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An Act Prohibiting the Importation of all Horses Geldings Mares or Colts into this Province —
Forasmuch as the great numbers of Horses Geldings mares and colts within this Province are so destructive to the Inhabitants thereof that with their yearly increase in the Country and their Importation from foreign Parts would so greatly augment in few years that the whole Province would receive great injuries thereby wherefore for prevention for the future It is hereby enacted By the Right hon^{ble} the Lord & Proprietary of this Province by and with the assent of the upper and lower houses of this present Gen^l Assembly, and by the authority of the same, that no person or persons whatsoever from and after the end of this assembly shall Import or bring into this Province by Sea or Land any horses mares geldings or Colts from any foreign Parts whatsoever under the Penalty of forfeiting all such horses geldings mares or Colts so by him or them Imported or brought as aforesaid or the full value thereof one half to the Lord Proprietary the other half to the informer or him or them that shall seize the same to be Recovered in any Court of Record within this Province by bill Pleaunt or Information wherein no Essoyn Protection or waver of law to be allowed This act to continue for three years or to the end of the next general Assembly which shall first happen

To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c
The humble petition of Alexander Dhymsa of Foxtons Island in the County of Talbot and Margatta his wife Alexander Johannes Peter Maria Johanna Christina and Barbara Johns and Daughters