

and shall not be renewed; nor shall any new Licence be granted to the same Person or Persons, or any other Person on his or their or any of their Behalf, or for their Use or Benefit, directly or indirectly, for keeping any such House, Room, Garden, or other Place, for any of the Purposes aforesaid.

Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to the Theatres Royal in *Drury-Lane* and *Covent Garden*, or the Theatre commonly called *The King's Theatre* in the *Hay Market*, or any of them; nor to such Performances and publick Entertainments, as are or shall be lawfully exercised and carried on under or by virtue of Letters Patents, or Licence of the Crown, or the Licence of the Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household; any Thing herein contained notwithstanding.

And in order to encourage Prosecutions against Persons keeping Bawdy-houses, Gaming-houses, or other disorderly Houses, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any two Inhabitants of any Parish or Place, paying Scot and bearing Lot therein, do give Notice in Writing to any Constable (or other Peace Officer of the like Nature, where there is no Constable) of such Parish or Place, of any Person keeping a Bawdy-house, Gaming-house, or any other disorderly House, in such Parish, or Place, the Constable, or such Officer as aforesaid, so receiving such Notice, shall forthwith go with such Inhabitants to one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County, City, Riding, Division, or Liberty, in which such Parish or Place does lie; and shall, upon such Inhabitants making Oath before such Justice, that they do believe the Contents of such Notice to be true, and entering into a Recognizance in the penal Sum of Twenty Pounds each, to give or produce material Evidence against such Person for such Offence; enter into a Recognizance in the penal Sum of Thirty Pounds, to prosecute with Effect such Person for such Offence at the next General or Quarter Session of the Peace, or at the next Assizes to be holden for the County in which such Parish or Place does lie, as to the said Justice shall seem meet; and such Constable, or other Officer, shall be allowed all the reasonable Expences of such Prosecution, to be ascertained by any Two Justices of the Peace of the County, City, Riding, Division, or Liberty, where the Offence shall have been committed, and shall be paid the same by the Overseers of the Poor of such Parish or Place; and in Case such Person shall be convicted of such Offence, the Overseers of the Poor of such Parish or Place shall forthwith pay the Sum of Ten Pounds to each of such Inhabitants; and in Case such Overseers shall neglect or refuse to pay to such Constable, or other Officer, such Expences of the Prosecution as aforesaid, or shall neglect or refuse to pay upon Demand, the said Sums of Ten Pounds and Ten Pounds, such Overseers, and each of them, shall forfeit to the Person intitled to the same, Double the Sum so refused or neglected to be paid.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That upon such Constable, or other Officer, entering into such Recognizance to prosecute as aforesaid, the said Justice of the Peace shall forthwith make out his Warrant to bring the Person so accused of keeping a Bawdy-house, Gaming-house, or other disorderly House, before him, and shall bind him or her over to appear at such General or Quarter Session or Assizes, there to answer to such Bill of Indictment as shall be found against him or her for such Offence; and such Justice shall and may, if in his Discretion he thinks fit, likewise demand and take Security for such Persons good Behaviour in the mean Time, and until such Indictment shall be found, heard, and determined, or be returned by the Grand Jury not to be a true Bill.

Provided also, That in Case such Constable shall neglect or refuse, upon such Notice, to go before any Justice of the Peace, or to enter into such Recognizance, or shall be wilfully negligent in carrying on the said Prosecution, he shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds to each of such Inhabitants so giving Notice as aforesaid.

And whereas, by reason of the many subtle and crafty Contrivances of Persons keeping Bawdy-houses, Gaming-houses, or other disorderly Houses, it is difficult to prove who is the real Owner or Keeper thereof, by which Means many notorious Offenders have escaped Punishment; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person who shall at any Time hereafter appear, act, or be, have him or herself, as Master or Mistress, or as the Person having the Care, Government, or Management of any Bawdy-house, Gaming-house, or other disorderly House, shall be deemed and taken to be the Keeper thereof, and shall be liable to be prosecuted and punished as such, notwithstanding he or she shall not in Fact be the real Owner or Keeper thereof.

Provided nevertheless, That upon any such Prosecution against any Person for keeping a Bawdy-house, Gaming-house, or other disorderly House, any Person may give Evidence against the Defendant, or on Behalf of the Defendant, in such Prosecution, notwithstanding his or her being an Inhabitant or Parishioner of the said Parish or Place, or having entered into such Recognizance as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Indictment which shall at any Time after the said First Day of June, be preferred against any Person for keeping a Bawdy-house, Gaming-house, or other disorderly House, shall be removed by any Writ of Certiorari into any other Court; but such Indictment shall be heard, tried, and finally determined, at the same General or Quarter Session or Assizes, where such Indictment shall have been preferred (unless the Court shall think proper, upon Cause shewn, to adjourn the same) any such Writ or Allowance thereof notwithstanding.

And whereas many Persons are deterred from prosecuting Persons guilty of Felony, upon account of the Expence attending such Prosecutions, which is another great Cause and Encouragement of Thefts and Robberies; in order therefore to encourage the bringing Offenders to Justice, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be in the Power of the Court, before whom any Person has been tried and convicted of any Grand or Petit Larceny, or other Felony, at the Prayer of the Prosecutor, and on Consideration of his Circumstances, to order the Treasurer of the County in which the Offence shall have been committed, to pay unto such Prosecutor such Sum of Money as to the said Court shall seem reasonable, not exceeding the Expences which it shall appear to the Court the Prosecutor was put unto in carrying on such Prosecution, making him a reasonable Allowance for his Time and Trouble therein; which Order the Clerk of Assize, or Clerk of the Peace respectively, is hereby directed and required forthwith to make out and to deliver unto such Prosecutor, upon being paid for the same the Sum of One Shilling, and no more; and the Treasurer of the County is hereby authorized and required, upon Sight of such Order, forthwith to pay to such Prosecutor, or other Person authorized to receive the same, such Sum of Money as aforesaid, and shall be allowed the same in his Accounts.

And, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice, Thieves, Robbers, and other Persons maintaining themselves by pilfering and defrauding Mankind; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Two or  
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