

each respective County shall thinke fitt (those which are kept at Court houses & at the port of Annapolis & William Stad^t only Excepted) Provided allways that such Ordinary keepers be well provided with four spare beds, and sufficient Stabling & provender for six horses paying to his Ma^{ty}s Secretary for this tyme being 400^{lbs} Tobacco yearly for their Licence instead of the 1200^{lbs} of tobacco in the said former Act of Assembly. And that the said Ordinary Keepers or Inn holders be & Ly under all the penalties, restitutions & forfeitures as in the said former Act is exprest, except before Excepted, and Whereas It hath been found prejudiciall to the Inhabitants of this Province, that such Ordinary keepers or Innholders have frequently Entertained divers Freemen & Loose Persons a great tyme Tipling at their houses as well to many persons great damage as their owne Ruine, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that It shall not be Lawfull for any such Ordinary Keeper or Inholder to keep such Ordinary or house of Entertainment untill they have passed before the Justices of each respective County granting their Licences a Bond with good Security to the value of 20 l. sterling that they shall not Entertaine any Freeman or other Loose person above 24 hours in their house unless such person be capable to give his Vote for a Delegate in the said County or that they be retained as a Servant to the said Ordinary keeper or Innholder any Law, Custom or Usage to the Contrary Notwithstanding this Law to continue for three yeares or to the end of the next Sessions of Assembly which shall first happen.

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Whereas It hath been the Common practice of this Province both in Provinciaall & County Courts to heare & determine the complaints of Masters & Servants by way of petition. And that Whereas there hath been severall appeales & Writts of Error brought upon the said Judgments & for want of due & formall proceedings according to the Strict Rule of Law the Judgments have been reversed for prevention whereof Be It Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Ma^{ty} by & with the advice & consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same that after the end of this present Session of Assembly that It shall & may be Lawfull for the Provinciaall & County Courts of this Province to heare & determine any complaints between Masters & Servants by way of petition To give Judgments & award Executions upon the same, and that upon any appeale or Writt of Error brought upon the same from any County Court of this province to the Provinciaall Court or From the Provinciaall Court to his Excellency the Governour & Councill, No such Judgment shall be reversed for want of Judiciall process, or that the same was not tryed by Jury or any matter of form Either in the Entry or giving