

ACTS.

Maryland ss. Att a Session of Assembly Begun and held at the City of Annapolis in the County of Ann Arundell the Twenty fourth Day of October in the ninth year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lady Anne Queen of Great Brittain France and Ireland and the Dominions and Territorys thereto belonging Defender of the ffaith &c. Annoque Dom One Thousand Seaven hundred and Ten. The hon^{ble} Edward Lloyd Esq^r being President of her Maj^{ty}s Councill of the Province aforesaid

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Were Enacted the Laws following

An Act Releiveing the Inhabitants of this Province from some agreviances they Lie under.

Whereas dureing this Long and Tedious (though Glorious and Successfull) warr her Majestyes Good Subjects of this province have Greatly suffered and many of them have been utterly Ruined not only by Losses at Sea of their Tobaccoes which is their only Staple manufacture being taken by the Enemy but also by the European Marketts being Shutt up by Reason of the Export to Spaine & France in Great Measure wholly Prohibited so that very many honest and Industrious Planters her Maj^{ty}s Subjects here by the very Charge of necessary Cloathing and Tooles for themselves and families are become Vastly Indebted and no prospect as yet appearing by what meanes in any Reasonable time to Extricate themselves out of their Miserable and Deplorable Circumstances which are yet very much heightened and agravated by their being sued and brought up to Annapolis from the remotest parts of this province to their Manifest oppression and Impoverishment so that many of the Good Inhabitants of this province Dayly desert their habitations and Remove themselves to plantations and Colonys where they are farr Less serviceable to her most Sacred Maj^{ty} and Her Revenue of Customes of tob^o and others Leave their abodes and sculk in the woods or otherwise Ride Armed wth Designe to Resist the officers of Justice whereby the happy peace and Tranquility of this province seems to be Greatly Endangered all which Loudly Calls for some speedy proper Remedy to be applyed thereto

Wherefore this present Generall Assembly humbly supplicate her most Sacred Maj^{ty} that it may be Enacted.

And be it enacted by the Queens most Excellent Maj^{ty} by and wth the Advice and Consent of her Maj^{ty}s Councill and