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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
* W * Keepers of Inns and Taverns in this Province, extorting exorbi-
* tant Prices from Travellers for the Entertainments of themſelves
***** and Horſes, for remedy whereof.

Tavernkeepers and Common Viſtuallers 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 Viſtuallers, 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For want thereof to be committed to Goal and the Licence to be withdrawn.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.

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