

Liber W. H.
& L.To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary of Maryland
and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c.The humble Peticōn of Joshua Guibert
Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner Joshua Guibert borne in the City of Rheimes in high Brittany in the Kingdom of France and being now Removed into this Province and haveing for divers yeares therein Inhabitted being invited to Come & dwell within this Province by and vppon Confidence of your Lordships fathers Declaracōn of the second of July one thousand six hundred forty Nyne whereby your Lordships said father did Impower his Gouvernour from time to time to grant lands to any persons of french Dutch Spanish or any other forreigne decent in the Same in as ample manner and vpon the same tearmes and Provisoos as he was thereby Impowered to grant Land to any person or persons of Brittish or Irish descent

p. 157 And dureing his said Abode he hath been allwayes faithfull and obedient to your Lordshipps Lawes Yett for that your Petitioner is not of Brittish or Irish descent hee Cannot take the benefitt of the Customes and Lawes of this Province as other the people of this Province of Brittish or Irish descent may to his great losse prejudice and hinderance as alsoe to the Deterring of divers others of the same forreigne Nations aforesaid from Comeing into this Province And by Consequence foreslowing the peopling this Province with vsefull Handicrafts men & artificers—

May it therefore please your Lordship of your abundant Goodness and wonted Care of and over this Province that itt may be Enacted and ordeyned by your Lordship And be itt Enacted & ordeyned by the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice and Consent of the upper and lower house of this present Generall Assembly That your Lordships humble peticōner Joshua Guibert be and shall from henceforth be Adjudged reputed and taken as one of the Natureall borne people of this Province of Maryland and that he the said Joshua Guibert shall from henceforth by the same Authority be Enabled and adjudged to all intents and purposes able to demand Challenge haue hold and Enjoy any Lands Tenements rents or Hereditaments within this Province as heir or heires of any of their Ancestors by reason of any decent fee Simple fee Tayle Generall or Speciall Remainder of fee Tayle Generall or Speciall or Remainder vpon any Estate Taile as aforesaid or by any other Lawfull Conveyance or Conveyances or meanes whatsoever as if hee had been borne within this Province or were of Brittish or Irish descent as aforesaid And alsoe that hee the said Joshua Guibert from henceforth may and shall be Enabled to prosecute maintaine and Avow Justify and