

Former Entries of Births &c. with County Clerk good.

firming as Valid all Registers or Entries of any Birth, Marriages or Burials heretofore made with any Clerk of any County Court, according to the Directions of such Laws as were then in Force before any of those Laws were in being.

Register Book provided at the Parish-Charge.

And That the Register of each Parish may be Enabled to perform the Charge hereby required of him; *Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That if there be any Vestries of any parishes that have not already provided good and substantial Writing-Books well bound, sufficient for Registering such proceedings in, according to the Direction of the former Laws, that in every such Case of such Neglect or Omission, the Vestry of such parish shall, at the parish Charge, provide such Book or Books within Six Months from the End of this Sessions of Assembly under the Penalty of Five Hundred pounds of Tobacco each Vestryman (the Minister only excepted) Neglecting as aforesaid, to our Sovereign Lord the King, for the Uses within mentioned; And that there may be no neglect in the Vestries, or those Employed under them, in the Lawful and Conscionable performance of their several Charges, the said several Vestries are hereby obliged to meet once in every Month, or as often as need shall

Vestry to meet once a Month.

Upon Notice.

Penalty.

require, upon publick Notice given by the principal Vestry-man of each Parish, to consult of the Methods and Ways of performing the several Authorities reposed in them; and from which Vestry so appointed, no Vestry-man, being personally Summoned, shall, without a Reasonable and Lawful Excuse, absent himself, under the penalty of such Fine or Mult as the Residue of the said Vestry Meeting shall lay upon them, so the same never exceed One Hundred pounds of Tobacco; and upon default or neglect in such principal Vestry-man, as is before mentioned, to Summon a Vestry, when there is need for one, and he is thereunto requested, any other three of the Vestry, or if there shall happen by any Accident to be but two of the said Vestry, besides the principal Vestry-man, Residing in the said parish; such Three or two shall have power and Authority to Summon and Appoint a Vestry to be holden: And all such Omissions and Neglects to be noted in the Vestry Register of proceedings, and any Forfeitures thereby incurred to be recovered in His Majesties Name. And the said several and respective Vestries are hereby further Enjoined, that where there is no Tables of *Marriages* already put up in their respective Parish Churches, with all convenient Speed, and within Six Months at the most, to procure a fair Table of *Marriages*, transcribed and set up in their respective Churches, and the same keep continually in the said Church, that persons being thereby Informed what Marriages are forbidden, may avoid the Contracting of any such Unlawful Marriages; and that the said Vestry-men, and the rest of the Inhabitants of every Parish, being Freeholders within the same, and contributing to the publick Taxes and Charges there, do once every Year, upon *Easter Monday* Yearly, make Choice and Appoint Two Sober and Discreet Persons, Free-holders of their respective Parishes, to be Church-Wardens for that Year: All the Inhabitants of every Parish, being Free-holders within the same Parish, and contributing to the publick Taxes and Charges thereof, having Liberty also to Vote in the Choice of Church Wardens, each Vestry-man, excepting as before excepted, being under the Penalty of Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for Neglecting either to procure a Table of Marriages, or to appoint Church Wardens, to our Sovereign Lord the King, as aforesaid; which Church Wardens so chosen shall take the usual Oaths, and likewise declare on his Oath to be Administred unto him by the Vestry, to whom Power is hereby given to Administer the same accordingly, *Well and Faith-*

Table of Marriages to be provided & set up.

Choice of Church-Wardens.

Penalty.

*Faith-*