



*The R. I G H T of the Inhabitants of Maryland,
to the Benefit of the English L A W S.*



S there has been a pretty warm Contest, concerning *The Right of the Inhabitants of Maryland, to the Benefit of the English Laws*; as well *Statute as Common*: And as the Matter is in Dispute, and it is of the utmost Consequence to be at a Certainty about it; It behoves every Man, that has any Regard to, or Interest in the Country, to use his utmost Endeavour to put it in a true Light: For as *Laws* are absolutely necessary, for the good Government, and Welfare, of Society, so, it is necessary, that People should have some Notion of those *Laws*, which are to be the Rule of their Conduct; and for the Transgression of which, They will be liable to be punished, notwithstanding their Ignorance. If this be necessary? as without Doubt it is; Then it is certainly of the greatest Importance to know, whether a People are to be governed by *Laws*, which their *Mother-Country* has experimentally found, to be beneficial to Society, and adapted to the Genius, and Constitution of their Ancestors; or to compose a new Set of *Laws*, which will be attended with very great Difficulties; and an Expence, vastly disproportionate to the Country, in it's present Circumstances? Or

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