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An Act concerning purchasing Land from
the Indians

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Whereas divers persons have heretofore purchased or accepted of Lands or Tenements in this Province from Indians and have made use of & possessed the same without any Lawfull title or authority derived from the Lord Proprietarie Neglecting alsoe to take out Grants from his Lordships under his great Seal of the Province for such Lands as have been or are due unto such person or persons by vertue of his Lordships Conditions of plantation: or other warrant from his Lordships which proceedings are not onely very great Contempts and prejudice to his Lordships dignity & rights but are alsoe of such dangerous consequence if not timely prevented that they may hereafter bring a great confusion in the Government and publick peace of this Province Be it therefore Enacted By the Lord Proprietary with the assent and approbation of the upper & lower house of this Assembly that all purchases or acquisitions whatsoever of any Lands or Tenements within this Province which either already have been or which shall hereafter be made from any person or persons whatsoever not deriving at the same time a Lawfull title thereunto by from or under some grant from time to time obtained or to be obtained from his said Lordship or his heirs Lords & proprietaries of this Province under his or their great Seal of this Province for the time being shall be voyd and null And it shall be Lawfull for the said Lord Proprietary and his heirs to enter upon seize possess and dispose of any such Lands or Tenements so from time to time purchased or acquired from any Indian or other as aforesaid at his or their will & pleasure unless such person or persons so purchasing or acquiring