

An Act for Naturalization of Benjamin  
Desfour of Ann Arundell County Planter Justus  
Litchin of the same County and James Roberts of the same  
County Planter

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent  
majesty by and with the advice and consent of her Majesty's Governour  
Councill Assembly of this province and the authority of  
the same That Benjamin Desfour of Ann Arundell County  
Planter a protestant Native of France Justus Litchin  
a German James Roberts a French protestant and all and  
Every of them shall from hence forth be adjudged reputed  
taken as naturall borne people of this province and that  
they and Every of them by the authority aforesaid be enabled  
adjudged to all Intents and purposes to demand challenge  
ask have hold and Enjoy any Lands Tenements Rents &  
Reverendments to which they might in any wise be entitled  
as if they were free and Naturall borne Subjects of people  
of this province and also that they and Every of them shall  
and maybe enabled to maintaine prosecute avoid justifie  
defend all manner of Actions Sutes pleas Plaints and other  
Demands whatsoever as liberally frankly freely fully  
Lawfully and Securly as if they and Every of them had  
been naturall borne people and Subjects of this province  
any Law Statute Usage or Custom to the contrary in any  
wise notwithstanding

By the house of Delegates 15<sup>th</sup> December 1708

Read & assented to by the house of Delegates. Signed for order  
Rich<sup>d</sup>. Dallam Sec<sup>y</sup> Deb.

December 15<sup>th</sup> 1708

Then was this bill read and assented to by the maj<sup>ty</sup> of the Council  
& signed for order. W. Bladen Council

December 17<sup>th</sup> 1708 On the behalf of our Sovereign Lady and  
Queen of Great Brittain: I will thus be a Law

Sealed  
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Jo: Seymour