

this Province, yet notwithstanding the good Provision thereby made against
such Exactions Experience of late hath found the same so far from diminishing
the said abuse that many of them have grown more excessive and outrageous
in their price and to avoid the penalty of the said Law do refuse to deliver
when desired to their said Debtor under their hands the particulars of the liquors
and accommodations had and received of them (bearing the same) should discover
their unjust charge against the said Act and often times when the said Debtors
are overtaken in Drink fraudulently obtain bills under their hands and seals
for such debts unjustly charged whereby their books are discharged which
otherwise in suing the said accounts the said books in Court would discover
their illegall proceedings and Exactions by which cunning Deceits they often
avoid the penalty of the said Law and much Damage to the said Debtors to pre-
vent which abuse for the future Be it enacted by the King and Queens most
Excellent Majesties by and with the advice and consent of their present Good
Assembly and the Authority of the same that from and after the publication
hereof no Ordinary Keeper within this Province shall take any bill bond or
other security other than the amount charged in his books for the same or
Records Judgment in any Court of Records within this Province for such
debt till he hath before one Justice of the Provinciaall Court or County Court
or one Alderman of the City of St. Marys first taken his Corporall Oath that
the particulars of the aforesaid account are truly rated according to the Rates
prices set and assessed by the Justices Impowered thereto by the aforesaid
second Act of Assembly and that the same were sold and delivered by the order
of the said Debtor to the said Debtor or his appointment and that bona fide
without fraud the same liquors for quality as in his said account he hath
named and sold the same without any mixture or Impairment other than
what was ordered by the said Debtor or with his consent which Oath so taken
shall be certified under the hand of such Justice of the Provinciaall or County
Court or Alderman of St. Marys before whom the same Oath shall be taken
and delivered to the said Debtor before any other security be taken otherwise
the said bills bonds and all other securities shall be void and a perpetuall
bar against the said Creditor other than the said books debt legally
charged according to Act of Assembly as aforesaid for which said