

defend all manner of accōns Suites plaints or other demands whatsoever as Liberrally franckly and freely fully Lawfully and securely as if he had been Natureally borne within this Province of Maryland or were of Brittish or Irish descent may any wayes Lawfully doe any Law provisoer Act or Custome of this Province or other thing whatsoever had made ordeined or done within this Province to the Contrary thereof in any wayes Notwithstanding—

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To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &^{ca}

The humble Peticon of James Peane Magdalen his wife Anne Peane his daughter and Jacob Lookerman humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners James & Magdalen were borne in france and your Peticoner Jacob Lookerman was born in new Yorke vnder the Iurisdiccōn of the States of Holland and being now Removed into this Province have for divers yeares therein Inhabited being invited to Come and dwell within this Province by and vppon Confidence of your Lordships fathers Declaracōn of the second of July 1649 whereby your Lordships said father did impower his Governour from time to time to grant lands vnto any person French Dutch Spanish or any other forreigne descent in the same & in as ample Manner and vppon the same Tearmes and Provisoers as he was thereby Impowered to grant land to any person or persons of Brittish or Irish discent And dureing their said abode they have been alwayes faithfull and obedient to your Lordships Lawes, Yett for that your Petic^{rs} are not of Brittish or Irish discent they Cannott take the benefitt of the Customes & Lawes of this Province as other the people of this Province of Brittish & Irish discent may to their great losse prejudice and hinderance as alsoe of the Deterring of divers others of the same forreigne Nations aforesaid from Comeing into this Province and by Consequence foreslowing the Peopling of this Province with vsefull handycraftsmen & Artificers May itt therefore please Your Lordship of your abundant goodness & wonted Care of and over this Province that itt may be Enacted and ordeined by your Lordship And bee itt Enacted and Ordeined by the Lord Prop^{ry} 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 Peticōners James Peane and Magdalen his wife Anne Peane his daughter and Jacob Lookerman 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

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