

Act for regulating of Ordinaries.

For the better regulating of Ordinary Keepers and Intendons within this Province for the future And in pursuance of her Majesty's royal Instructions for raising further Supplies for defraying the publick Charge of this Province To effect whereof the Burgesses and Delegates of this present General Assembly do humbly pray that her Majesty will graciously be pleased to grant if it may be enacted and

It is enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governor Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same That from and after the publication hereof the Justices of each County be and are hereby empowered and authorized from time to time as often as need shall require to grant Licenses to such persons and persons as they shall think fit to be ordinary Keepers and Intendons for the Keeping of Ordinaries and Houses of Entertainment in such and so many places within their severall and respective Counties for the ease and Convenience of the Inhabitants Travellers and Strangers as to them respectively shall seem meet For which Licenses the persons that shall be so licensed to keep Ordinary as aforesaid shall at the time of this and their taking such Licenses enter into Recognizances to our Sovereign Lady the Queen Majesty to pay unto her Majesty towards the defraying the Charge of the County the severall and respective Sums following that is to say for every License to keep Ordinary in the City of Saint Marys Towns or ports of Annapolis or Williamstad or at any County Court house within this Province the Sum of twelve hundred pounds of Tobacco and four hundred pounds of Tobacco at every other place within this Province for every year such person shall keep Ordinary as aforesaid to the use aforesaid for which said License and Recognizance the party or parties taking the same shall pay to the Clerk of each respective County Court the Sum of Sixty pounds of Tob. and no more.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Justices of the severall County Courts be and are hereby authorized Impowered at their severall County Courts in the Months of January and August