

C H A P. VII.

*A Supplementary Act to the \* Act for Stay of Execution after the Tenth of May Yearly. Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 41.* Passed 15th Nov. 1712.

\* 1704, ch. 49, which was repealed, and a new Law, including both, made 1715, ch. 33.

C H A P. VIII.

*An Act for the Payment and Assessment of the Public Charge of this Province. Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 42.* Ditto.

C H A P. IX.

*An Act confirming the Probat of the Will of John Harrison, late of Charles County, deceased. Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 43. PR.* Ditto.

C H A P. X.

*An ACT restraining Victuallers, and Keepers of Public Houses, from entertaining Sailors, to the Prejudice of Trade and Commerce. Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 44.* Ditto.

N. B. This Act was Repealed by 1735, ch. 8, which expired in 1740. It was again repealed by 1746, ch. 2; and again by 1746, ch. 10; which two last recited Acts expired, together with the Act of 1756, ch. 5, on the 26th November 1763. So that it emerges into full Force.

**W**HEREAS the Masters and Commanders of the several Merchant Ships trading into this Province, and the several Merchants and Traders therein, have represented to this General Assembly, that several Persons keeping Victualling Houses, or Public Houses of Entertainment, for Lucre and Gain, do make it their Practice to draw in and entertain the Seamen belonging to the several Ships, and give them too great Credit; not only to the Ruin of them, their Wives and Children, but also to the Hinderance of the Ship's Lading, whereby the Charge of the Ships are greatly augmented, and Trade in general delayed and discouraged: For the Prevention whereof;

II. *Be it Enacted, by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's President, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That if any Victualler, or Keeper of any Public House, within this Province, shall, after the First Day of January next, trust any Seafaring Man, Sailor, or Seaman, (not being an Inhabitant of this Province, and generally residing in the same) for any Sum or Sums of Money above the Value of Five Shillings in any Voyage, without Leave or Licence from the Commander of the Ship or Vessel to which he belongs, upon Pain of losing their Debt: And if such Victualler, or other Person keeping a Public House, shall take any Bond, Bill, Note, or Bill of Exchange, or any other Specialty or Obligation for any Debt contracted by any Sailor or Seaman belonging to any Ship or Vessel, and not being an Inhabitant as aforesaid, such Bond, Bill, Note, or Bill of Exchange, or other Specialty, or Obligation, shall be void, and of no Effect.*

Public House Keepers trusting Seamen (not Residents) above 5 Shillings in any Voyage, without Leave of the Commander, lose their Debt.

Any Note, Bill, Bond, &c. taken for such Debt, shall be void.

III. *And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if any Victualler, or Keeper of any Public House as aforesaid, shall entertain or harbour any Sailor or Seaman, without Licence from the Master or Commander of the Ship or Vessel to which he belongs, to the Delay or Hinderance of the Business of such Ship or Vessel, or the Commanders thereof, such Victualler, or Keeper of a Public House, or House of Entertainment, shall be liable to and incur the Pains and Penalties in the Act of Assembly of this Province inflicted on such as entertain or deal with Servants; any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.*

Victuallers, &c. entertaining Sailors, without Leave of their Master, &c. how to be punished.

IV. *Provided, That this Act, or any Thing therein contained, shall not extend to the Master, or Chief Mate of any Ship or Vessel.*

Not to extend to Masters or Chief Mates.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN, THOMAS BACON. C H A P.