

Declaracion of the Board of July one Thousand Six hundred forty Nynne whereby  
 you did Impower your Governour from time to time to grant lands unto any  
 persons of french Dutch Spanish Swedish or other foreigne descent in the  
 same and in as ample manner and vppon the same Tennures and Conditions  
 as he was thereby Impowered to grant land to any person or persons of  
 Brittish or Irish descent and during their said abode they haue been  
 alwayes faithfull & obediēt to your Lordships Lawes Vntill for that your  
 Petitioners are not of Brittish or Irish descent they cannot take benefit  
 of the Lawes & Customs of this Province as other the said people of  
 this Province of Brittish or Irish descent may to their great losse  
 prejudice & Hindrance as also to the deterring of diuers others of  
 the said foreigne Nations aforesaid from coming into this Province and  
 by consequence forsloweing the peopling of this Province with vsfull  
 Artificers and handicraftsmen. May itt therefore please your Lordship  
 of your abundant goodnesse and wnted care of and order this Province that  
 it may be enacted & ordained by your Lordships. And Bee itt enacted and  
 ordained by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary of this Province by and  
 with the advice of the upper & lower house of this present Generall Assembly  
 that your Lordships humble Petitioners. Iacob Dehattoway Anthony  
 Bryson & Peter Achilles they & every of them. shall from henceforth be  
 adjudged reputed & taken as naturall borne people of this Province of Maryland  
 and also that they & every of them. shall and may from henceforth by the  
 same Authority be enabled and adjudged to all intents and purposes able  
 to demand challenge aske hold & enjoy any lands Tenements Rents  
 and Hereditaments within this Province as Heir or heirs to any of their  
 Ancestors by reason of any descent in fee Simple fee taylor Generall or  
 Speciall or Remainder vppon any Estate Tayle as aforesaid or by any  
 other Lawfull conveyance or 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 & avow Justifies  
 and defend all manner of Actions Suits complaints or other demands whatsoever  
 as Liberrally frankly freely fully Lawfully and Securely as if they and  
 every of them had been Naturallly borne within this Province of Maryland  
 or were of Brittish or Irish descent and as any other person or persons  
 Naturallly born in this Province or of Brittish or Irish descent may  
 any way Lawfully doe any Lawfull Act or Customs of this Province  
 or any other thing whatsoever had made ordained & done within this Province  
 to the contrary thereof in any wise Notwithstanding

An Act concerning what shall be allowed to the grand Jurors  
 That