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from time to time to grant lands to any persons
of dutch french or any other foreign descent in the
same in as ample manner and upon the same
terms and provisions as he was thereby empowered
to grant lands to any person or persons of british or
Irish descent and during their abode within this
Province your Petitioners have been allwayes faith
full and obedient unto Your Lordships laws yet
further your petitioners are not of British or Irish
descent they cannot take benefit of the laws and
Customes of this Province as other the good people of
this Province of British or Irish descent may to their
great losse prejudice and hinderance as also to the
detering of divers others of the foreign nations afoe
said from coming into this Province and by con
sequence preslowing the peopling of this Province
with usefull Artificers and handicrafts men may
it therefore please your Lordship of Your abundant
goodness and wonted care of and over this Province
That it may be enacted and ordeined And Be it
enacted and ordeined by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord
Proprietary of this Province by and with the advice
and consent of the upper and lower houses of this
present Generall Assembly and the authority of the
Same That Your Lordships humble petitioners
Barman and Johnson William Nengfinger John Cotte
and Margaret this wife and Stephen Berson and
every of them shall and may from hence forth by the
same authority be enabled and adjudged to all intents
and purposes able to demand challenge aske have
hold and enjoy any Lands Tenements Hereditaments
and rents within this Province as heir or heirs to
any of their Ancestors by reason of any descent in fee
fee taylor Generall or Speciall or Remainder upon any
Estate taylor or come to them or any of them by any
descent in fee simple or fee taylor generall or Speciall
or

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