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An Act Regulat^{ing} Ordinaries and Limiting the number of
them within this Province

For the better regulat^{ing} ordinaries, ordinary keepers and Inholders within this Province for the future Be it enacted by the Right Hon^{able} the Lord Prop^{rietor} of this Province with the advice and consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly, the Authority of the same that from and after the Publication hereof the Commissioners of each respective County within this Province att their severall and respective County Courts and the Major Recorder and Aldermen of the City of St. Marys att their Majors Court be and are hereby Authoriz^{ed} and impow^{er}ed from time to time and as often as need shall require to grant Licenses of such person or persons as they shall thinke fitt to be Ordinary keepers or Inholders for the keeping of Ordinaries and houses of Entertainment for so long time and in such and so many places within their severall and respective Counties and City aforesaid for the ease and convenience of the Inhabitants Travellers and Strangers as to them respectively shall seeme most and convenient for which license the said persons that shall be so licensed to keep ordinaries as aforesaid shall att the time of his or their taking such license or licenses be bound and oblig^{ed} to pay unto the Right Hon^{able} the Lord Proprietor his heirs and Successors if he or they keep ordinary within the City of St. Marys or within two miles thereof the sume of two thousand pounds of Tobacco yearly for a fine for every such license and if he or they keep ordinary in any County within this Province the sume of twelve hundred pounds of Tobacco and give bond for due payment thereof.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Clerks of each respective County Court within this Province and the Clerks of the Maj^{ors} Court of the said City shall cause such license and the fine for granting the said license and the securities given for payment and performance thereof be duly entered upon Record in their severall Courts and then transmit the said bonds to the Justice of the Provinciaall Court for his Lordships use for which said license and bonds aforesaid such Ordinary keepers shall pay to such respective Clerks sixty pounds of Tobacco and no more.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Commissioners of the County Courts and the said Major Recorder and Aldermen of the said City be and are hereby further impow^{er}ed and Authoriz^{ed} att their severall County Courts the Majors Court in the month of Januarij next and in every ensuing year during the continuance of this Act in the said month of Januarij (having summoned every respective ordinary keeper within their respective Counties and City then and there to appear before them) to set^{tle} assess the rates and prices of all liquors whatsoever (not hereafter in this Act menconed) by them the said Ordinary keepers vend^{ed} or to be vend^{ed} for the years ensuing and soe for every year during the continuance of this