

one half for the use of the Commissioners or Trustees aforesaid, to be collected, Paid, and applied as aforesaid, and the other Half to the Informer. L. H. J. Liber No. 46

And whereas daily Experience shews the great Prejudice to the Owners and Masters of Merchant Ships and Vessels trading into this Province by Ordinary Keepers entertaining Sailors and others to such Ships, and Vessels belonging, and trusting and encouraging them to continue tipling in their Houses, to the Prejudice of Trade 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 or Vessels whereto they belong, For Prevention whereof.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that no Ordinary Keeper whatsoever within this Province shall presume to harbour or entertain any Sailor or Sailors or other Person employed in loading of Ships or Vessels (the master and mate only excepted) 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 Ordinary: And that no Ordinary Keeper whatsoever, shall credit any such Sailor for more than five shillings during any one Voyage, under the Penalty of losing his Debt, and of being fined the sum of twenty Shillings Current Money, whereof one half to be collected, paid, and applied as aforesaid, and the other Half to the Informer or him or them that will sue for the same, to be recovered as aforesaid, before a single magistrate.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Ordinary Keeper within this Province, shall harbour, entertain, or sell any Liquor to any Servant belonging to any Person within this Province, without License from their respective Master or Mistress, such Ordinary Keeper shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay ten shillings to the Master or Mistress of such Servant, to be recovered with Cost, upon Complaint of the said Master or Mistress, before a Justice of the County where the said Ordinary Keeper lives.

And whereas it is a general Complaint throughout this Province, that Ordinary Keepers have made it their constant Practice, to entertain Tradesmen and other Persons having Families, and no other means of supporting them but their own Labour and Industry, and single disorderly Persons, tipling and gaming, in their Houses, and wasting their Time and Substance, to the Ruin of their Families, and themselves, and the Encouragement of Idleness, Drunkenness, and all other Irregularities and Disorders: For Prevention of which Evil for the future, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that no Person who shall be licensed to keep Ordinary from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, shall suffer any Tradesman or other Person having a Family, and no visible Estate whereby to support themselves or their Families, but their own Labour and Indus-