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An Act in Assembly hold att the City of *S. Mary's*
The Twenty first day of September in the *12th* -
Year of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord and
Lady William and Mary by the Grace of God of -
England Scotland France and Ireland King -
and Queen Defenders of the faith &c. Annoq; Dom
1694 Francis Nicholson Esq. Chief Governor.

An Act for the Incouragement of Lear-
ning and Advancement of the Natives
of this Province.

Forasmuch as it hath frequently happened That persons
Coming into this your Maties Province of Maryland either
out of Necessity or Hopes of Advancement have been introduced
into the Chief places and Offices of Trust and profit upon
Private recommendation or particular promise before hand -
made by Such person or persons in whose power and Authority
the disposing of and preferring of and to Such places and
Offices of Trust and profit aforesaid did remain to the great
Disincouragement of those persons that are qualified for the Ex-
ecution of any the Said places and Offices aforesaid who
being Inhabitants thereof have att all times as Occasion require
adventured their Lives and Fortunes for the Defence of this your
Maties Dominion against all Domestick insurrections, Indian
incursions that have hitherto been made or attempted to be
made to their no Small Charge and Expence Therefore we your
Maties most humble and most Loyal Subjects do humbly pray