lop by the said Grant [illegible] soe as they doe not in any sort infringe or prejudice the just and lawfull liberties or Priviledges of the free borne Subiects of the Kingdome of England And wee humbly beseech yor Lop to accept the same as the first ffruits in this Assembly of our fidelitie [illegible] thankfullnes to yor Lop and yor heires and posteritie forever Which if your Lop shalbee pleased to accept and ratifie by your assent wthout wch it can neither bee compleate and perfect nor remayne to posterity accordinge to our humble desires As a memoriall of yor Lops affection towards us wee shall adde this alsoe to the rest of the unspeakable benefitts wee have receaved by yor Lops vigilancy over this Colony /

An act concerninge purchasinge landes from the Indians

Whereas divers persons have heretofore purchased or accepted lands or tenements in this Province from Indians and have made use of and possessed the same wthout any lawfull title or authority derived from the Lord Proprietary neglectinge alsoe to take out Grants from his Lop under his Greate Seale of this Province for such lands as have beene or are due unto such person or persons by vertue of his Lops Condicons of Plantacon or other warrant from his Lop wch proceedings are not only very greate contempts and prejudices to his Lops dignity and rights but are alsoe of such dangerous consequence [illegible] tymely prevented that they may hereafter bringe a greate confusion in the Government and publique peace of this Province Bee itt therefore Enacted by the Lord Proprietary wth the assent and approbacon of the upper and lower house of this Assembly that all purchases or acquisitions wch have [illegible] of any lands or Tenements wthin this Province wch either already have beene or wch shall hereafter bee made from any person or persons whatsoever not derivinge att the same tyme a lawfull title thereunto by from or under some Grante from tyme to tyme obteyned [illegible] from his said Lop or his heires Lords and Proprietaries of this Province under his or their Greate Seale of this Province for the tyme beinge shalbee void and null And it shalbee lawfull for the said Lord Proprietary and his heires to enter uppon such [illegible] any such lands or tenements soe from tyme to tyme purchased or acquired from any Indian or other as aforesaid att his or their will and pleasure unlesse such person or persons soe purchasinge or acquiringe as aforesaid have some lawfull right or [illegible] such lands or tenemts soe purchased or acquired att the tyme of such purchase or acquisicon by some Grante under the Greate Seale of this Province from his said Lop or his heires Lords and Proprietaries of the same /