

every such County-court shall be and stand hereby adjourned from the appointed Day in August, until such Day in November following as such Court ought to have been adjourned to; any Law, Statute or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Session
Laws

An Act for regulating of Ordinaries, for the better regulating of Ordinary-Keepers and Inn-holders within this Province, for the Future.

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Chap. I
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Bradford,
1718, con-
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1720, ch. 14]
[Ch. II,
VIII, X,
XIII, XIV,
XV of Acts
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It is thought necessary a Fine be imposed on every Person that shall be Licensed to keep an Ordinary or House of Publick Entertainment: And forasmuch as many tedious and chargeable Debates have happened concerning the Application of those Fines, which the Representatives of the good People of this Province have hitherto insisted could not be made without their Assent thereto, in a Law, which the Delegates and Representatives as aforesaid, in this present General Assembly cannot depart from: But for that, this present General Assembly are fully sensible how deeply they are engaged to his Lordship the Right Honourable the Proprietary, for his so generous and ready a Compliance with the most Important of our late Humble Requests, in committing the Care of all his publick and private Affairs within this Province, intirely into the Hands of well affected Protestants, to the Disappointment of others, and much to the Peace and Satisfaction of his Majesties most affectionate Subjects, It is humbly hoped his Lordship will be favourably pleased to accept of our Readiness in laying the Fines proposed on the Ordinary Licences, as a grateful Acknowledgment of his Lordship's Goodness, and the Benefits we have received by such his Lordship's Administration; and that it may be enacted,

And 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 from and after the Publication hereof, the Justices of each County, in Court sitting, be and are hereby empowered and authorized, from Time to Time, as often as Need shall require, to grant Licences to such Person or Persons as they shall think fit to be Ordinary-Keepers and Inn-holders, for keeping Ordinaries and Houses of Entertainment, so long a Time, and in such and so many Places in their several and respective Counties, for the Ease and Convenience of the Inhabitants, Travellers and Strangers, as to them respectively shall seem meet; for which Licences the said Persons, that shall be licenced to keep Ordinaries as aforesaid, shall at the Time of his and their taking such Licences, enter into Recognizance to his Lordship the Lord Proprietary, for the Payment of the several and respective Sums following, (That is to say,) For every Licence to keep Ordinary in the City of Annapolis, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco to his Lordship, and at any