

The CHURCH ACT.

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said; and under the Penalty of One hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to be forfeited by such Register refusing or neglecting to enter it, having received his Fee for the same: And such Register is hereby obliged to shew any Person or Persons, reasonably desiring it, any such Register, or give a Certificate of any Register of Births, Marriages or Burials, that shall be reasonably required of him, and shall have for his Fees from such Persons, Sixpence for any Search, and Sixpence for any Copy or Certificate given as aforesaid, and no more; hereby ratifying and confirming, 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.

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

VIII. **And** that the Register of each Parish may be enabled to perform the Charge hereby required of him; **We 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 require, upon publick Notice given by the principal Vestryman 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 Vestryman, being personally summoned, shall, without a reasonable and lawful Excuse, absent himself, under the Penalty of such Fine or Mulct 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 Vestryman, 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 Vestryman, 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 Majesty's Name. And the said several and respective Vestries are hereby further enjoined,

Register Book provided at the Parish Charge.

Vestry to meet once a Month;

upon Notice.

Penalty.