

Session
Laws ful Licence, shall sell by Retail, unless sold at the common and usual Rates of such Liquors between Merchants and Others, any Syder, Quince-Drink, or other strong Liquors, to be drank in his, her or their Houses, or about his, her or their Plantation, upon Forfeiture of every Time he, she or they shall be legally convict thereof, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, One Half thereof to his Lordship, his Heirs and Successors, for the Use aforesaid, and the other Half to the Informer, or to him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered as aforesaid.

And whereas it has been found prejudicial to the Inhabitants of this Province, that Ordinary-keepers and Inn-holders have frequently entertained divers Free-Men and Loose Persons a great Time Tippling at their Houses, as well to the great Damage of many Persons, as their own Ruin,

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That it shall not be Lawful for any such Ordinary-keeper or Inn-holder to keep such Ordinary or House of Entertainment until they have entred into Recognizance before the Justices of each respective County-Court granting such Licences, with two sufficient Sureties to the Value of Twenty Pounds Sterling, That they shall not Entertain any Free-Man or loose Person in their Houses above twenty four Hours, (Court times excepted) unless such Person be capable to give his Vote for a Delegate in the said County, or that he be retained as a Servant to the said Ordinary-keeper or Inn-holder, nor shall Entertain any other Person whatsoever, that shall be noted to such Ordinary-keeper as a Common Tippler, by the Justices of such County-Court; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas daily Experience shews the great Prejudice to the Owners and Masters of Merchants Ships and Vessels trading into this Province, by Ordinary-keepers entertaining of Sailors and others to such Ships and Vessels belonging, and trusting and encouraging them to continue Tippling in their Houses, to the Prejudice of Trade within this Province, preventing and impeding the Dispatch of such Ships and Vessels, and very often when such Sailors have spent all their Wages in such Ordinaries, it occasions and induces them to Run away and desert the Ships and Vessels where-to they belong. For the Prevention whereof,

Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That no Ordinary-Keeper whatsoever within this Province, shall presume to harbour or entertain such Sailors to the Neglect of their Service to their respective Commanders, and Prejudice to the Dispatch of any Ship or Vessel thereby, under the Pain and Penalty of being suspended from keeping such Ordinaries.