

FOR the better regulating Ordinary keepers & Inholders within this Province  
for the future B E I T E N A C T E D by the Kings most Excellent Majesty  
by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly & the Au-  
thority of the same, that from and after the publication hereof, the Commissioners  
of each County Court, and the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of St  
Marys at the Mayors Court, be and are hereby impowered and authorized from  
time to time as often as need shall require to grant Licences to such person & per-  
sons as they shall think fit to be Ordinary keepers and Inholders for the keeping  
of Ordinarys and houses of entertainment; so long time as in such and so many  
places within their severall and respective Countys and City aforesaid, for the ease  
and conveniency of the Inhabitants, Travellers and Strangers as to them respect-  
ively shall seem meet, for which Licences the said persons that shall be so licensed  
to keep Ordinarys, except all such persons as shall keep Ordinary or Ordinarys  
in the Port of Annapolis in the County of Ann-Arundel, shall at the time of his or  
their taking such Licence or Licences be bound & oblig'd to pay unto the Secreta-  
ry of this Province for the time being if he or they keep Ordinary within the Port  
of Annapolis in Ann-Arundel County or within two miles thereof the sum of two  
thousand pounds of tobacco yearly for a fine for every such Licence, or if he or  
they do keep Ordinary within the City of St. Marys, or at any County Court  
House, or at the Town and Port of Williamstadt within this Province the sum of  
twelve hundred pounds of tobacco, and if any person or persons shall keep any  
Ordinary or houses of entertainment in other remoter parts, for entertainmeat of  
travellers shall pay to the said Secretary for the time being yearly for a fine the  
sum of four hundred pounds of tobacco and no more, and give Bond for the pay-  
ment thereof.

And it is hereby Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice  
and Consent aforesaid, that the Clerk of each respective County Court within  
this Province, and the Clerk of the Mayors Court of the said City of St. Marys  
shall cause such Licence and the fines for granting such Licences and the security  
given for the payment and performance thereof, to be duly entred upon Record  
in their severall Courts, and then transmit the said Bonds to the Justices of the Pro-  
vincial Court for his Majestys said Secretarys use, for which said Licence and  
Bonds such Ordinary keepers shall pay to such respective Clerk sixty pounds of to-  
bacco and no more.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, &c. that the Commissi-  
oners of the severall County Courts, and the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of  
the said City be and are hereby authorized & impowered at their severall County  
Courts and Mayors Court in the Month of January and the Month of August half  
yearly and every year during the continuance of this Act, having summoned each  
respective Ordinary keeper within their respective Countys and City, then & there-  
to set and assess the Rates and prices of all liquors whatsoever in this present Act  
not hereafter mentioned by them the said Ordinary keepers vendid or to be vendid  
for the year ensuing, and so for every year during the continuance of this Act,  
which rates and prices so to be set & assessed, limited & appointed by the Com-  
missioners aforesaid, and by the Magistrates of the City aforesaid, shall be by their  
severall and respective Clerks transcribed and set up at their severall and respective  
County Courts and City aforesaid, in some publick place or places there, that e-  
very person or persons may peruse the same, the Copy of which table and prices  
of liquors every Ordinary keeper within each County are hereby obliged to tra-  
nscribe fairly and keep the same set up in the most publick place of their house or  
houses for the perusal of all persons that receive any Ordinary accommodations  
from them, under the penalty of one thousand pounds of tobacco, to be applied  
to the use of the County where such Ordinary keeper shall live, to be paid for in case  
of non payment thereof in his Majestys name, for which sums and table of prices  
every Ordinary keeper shall pay to such Clerk the sum of forty pounds of tobacco  
and no more. And any Ordinary keeper and Inholder that shall after the setting  
and assessing the rates and prices aforesaid, directly or indirectly take, exact, de-  
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