

At a Session of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, in the County of *Ann-Arundel*, the 26th Day of *April*, and ended the 3d Day of *June*, in the First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoq; Domini 1715, were enacted the Laws following.

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C H A P. I.

A most joyful and just RECOGNITION of the immediate, lawful, and undoubted Succession and Right of the Crown of *Great-Britain*, and of the Kingdoms and Dominions thereunto belonging. *Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 117.*

Passed 4th
May 1715.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, Your Majesty's most humble and loyal Subjects of this your Province of *Maryland*, your Majesty's Governor and Council, and the Delegates of the several Counties, and Citizens, in this present General Assembly now convened; acknowledging, with a most thankful and joyful Sense, the inestimable Blessings Almighty GOD hath vouchsafed to your Majesty's Kingdom of *Great-Britain*; and the Dominions thereto belonging, in so happily preserving your most sacred Person, and peaceably Seating you on the Throne of your Royal Ancestors; and not only so, but in blessing your Majesty with a most Royal Progeny, of most excellent and rare Gifts and Virtues; especially the Thrice Noble and Illustrious *George*, Prince of *Wales*, your Highness's most Noble Son, and his Children, so rare and invaluable a Blessing to us, and all your Majesty's Subjects, Do, from the Bottom of our Hearts, yield the Divine Majesty all humble Thanks and Praises for the said inestimable Benefits and Blessings: And do beseech your most excellent Majesty, That, it may be Published and Declared, by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and Enacted by the Authority of the same, That we, being bounden thereto, both by the Laws of GOD and Man, do Recognize and Acknowledge, and hereby Express our unspeakable Joys, that immediately upon the Dissolution and Decease of our late Sovereign Lady Queen *Anne*, of pious Memory, the Imperial Crown of the Realm of *Great-Britain*, and of all the Kingdoms, Dominions and Rights belonging to the same, did, by lawful and undoubted Succession in the true Protestant Line, appertain and of Right belong to your most excellent Majesty; and that you are, and of Right ought to be, by the Laws of your Realm of *Great-Britain*, our most gracious Sovereign Liege Lord GEORGE, by the Grace of GOD, of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. in and to whose Princely Person and Progeny, your Successors in the Protestant Line, as by Law established, the Royal Estate, Crown and Dignity of the aforesaid Realms and Dominions, with all Honours, Stiles, Titles, Regalities, Prerogatives, Powers, Jurisdictions and Authorities to the same belonging, are most fully, lawfully and intirely invested and incorporated, united, and for ever annexed; and thereunto we most humbly and faithfully do submit, and oblige ourselves, our Heirs and Posterities for ever, until the last Drop of our Blood be spent: And do beseech your Majesty