

within Two Miles of their Meeting-House at *West-River*, and One Mile of their Meeting-House at *Third-Haven Creek* in *Talbot County*, which Favours they most gratefully acknowledge,) They, as well as those of other Persuasions who resort to their yearly Meetings, labour under and suffer many Inconveniencies from the great Concourse of idle and profligate white People, and great Crowds of Negroes that assemble together at the usual Times of their yearly Meetings held at their said Meeting Houses, drinking to Excess, and behaving in a riotous and turbulent Manner, at Booths, and other Places, where strong and spirituous Liquor can be had, at greater Distances than before-mentioned; and that they have for some Years last past been greatly incommoded and endangered in passing and repassing to and from their said Meeting House in *Talbot County*, by Multitudes of rude and disorderly People that gather together to run Horse Races on the Road between the said Meeting House at *Third-Haven Creek*, and a Place near thereto, called *New-Market*. For Prevention of which Evils for the future, they have prayed that it may be Enacted;

No Booths to be set up within 3 Miles of the Quakers Meetings.

*Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same,* That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, if any Person or Persons whatsoever shall set up or erect any Booth or other Convenience for selling Liquor, or giving Entertainment, or shall sell, dispose of, or give away any strong or spirituous Liquor, or give Entertainment in such Booth or Convenience, within any Distance less than three Miles from either of the said Meeting Houses, in *Talbot* or *some Arundel County*, during the Days on which such Yearly Meetings shall be kept or held, he, she, or they shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Five Pounds Current Money* each; one Half to the Informer, or him or them that will sue for the same, the other Half to the Use of the County School where the Offence shall be committed; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no *Essoin*, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

If any Booths be set up, then the Justices to order them to be taken away.

*And be it further Enacted,* That every Justice of the Peace for the County where such Offence shall be committed, is hereby authorized and required immediately upon Complaint to him made, to issue his Warrant to cause the said Offender or Offenders to be brought before him, and upon Proof of the Premises, by the Oath (or Affirmation if a Quaker) of one credible Witness, or Confession of the Party, to command him, her, or them, immediately to remove and take away such Booth or Convenience, and also any strong or spirituous Liquor or other Accommodations which he, she, or they may have in such Booth or Convenience, and to desist from giving, selling, or disposing of such Liquor or other Accommodations, and giving such Entertainment as aforesaid, and to give Security for his, her, or their Appearance at the next Court to be held for such County, to answer the Premises; which if he, she, or they shall refuse to do immediately, then and in such Case, the said Justice may, and he is hereby empowered and required to commit him, her, or them to the Public Prison of the County, there to remain until he, she, or they shall give such Security as aforesaid, and shall cause such Booth or other Convenience to be removed.

Privilege to Ordinary-Keepers.

*And be it further Enacted,* That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, except such as shall be lawfully admitted and licensed by the Court to keep an Ordinary for the Eate and Accommodation of Travellers shall build, set up, or erect any Booth or Convenience, within or without such a distance, as is before-mentioned, in order to sell or dispose of any strong or spirituous Liquors, or other Accommodations, or give any Entertainment to Persons travelling or going to, or returning from, such Meeting-Houses, or shall presume to sell or dispose of any such strong and spirituous Liquors, or other Accommodations, or give such Entertainment in such Booth or other Convenience, he, she, or they, shall for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of *Five Pounds Current Money* each; to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

Penalty on others.

*And be it further Enacted,* That such Ordinary-Keepers, who shall be duly admitted and licensed by the County Court, and who shall erect, or set up any Booth,