

C A P. II.

AN ACT for regulating Inns, and Taverns on all the Public Roads throughout this Province, and establishing the Prices of Entertainment for Travellers and their Horses.

Preamble.

HEREAS many and great Inconveniencies arise from the Keepers of Inns and Taverns in this Province, extorting exorbitant Prices from Travellers for the Entertainments of themselves and Horses, for remedy whereof.

Tavernkeepers and Common Victuallers to be furnished with good Provisions, &c. under a Penalty of Twenty Shillings.

I. Be it Enacted by the Governor, Council and House of Assembly, That all Innholders, Tavernkeepers, and Common Victuallers, keeping Houses of Entertainment on the public Roads throughout this Province, shall at all Times be furnished with suitable and comfortable Provisions, and Lodgings for the Refreshment and Entertainment of Travellers and Strangers, and sufficient Stable Room, Hay and Provender for Horses, on Pain of being deprived of their Licences, and paying a Fine of Twenty Shillings, to be recovered upon complaint being made, before one Justice of the Peace for the County, where such Inn or Tavern shall be kept, and if it shall appear to such Justice, that the Person complained of was negligent in keeping his Inn or Tavern supplied with the foregoing Articles (reasonable Allowance being made for the local Situation of such Inn or Tavern,) that it shall, and may be lawful, for the said Justice to sign and seal an Execution, directed to the proper Officer, to levy the said Penalty of Twenty Shillings, on the Goods and Chattles of the Person complained of, and for Want thereof, to commit his Person to the County Goal, and at the same Time, it shall and may be lawful, for any three Justices of the Peace for the said County, on complaint being made before them, and on making Allowance as aforesaid, to direct a Writing to the Clerk of the Licences, to recall the Licence of such Person, as shall be so convicted before them of neglect, in keeping his Inn, or Tavern supplied as aforesaid.

For want thereof to be committed to Goal and the Licence to be withdrawn.

The Justices in the first General Quarter Sessions in the Fall of the Year to establish the Prices of Entertainment.

II. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful, for the Justices of the Peace at the first General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, that shall be held after the Publication of this Act and afterwards at such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, as are held in the Fall of the Year in any Town or District within this Province in each County, to regulate the Prices of Entertainment for Travellers, and their Horses, at the several Inns and Taverns within their County, and to make a Table thereof, in the following Order, setting reasonable Prices thereto.

For

For one Man or Woman's Lodging in a comfortable Bed

A Servant's Lodging

Stabling and Hay for a Horse per Night

Oats per Quart

Breakfast for Man or Woman, of Bread, Butter and Tea,
or Coffee, or Chocolate with Loaf Sugar

A Servant's Breakfast

A Dinner for a Man, or Woman of Good wholesome
Meat with Bread and Vegetables

A Servant's Dinner

A Supper for a Man or Woman of Good wholesome
Meat with Bread and Vegetables

A Servant's Supper

For Tea or Coffee in the Afternoon, for Man or Woman
with Bread, Butter and Loaf Sugar

Man or Woman's Breakfast or Supper on Bread and Milk,
Sufficient Hay to Bait one Horse, while his Master
breakfast, or dines

Pasture for a Horse one Night

III. And if any Innholder or Tavernkeeper in any County within this Province, shall neglect in Twenty Four Hours after such Regulation shall be made, to apply to the Clerk of the Peace, and obtain a Copy under his Hand of such Regulations, which every Clerk of the Peace is bound on demand to give, and to charge no more than the Sum of One Shilling, and six Pence for the same, and if such Tavernkeeper or Innholder shall neglect to keep such Regulations, with the Alterations that shall in future be made therein, constantly posted up in the most conspicuous Part of his House, such Innholder or Tavernkeeper, shall forfeit the Sum of Ten Shillings with Costs for every Neglect of the same, to be recovered by any Person whatsoever, on Complaint before any *single Justice* of the Peace for the County, where such Tavernkeeper lives.

If Innholders &c. neglect to apply in twenty four Hours after the Regulation is made for a Copy thereof and not keep it constantly posted up, to forfeit 10l. for every Neglect.

IV. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid; That if the Justices of the Peace, shall neglect to make, and establish the said Regulations at the Times, and in the Manner beforementioned, such Justices as shall be resident in the County at the Time such Regulations should be made, shall be liable to Forfeit on every Complaint that shall be made, the Sum of Ten Pounds each, the same to be recovered by any Person or Persons whatsoever, on Complaint being made, in his Majesty's *Supreme Court* at their Sittings in any Part of this Province; and if any Innholder or Tavernkeeper within this Province, shall ask, demand, or receive (for any Species of Entertainment, enumerated in the said Regulation) from any Traveller, any larger Sum or Sums, than what is allowed thereby, such Tavernkeeper

Justices neglecting to make and establish the Regulations to forfeit and pay Ten Pound each.

Innholders who demand or receive any greater Sum than is allowed by the Regulation to forfeit 40s. for every Offence.

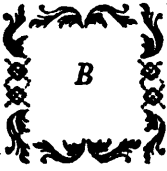
per or Innholder, shall forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings, for every Offence, the same to be recovered on the Complaint of any Person whatsoever, before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the County, where such Tavernkeeper shall live, to be levied by Execution on the Person or Goods of the Offender, one Half to go to the Informer, and the other Half to the Poor of the Town, where such Tavernkeeper shall live.

To continue in force for two Years.

V. *And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall continue, and be in force for Two Years, to be computed from the End of the present Session of Assembly.*


C A P. III.

AN ACT for continuing the several Laws relating to the Duty on licensed Houses.

 *E it Enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, That the several Acts recited and mentioned in an Act made in the Twentieth Year of His Majesty's Reign, Intituled, An Act in further Amendment of, and for continuing the several Laws, relating to the Duty on Licensed Houses, together with the Amendments made thereto in said Act, as also the Amendments made in an Act passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, Intituled, An Act in Addition to, and for Continuing the several Laws, relating to the Duty on Licensed Houses, shall be, and continue, and the same are hereby continued in Force, until the Thirty First Day of December, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Four.*

C A P. IV.

AN ACT for continuing the several Acts of the *General Assembly* of this Province, relating to the Duties of Impost and Excise on Wines, Beer, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for continuing the several Acts of the *General Assembly* of this Province, relating to the Duties of Excise on Molasses and Brown Sugar, sold within or brought into this Province, and for the more effectual Improving, and extending the Trade of this Colony to the West Indies.

 *E it Enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, That the several Acts recited and mentioned in an Act, made in the Twentieth Year of his Present Majesty's Reign, Intituled, An Act for continuing the several Acts of the General*