

C H A P.
XXVII.

under Pain of
Suspension,
&c.

Vessels, (the Master and Mate excepted) to the Neglect of their Business, under the Pain of Suspension; nor shall credit any such Sailor, for more than Four Shillings, during any one Voyage, under the Penalty of losing his Debt, and being fined Twenty Shillings Current Money.

Ordinary-
Keepers, en-
tertaining
Apprentices,
Servants, or
Slaves, with-
out leave from
their Masters,
&c. to forfeit
20 s. recover-
able before a
single Magis-
trate.

XXVI. **And be it further Enacted,** That if any Ordinary-Keeper shall harbour, entertain, or sell any Liquor, to any indented Apprentice, or Apprentice bound out by any County Court of this Province, or any bought indented, or convicted Servant, or any Slave belonging to, or employed by any Person or Persons, within this Province, without Leave or Licence, in Writing, first had and obtained, from the respective Master, Mistress, or Owner of such Apprentice, Servant or Slave, such Ordinary-Keeper shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay Twenty Shillings, to the Master or Mistress of such Apprentice, Servant, or Slave, to be recovered, with Costs, upon Complaint of the said Master or Mistress, before a Justice of the County, where such Ordinary-Keeper lives. **And,** whereas it is a general Complaint throughout this Province, that Ordinary-Keepers have made it their frequent Practice to game in their own Houses, and to entertain Tradesmen, and other Persons, having Families, and no visible Means of Subsistence, but by their own Labour and Industry, and single disorderly Persons, tipping and gaming in their Houses, to the wasting their Time, and Ruin of themselves and Families, and to the evil Example of others: For Prevention of such Evils, for the future; **Be it Enacted,** That no Person, licensed to keep Ordinary, shall game in his own House, under the Penalty of Ten Pounds Current Money for every such Offence, or shall suffer any Tradesmen, or other Person, having a Family, and no visible Estate, or other Means of Support, than his own Labour and Industry, or any single Person, not having a visible Estate sufficient to support him, without Labour, to tittle or game, in such Ordinary, on Pain of not being paid for any Liquor, or other Accommodation, which such Ordinary-Keeper shall supply such Person with, or which shall be lost by any such Person at any Game.

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Proviso.

XXVII. **Provided always,** That no Ordinary-Keeper shall be restrained from supplying any of the Persons herein before mentioned, with Victuals or Liquors, in moderate and necessary Quantities, so as no Ordinary-Keeper shall trust any such Person, for more than Four Shillings, or the Value thereof, in any One Year.

Travellers
may be sup-
plied with all
Necessaries.

XXVIII. **And provided also,** That no Ordinary-Keeper shall be hindered or restrained from selling to, or supplying Persons travelling upon their necessary Occasions, (so far distant from their own Habitations, as may render it impracticable or inconvenient to repair thither, and such Persons as may happen to be confined in such Ordinary, by Sickness, Severity of Weather, or other Accident, with Diet, and other necessary Accommodations) altho' the same shall amount unto more than the Sum of Four Shillings aforesaid.

Courts and
Juries to en-
quire into Ac-
tions brought
before them;
and if the
Debts sued
for, were con-
tracted con-
trary to this
Act, the
Plaintiff to be
Non-suit.

XXIX. **And be it Enacted,** That in any Action in a Court of Justice, or Dispute before a single Magistrate, between any Ordinary-Keeper, and any Person in this Act described, such Court, and the Jury, in any Trial by a Jury, or single Magistrate, shall, by virtue of this Act, consider and enquire, whether any Debt, so sued for, or claimed, was contracted contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and, if it shall appear to such Court, and Jury, or Magistrate, that such Debt was contracted contrary to this Act, that then the Plaintiff shall be non-suit, and the Defendant recover his Cost of Suit: And that in case any Action or Demand shall be brought on any Obligation, under the Hand and Seal of any such Person, or upon any Note or Writing, under the Hand only of the Defendant or Debtor, or if any such Obligation, Note, or Writing, shall be given in Evidence, to support such