

An Act empowering the Justices of *Worcester* County, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of *All-hallows* Parish in the said County, a Sum not exceeding Eighty thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the Uses therein mentioned.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the Vestrymen, Church-Wardens and fundry of the principal Inhabitants of the Parish of *All-hallows* in the County of *Worcester*, have, by their humble Petition to this present General Assembly, set forth, That the Parish Church for Preaching and Propagating the Protestant Religion as by Law established, standing in *Snow-Hill* Town, within the Parish and County aforesaid, being very ancient is much gone to decay, so that the Petitioners conceive it is not worth repairing, and that it is much too small for Reception of the Parishioners when assembled to serve God, That the Number of the Inhabitants in the aforesaid Parish, at the Time of erecting said Church, did not amount to Four hundred, and that now they are upwards of Fourteen hundred, and still continue to encrease; and in order to have a new Church erected near the same Place, of a larger Size, and with more Conveniency for the Service of Almighty God, they humbly pray that an Act may pass to levy on the Taxables of the Parish aforesaid, a Quantity of Tobacco sufficient to erect and finish a Brick Church for the Use of the said Parish; which being thought reasonable, It is prayed that it may be Enacted,

*And be it 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 the Justices of *Worcester* County for the Time being shall, and may, and they are hereby authorized and directed, on the Application of the Vestrymen and Church-Wardens of *All-hallows* Parish in *Worcester* County aforesaid, to levy and assess upon the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, a Quantity not exceeding Eighty thousand Pounds of Tobacco, by five annual and equal Assessments; which said Sum, when so assessed and levied, shall be collected by the Sheriff of the said County for the Time being, who is hereby authorized and directed to collect the same, and shall have for such Collection after the Rate of Five per Centum for the same; and the said Tobacco when so collected shall by the said Sheriff be paid to the said Vestrymen and Church-Wardens, who are hereby authorized and required to apply the same towards building, finishing and compleating the said Parish Church, in such Manner and Form as to the said Vestrymen and Church-Wardens for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall seem just and reasonable.

And whereas 'tis represented to this General Assembly, that the Ground laid out and allotted for the public Use in said Town, would be much more proper and convenient to fix and place the Church on for the Parish aforesaid, than the Place where the old Church now stands;

*Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That the said Vestrymen and Church-Wardens of *All-hallows* Parish are hereby empowered and required to erect and build such Parish Church, on part of the Spot of Ground which was allotted and laid out for public Use.

*And be it further Enacted,* That the Spot whereon the old Church stands, shall be applied to such public Use as the Commissioners of the Town, appointed by the said Act, shall think fit and direct; Any to the contrary notwithstanding.

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