

An Act for purchasing Two Acres of Land in the upper Part of *Worcester* Parish, in *Worcester* County, and building a Chapel of Ease thereon.

I. **W**HEREAS, by Petition from many of the Inhabitants of the Preamble.
 upper Part of *Worcester* Parish, in *Worcester* County, setting forth, that they are intirely destitute of any Place of public Worship, and that there is now, or shortly will be, a Quantity of Tobacco, in the Hands of the Vestry of the said Parish, sufficient for purchasing two Acres of Land, and building thereon a convenient Chapel of Ease: It is humbly prayed that it may be enacted,

II. *AND* 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 the Vestry of *Worcester* Parish, in *Worcester* County, shall, and they are hereby required, as soon as conveniently may be, to purchase two Acres of Land, on the Eastermost Side of a Branch, in the said County, called *Peper's* Branch, near where the Main-Road crosses the said Branch, and to contract for the Building and compleatly Finishing a Chapel of Ease thereon. Vestry of Worcester Parish, to purchase 2 Acres whereon to build a Chapel.

III. *AND* be it further Enacted, That the said Vestry shall, and they are hereby ordered and directed, out of any Tobacco now in, or which shall next come into their Hands, by any Ways or Means, for any Uses or Purposes whatsoever, (except what is or may be appropriated to the Use and Benefit of a Reader), to pay the purchase Money of the said two Acres of Land, and the whole Expences of Building and compleatly Finishing the said Chapel of Ease. *Provided* always, that the said Vestry shall not expend more, in the said Purchase and Building, than the Sum of Forty Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco. Not to lay out on the Land and Chapel more than 45000 lbs.

IV. *AND* whereas it is doubted whether the Vestries of this Province have Power to apply any Tobacco, which may be in their Hands, by Means of the Want of a Rector or Incumbent, towards the Building Churches in their respective Parishes: *Be it therefore Enacted*, that the Vestry of *Worcester* Parish, in *Worcester* County aforesaid, shall and may apply any Tobacco which is now in, or shall next come into their Hands, by the Means aforesaid, except the Sum of Forty Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, and what is or may be appropriated, as above mentioned, to the building a Church in the said Parish, if they think proper; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding. Their Power as to building a Church.

An Act for building a Church in *St. Mary's White-Chapel* Parish, in *Dorchester* County.

I. **W**HEREAS, by Petition to this General Assembly, from a great Preamble.
 Number of the Parishioners of *St. Mary's White-Chapel* Parish, in *Dorchester* County, it is represented, that their Parish Church is much gone to Decay, and the Inhabitants who attend Divine Worship at the same being greatly increased, is become too small for the Congregation, and that sundry well disposed Persons have subscribed towards the Building a new Church, on or near the Place where the said old Church stands; and it is prayed that an Act of Assembly may pass, empowering the Justices