

The Second of July 1674 whereby you did impower your Governour from time to time to grant lands unto any person of french Dutch Spanish Swedish or other forreign descent in the same and in as anyple manner and vppon the same termes and Provisoos as he was thereby impowred to grant lands to any person or persons of Britlish or Irish descent and diewing their said abode they have beene alwaies faithfull & obidient to your Lordshippes Lawes yett for that your Petitioners and not of Britlish or Irish descent they cannot take benefitt of the Lawes and Customs of this Province as other the said people of this Province of Britlish or Irish descent may to their great losse hindrance & prejudices as alsoe to the deterring of diuers others of the same forreigns Nations aforesaid from coming into this Province and by consequence forbidding the peopling of this Province with vsfull artificers and Handycraftsmen May itt therefore please your Lordship of your abundant goodness and wondred care of and over this Province that itt may be enacted & ordered by your Lordship And Be itt ordained & enacted by the Right Hon: the Lord Prop^r of this Province by and with the advice & consent of the upper & Lower houses of this present Generall Assembly that your Lordshippes humble Petitioners John Baines, William Dick, Cornelius Johnson, Axel Still, Henry Hiceman, Marcus Jyerson, Jeffry Jacobson, Henry Norderson, Oliver Selts, Mount Anderson, Lawrence Christian, Hans Peteron, Cornelius Peteron, John Desjardins, Martin Muggenbrough, Henry Matthews, Henry Inlods, John Hemers, Andrew Clements, Prudius Aronson, Hester Lequa, John Lacount, Mars Lequa, Phillip Lequa, Anthony Lacount, Hester Lequa, Katherine Lequa, they and every of them shall from hence forth be adjudged reputed and taken as naturall borne people of this Province of Maryland and alsoe that they and every of them shall and may from hence forth by the same Authority be enabled and adjudged to all intents and Purposes able to demand challenge asks have hold and Injoy any Land Tenements Rent & Hereditaments within this Province as Heirs or Heires to any of their Ancestors by reason of any descent in fee simple fee taylor Generall or Speciall or Remainder vppon any fee taylor Generall or Speciall or come to them or any of them by descent in fee simple fee taylor Generall or Speciall or Remainder vppon any fee taylor as aforesaid or by any other Lawfull conveyance or conveyances or means whatsoever as if they and every of them had been borne within this Province or were of Britlish or Irish descent as aforesaid and alsoe that they and every of them from hence forth shall and may be Enabled to prosecute maintain & avow Justifiand defend all manner of accounts Sutes plaints or other demands whatsoever as Liberally frankly freely Lawfully fully and Securely as if all of them had been Naturall borne within this Province of Maryland (And the aforesaid Children of Anthony Lacount had been fee borne since their Denization by their said Father) or were of Britlish or Irish descent as aforesaid and as

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