

Dec. 14th 1708

December 17th 1708 On Behalf of our Sovereign Lady & Ann Queen of Great Britain &c
I will this be a Law

John Seymour

After which his Excellency was pleased to declare that with the Advice of her Majesty's Honble Council he thought fit to prorogue this present General Assembly to the fifth Day of April next, and that he did prorogue them accordingly to the said fifth Day of April next. Thereupon Mr Speaker and the rest of the Members returned to the House and Mr Speaker took the Chair and declared to the House to what Time his Excellency was pleased to prorogue this present General Assembly. And the House prorogued themselves to the said fifth Day of April next.

So ended this first Session of Assembly on Friday the seventeenth Day of December in the seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne Queen of Great Britain &c Annoq; Dom 1708; his Excellency John Seymour Esq; being Governour
of Rich^d. Dallam C. Secy. Del.

An Ordinance directing and empowering the Justices of the County Courts to grant Licenses to Ordinary Keepers and take Recognizances for their keeping good Rules and Orders in their Houses and settling the Rates of Liquors &c.

Whereas the Act of Assembly for regulating Ordinaries will expire on Conclusion of this present Session, and inasmuch as her most Sacred Majesty upon the Suggestion of Sir Thomas Lawrence Barronet who had a Patent for the Secretary's Office from his late Majesty King William the Third of Glorious Memory has commanded his Excellency John Seymour Esq; her Capt. General and Governour of this Province not to pass any Law for the future whereby the Advantages of the Ordinary Licenses shall be taken from the Secretary's Office, so that consequently there will want an Act of Assembly authorizing the Commissioners of the several County Courts to take Security of the several Ordinary Keepers to keep good Rules and Orders in their Houses as the Law of England direct and for settling the Rate of Liquors. Now forasmuch as this General Assembly do humbly conceive that the Times of those Licenses are no Perquisite or incident to the Secretary's Office, and that Sir Thomas Lawrence is no ways intitled thereto and have Resolved to address her Most Sacred Majesty the Queen in Answer to the said Sir Thomas Lawrence's unjust Complaint: We do by and with the ~~Consent~~ Consent of her Majesty's Honble Council Statute and Ordain That no Person whatsoever shall, until her Majesty's Pleasure be further known herein presume to keep Ordinary or vend any Liquors in their Houses and Plantations by Retail until they obtain Licenses 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.