

An Act for Naturalization.

Whereas nothing can contribute more to the speedy settling and peopling of this their Majesties Province of Maryland than that all possible Encouragem^t should be given to persons of different Nations to transport themselves hither with their families and Stocks. Be it therefore Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties with the advice and consent of this present Gener^l Assembly and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawfull for the present Governor of this Province during the time of his continuing Governor by a Publick Instrument under the Great Seal there of to declare any alien or aliens forreigner or forreigners being already settled or Inhabitants of this his Majesties Province, or such as shall hereafter come to settle plant or reside in it and having taken the Oath of Allegiance before the Governor or Commander in Chief to be so all intents and purposes fully and compleatly naturalized, and the said persons so approved of and named in the said Letters Patents as aforesaid, shall by virtue of this Act have and enjoy to them and their heirs the same Immunities and Rights of and unto ^{the} Laws and priviledges of this Province, and as fully and amply as any of his Majesties naturall born Subjects have or enjoy within the same, as if they themselves had been born within any of their Majesties Realms and Dominions any former Law, Act, Ordinance or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And to the intent the said Letters Patents and Instruments under

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