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An Act concerning the setting up of a mint
within this Province of Maryland
Forasmuch as money being the Rules and
measure of the value of Commodities no Trade or
Commerce can be well managed without it And
the want of it in this Province is a main hinder-
ance to the advancement of this Colony in
Trades Manufactures, Townes and all other
things which conduce to the Flourishing and
happy Estate thereof Wee the Freemen of this
Province assembled in this present Generall
Assembly doe humbly pray the Lord Proprietary
of this Province to take order for the setting up of
a Mint for the Coyning of money within this
Province And consent that it may be enacted And
be it enacted by the Lord Proprietary with the
Consent of the upper and lower house of this
present Generall Assembly that the money so
Coyned or which shall be Coyned in the said
mint shall be as good Silver as the furest
Coyne of English Sterling money And that the
weight of every Shilling so Coyned as aforesaid
shall weigh above nine pence in such Silver
as aforesaid and so proportionably for other
species of money Coyned in the said mint And
be it further enacted that every offence of flip-
ping Counterfeiting Sealing washing or any
way diminishing any Coyne so to be made
within this Province or of wittingly importing
into this Province any Coyne Counterfeiting
any sort of Coyne which shall be made in the
said mint or that shall be by the Lord Proprietys
authority and the authority of this present
Assembly made a man shall be deemed and
adjudged Felony and every offender thereof
convicted according to the Law of this Province
shall suffer paine of Death and forfeit his or
her lands goods and Chattells within this
Province to the Lord Proprietary and his heirs
Lords and Proprietaries of this Province
And