

April 1650.

An act for erecting of Providence into a County
by the name of Ann-Arundell County

Be it enacted by the Lord Prop^y, by & wth. y^e assent and approbation of y^e upper & Lower houses of this Assembly, that that part of the Province of Maryland on the west side of the Bay of Chesapeake, over ag^t y^e Isle of Kent formerly called by the name of Providence ~~by the name of Providence~~ by the Inhabitants there residing & Inhabiting this year, shall from henceforth be erected into a Shire or County by the name of Ann-Arundell County; & by that name hereafter to be ever called. ~

Apr. 1666.

An act prohibiting forreign Ingressers.

Whereas diverse Masters & Merchants of ships and other Vessels trading into this Province doe purchase great quantities of tobacco and afterwards imploy the same tobacco in buying commodities imported and either sell the said Commodities to the Inhabitants of this Province at excessive rates, or export the same, to the great loss, damage and detriment of the Inhabitants of this Province.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Right hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^y by & with the advice & assent of the upper & lower houses of this present gen^{all} Assembly, That no person or persons soe trading as aforesaid into this Province shall buy & sell again or transport any such goods imported (provision & other necessaries only excepted) upon the penalty of forfeiting all such goods, or the value thereof, the one halfe to the Lord Prop^y, the other halfe to the Informer to be recovered in any Court of record within this Province by Bill, plaint or information, wherem no effiaine, protection or wager of Law to be allowed. This act to endure for three years, or to the end of the next gen^{all} Assembly.

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