

now Removed into this Province for long time therein Inhabitted being Invited to Come and dwell within this Prouince by and upon Confidence of your Lordships Declaracōn of the second of Iuly one thousand six hundred forty Nyne where-
by your Lordship did impower Your Lordships Gouvernour of this Province from time to time to grant lands to any persons of Dutch french or any other forreign discent in the same in as ample manner and vpon the same tearmes and Provisoos as he was thereby Impowred to grant lands to any person or persons of Brittish or Irish discent and dureing their abode within this Prouince Your Peticōners have been alwayes faithfull and obedient vnto your Lordships Lawes Yett further your Peticōners are not of Brittish or Irish discent they cannott take Benefitt of the Lawes and Customes of this Province as other the good people of this Province of Brittish or Irish discent may to their great losse prejudice and hinderance as alsoe to the Deterring of divers others of the forreigne Nations aforesaid from Coming into this Prouince and by Consequence foreslowing the peopling of this Prouince with vsefull Artificers and handicrafts men may itt therefore please your Lordship of your abundant goodnesse and wonted care of and over this Province That itt may be Enacted and ordeined. And Bee itt Enacted and ordained by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary of this Province by and with the advice and Consent of the Upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same That your Lordships humble Peticōners Barnard Iohnson William Nengfinger Iohn Gottee and Margaret his wife and Stephen Besson and every of them Shall and may from henceforth by the same Authority be Enabled and adjudged to all intents and purposes able to demand Challenge aske haue hold and Enjoy any lands Tenements Hereditaments and Rents within this Prouince as heir or heires to any of their Ancestors by Reason of any descent in fee simple feetayle Generall or Speciall or Remainder vpon any Estate tayle or come to them or any of them by any discent in fee simple or feetayle Generall or speciall or Remainder upon any Estate tayle as aforesaid or by any other Lawfull Conveyance or Conveyances or measnes whatsoever as if they and every of them had been borne within this Province or were of Brittish or Irish discent as aforesaid And alsoe that they and every of them from henceforth may and shall be Enabled to prosecute maintaine and avow Iustifie and defend all manner of accōns Suites plaints and other demands whatsoever as liberally frankly freely fully Lawfully and Securely as if they and every of them had been Natureally borne within this Prouince of Maryland or were of Brittish or Irish discent and as any other person or persons Natureally borne within this Pro-

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