

Rates of Liquors for Ordinaries

The courts regulated the price a tavern could charge for basic meals, beverages, and overnight accommodations for the traveler as well as stabling for a horse. This was done to protect the consumer as well as the tavernkeeper. The following is the "Rates of Liquors" for 1787 and 1801 and can be found in Alexandria Court records.

February 27, 1787

Price is in pounds, shilling, pence

For a Gallon of Sum or Natz Brandy	10 shillings
New England or Continental Rum	4 shillings
Peach or Apple Brandy	6 shillings
Brandy made from Grain	4 shillings
A Quart of Arrack made into punch	(Illegible)
A quart of Madeira wine	6 shillings
Sherry port & Lisbon Wine Quart	5 shillings
Clarett	5 shillings
English Strong Beer or Porter	2 shillings
Cyder	77 pence
For a quart of Toddy made of good spirits	1 shillings 3 pence
For a quart of Toddy made with fruit	2 shillings
For a Dinner with Beer or Cyder	2 shillings
Corn or Oats 1 Gallon	10 shillings
Stablidge for a horse one night or 24 hours with Hay or Fodder	2 shillings
Pasturage for a horse one night or 24 hours	77 pence
For a night's lodging in Clean Sheets	9 pence (illegible)

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Price in dollars

Dinner with beer or Cyder or one Gill of good Spirits	\$.50
Breakfast or Supper	.33
Gallon of Rum or Brandy in that proportion	3.00
Nights Lodging in Clean Sheets	.20
Gallon of (illegible) Rum	1.66
Gallon of Peach Brandy	2.50
Gallon of Apple Brandy	1.00
Gallon of Whiskey	1.00
Quart of best Madeira Wine	1.00
Quart of port or Lisbone Wine	.75
Quart of Clarett	1.25
Quart of Porter	.33
Quart of Toddy made with good Spirits	.33

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