LICENCED HOUSES.

Feb. 28, An. 1787.

lectmen of the same town or district, recommending them as follows, viz.

Form.

WE, the subscribers, Selectmen of the town (or district) of do approve of (inserting the name of the person and the employment for which he or she is approbated) in the said town (or district) for the year en-

fuing; and we do hereby recommend the said

as a person of sober life and conversation, suitably quali-

fied and provided for the exercise of such an employment, and firmly attached to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

Duty of Select-

men.

And it shall be the duty of the Selectmen in the several towns, annually, to certify to the Court of the General Sessions of the Peace, at the beginning of their term for granting licences, what number of innholders and retailers, in their respective towns, they judge to be necessary for the public good. And that no licence be renewed to any person who shall have been before licensed, against whom any preceptment, complaint, or information shall be made for misuse or disorder in such house, or for not being suitably provided as the law in such case re-

quires to entertain strangers and travellers at bed and board, before the matter complained of and informed against be in-

quired into and judged of. Provided, Such preceptment or complaint be prosecuted to effect at or before the same Court for granting such licences; unless the prosecution be delayed at the motion of the person applying for the licence.

Sect. 3. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,

That all innholders, taverners, and common victuallers, shall, at all times, be furnished with suitable provisions and lodging, for the refreshment and entertainment of strangers and travell-

ers, pasturing and stable-room, hay and provender (saving that in populous sea-port towns, stable-room, hay and provender only are required) for their horses and cattle, on pain of being deprived of their licence. And every licensed victualler, inn-

holder, or taverner, shall, at all times, have a board or sign af-

fixed to his or her house, or in some conspicuous place near the fame, with his or her name at large thereon, and the particular employment for which he or she is licensed: And if any vic-

tualler, innholder, or taverner, enjoined by law to be suitably provided to receive and entertain strangers, travellers or others, as occasion may require, shall be convicted of refusing to make suitable provision when desired, for the receiving of strangers, travellers, and their horses and cattle, or for any public enter-

tainment, such person, upon being convicted thereof before the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace of the county to which such person belongs, shall, by the said Justices, be de-

prived of his or her licence; and the said Justices shall be and they are hereby empowered and directed to order the Sheriff of