

An Additional Act to the Act for
Regulating Ordinaries and limiting
the Numbr^r of them within this Province

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Whereas a good and profitable Act formerly made and the same is renewed and made this Sessions of Assembly Entituled an Act for Regulating Ordinaries and limiting the number of them within this Province yet notwithstanding the good provision thereby made against such Exactions Experience of late hath found the same so farr from remedying the said abuse that many of them have grown more excessive and outrageous in their prices, and to avoid the penalty of the said Law, do refuse to deliver when desired unto their said Debtor und^r their hands the perticulars of the Liquors and accomodatⁿ had and received of them fearing the same should discover their unjust charge against the said Act and oftentimes when the said Debtors are overtaken in drinke, fraudulently obeyned Bills under their hands and Seals for such their debts unjustly charged, whereby their books are discharged, which otherwise in suing the said Accompts the said books in Court would discover their illegall Exact^{ns} by which cunning devices they often avoid the Penalty of the said Law and much damnify the said Debtors, to prevent which abuses for the future Be it Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties by and with the Advice and consent of this present Gen^{ll} Assembly and the Authority of the same, that from and after the Publication hereof no ordinary keeper whatsoever within this Province for any debt due to him for Liquors or other Ordinary Accommodations shall take any bill bond or other security other then the Account charged in his Book for the same or recover Judgement in any Court of Record within this Province for such debt till he hath before one Justice of the Provinciall or County Court or one Ald^rman of the City of S^t Marys first taken his Corporall Oath that the Particulars of the aforesaid account are truly Rated according to the Rates and prices Sett and Assessed by the Justices impowred thereto by the aforementioned Act of Assembly, and that the same were sold and delivered by the order of the said debtor to the s^d Debtor or his appointment, and that bona fide without fraud he bought the same liquors for quality as in his s^d Acco^t he hath named and sold the same without any mixture or imbasement other then what was ordered by the said debtor or with his consent, which oath so taken shall be certified under the hand of such Justice of the Provinciall or County Court or Aldermen of the City of S^t Marys before whom the same Oath shall be taken and delivered to the said Debtor before any other security be taken otherwise the said Bills