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Province of British and Irish dissent may to their great
 loss prejudice and hindrance as also of the detaining of
 divers others of the same foreigne nations aforesaid
 from coming into this Province and by consequence
 forestoring the Peopling of this Province with usefull
 handycraftsmen and artificers May it therefore
 please your Lordship of your abundant goodness
 and wonted care of and over this Province that it may
 be enacted and ordered by your Lordship And it is
 enacted and ordered by the Board Proprietary of this
 Province by and with the advice and consent of the
 upper and lower house of this present Generall Assembly
 That your Lordships humble petitioners James
 Peane and Magdalen his wife Anne Peane his daue
 ghter and Jacob Sockeman they and each of them
 shall from henceforth be adjudged reputed and
 taken as naturall borne People of this Province of
 Maryland and that they and each of them shall
 from henceforth by the same authority be enabled &
 adjudged to all intents and purposes able to demand
 challenge have hold and enjoy any Lands Ten-
 ments Rents or Hereditaments within this Province
 as heire or heires to any of their Ancestors by reason
 of any dissent for simple feftayle Generall or Speciall
 or Remainder upon any feftayle Generall or Spe-
 ciall or Remainder upon any Estate tayle as afore
 said or by any other Lawfull Conveyance or convey-
 ances or means whatsoever as if they and each of
 them had been borne within this Province or were of
 British or Irish dissent as aforesaid and also that
 they and each of them from henceforth may & shall
 be enabled to prosecute maintain and avow Justice
 and defend all manner of actions suites plaints or
 other demands whatsoever as liberally frankly
 and freely fully lawfully and securely as if they &
 each of them had been naturally borne within this
 Province of Maryland or were of British or Irish dissent
 may any wayes lawfully doe any Lawprovisio
 act or custome of this Province or other thing what
 so ever had made or deined or done within this
 Province to the contrary there of in any wise
 notwithstanding