

grant lands to any person or persons of british or Irish  
 descent and dwelling their abode within this Province  
 your petitioners have been allwaies faithfull & obedient  
 unto your Lordships laws and Customs of this Province  
 as other the good people of this Province of british or Irish  
 descent may to their great losse prejudice and hinder  
 ance as alsoe to the deterring of others of the foreign  
 Nations aforesaid from coming into this Province and  
 by consequence fastening the peopling of this Province  
 with usefull Artificers & handycrafts men May it  
 therefore please your Lordship of your abundant good  
 ness & wofull care of and over this Province That it  
 may be enacted & ordeined And be it enacted and or  
 deined By the right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord and Proprietary of  
 this Province By and with the advice and consent  
 of the upper and lower house of this present Generall  
 Assembly and the authority of the same That your Lord  
 ships humble petitioners Hans Hanson Cornelius Comogues  
 the elder Willem enty his wife Cornelius Comogues  
 the younger Elizabeth Comogues William Comogues  
 & Hannah Comogues Children of the said Cornelius  
 Comogues the elder & Willem enty his wife shall and  
 may from hence forth be adjudged reputed and taken  
 as Naturall borne people within this Province of  
 Maryland and alsoe that they shall and may from  
 hence forth by the same authority be enabled and ad  
 judged to all intents and purposes able to demand  
 Challenge aske have hold & enjoy any lands tenements  
 Hereditaments and rents within this Province as  
 heirs or heirs to any of their ancestors by reason of any  
 descent in fee simple fee tayle Generall or Speciall or  
 Remainder upon any Estate tayle or come to them by  
 any descent in fee simple or fee tayle Generall or Speciall  
 or Remainder upon any Estate tayle as aforesaid  
 or by any other lawfull conveyance or conveyances or  
 means whatsoever as if they had all been borne with  
 in this Province or were of british or Irish descent  
 as aforesaid And alsoe that they and every of them  
 from hence forth may and shall be enabled to prose  
 cute maintain & avow Justifie and defend all man  
 ner of actions Suites Plaints & other demands whatso  
 ever