May 1650.
Lib. WH. fol. from 117 to 117.

An Act concerning Purchasing of Land from the Indians

Whereas divers persons have heretofore purchased or accepted of Lands or Tenements in this Province from Indians, and hath made use of and possessed the same without any lawfull Title or authority derived from the Lord Propry. neglecting also to have and take out grants from his Lordship under his great Seall of this Province for such Lands as have been or are due unto such person or persons by virtue of his Lordships Conditions of plantation or other Warrant from his Lordship which proceedings are not only great Contempts and prejudices to his Lordships Dignity and rights but are also of such dangerous Consequence if not timely prevented that they may hereafter bring a great Confusion in the Government and publick peace of this Province

Be it therefore Enacted by the Lord Propriatary of this Province with the assent and approbation of this Assembly that all Purchases or acquisitions whatsoever of any Lands or Tenements within this Province which already have been or which shall hereafter be made from any person or persons whatsoever not deriving of the same time a lawfull Title thereunto by from or under some grant from time to time obtained or to be obtained from his said Lordship or his heirs Lords and Props of this Province under his or their great Seal of this Province for the time being shall be void and null and it shall be lawfull for the said Lord Propry and his heirs to enter upon Seize possess and dispose of any such Lands and Tenements so from time to time purchased or acquired from any Indian or other as aforesaid at his or their will and pleasure unless such person or persons so purchasing or acquiring as aforesaid have some lawfull right or Title to the said Lands or Tenements so purchased or acquired at the time of such purchase or acquisition by some Grant under the great Seal of this Province from his said Lordship or his heirs Lords and Proprietors of the same

Maryland Sst.

Cornells declaration of Inquiry concerning Indians

To all persons to whom these Presents shall come or may anyway Concern greeting Know ye that we of Privy Counsell to his Lordship the right Honble the Lord Propry of this Province and Members of his said Lordships upper house of Assembly with the same, having at the Request and by permission of his said Lordship had inspection unto and Examination of the Generall Book of Entries for shipping within this Province do find and upon our Honours say and declare that in the Year of our Lord God One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy and Six

Lib. RR fol. 83 to 84