

Larrouett who had a Patent for the Secretaries Office from his late Majesty King William the third of glorious Memory has Comanded his Excellencie John Seymour Esq. Her Cap^t Generall and Governour of this Province not to pass any Law for the future whereby the Advantages of the Ordinary Licences shall be taken from the Secretaries Office, so that Consequently there will want an Act of Assembly Authorizing the Commissioners of the severall County Courts, to take Security of the severall Ordinary Keepers to keep good Rules and Orders in their houses as the Law of England direct and for settling the Rates of Liquors.

Now for as much as this Generall Assembly doe humbly conceive that the fines of those Licences are no perquisite or incident to the Secretaries Office, and that S^r Thomas Lawrence is no ways Intituled thereto, and have Resolved to Address her most Sacred Majesty the Queen in Answer to the Said S^r Thomas Lawrences unjust Complaint.

Wee do by and with the Consent of her Majestys Honble Council Statute and Ordain That no person whatsoever shall until her Majestys pleasure be further known herein presume to keep Ordinary or Vend any Liquors in their houses and plantations by retails untill they Obtaine Licences from the Justices of the County Courts, for so doing, and enter into Recognizances with Sufficient Security for keeping good Rules and Orders in their houses according as the Laws of England Direct.

And the Said Justices are hereby impowred to Grant such Licences and to take such Recognizances as aforesaid in such Sums as they shall think fitt and Reasonable and to settle the Rates of Liquors as they have formerly done.

Of which all Ordinary Keepers are to take notice, on pain of their being severally prosecuted for their Contempt of this Ordinance and incurring the displeasure of this Assembly.

By the house of Delegates
Decemb^r 5th 1700. Read
and Approved to by the House
of Delegates. Signed Order
Rich^d Dallam C^t H^l Deb.

By the Council in Assembly
Decemb^r 9th 1700.
Her Majestys Honble Council have
Read and Approved hereto, Signed
order W^m Bladen C^t Council.