

by Virtue of any Act or Acts of Assembly of this Province, on Application to the Justices of the said County, made by the Vestry and Church-Wardens of the said Parish, shall be applied as well for the repairing of the said Chapel, as the Parish Church in the said Parish, in such Manner and Proportion, as to the Vestry-men and Church-Wardens of the said Parish, for the Time being, shall seem most just and reasonable.

An Act for dividing *St. Stephen's*, alias *North Sassafras* Parish, in *Cecil* County.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this present General Assembly, by the Petition of many of the Parishioners of *St. Stephen's*, alias *North Sassafras* Parish, in *Cecil* County, that the said Parish is of great Extent, and so divided by *Bohemia* River running almost through the Middle thereof, as renders it highly impracticable to be served as it ought to be by one Minister, by reason of the frequent Difficulties in passing the said River; that the Number of Taxables in the said Parish are annually increasing, consisting at present of Fourteen Hundred and Four Taxables, the Forty *per* Poll whereof, amounting to Fifty-six Thousand one Hundred and Sixty Pounds of Tobacco, besides Perquisites, and a well improved Glebe consisting of Three Hundred Acres of good Land: Therefore the said Petitioners humbly prayed, that the said Parish might be divided, and Part thereof erected into a new Parish, so as not to affect the Interest of the present Incumbent, the Rev. Mr. *Hugh Jones*, but that he continue to serve both the said Parishes as he hath hitherto done, and receive the Forty *per* Poll of both Divisions as he hath used to do, until his Death, or Removal from *St. Stephen's* Parish aforesaid.

Boundaries of the Two Parishes.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session, All that Part of *St. Stephen's*, alias *North Sassafras* Parish, in *Cecil* County, lying within the Bounds herein expressed and mentioned, beginning at a certain Place called *Town-Point*, situated between *Elk* and *Bohemia* Rivers, and from thence to run up *Bohemia* River to *Middle-Neck Point*, from thence up *Augustine* Creek, alias *Little Bohemia*, to *Campbell's* Branch, including all *Middle Neck*, and the Plantation of *Charles Scot*, and to the *Cross Paths*, and from the *Cross Paths*, by a Line drawn East to the exterior Bounds of the old Parish, and from thence by such Metes and Bounds as shall take in all that Part of *St. Stephen's* Parish, which lies to the Northward and Westward of the before Lines, so far as *St. Stephen's* Parish extended to *Elk* River, and then by *Elk* River to the Beginning at *Town-Point* aforesaid; shall be taken from *St. Stephen's* Parish aforesaid, and be erected into a new Parish, and called by the Name of *Augustine* Parish, and shall, from and after the Time aforesaid, by Virtue of this Act, be deemed, reputed adjudged, and taken for *Augustine* Parish, and not as Part or Parcel of *St. Stephen's* Parish aforesaid;