

*Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1829.* Fredericton, NB: George K. Lugin, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1829.

9 & 10 George IV – Chapter 8

**An Act for the more speedy and effectual Punishment of Persons keeping Disorderly Houses.  
Passed 10th February 1829.**

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for any one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, upon the complaint of any two inhabitants and householders of any City, Town or Parish, within this Province, upon oath, of any person keeping a Bawdy Home, Gaming House, or other disorderly House, in such City, Town or Parish, to issue his Warrant to bring such person before him, and such Justice shall thereupon bind him or her over, to appear at the next General Sessions of the Peace, or at the next Court of *Oyer and Terminer*, to be holden in and for the County, or City and County in which such place shall be; as to the said Justice shall seem meet; there to answer to such Bill of Indictment, as shall be found against him or her for such offence; and such Justice shall and may, if in his discretion, he thinks fit, likewise demand and take security for such person's good behaviour in the meantime: Provided always that before any such Warrant shall be issued by a Justice of the Peace, he shall require the two Inhabitants, so making complaint to him as aforesaid to enter into a recognizance in the Penal sum of Twenty Pounds each, to give, or produce material evidence against the person complained of, at the next Sessions, or Court of *Oyer and Terminer*, as the case may be.

II. And be it further enacted, That any person, who shall at any time hereafter, appear, act, or behave him or herself as Master or Mistress, or as the person having the care, government or management of any Bawdy House, Gaming House, or other Disorderly House, shall be deemed and taken to be the Keeper thereof, and shall be liable to be prosecuted and punished as such, notwithstanding he or she shall not in fact be the real Owner or Keeper thereof.

III. And be it further enacted, That upon any such prosecution against any person for keeping a Bawdy House, Gaming House, or other Disorderly House, any person may give evidence against the Defendant, or on behalf of the Defendant in such prosecution, notwithstanding his or her being an Inhabitant, or having entered into such recognizance as aforesaid.

IV. And be it further enacted, That every Indictment against any person for keeping a Bawdy House, Gaming House, or other Disorderly House, shall be heard, tried and finally determined at the same General Sessions, or Court of *Oyer and Terminer* where such Indictment shall have been preferred, unless the Court shall think proper upon cause shewn, to adjourn the same to the next or any subsequent Sessions, or Court of *Oyer and Terminer*.

V. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force, until the first day of April in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-four.