

Liber B.L.C. Keepers; and for other Purposes therein mentioned; amongst other Things therein contained, it is Enacted, That no Person or Persons within this Province, not having lawful License, shall sell by Retail, unless sold at the common and usual Rates of such Liquors between Merchants and others, any Cyder, Quince-Drink, or other strong Liquors, to be drank in his, her, or their Houses, or about his, her, or their Plantation, upon the Forfeiture of, every Time he, she, or they shall be legally convict thereof, the Sum of Five Pounds Current Money, one Half thereof to the Commissioners or Trustees aforesaid, to be collected, payed, and applied in such Manner as in the said Act is mentioned. And whereas it is represented to this General Assembly, that sundry Persons, in Evasion of the true Intent and Meaning of the said recited Act, and under Pretence of selling the aforesaid Liquors, at the common and usual Rates of such Liquors between Merchants and others, do yet retail the same in small Quantities, to the great Encouragement of Idleness and Drunkenness: To remedy which Evil for the future, it is prayed that it may be Enacted,

[Part of an Act recited.]

And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's President, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of October next, no Person or Persons inhabiting within this Province, not having lawful License, shall sell any Cyder, Quince-Drink, or other strong Liquors, to be drank in or about his, her, or their House or Houses, or about his, her, or their Plantations, under any Pretence whatsoever, under the Penalty of Fifty Shillings Current Money for every Offence, to be recovered before a single Justice of the Peace as in Case of small Debts; one Half whereof to the Use of the Informer, or him, or her, that shall sue or prosecute for the same; and the other Half to be paid to the Commissioners or Trustees for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, to be by them applied towards the Payment of the Sum of Four thousand five hundred Pounds Current Money taken out of the Office of the Commissioners or Trustees aforesaid.

[No Persons except such as have License, to retail any strong Liquor.]

And to the End that it may be ascertained, what may be called or known by the Name of Retailing, Be it Enacted, That any Cyder or Quince-Drink that shall be sold, under the Quantity of one Gallon; and Rum, Brandy, or other Spirits, that shall be sold under the Quantity of one Quart; shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken as Retailing within the Intent and Meaning of this Act.

[Part of the above recited Act explain'd.]

Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted, That this Act, or any Thing therein contained, shall not debar, or be construed to debar or hinder any Person or Persons, his or their Agents, Clerks, or Managers, within this Province, to sell and dispose of any Liquor or Spirits to Tradesmen, Labourers, or others, by such Person or

[Proviso.]