

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 29a

Inconvenience arising from the too great Credit given by the Keepers of Public houses to their Customers.

No Contract for Strong Liquors sold by retail by any keeper of a Public house shall for the future be valid and binding in Law for more than the sum of one-half a Spanish Dollar.

idleness and extravagance, and contributes in a great degree to the ruin of many of his Majesty's Subjects in this Province, by bringing them and their families to extreme poverty, and beggary, who might otherwise by a course of Sobriety and Industry be maintained in a decent and comfortable manner; and it is therefore become highly expedient that a Speedy remedy be provided thereto, by discouraging the keepers of such Publick houses from giving Credit to their said Customers for any but very small sums of Money: It is THEREFORE ORDAINED and DECLARED, by His Excellency the Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Council of the same, that from and after the first day of July next, no Contract, or Contracts, express or implied, made between any keeper of a Public Ale house, Victualling house, or Tippling house in this Province and any other person, for any Ale, Beer, Cyder, Perry, Wine, Rum, Brandy or any other Strong Liquor sold and delivered to such person by retail, or by less than Three Gallons at a time, for any sum, or sums, of money exceeding the Sum of one half of a Spanish Dollar, shall be valid and binding in Law, for any more than the said Sum of one half of a Spanish Dollar; so that if any person shall, after the said first day of July have received, at different times from any such keeper of a Public Ale house, Victualling house or Tippling house, by retail, and upon Credit, or without paying for the same, divers quantities of Strong Liquors the value of which shall exceed the sum of One half of a Spanish Dollar in any proportion whatsoever, he shall be deemed in Law to owe to the said keeper of a Publick house only the Sum of one half of a Spanish Dollar on the said Account: AND no more than the said Sum of one half of a Spanish Dollar shall be adjudged to such keeper of a Publick house by any Justice of the Peace, or other Judge or Judges, before whom any such keeper of a Publick house shall have sued such person for the value of the Liquors so delivered to him. BUT this shall not affect the rights of any such keeper of a Publick house arising from the sale of Strong Liquors by retail to any of his Customers before the first day of the month of July next ensuing the Publication of this Ordinance.

(Signed) GUY CARLETON.

GIVEN by His Excellency Guy Carleton, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Quebec, Vice Admiral of the same, and Brigadier General of his Majesty's Forces, &c. &c. In Council, at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, in the said Province, and passed under the Great Seal of the sd. Province, on the thirtieth Day of May, in the ninth year of his Majesty's Reign and in the year of our Lord, One thousand, Seven hundred & Sixty nine. By His Excellency's Command.

(Signed) GEO. ALLSOPP, D.C.C.