dize and likewise was there imployed by his Majesty of great WH&L Brittaine and his Royall highnesse the Duke of Yorke in Severall Emergent Affaires as by the Comissions herewith presented may appeare, dureing which tyme of his abode in those partes he had four Children borne by his Lawfull wife Anna Neale viz! Henieretta Maria Janees Dorothy & Anthony Neale which four he hath now liveing in this Province of Maryland wherefore your peticoner most humbly prayeth your Lordship that itt may be ordeined Enacted and Established by your Honnor your Honourable Councell of State and the Comons of this present Assembly and by the Authority of the same your peticoners Children and every of them shall from henceforth be adjudged reputed and taken to be your Honn's Natureall people and as persons Natureally & Lawfully borne within this your Province of Maryland And alsoe that they and every of them shall and may from henceforth by the same Authority be enabled and adjudged able to all intents and Construccons to demand Challenge aske have hold and enjoy lands tenements & hereditaments and Rents as heir or heirs to any of their Ancestors by reason of any discent Remayne or come to them or any of them by any other Lawfull Conveyance or meanes whatsoever or which hereafter shall come &ca they and every of them had been your Lordships natureall people borne and to hold and enjoy to them and every of them Ioyntly and severally lands tenements & hereditaments or Rents by way of purchase gift grant or otherwise of any person or persons to all Construccons and purposes as though they and every of them had been your Lordships Natureall borne people 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 Accons suites Plaintes and other demands whatsoever as liberally frankly fully Lawfully Surely and freely as if they and any of them had been Natureally borne within this Province of Maryland and as any other person Natureally borne within the same may in any wise Lawfully doe any act law statute provisoe Custome ordinance or other thing whatsoever had made ordeined or done to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding

And your peticoner shall ever pray as in

duty &ca

Vnder wch is thus written.

Lett this bee sent to the Lower howse for their Consent. John Gittings Clr.

The Lower howse wthout any further Consideraon doe willingly comply & consent the Petrs Prayer may bee graunted. Will^m Bretton Clk

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