

SessionLaws 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 such Ordinary-keeper lives.

Or encourage
Tradesmen
to tittle in
their Houses
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 Evils 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, or other Way, whereby to support themselves or their Families, but their own Labour and Industry; or any single Person, whether Tradesman or otherwise, not having a visible Estate, to tittle or game in such Ordinary, other than such as shall be invited by any Traveller, and shall accompany him only during his necessary Abode there; and other than Persons travelling upon their necessary Occasions (so far distant from their own Habitations as may render it impracticable or inconvenient to repair thither), to take their Diet and other necessary Accommodations in such Ordinary; and other than such as may happen to be confined in such Ordinary by Sickness, Severity of Weather, or other Accident; on Pain of not being paid for any Liquor or other Accommodations, which such Ordinary-keeper shall supply such Person with, or which shall be lost by any such Person at any Games. Provided always, That no Ordinary-keeper shall be restrained from supplying any of the Persons herein before mentioned with Victuals or Liquors in moderate and necessary Quantities, so as no Ordinary-keeper shall trust any such Person for more than Five Shillings, or the Value thereof, in any one Year; except in such Cases as herein before mentioned, to be judged of by any Judicature having Cognizance of any Dispute concerning Expences.

No Debts
above 5s.
contracted
contrary to
the Intent of
this Act to
be recovered
And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in any Action in a Court of Justice, or dispute before a single Magistrate, between any Ordinary-keeper and any Person in this Act described, such Court, and the Jury in any Trial by a Jury, or single Magistrate, shall by Virtue of this Act consider and enquire whether any Debt so sued for, or claimed before a single Magistrate, be contracted contrary to the true Intent and meaning of this Act; and if it shall appear to such Court, Jury, or Magistrate, that such Debt was contracted