

“ **T H A T** it is the antient, and indubitable Right of every  
 “ *Freeman*, that He hath full and absolute Property, in his Goods  
 “ and Estate; that no Tax, Tallage, Loan, Benevolence, or other  
 “ like Charge, ought to be commanded, or levied, by the King  
 “ or any of his Ministers, without common Consent, by Act of  
 “ Parliament. ( 3 )

**A N D** this Law is not to be altered, but by the whole  
 Legislature, and we may as reasonably apprehend, that a whole  
 People will be seiz'd with a Delirium, as fear such a Change.

**H A V I N G** given this Short Account, of the Law it self,  
 which I hope will not be thought altogether useles, I shall now  
 proceed, in the Method I propos'd, of proving the Right, of  
 the Inhabitants of *Maryland*, to the Benefit of *English* Laws.

I. **A S** they are *English*, or *British* Subjects; and have always  
 adhered to, and continued in their Allegiance to the Crown.

**T H E** First Settlers of *Maryland*, were a Colony of *English*  
 Subjects, who left their Native Country, with the Assent and  
 Approbation of their Prince; to enlarge his Empire in a re-  
 mote Part of the World, destitute of almost all the Necessaries of  
 Life, and inhabited by a People, *savage, cruel and inhospitable* :  
 To which Place, they ( the first Settlers, ) transported themselves,  
 at a great Expence; ran all the Hazards, and underwent all the  
 Fatigues incident to so dangerous and daring an Undertaking; in  
 which Many perished, and Those that survived, suffered All the  
 Extremities of Hunger, Cold and Diseases. They were not banished  
 from their Native Country, nor did They abjure it.

**I T** pleased God, in process of Time, that some of those People;  
 their Posterity, and others that followed, met with such Success,