

An ACT for the better discovering and more effectually suppressing Unlicenced Houses.

WHEREAS divers idle and ill-disposed Persons in this Province, do sell and retail Rum, Brandy, Wine, Cyder, Perry, and other spirituous and strong Liquors, and keep common Tipling-Houses, there harbouring and entertaining Soldiers, Sailors, and Servants, to the weakening and destroying His Majesty's Forces in this Province, and promoting Profaneness and Debaucheries:

Be it enacted by his Excellency the Governor, Council and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted and declared, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever within this Province, shall sell any Rum, Brandy, Wine, Ale, Beer, Cyder, Perry, or other strong Liquors, mixt or unmixt, by whatever Name or Names they are or may be called or distinguished, without Licence first had and obtained for that Purpose, as heretofore hath been used, or as shall hereafter be directed and appointed by his Excellency the Governor and General Assembly of this Province: or shall hawk, sell, or expose to Sale, any such Liquors unmixt or mixt, by whatever Name or Names they are or may be called or distinguished, about the Streets, Wharves, Highways, Lanes, or Suburbs of the Town of Halifax, or any other Town or Place whatsoever, within this Province, in any Wheelbarrow or Basket, or upon the Water, in any Ship, Boat, or Vessel, or in any other Manner whatsoever; or shall sell or expose the same to Sale on any Bulk or Bulks, Stall or Stalls, Shed or Sheds, or on, or in any other Place or Places, he, she, or they shall forfeit for every such Offence the Sum of Ten Pounds Currency of this Province. And it shall and may be lawful for any one Justice of the Peace for this Province, on his own View, or on Confession of the Party, or by Proof on the Oath of one credible Witness, to convict any Person or Persons so offending: and the Person or Persons so convicted, shall immediately on such, and every other like Conviction, pay the said Sum of Ten Pounds into the Hands of such Justice; and on such Offender or Offenders neglecting or refusing to pay the said Sum, the Justice so convicting, shall by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, commit the Offender or Offenders to His Majesty's Goal within the County where the said offence shall be committed, there to remain in close Confinement for the Space of Two Months, from the Day of the said Commitment: And such Person or Persons shall not be discharged until he, she, or they shall have paid the said Sum of Ten Pounds, or until the full Expiration of the said Two Months. And all Fines arising from the Conviction of any Person or Persons as aforesaid, in Case there be no Informer, shall be wholly paid to the Treasurer of this Province, and applied to the Use of His Majesty's Government; But if there shall be an Informer, one Moiety of such Money shall be paid to the said Informer, and the other Moiety to the said Treasurer, and applied to the Use of His Majesty's Government as aforesaid.