

ACTS OF THE ASSEMBLY PASSED DURING
OCTOBER–NOVEMBER, 1771

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At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Wednesday the second Day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one and in the twenty first Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c.^a and ending the twenty ninth Day of November following. The following Laws were enacted and assented to by his Excellency Robert Eden Esquire Governor.

No. 1 An Act for vesting in such foreign Protestants as are now naturalized or shall be hereafter naturalized in this Province all the Rights & Privileges of natural born Subjects.

[Preamble.] Whereas many foreign Protestants have already settled in this Province & others from the Lenity of our Government, the Purity of our Religion, & the Benefit of our Laws may be hereafter induced to settle therein if they were made Partakers of the Advantages & Privileges which natural born Subjects enjoy.

[Foreign Protestants naturalized in this Province, pursuant to Stat. Geo. II. shall be deemed natural born Subjects.]

Be it therefore enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by & with the Advice & Consent of his Lordship's Governor & the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly & the Authority of the same. That all such foreign Protestants who have been already naturalized in this Province pursuant to the Directions of the Statute made in the thirteenth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second Entitled "An Act for naturalizing such foreign Protestants & others therein mentioned as are settled or shall settle in any of his Majesty's Colonies in America," & all foreign Protestants who shall be hereafter naturalized in this Province pursuant to the Directions of the said Statute shall be deemed adjudged & taken to be natural born Subjects to all Intents, Constructions & Purposes as if they & every of them had been born within the Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland or within any other of his Majesty's Dominions, any Law to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October 14.th 1771. Read & Assented to,

Signed by Order,
Jn.^o Duckett Cl. Lo. Ho.

On Behalf of the Right Honble the Lord Proprietary of this Province I will this be a Law
Rob.^t Eden

By the Upper House of Assembly Oct.^r 15.th 1771. Read & assented to.

Signed by Order,
U Scott Cl. Up. Ho.

The Great Seal
in Wax Appendant.