

cellent Maj^{stes} by & with the advice & consent afforesaid that the Minister in each respective Church or Chappell doe in pursuance of his Maj^{stes} Royall Letter directed to the Right Reverend Father in God Henry Lord Bishop of London & countersigned by the Right Noble Prince Charles Duke of Shrewsbury their Maj^{stes} principall Secretary of State bearing date the thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty nine to be communicated to the Provinces of Canterbury & Yorke, by himselfe or Clerke read four times a year all penall Laws of this Province made for the punishment of Vice together with his said Majesties Royall letter within their severall & respective Parishes on penalty of being deprived of his Benefice, any other custome or usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding; And be it further enacted by the Authority afforesaid by & with the advice & consent afforesaid, that the vestry men of each Parish within this Province have full power & authority as a body Politick or corporate according to the Directions and Authoritie of a former law of this Province, Entituled an Act for the service of Almighty God & the Establishment of the Protestant Religion in this Province, to sue implead & recover all or any Lands Tenements or hereditaments whatsoever, goods, Chattles or Creditts, by any waies or means given granted or bequeathed to the use & service of the Church of England within this Province Established or the Ministry thereof by any denominacōn whatsoever that were at any tyme heretofore given or granted either before the making of the said act of Religion or at any time after, & that the names Sirnames & places of habitation & aboad of all maner of persons within this Province except Negroes, Indians & Malattoes, that are not born of white woemen, that shall from & after the publication of this act be borne marryed or buried within this Province, together with the Respective dates of the day of the month & year of our Lord of the said Birth, Marriage or Buriall shall be exhibited to the Clerk of each respective vestry of each Respective Parish by the father of any such Child borne or shall be born the person marryed or the next of kin Executor Administrator Master or Mistress to him or them that shall be buried as afforesaid within two months after such Birth, Marriage, or Buriall afforesaid Under pain & the pennalty of one thousand pounds of tobacco, the one halfe to the vestry of such parish for payment & defraying of Parrocial charges & duties, the other halfe to the use of the poore of the said Parish wherein such default shall happen as afforesaid, & be it further Enacted by the Authority afforesaid & by & with the advice & consent afforesaid, that every Clerke of each respective vestry within this Province shall at the cost & charge of the Parish within one month after the publication hereoff provide a good Substantiall and dureable Booke whose leaves shall be parchment wherein he shall register in a fair Legible hand the names Sir names & places of habitation or aboad together with the Respective dates of the day, month & year of our

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