

shall make appear to be Justly due unto such master or owner for want of such servant
servants as the Court before whom such Cause shall be tryed shall think fit—

And Bee itt Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Act made at a Session of Assembly
held the one & twentieth day of Aprill one thousand six hundred and fifty Intituled an Act
against fugitives to stand Repealed and is hereby Repealed for ever and that one other Act
made at an Assembly held at St. Maries the twenty seventh day of March one thousand six
hundred Seventy one intituled an Act against Runnaways & such persons as shall
entertain them & others that travails without passers & all & every the Clauses and things
therein contained doe stand and is hereby Revived & Continued this Act to endure for three
years or to the end of the next Generall Assembly which shall first happen—

To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary of the Province of
Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c.
The Humble Petition of John Johnson & Henry Green both of Talbot
County—

Humbly sheweth
That your Petitioners John Johnson and Henry Green were both borne in holland
under the Dominions of the States Generall of the united Provinces being now removed
to this Province have for divers yeares therein Inhabited being Invited to come and
dwelt within this Province by and upon Confidences of your Lordships Declaration of the
second of July one thousand six hundred forty Nyns where by you did Impower
your Governour from time to time to grant lands unto any persons of french dutch
spanish Swedish or other foreign descent in the same in as ample manner and upon
the same terms and Provisions as he was thereby Impowered to grant lands to any
person or persons of Brittish or Irish descent And during their said Abode they have
been always faithfull & obedient to your Lordships Lawes Yet for that your Petitioners
are not of Brittish or Irish descent they cannot take the Benefit of the Lawes and Customs of
this Province as other the said people of this Province of Brittish or Irish descent may to their
great loss prejudice and hinderance as also of the Deterring of divers others of the same
foreign Nations aforesaid from coming into this Province and by consequence following
the peopling of this Province with vsfull artificers and handycraftsmen May itt therefore
pleas your Lordships of your abundant goodness and wonted Care of and over this Province
That itt may be enacted and ordained by your Lordships 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 That your Lordships humble
Petitioners John Johnson & Henry Greens they and each of them shall from henceforth
be adjudged reputed and taken as Naturall borne people of this Province of Maryland
and also that they and each of them shall and may from henceforth by the same
Authority—