

of September next till the first of September next  
shall be in 4 years 1668 and Excursions shall be layd  
upon any the goods or Chatties of any person what so  
ever of this Province so far as do not to waite them  
out the of tobacco & pipe so provide necessary Com-  
mies by 4 Act intituled an Act for Extent of Dut-  
-timents and Excursions

An Act for the Encouragement  
of Trade

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Forasmuch as Tobacco is y<sup>e</sup> only Commodity by  
which this Province doth at present subsist which  
by the unlimited freedoms of all persons to plant  
what quantity and at what time they please doth  
planted all indented for diverse years last past so  
that reason is come to that lowe Rate that was  
y<sup>e</sup> former ~~Plantation~~ Plantable Trade upon it  
would not purchase necessary for y<sup>e</sup> planter  
and forasmuch as past Quantity is already made  
must neede be open y<sup>e</sup> planters hand and poise  
upon his art, if we continue still to plant tobacco  
as formerly for Remedy whereof be it enacted by  
the Lt. Gov. the Lord Prop<sup>r</sup> & by the consent of the  
upper & lower house of the right  
god all assembly that from after the first day  
of February which shall be in this present year  
1666 till the first of February which shall  
be in y<sup>e</sup> year of our Lord 1667 No tobacco  
shall be sown or planted on any way tender  
with in this Province of Maryland Provided  
that the same be for W<sup>m</sup> Berkeley & the