

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<sup>y</sup>, by & with the assent and  
approbation of the 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<sup>t</sup> the 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 forroign Ingressers.

Whereas divers Masters & Merchants of ships and other Vessels  
trading into this Province doo 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<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Prop<sup>y</sup>  
by & with the advice & assent of the upper & lower houses of this  
present gen<sup>all</sup> 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<sup>y</sup>, the other halfe to the Informer to be recovered  
in any Court of record within this Province by Bill, plaint or  
information, whereof no offence, protection or wager of Law to be  
allowed. This act to endure for three years, or to the end of the next  
gen<sup>all</sup> Assembly.

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