

and on or before the first day of October yearly, shall return to the treasurers of the western or eastern shores respectively, where the said clerks shall officiate, a true list of all ordinary-keepers, in their respective counties, licensed as aforesaid, and also of all fines and forfeitures, happening in that year, under this act.

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IV. **And be it enacted,** That the justices of the several county courts shall, at their respective county courts, in the months of June and August yearly, or oftener, as they shall think fit, set and assess, in current money, the rates and prices of all liquors, and other accommodations whatsoever, by ordinary-keepers to be vended, for the year ensuing; which rates and prices of all liquors and other accommodations, so to be set and assessed by the justices aforesaid, shall be by their several and respective clerks, transcribed and set up, in some public place in their respective county court-house, that every person may peruse the same; a copy of which rates, every ordinary-keeper, within each county, is hereby obliged to keep and set up, in the most public and convenient place of his house, for the perusal of all persons whatsoever, under the penalty of six hundred pounds of tobacco; and every ordinary-keeper, who shall, directly or indirectly, demand or receive for any such liquors, or other accommodations, more than the rates and prices so assessed, shall, for every such demand or receipt, forfeit and pay three hundred pounds of tobacco; and in case any suit is brought by any ordinary-keeper, on any account wherein any liquors, or other accommodations, are charged higher than the rates aforesaid, such ordinary-keeper shall be nonsuit, and pay the defendant his full costs; and for every such account paid and satisfied to any ordinary-keeper, he shall, on complaint by the party injured, to a single magistrate or county court, be, in a summary way, ordered and compelled, by such magistrate or county court, to restore to the party injured the whole sum so before had and received on such account, with his cost on such complaint.

Justices to set
the price of
liquors, &c.

V. **And be it enacted,** That every ordinary-keeper, to be licensed as aforesaid, shall, within two months after obtaining licence, be obliged to provide and maintain (if such ordinary be kept at the court-house in any county) six good feather beds; more than sufficient for the private use of such ordinary-keeper, with sufficient covering for the same, and Indian corn, oats, hay, straw, and stabling, for ten horses at least; and if at any place in the county other than the court-house, three spare beds, with covering, and sufficient stabling and provender for six horses at least, under the penalty of eight hundred pounds of tobacco.

Ordinary-keepers to furnish beds, &c.

VI. **Provided always,** That no person shall be admitted to keep an ordinary, other than the master, principal, or head of the house in which such ordinary shall be kept.

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VII. **And be it enacted,** That if any ordinary-keeper shall keep a disorderly house, upon complaint made thereof to the justices of the county court, they are hereby authorized and required to suppress such ordinary; and during the recess of the court, upon complaint made to any two justices of the peace, or upon their own observation of such misbehaviour, contrary to the directions of this act, it shall be lawful for them to suspend such ordinary-keeper, until the next county court, who may hear and finally determine the matter, and either entirely suppress, or permit the continuance of such ordinary.

Justices may suppress disorderly houses, &c.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That if any person, so suspended, shall presume, during such suspension, to keep ordinary, such person shall incur the same penalty and forfeiture, as persons keeping ordinary without licence are subject to by this act.

Fine on persons keeping ordinary after suspended, &c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That any keeper of an ordinary which shall be so suppressed, or other person, that shall presume to keep ordinary, without licence first obtained, as aforesaid, shall, for every month he or she shall so keep ordinary, forfeit and pay one thousand pounds of tobacco, and so proportionably for a longer or shorter time.

Penalty on keeping ordinary without licence, &c.