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That your Petitioner Joshua Guibet borne in the City  
of Rheims in high Brittany in the Kingdom of France  
and being now removed unto this Province & having  
for divers years therein inhabited being invited to  
come and dwell within this Province by and upon  
Confidence of your Lordships Fathers Declaration  
of the second of July one thousand six hundred forty  
nine whereby your Lordships said Father did im-  
power his Governour from time to time to grant Lands  
to any persons of French Dutch Spanish or any other  
Foreigne descent in the same in as ample manner  
and upon the same termes and provisions as he was  
thereby Impowered to grant Land to any person or  
persons of British or Irish descent and during his  
said abode he hath been always faithfull and  
obedient to your Lordships Lawes yet for that your  
Petitioner is not of British or Irish descent he cannot  
take the Benefit of the customes and Lawes of  
this Province as other the people of this Province of  
British or Irish descent may to his great losse pre-  
judice and hindrance as also to the deterring of divers  
others of the same foreigne nations aforesaid from  
coming into this Province and by consequence  
foreclosing the peopling this Province with usefull  
handy crafts men and artificers May it therefore  
please your Lordships of your abundant goodnefs  
and wonted care of and over this Province that it may  
be enacted and ordeined by your Lordship And be  
it enacted and ordeined by the Lord Proprietary  
by and with the advice and consent of the upper  
and lower house of this present Generall Assembly  
that your Lordships humble Petitioner Joshua  
Guibet be and shall from henceforth be adjudged  
reputed and taken as one of the naturall borne  
people of this Province of Maryland and that he  
the said Joshua Guibet shall from henceforth by  
the same authority be enabled and adjudged to all  
intents and purposes able to demand Challenge  
have hold and enjoy any Lands Tenements rents  
or Hereditaments within this Province as their  
or