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& obedient to your Lordships Lawes Yet for that your Petitioners are not of Brittish or Irish discent they cannot take the Benefitt of the Lawes and Customes of this Prouince as other the said People of this Prouince of Brittish or Irish descent may to their great losse prejudice and hinderance as alsoe of the Deterring of divers others of the same forreigne Nacōns aforesaid from Comeing into this Province and by Consequence foreslowing the peopling of this Prouince with vsefull artificers and handy crafts men May itt therefore please your Lordship of your abundant goodnesse and wonted Care of and over this Prouince That itt may be Enacted and ordeined by your Lordshipp And bee itt Enacted and ordeined by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary of this Province by and with the aduice and Consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly That your Lordships humble Peticōners John Johnson & Henry Greene they and each of them shall from henceforth be adjudged reputed and taken as Natureall borne people of this Prouince of Maryland and alsoe that they and each of them shall and may from henceforth by the same Authority be Enabled and adjudged to all intents and Purposes able to demand Challenge aske haue hold and enjoy any Lands Tenements Rents or Hereditaments within this Prouince as heire or heires to any of their Ancestors by Reason of any descent in fee Simple fee taylor Generall or Speciall or Remainder vpon any fee taylor generall or Speciall or come to them or any of them by descent in fee simple fee taylor Generall or Speciall or Remainder vpon any Estate Tayle as aforesaid or by any other Lawfull Conveyance or Conveyances or meanes whatsoever as if they and each of them had been borne within this Prouince or were of Brittish or Irish descent as aforesaid and alsoe that they and each of them from hence forth may and shall be enabled to prosecute maintaine and avow Iustifie & defend all manner of accōns suites plaints or other demands whatsoever as Liberally ffranckly freely fully Lawfully and securely as if they & each of them had been Natureally borne within this Prouince of Maryland or were of Brittish or Irish discent aforesaid and as any other person or persons Natureally borne within this Prouince or of Brittish or Irish discent may any waies Lawfully doe any Law Provisoe act or Custome of this Prouince or other thing whatsoever had made ordeined or done within this Prouince to the Contrary thereof in any wise Notwithstanding.

An Act for the building of a state house and
Prison att S^t Maries.

To th end there may be a decent and Convenient place for the administracōn of Justice and a prison Erected for the Re-