

107 The said ordinary Keeper admitteth any Law Waage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding

And whereas daily Experience sheweth the great prejudice to the Honors and Masters of Merchant Ships and Vessels trading into this Province by ordinary Keepers entertaining of Taylors and others to such Ships and Vessels belonging and trusting and encouraging them to continue staying in their Harbours to the prejudice of Trade within this Province preventing and impeding the dispatch of such Ships and Vessels and very often when such Taylors have spent their wages in such ordinarys occasions and induce them to run away and desert the Ships and Vessels whereto they belong for the prosecution wherof

It is enacted by the Queen most excellent Majesty by and with the advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that no ordinary Keeper whosoever within this Province shall presume to Harbour or entertaine such Taylors to the neglect of their Duties to their respective Commanders and prejudice to the dispatch of any Ship or Vessel thereby under pain and penalty of being suspended from keeping such ordinary. And that no ordinary Keeper whosoever shall credit such Taylors for more than five Shillings during any one voyage under the penalty of loosing his Debt and being fined to our Lady the Queen her Heires and Successors the summe of five pounds the wherof one half to the Vestry of such parish wher such ordinary Keeper shall live to wards the defraying the parish Charge to be recovered in any Court of Record of this Province by Bill plaint or Information wherof no Escoyn protection or Wager of Law to be allowed

And Lastly ^{wherby} Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the advice and Consent aforesaid that the Justices of the provincial Court and the Justices of the respective County Courts shall give this Act in Charge to the several Grand Jurys and to their severall and respective Constables in their said Countys to inquire into the breach of this Act and into all Disorders committed in the said Countys and present the same if any be to the severall Courts to be Examined and punished according to Law. This Act to endure for three years and to the end of the next Sessions of Assembly which shall first happen after the end of the said three years.

September 23rd 1701
Read and assented to by the House
of Delegates
W. Taylor Clerk

September 26th 1701
Read and assented to by her Majesty
Council
W. Staden Clerk