

idea of property; that whatever a man hath honestly acquired cannot be taken from him without his consent: This immutable principle they humbly apprehend, is happily ingrafted as a fundamental into the english constitution, as is fully declared by Magna Charta and by the petition, and bill of rights: Hence it is that your Majesty's most distant subjects are justly entitled to all the rights liberties, privileges, and immunities of your subjects born within the kingdom of England. Under this idea, your Majesty's royal predecessor King Charles the first, by his charter of this province did grant as follows "We will also, and of our more abundant grace, for us our heirs, and successors do firmly charge, constitute, ordain, and command that the said province be our allegiance; and that all and singular the subjects and liege-men of us, our heirs, and successors transplanted or hereafter to be transplanted into the province aforesaid, and the children of them, and of others their descendants, whether already born there, or hereafter to be born, be and shall be natives and liege-men of us our heirs and successors of our kingdom of England and Ireland; and in all things shall be held treated, reputed, and esteemed as the faithful liege-men of us, and our heirs and successors, born within our kingdom of England; also lands, tenements, revenues, services, and other hereditaments whatsoever within our kingdom of England, and other our dominions, to inherit or otherwise purchase, receive, take, have, hold, buy and possess, and the same to use and enjoy, and the same to give, sell, alien, and bequeath; and likewise all privileges, franchises, and liberties of this our kingdom of England, freely, quietly, and peaceably to have and possess, and the same may use and enjoy in the same manner as our liege-men born, or to be born within our said kingdom of England, without impediment, molestation, vexation, impeachment, or grievance of us or any of our heirs or successors; any statute, act, ordinance, or provision to the contrary thereof notwithstanding. And further we will, and do by these presents for us our heirs and successors covenant and grant to and with the aforesaid now Baron of Baltimore, his heirs and assigns, that we, our heirs and successors, at no time hereafter will impose or make, or cause to be imposed, any impositions, customs or other taxations, quotas, or contributions whatsoever in or upon the residents or inhabitants of the province aforesaid for their goods, lands or tenements within the same province, or upon any tenements, lands, goods or chattels, within the province aforesaid, or in or upon any goods or merchandizes within the province aforesaid or within the ports or harbours of the said province to be laden or unladen. And we will and do, for us, our heirs and successors, enjoin and command that this our declaration shall from time to time be received and allowed in all our courts and prætorian judicatories and before all the judges whatsoever of us, our heirs and successors for a sufficient and lawful discharge, payment and acquittance thereof, charging all

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