Inn-Keepers Act (Ireland) 1662

Chapter 3

An Act for making all hostlers, inholders and others, answerable for such horses, geldings or mares as they shall take upon them the charge and keeping of, in stables or out-grounds.[1]

Hostlers, Inn-holders, &c. answerable for horses delivered to be kept.

WHEREAS hostlers, inholders, and others who take upon themselves to keep inns or stables or both, and out-grounds for grasing of horses, are many times very negligent in keeping such horses as are committed to their charge, and much the more negligent, because it is conceived that they are not answerable for any horses which are turned by them to grass, as for those which they keep within stables, whereby many gentlemen and others are many times disappointed of their horses, and often do lose them upon pretence of stealth and the like, whereas sometimes they are conveyed away by the practice and privity of those who are intrusted with the keeping of them: all and every hostler, inholder or others, who do or shall at any time hereafter take upon them the charge and keeping of horses, geldings or mares in stables or out-grounds, shall be henceforth answerable for such horses, geldings or mares which shall be delivered to them to be kept; any law, custom or usage heretofore to the contrary notwithstanding.

Reference

1. Short title "The Inn-Keepers Act (Ireland) 1662", 1951 c.1 (NI)