second of July one thousand six hundred forty Nyne Whereby WH&L Your Lordship did Impower your Lordships Gouernour of this Prouince from time to time to grant lands to any persons of Dutch french or other forreigne discent in the same in as ample manner and uppon the same Tearmes and Provisoes as he was thereby Impowered to grant Lands to any person or persons of Brittish or Irish discent and dureing their abode within this Prouince Your peticoners have been alwayes faithfull and Obedient vnto your Lordships 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 also to the deterring of divers others of the forreigne Nacons aforesaid from comeing into this Province and by Consequence foreslowing the peopling of this Province with vsefull artificers & Handy crafts men may itt therefore please your Lordship of your Abundant goodnesse and wonted care of and over this Prouince That itt may be Enacted & Ordeined and Bee itt Enacted & ordeined by the Right Honble the Lord and Proprietary of this Prouince By and with the aduice & Consent of the upper & Lower house of this present Generall Assembly & the Authority of the same That your Lordships Humble Peticoners Hans Hanson Cornelius Comegys the Elder Millementy his wife Corne-P. 73 lius Comegys the Younger Elizabeth Comegys William Comegys & Hannah Comegys Children of the said Cornelius Comegys the Elder & Willementy his wife shall and may from hence forth be adjudged Reputed & taken as natureall borne people within this Prouince of Maryland and alsoe that they shall and may from hence forth by the same Authority be Enabled and adjudged to all intents and Purposes able to demand Challenge aske have hold & Enjoy any lands Tenements Hereditaments and Rents within this Prouince as heire or heires to any of their Ancestors by Reason of any discent in fee simple fee tayle Generall or speciall or Remainder vpon any Estate tayle or come to them by any discent in fee simple or fee tayle Generall or Speciall or Remainder vpon any Estate tayle as aforesaid or by any other Lawfull Conveyance or Conveyances or meanes whatsoever as if they had all been borne within this Prouince 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 maintain & avow Justifie & defend all manner of accons suites plaintes and other demands whatsoever as Liberally franckly freely fully Lawfully & securely as if they and every of them had been Natureally borne within this Prouince of Maryland or were of Brittish or Irish discent or as any other person or persons Natureally borne within this Prouince or of Brittish or Irish discent may