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Maryland's — All a session of Assembly Begin  
and held at the City of Annapolis in  
the County of Ann Arundell the Twentieth  
Eighth — Day of October — in the Eleventh  
year of the Reigne of our Sovereign  
Lady Anne Queen of Great Britain  
France and Ireland Defender of the Faith  
etc Annoque Domini One thousand —  
Seven hundred and Twelve — The  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> Edward Lloyd Esq<sup>r</sup> being president  
of his Majesty's Council of the province  
aforesaid — Were Enacted the Laws  
following

An Act for Relieving the Inhabitants of this  
Province from some Grievances in the prosecution of  
Suits at Law

Whereas during this long and tedious (though glorious and successful)  
war her Majesty's good Subjects of this Province have greatly suffered  
and many of them have been utterly ruined not onely by Losses at Sea  
of their Estates which is their onely Staple Manufacture being taken  
by the Enemy, but also by the European Markets being shut up by reason  
of the Export to Spain and France in great Measure prohibited, so that  
very many honest and industrious planters her Majesty's Subjects hereby  
very charged of necessary Clothing and Tools for themselves and families  
are become vastly indebted and now prospect to yet appearing of any means  
whereby they may extricate themselves out of their miserable and deplorable  
and distressed which are yet very much heightened and aggravated by their being  
brought and brought to Annapolis from the remotest parts of this Province to  
their manifest Oppression and Impoverishment so that many of the good