

An Act to impower the Justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties, to Levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of Coventry Parish, partly in Somerset and Worcester Counties, the Quantity of Sixty-two Thousand Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, for the Uses therein mentioned.

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Preamble.

I. **W**HEREAS the Rector, Vestry-men, and Church-wardens, of *Coventry* Parish, lying partly in *Somerset* and *Worcester* Counties, have, by their humble Petition to this General Assembly, set forth, That their Chapel of Ease in *Animassex* is so decayed, that it is dangerous to attend Divine Service therein, and that their Chapel of Ease on *Dividing Creek* in *Worcester* County, is too small, to accommodate the Parishioners in a decent Manner, and that it was necessary to purchase, for the Use of the said Parish, a Quantity of Land not exceeding Two Acres, lying between the Head of *Coulbourn's Creek* and *Animassex Dams*, in the said Parish, and to Erect and Build a Chapel thereon, and to enlarge the Chapel of Ease in the said Parish on *Dividing Creek* in *Worcester* County; and have humbly prayed that an Act may pass, that Sixty-two Thousand Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco may be levied upon the Taxable Persons of the said Parish, for these Purposes, by Three equal Assessments:

Vestry to purchase two Acres of Land, whereon to build a Chapel.

II. *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 and Church-wardens of *Coventry* Parish aforesaid, which lies partly in *Somerset* and *Worcester* Counties aforesaid, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, be and are hereby authorized, impowered, and required, to purchase in Fee, in the Name of the Rector, Vestry-men, and Church-wardens, of the said Parish, for the Time being, Two Acres of Land, lying in *Somerset* County, in the Parish aforesaid, at some Place between the Head of *Coulbourn's Creek* and *Animassex Dams*, and to treat and agree with such Person or Persons as they, or the major Part of them, shall think proper to employ, to Build a Chapel of Ease thereon, for the Use of the Inhabitants of the said Parish; which said Land, when so purchased, and the said Chapel so Built, shall be and is hereby declared to be constituted and deemed the Land and Chapel of Ease of the said Parish, and the said Chapel forever hereafter shall be supported and repaired at the Charge of the said Parish.

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One other Chapel to be enlarged.

III. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Vestry-men and Church-wardens of the Parish aforesaid, or the major Part of them, and they are hereby authorized and impowered to treat and agree with any Person or Persons, that they or the major Part of them, shall or may think capable to enlarge the Chapel of Ease situate on *Dividing Creek* aforesaid, in the said Parish.

62,400^ls. of Tobacco to be levied, to defray the Expence.

IV. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid,* That the Justices of *Somerset* and *Worcester* County Courts, for the Time being, shall, and they are hereby authorized and impowered to assess and levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, the Quantity of Sixty-two Thousand Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, by Three equal Assessments, in the Years of our Lord, Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-two, Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-three, and Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-four, together with the Sheriff's Salary of Five per Cent. for Collecting the same; which said Assessments shall be respectively made by the Justices aforesaid in Proportion to the Taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Coventry*, residing in their several and respective Counties; which said Assessments, so as aforesaid to be made and levied, shall be collected by the Sheriffs of *Somerset* and *Worcester* Counties from the several Taxable Persons of the said Parish who shall reside within their Counties; and the said Quantity of Tobacco, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by such Sheriffs respectively, to such Vestry and Church-wardens aforesaid, who are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to the Uses aforesaid. *Provided always, and be it further Enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the several and respective Inhabitants of *Coventry* Parish, as aforesaid, to pay and discharge the said several and respective Sums of Tobacco, so to be levied and raised for the Uses aforesaid, in Current Money, in the same Manner as they now are enabled to pay and discharge the Public or County Levy; any Clause, Matter or Thing, herein to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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