

Acts made at a Generall Assembly begun and held at St. Maries in the Province of Maryland the twenty seventh day of March in the Nyne and thirtieth yere of the Dominion of Cecilius &c. Annoq; Domini 1671.

The Hon^{ble} Charles Calvert Esq; Governour —

To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore —

The humble petition of Bernard Johnson of Calvert County in the Said Province of Maryland Cooper William Nenfinger of Saint Maries County John Gotto and Margaret his wife of Dorchester County and Stephen Boston of the same County all Inhabitants of this Province

Humbly shew unto your Lordship that your Petitioners Bernard Johnson and William Nenfinger were borne in holland and vnder the Dominion of the States Generall of the united Provinces John Gotto and Margaret his wife and Stephen Boston in the Kingdom of France And your Petitioners being now Removed into this Province for long time therein Inhabited being Invited to come and dwell within this Province by and upon Confidence of your Lordships Declaracion of the second of July one thousand six hundred forty Nyne whereby your Lordship did impower your Lordships Governour of this Province from time to time to grant lands to any person of Dutch french or any other forrign descent in the same in as ample manner and vpon the same terms and Provisos as he was thereby Impowred to grant lands to any person or persons of Brittish or Irish descent and during their abode within this Province your Petitioners have been always faithfull and obdient unto your Lordships Lawes yett further your Petitioners are not of Brittish or Irish descent they cannot take Benefitt of the Lawes and Customs of this Province as other the good people of this Province of Brittish or Irish descent may to their great loss prejudis and hinderance as also to the Deterring of divers others of the forrign Nations aforesaid from coming unto this Province and by consequens forstlowing the peopling of this Province with vsfull Artificers and handicrafts men may itt therefore please your Lordship of your abundant goodnesse and wanted care of and over this Province that itt may be enacted and ordained And Bee itt enacted and ordained by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary of this Province by and with the advice and Consent of the Upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same That your Lordships humble Petitioners Bernard Johnson William Nenfinger John Gotto and Margaret his wife and Stephen Boston and every of them

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