

CAP. III.

AN ACT for rendering more effectual the Laws now in force, for regulating the Retail of STRONG and SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.

[April 25th, 1839.]

WHEREAS notwithstanding the Laws now in force, relating to Licenses for retailing Strong and Spirituous Liquors, many persons are in the habit of retailing such Liquors without License first obtained, and frequently also, knowing such Liquors to have been illicitly imported into this Island, greatly to the loss of its Revenue, and to the injury of the morals of Society: Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That at the opening of the Supreme Court of Judicature, at each and every of its sittings in the several Counties of this Island, the Justices or Justice presiding at said Court shall cause a list of all the Tavenkeepers, Innkeepers, and Retailers respectively, in the respective Counties, to whom Licenses have been granted as aforesaid, to be delivered to the Grand Jurors at such sittings of the said Court respectively; and it shall be particularly given in charge to such Grand Jurors, to make diligent inquiry and presentment, of all and every such person or persons, as shall be guilty of any breach of, or offence against any of the Acts of this Island, relating to the retail of Spirituous or Fermented Liquors, and such Presentment shall be deemed to be the commencement of a Prosecution for the offence therein set forth; and upon the same being made, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices, or any Justice presiding at such Court, to cause such Presentment to be delivered or transmitted to any Justice or Justices of the Peace, or Commissioner or Commissioners of Small Debts, residing in the County where the offence may have been committed, who is and are hereby authorized

Supreme Court to cause a list of licensed Tavernkeepers, &c. to be laid before Grand Jury.

Duty of Court in charging Grand Jury thereon.

Duty of Grand Jury on such charge given.

Duty of Court on Presentment made of unlicensed Retailers.

Authorizes a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner of Small Debts