

haue for diuers yeares therein Inhabitted being Invited to come and dwell in this Prouince by & vpon Confidence of your Lordshippes Declaracōn of the Second of July one Thousand Six hundred forty Nyne Whereby you did Impower Your Governour from time to time to grant lands vnto any persons of french Dutch Spanish Swedish or other forreigne descent in the Same and in as ample manner and vpon the same Tearmes and Provisoos as he was thereby Impowred to grant land to any person or persons of Brittish or Irish descent and dureing their said abode they haue been allwayes faithfull & obedient to your Lordships Laws Yett for that your Peticōners are not of Brittish or Irish descent they Cannot take benefitt of the Lawes & Customes of this Prouince as other the said people of this Prouince of Brittish or Irish descent may to their great losse prejudice & Hinderance as alsoe to the deterring of diuers others of the said forreigne Nacōns aforesaid from Coming into this Prouince and by Consequence foreslowing the peopling of this Prouince with vsefull Artificers and handicraftsmen, May itt therefore please your Lordship of your abundant goodnesse and wonted Care of and over this Prouince that itt may be Enacted & ordeined by your Lordshipp And Bee itt Enacted and ordeined by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary of this Province by and with the advice of the upper & Lower houses of this present Generall Assembly That your Lordshippes humble Peticōners Jacob Duhattoway Anthony Brispoe & Peter Achillis they & every of them shall from henceforth be Adjudged Reputed & taken as natureall borne people of this Prouince of Maryland and alsoe that they & every 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 & enjoy any lands Tenements Rents and Hereditaments within this Prouince as Heir or heires to any of their Ancestors by reason of any descent in fee simple fee tayle 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 every of them had been borne within this Prouince or were of Brittish or Irish descent aforesaid and alsoe that they and every of them from henceforth may and shall be enabled to prosecute maintain & avow Justifie and defend all manner of Accōns Suites plaints or other demands whatsoever as Liberally franckly freely fully Lawfully and Securely as if they and every of them had been Natureally borne within this Prouince of Maryland or were of Brittish or Irish descent and as any other person or persons Natureally born in this Prouince or of Brittish or Irish discent may any way Lawfully doe any Law Provisoos Act or Custome of this Prouince or any other thing what-

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