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four hundred pounds of Tobacco fee This Act to Endure for three yeares or the end of the next Session of Assembly which shall first happen.

An Act for Securing the parochiall Librarys of this Province & that the Care & Charge thereof be committed to some Worthy & Learned Person.

Be It Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Ma^{ty} by & with the advice & consent of this present Generall Assembly & the Authority of the same; That the Library appointed for the severall & respective parishes within this Province shall be & remaine in the hands & possession of the Minister of the parish: If any Minister be presented appointed or Inducted to the said parish during his residence in the parish aforesaid, who is & shall be obliged to keep & preserve the said Librarys from Waste or Embezelment and be accomptable for the same to the Gov^r & Councill & Vestry as often as required and to that [sic] for the same as above directed, and shall in all points be answerable for the same Except by Fire, or such like Accident as aforesaid and for the better preserving & securing the said Librarys The Learned Worthy Doctor Thomas Bray is hereby appointed Chiefe Visitor of all & every the Librarys within the said Province, And be It Further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that one Act of Assembly made at a Generall Assembly held at the Port of Annapolis the 16th day of 7^{ber} One thousand Six hundred Ninety & six Be & is hereby repealed & made void and of no Effect.

Acts of March, 1697/8, ch. 9.

A Supplementary Act for Ordinary Keepers and Regulating the Number thereof.

Whereas by a former Act of Assembly Entituled an Act for Ordinary Keepers & Regulating the number thereof It is Enacted that all Ordinary Keepers within this Province which kept Ordineries at any County Court house should be provided with Twelve spare Beds, and Stabling & provender for 20 horses and that such which kept Ordinarys at other remoter parts should be provided with 6 spare beds &^{ca} Since which Act it hath been grievously complained of by divers of the Inhabitants of this Province that through the great Concourse of Travelling Persons they have been very much Oppressed & neer some of their utter ruines because their Ability hath been such that they could not provide themselves according to the said Act of Assembly for keeping Ordinaryes for the remedy of which It is prayed that It may be Enacted And Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by & with the advice & consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same That from & after the publication hereof It shall & may be Lawfull for any Person within this Province to Keep an Ordinary or house of Entertainment in any such place or places as to the Justices of