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and other our dominions, may inherit or otherwise purchase, receive, take, have, hold, buy, and possess, and them may occupy and enjoy, give, sell alien, and bequeath; as likewise all liberties, franchises, and privileges, of this our kingdom of England, freely, quietly, and peaceably, have and possess, occupy and enjoy, as our liege people born, or to be born within our said kingdom of England, without the let, molestation, vexation, trouble, or grievance of us our heirs, and successors; any statute, act, ordinance, or provision, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding

And further our pleasure is, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors we do covenant and grant to and with the said now Lord Baltimore, his heirs and assigns that we, our heirs and successors, shall at no time hereafter, set or make or cause to be set, any imposition, custom, or other taxation, rate, or contribution, whatsoever, in or upon the dwellers and inhabitants of the aforesaid province for their lands, tenements, goods or chattels, within the said province, or in, or upon any goods or merchandizes, within the said province, to be laden or unladen, within any of the ports or harbours of the said province: And our pleasure is, and for us, our heirs, and successors, we charge and command that this our declaration shall be henceforward, from time to time, received and allowed in all our courts, and before all the judges of us, our heirs and successors for a sufficient and lawful discharge, payment, and acquittance; commanding all and singular our officers and ministers of us, our heirs and successors, and enjoining them, upon pain of our high displeasure that they do not presume, at any time, to attempt any thing to the contrary of the premisses, or that they do, in any sort, withstand the same; but that they be at all times, aiding and assisting, as is fitting unto the said now Lord Baltimore, and his heirs, and to the inhabitants and merchants of Maryland aforesaid, their servants, ministers, factors, and assigns, in full use and fruition of the benefit of this our charter.

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4. Resolved, That it is the unanimous opinion of this house that the said charter is declaratory of the constitutional rights and privileges of the freemen of this province.

5. Resolved unanimously, That tryals by juries, is the grand bulwark of liberty, the undoubted birth-right of every englishman, and consequently, of every british subject in America; and that the erecting other jurisdictions, for the tryal of matters of fact is unconstitutional, and renders the subject insecure in his liberty and property.

6. Resolved That it is the unanimous opinion of this house, that it cannot with any truth or propriety be said, that the freemen of this province of Maryland are represented in the british parliament

7. Resolved unanimously, That his Majestys liege people of this antient province, have always enjoyed the right of being governed by laws, to which they themselves have consented, in the article of