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*Discharging Drinking in Taverns &c.
after Ten a Clock at Night.*

Edinburgh the 13. day of August 1701 Years.

THE which day the Lord Provost, Baillies, Council and Deacons of Crafts ordinary and extraordinary being convened in Council; *Considering* that the suffering of persons to drink unseasonably in Taverns, Cellars and such other places and not obliging all Persons to repair timeously to their Lodgings at night, is one of the greatest Causes of the abounding of Drunkenness, uncleanness, Night-Revelings and other Immoralities and Disorders both in Houses and upon the Streets, and is a great hinderance to sober Persons in their worshipping of God in Secret and in their Families: *Therefore* in Prosecution of several Acts of Parliament and Acts of Town-Council, and without prejudice to the punishing according to Law other Delinquencies not mentioned in this Act, *Do* strictly Prohibit and Discharge all Persons whatsoever to be found in Cellars, Taverns, Ale-houses and the like within this Burgh and Liberties thereof after ten of the Clock at Night under the Penalties particularly expressed in the saids Acts; And to the effect all Persons may be the more effectually obliged to go home at a seasonable time at Night, and that all Temptation and occasion of keeping bad Hours may be cut off, all Vintners, Taverners and others Retailers of Liquors within this Burgh and Suburbs thereof; are strictly enjoined to cause shut their Taverns, Chops, Cellars or others nightly at the Tolling of the Ten Hour Bell, with Certification if they contravene they shall be punished at the Discretion of the Magistrat, according to the degree of their contumacy and that Taverners allow none to drink in their Houses and others after the said time, under the Penalty of ten shilling Scots Money for each Person found Drinking after the said Hour, to be payed by the Master of the House *toties quoties*: *Likeas* for the more effectual and punctual Execution of this Act, the Constables are hereby ordered to be diligent in discharge of their Trust, and to call others to their Assistance, and frequently to take a turn through the Streets and visit suspected Houses in the Night time: *And in like-manner* the Captains of the Town Guards are commanded to cause the Soldiers that nightly go the Rounds after Ten at Night, to observe if they find Lights and Companies drinking in Taverns and others foresaid after the said Hour, and delate those Houses and others, together with such Persons as they find Drunk upon the Streets, to the Magistrats the next day, to the end that disorderly Houses and Persons may be discovered and brought to condigne Punishment; And ordains these presents to be Printed and published in common form that none may pretend ignorance: *Extracted by me*

Ja: Stewart

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