

the last of January then next following And that all Sound tobacco whether of this yeares planting or of the next crop so th^t itt be free from ground leases and Seconds shall be held Merchantable and Fitt to be tendered for any debte whatsoever And for asmuch as in the yeare of Cessacōn there will be many poore and Indigent persons ready to sterve if noe Remedy be provided Be itt further Enacted that from and after the first of September next till the first of September which shall be in the yeare 1668 noe Execucōn shall be layd vpon any the goods or Chattells of any person whatsoever of this province Soe farr as not to leave them one hoggh^d of Tob. p pole to provide necessary clothing for themselves & family over and above what is served by the act Entituled an act for Extent of Attachm^{ts} & Exemcōns

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An act for Encouragem^t of Trade

Forasmuch as Tobacco is the only Comodity by which this province doth at present Subsist Which by the vnlimited freedom of all persons to Plant what Quantity and at what tyme they please hath glutted all marketts for divers yeares last past & for that reason is come to th^t Low rate th^t were the times peacable & trade vpon itt would not purchase necessarys for the planters & for as much as vast quantity's all ready made must needs ly vpon the planters hand and perish vpon his acco^t if wee still continue to plant tob. as formerly for Remedy whereof Be itt enacted by the R^t hono^{ble} the Lord Prop^r by and with the consent of the vpper and Lower house of this present Generall assembly that from and after the first day of february w^{ch} shall be in this present yeare 1666 till the first of february w^{ch} shall be in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred, 60^{ty} Seavon. Noe tobacco shall be Sowen Sett planted or any way Tended within this Province of Maryland Provided th^t the Hono^{ble} S^r W^m Berkely and the assembly of Virg^a & W^m Drummond Governo^r of the Southward Plantations & the assembly there doe make the like acts in their Severall & respective assemblyes prohibiting the Sowing Setting planting or tending any Tob. in any place within their severall and respective Jurisdiccōns for the said yeare (vizt) from the first of february 1666 till the first of february 1667 And for the better and Surer Execucōn of this act and Obteyning the desired End (vizt) the Encouragm^t of Merch^{ts} to trade with us for our necessary apparell Bee itt further Enacted by the authority and with the assent aforesaid that the honor^{ble} Philip Calvert Esq^r Henry Courson Esq^r Colon^{ll} Nathaniell Uety M^r Tho. Nottley M^r Robert Sly and Major Thomas Brooke or any