

Ordered that the said John Wathen have notice to attend his Excellency in Council at the Time when the said Vestry are to appear before his Excellency and the Council. Original Journal.

The Board adjourned till 8 of the clock to morrow morning.

Thursday March the 19th 1701

The Council in Assembly Sate Present as yesterday

Several Complaints being made to his Excellency the Governour of the great damages Several commanders of Ships (especially Cap^t Edw^d Brisco Commander of the Betty Gally) have sustained by their Saylor's being entertained by the ordinary Keepers at South River And this being Considered to be a growing Evil Resolved that the following Proposal for Redress thereof be sent to the Lower House for their Assent and Concurrence in ordering the same. p. 198

By his Excellency the Governour & Council in Assembly
March the 19th 1701

Whereas in the late Act for regulating Ordinarys there was a Good and Beneficial Clause Enacting that no ordinary Keeper whatsoever within this Province should credit any Sailor belonging to any Merchant Ship or other Vessel trading within this Province for more than the value of twenty shill curr^t mony during their stay here for the Time of one voyage, which said Clause is now omitted in the present Law for regulating the said Ordinarys from harbouring and Entertaining such Saylor's to the great Prejudice of the owners & Masters of Vessels to whom such Sailors belong who generally neglect and delay to perform their Dutys and obey the Lawful Commands of their Masters to the great Disservice of his Majesty and Prejudice of Trade within this Province preventing and impeding the dispatch thereof. And very often such Sailors have spent their Wages in such Ordinarys occasioning and inducing them to runaway and desert the Vessels whereto they belong.

It is proposed that it be ordained, And be it ordained by his Majesty's honble Council and the Delegates of this present General Assembly that no Ordinary Keeper whatsoever within this Province to presume to Harbour or Entertain such Saylor to the neglect of their Service to their respective Commanders and Prejudice of the Dispatch of any Ship or Vessel thereby under the Pain and Penalty of being Suspended from keeping Ordinarys and that no Ordinary Keeper whatsoever shall credit such Sailor for more than five shill during one voyage