

Lib. L. L. he' shall be fined two thousand pounds of Tobacco or less if
 No. I. the Court shall think fitt to lessen it, and besides give bond
 wth security for his good behaviour if it appears to the Court
 that he did maliciously publish and invent the same. And be
 it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that whosoever
 shall after the passing of this Act, Maliciously and advisedly by
 writing speaking or otherwise express publish or declare any
 words sentences or other thing or things to the defaming or
 scandall of their Majesties Govern^r or Comānder in cheif for
 the time being and thereof legally convict shall be Imprisoned
 six months without bayle or main prize, and incurr such for-
 feitures as the Justices before whom such matter is Tryed shall
 adjudge not exceeding the sum of Ten thousand pounds of
 Tobacco to Our Sovereign Lord and Lady the King and
 Queen their heirs or successors for the support of Government
 And be it further Enacted that whosoever shall maliciously &
 advisedly by writing speaking or otherwise express publish
 utter & declare any words sentence or other things to the
 scandall of their Majes^{ts} Councillors Judges & Justices or
 other principall Officers in relation to their severall Office or
 Offices as afores^d being thereof legally convicted shall be
 Imprison'd during three months wthout bayle or main prize &
 incurr such Fine & forfeitures as the Justices before whom
 such matter is Tryed shall adjudge not exceeding the sum of
 five thous^d pounds of Tobacco to our Sov^raign Lord & Lady
 the King & Queen their heirs or success^{rs} &c^a any Act or
 Ord^r to the contrary notwithstanding. June the 4th 1692.
 June 4th 1692. Assented to by } The house of Assembly
 the Councill Board. } have assented.
 Sign'd p Ord^r } Signed p Ord^r
 John LLewellin Clk. } Hen: Denton Clk.

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An Act for Naturalization.

Whereas nothing can contribute more to the speedy settling
 aud peopling of this their Majesties Province of Maryland
 then that all possible Encouragem^t should be given to persons
 of different nations to Transport themselves hither with their
 families and Stocks Be it therefore Enacted by the King and
 Queens most Excellent Majesties with the advice and consent
 of this present Gener^{ll} Assembly and by the Authority of the
 same, That it shall and may be lawfull for the present Gov-
 ernor of this Province during the time of his continuing Gov-
 ernor by a Publick Instrument under the broad Seal thereof,
 to declare any alien or aliens forreigner or fforreigners being
 already settled or Inhabitants of this his Majesties Province, or
 such as shall hereafter come to settle plant or reside in it and