

Ann-arrundell County Greeting, at an Assembly begun & held at S^t Maries the fifth day of Aprill last past by the Consent of o^r Vpper & Lower houses of Assembly wee have Ordained & Established Certaine Lawes as followeth.

Liber W. H.

An act for Encovragem^t of Tillage & Raising Provisions for Advancem^t of trade wthin this Province

Whereas by reason of the p^rsent Low & inconsiderable rate of tob occasioned by the usuall great Cropps planted & made of the same w^{ch} hath been the Chiefe & principall Comoditie wthin this Province the Inhabitants are Reduced to very great necessities & want if without some sudden remidy will soone Involve them in a most deplorable & Calamitous Conditōn, and whereas the planting & sowing of graine & Raising Provision & Exportacōn thereof out of this Province will in some measure Redress this sore & grievous Evill by encovragem^t of Navigacōn and bringing in some supply to the People w^{ch} duering the p^rsent failure of the price of tob cannot be had or expected Bee it Enacted by the R^t Hono^{ble} the L^d Prop^{ty} by & wth the Advice & Consent of the Vpper & Lower houses of this p^rsent Gen^l Assembly and the Authority of the same th^t from & aft^r the end of this p^rsent Session of Assembly Indian Corne, Wheate, Oates Barley, Rye, Peas, Porke, Beefe Baccon be deemed, Reputed, accepted & taken for Lawfull & Currant paym^t & paym^{ts} of money or Tob Debt or Debts, whatsoever from or to any pson or psons whatsoever Debtor or Creditor Inhabiting or tradeing into this Province his L^{pps} Rents & Publique Leavys onely excepted, att such Rates & Prises and in such manner as hereaft^r in this p^rsent act is mencōned & Contained (that is to say) Indian Corne shelled shall be rated at Eighteen pence mony Sterl, or Eighteen lbs of tob the Bushell, Wheate at foure shillings or forty Eight lbs of tob p bushell, Oates at two shillings or twenty foure pounds of tob p bushell, Barley at two shillings six pence or thirty lbs of tob p Bushell, Pease at three shillings or thirty six pounds of tob p Bushell, Porcke at two pence, or two pounds of tob p pound Beefe at one penny halfe penny or One pound & an halfe of tob p pound, Baccōn at foure pence or foure pounds of tob p pound all w^{ch} graine or Graines Porcke Beefe and Baccōn as afores^d to be Cleane sound sweete & merchantable & for the better Carriage & transportacōn of Porcke & Beefe, w^{ch} upon th^t acco^t may be otherwise subject to some greater inconvenience then other the Comodities afores^d Bee it Enacted th^t Porcke & Beefe shall be p^d & received in good & sufficient Caskque & Barrells Containing thirty two Gallons nearest of w^{ch} thirty six pounds to be allowed for tare. And be it further Enacted by the authority afores^d that it shall & maybe Lawfull