

And whereas the said Augustus Herman was borne at Prague in Bohemia
 And that Ephraim Georgius Casparus Anna Margarita Judith & Francina
 his Sonne and daughters were borne at New Yorks out of the Limitts of this
 Province And that Anna Hack borne at Amsterdame in holland George and
 Peter her Sons borne at Accomack in Virginia have long there Inhabited
 and now Remooved into this Province hath for many yeares inhabited within
 this Province invited hither by & Confidenc of your Lordships Declaracion
 of the second of July 1649 whereby you did impowder your Governour from
 tyme to tyme to grant lands unto any persons of French Dutch or Italian
 descent in the same and as ample manner upon the same towmes and Provinces
 as they were thereby impowred to grant land to any person or persons of
 Brittish or Irish Descent and dividing their said abode within this Province
 have been always faithfull and Obedient unto your Lordships Lawes Yet
 for that both hee and the Rest of your Lordships Orators and not of Brittish
 or Irish Descent they cannot take benefit of Lawes and Customs of this
 Province as other the good people of this Province of Brittish or Irish descent
 may to their great Losse prejudice and hinderance as also to the deterring
 of others of the Foreign Nations aforesaid from coming into this
 Province and by consequence forestowing the peopling of this Province with
 usefull Artificers and handicraftsmen It may therefore please your
 Lordship of your abundant goodness & willed care of and over this Province
 that it might be ordered and enacted by your Lordship with the assent of the
 upper and lower house of this present generall Assembly that your Lordships
 humble petitioners and every of them shall from henceforth be adjudged
 reputed and taken as Naturall borne people of this Province of Maryland
 And also that they and every of them shall and may henceforth by the same
 Authority be established enabled and adjudged able to all intents and
 constructions to demand challenge aske have hold and enjoy lands Tenements
 hereditaments and Rents within this Province as heire or heires to any of
 their Ancestors by reason of any descent in fee Simple or fee taylor generall or
 speciall or Remainder upon any fee taylor generall or speciall or come to
 them or any of them by any descent in fee Simple fee taylor generall or
 speciall or Remainder upon any Estate taylor as aforesaid or by any other
 Lawfull conveyance or means whatsoever as if they and every of them had
 been borne within this Province or were of Brittish or Irish descent aforesaid
 And also that they and every of them from henceforth may and shall be
 enabled to prosecute maintain and avow Justify and defend all manner
 of actions Sutes plaints and other demands whatsoever as Libera-ly
 Frankly fully Lawfully securely and freely as if they and every of them
 had been Naturall borne within this Province of Maryland or were of
 Brittish or Irish Descent and as any other person or persons Naturall borne
 within this Province or of Brittish or Irish descent may in anywise

Secretary