

of September next till the first of September next
shall be in 4 years 1668 no Excursions shall be layd
upon any the goods or Chatties of any person what so
ever of this Province so far as not to wear them
out the of tobacco & grow so provide necessary Com-
modity by 4 Act facilitated an act for Extent of Att-
tainment and Excursion

An Act for the Encouragement
of Trade

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Whereas the said Province is by its only Commodity by
which this Province doth at present subsist, which
by the unlimited freedom of all persons to plant
what quantity and at what time they please
glutted all in the said Province for divers years last past so
that we are come to that low Rate that were
4 times reasonable & reasonable trade upon it
would not purchase necessary for the planter
and for himself a vast quantity of all ready made
must needs be upon the planter's hand and perish
upon his account, if we continue still to plant tobacco
as formerly for Remedy whereof best enacted by
the R^t hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^r by & with the
Consent of the upper & lower house of the said
good assembly that from & after the first day
of February which shall be in this present year
1668 till the first of February which shall
be in 4 years of our Lord 1672 no tobacco
shall be sown or planted in any way lands
within this Province of Maryland Provided
that the said Act for W^m Berkeley & the