

Charles absolute Prop^r of the Province of Maryland & the
Baron of Baltimore & the Sheriff of Annapolis County
in an Assembly begun & held at St. Charles the fifth day of April
last past by the Consent of the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly
have Ordained & Established certaine Lawes as followeth

1682. Apr.

An act for Encouragement of Tillage & Raising Provi-
-sions for Advancement of Trade wthin this Province

Whereas by reason of the present low & considerable rate of the occasion
-ed by the usual great Crops planted & made of the same with beets
-on & other & principall Commodities within this Province & habitant
-are forced to very great necessities & want of without some sudden
-will some prevent them in a most deplorable & calamitous condition and
-whereas the planting & sowing of graine & Raising Provision & Exportation
-thereof out of this Province will in some measure depend on the
-evil by encouragement of Navigation and bringing in some supply to the People
-with raising the present price of the price of tobacco cannot be had or exported
-Bee it Enacted by the Hon^{ble} the Prop^r & by & wth the Advice & Con-
--sent of the Upper & Lower Houses of this present Gen^l Assembly: and the
-Hon^{ble} of the same y^e from & after the end of this present Session of Assen-
--sly Indian Corne, Wheate, Oates, Barley, Rye, Pease, Potke, Boafe, Bacon
-be deemed, reputed, accepted & taken for Lawfull & Current payment & paym^{ts}
-of money or Tolls, Debts or Debt, whatsoever from or to any person or person
-whatsobever Doctor or Creditor Inhabiting or trading into this Province
-his Lawfull Rents & Publique Levys, only excepted, at such Rates & Prices and
-in such manner as hereafter in this present act is mentioned & contained
-that is to say) Indian Corne shal be rated at Eighteen pence money
-per bushell, or Eighteen lb^s of tobacco & Bushell, Wheate at four shillings or forty
-Eight lb^s of tobacco & bushell, Oates at two shillings or twenty four pound
-of tobacco & bushell, Barley at two shillings six pence or thirty lb^s of tobacco
-of bushell, Pease at three shillings or thirty six pound of tobacco & bushell,
-Potke at two pence, or two pound of tobacco & pound Boafe at one penny
-halfe penny or One pound & an halfe of tobacco & pound Bacon at four pound
-or four pound of tobacco & pound all with graine or graines Potke, Beef
-and Bacon as afores^d to be cleane found sweete & merchantable & for the
-better Carriage & transportation of Potke & Boafe, with upon y^e account may
-be otherwise subject to some greater inconvenience than otherwise
-afores^d, Bee it Enacted, y^e Potke & Boafe shall be & received in good
-sufficient Caskes & Barrells containing thirty two Gallons or more
-with thirty six pound to be allowed for tare. And be it further Enacted
-by & authority afores^d that it shall & may be lawfull to & for all manner
-of persons whatsobever Inhabitants or traders into this Province to buy
-export or carry away any quantity or quantity of corne Potke, Boafe,
-Bacon as afores^d into any Dominion or Country out of this Province
-without any manner of Restraine^t Prohibition or any other impo-
--sition other than is already by the Law of this Province imposed & allowed of
-any Lawe.