

Common Councell of the said City & their Successors may see the same  
disposed of to the uses intents & purposes aforesaid

### An Act concerning Ordinary Keepers

Forasmuch as it is found by Experience That no certain rate can  
be sett upon liquors sold by Ordinary Keepers by Retail, because no  
rate certaine can be sett upon Merchants goods from whom the  
Ordinary Keepers must purchase their liquors Be it Enacted by  
the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Propriety by & with the advice & consent of  
the Upper & lower houses of this present Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly & the Authority  
of the same, that from henceforth every person be left to agree with  
the Ordinary Keepers for any liquor or other Accomodation Except  
Beer dyett Lodging & horse meat And be it further Enacted by the  
Authority aforesaid, that from henceforward no Ordinary Keeper  
shall demand above ten pounds of tobacco & meale for dyett, for  
small beer ten pds of tobacco & Gall for strong Beer Twenty pound  
of tobacco & Gall, for a nights lodging in bedd with sheets four pound  
of tobacco, for a Peck of Indian shield Corn or Oats for a horse twelve  
pounds of tobacco, for pasture for a horse six pounds of tobacco off  
night, for hay or straw for a horse ten pounds of tobacco & night  
And to the end that the good people of this Province (attending  
publick Sessions of Gen<sup>l</sup> Assemblys as alsoe Provinciall Courts and  
the severall respective County Courts within this Province being  
therunto lawfully called & Sumoued) may be certaine of Accomo-  
dations sufficient for their horses as well as for themselves Be it  
Enacted by the Authority advice & consent aforesaid That every  
Ordinary Keeper within this Province shall from Easter the first  
day of October next after publication hereof be obliged to provide  
& maintaine Accomodation of Oats hay Straw for litters & Indian  
Corn together with stable roome convenient & sufficient for twelve  
horses at the least under penalty of forfeiting & paying the sume of  
ten Thousand pounds of tobacco One halfe thereof to the Lord Propriety  
the other halfe to the Informer or to him or them that shall sue for  
the same to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province  
whererein noe Escoyne loager or protection in Lawe to be allowed  
And be it further Enacted by the Authority advice & consent aforesaid  
That from & after publication hereof no Ordinary Keeper shall  
credit any Freeman in this Province (not being a freeholder &  
depending upon his labour for the paym<sup>t</sup> of his debts) for any  
sume of tobacco exceeding the sume of foure hundred pounds in  
any one yeare upon paine of losse of his whole debt whether due  
Bill Bond or Account And forasmuch as some Strangers trade  
this Province who have noe Tobacco in this Province & others  
that are Inhabitants in this Province may spend small sumes  
amounting to a filld of tobacco Be it also Enacted by the Authority