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this Province have for divers years therein Inhabited being invited to come and dwell within this Province by and upon confidence of Your Lordships declaration of the second of July 1649 whereby you did Impower your Governour from time to time to grant Lands unto any person of French Dutch Spanish Swedish or other foraigne descent in the same and in as ample manner & upon the same termes & provisions as he was thereby Impowered to grant Lands to any person or persons of British or Irish descent and during their said abode they have been always faithfull and obedient to your Lordships laws yet for that your petitioners are not of British or Irish descent they cannot take benefit of the laws and Customs of this Province as other the said people of this Province of British or Irish descent may to their great losse, hindrance and prejudice as also to the deterring of divers others of the same foraigne nations aforesaid from coming in to this Province and by consequence forestowing the peopling of this Province with usefull artificers and Handy crafts men May it therefore please your Lordships of your abundant goodness and worted care of and over this Province that it may be enacted & ordeined by your Lordships And So it ordeined & enacted by the Right Hon.<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary of this Province by and with the advice & consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly, that your Lordships humble petitioners John Leonaire Will<sup>m</sup> Tick Cornelius Johnson Axel Stille Henry Freeman Marcus Byerson Jiffy Jacobson Henry Henderson Oliver Colke Mounts Anderson Sarance Christian Hance Peterson Cornelius Peterson John Desjardines Martin Mogenbrough Henry Matthews Henry Soloes John Nomers Andrew Clements Cornelius Arenson Hester Gridea John Lacount Moses Lacount Phillip Lacount Anthony Lacount Hester Lacount Catherine Lacount they and every of them shall from hence forth be adjudged Reputed and taken as naturall borne people of this Province of Maryland and also that they and every of them shall and may from hence forth by the same authority be enabled & adjudged to, all intents and purposes