

THIS Reason speaks loudly, and Numbers of Authorities are not wanting to confirm; tho' I intend, to confine myself to One, which is the Case of *St. Paul*; * which is so well known, that a particular Recital of the Text is needless; and therefore, I shall only observe, that the Apostle claimed the Benefit of the *Roman Law*, not because, he was born in *Rome*, or *Italy*; or indeed, in *Europe*; for he was born in *Asia*: Nor did he claim the Privilege of a *Roman*, in *Rome*, *Italy*, or *Europe*; but in *Judea*: There was no Dispute of his Right, because he was born in a remote Province of the Empire; There was no Pretence, that the Laws which were securitative of the *Roman's* Rights, were confined within narrower Limits than those of the *Roman* Dominions. Instead of any Pretence of this Kind, the *Roman* Captain, was afraid of being called to an Account, for having violated the *Roman Law*, by inflicting a Punishment, that it did not allow of, on a Person, entituled to the Benefit of that Law; And that, as hath been already observed, in a very remote Corner of the Empire.

THE Province of *Maryland*, is as much a Part of the *British* Dominions, as *Tarsus* the City, or *Cilicia* the Country, of *St. Paul's* Birth, was Part of the *Roman* Empire: And consequently, a Man, born in *Maryland*, hath as good a Right, to demand the Benefit of the Laws of his Mother Country, as the Apostle had, to demand the Privileges of a *Roman*. One would be apt to think, that if there was any Difference, in the two Cases, the *Marylander*, would have much the better of it; for his Ancestors were *English*, and *St. Paul's* Ancestors were not *Romans*. In a Word, the People of *Maryland*, are not out of the Reach of their Prince's Protection, nor so foolish, or wicked, as to disown their Allegiance, to the best, and most gracious of Kings. What the Learned *Mr. Locke*, says of natural Equality, being I conceive, applicable to the present Purpose, I am certain it will be

* Acts Chap. 22 v. 25, &c.