

Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-six, the Justices of *Somerset* County were empowered to assess and levy, on the taxable Inhabitants of *Somerset* Parish, One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the Purpose of building, compleating, and finishing a Chapel of Ease in the said Parish: That the said Quantity of Tobacco was levied, collected and applied, as by the said Act was directed; but found insufficient for compleating the same: And that there yet remains to be done, to render the same commodious and fit for the Reception of the Parishioners, the Pews, Chancel and Pulpit; and have prayed that an Act may pass, to enable the Justices of the said County to assess and levy, on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, the Quantity of Thirty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for erecting, compleating and finishing, the Pews, Chancel and Pulpit aforesaid.

30,000 lb. of Tobacco to be assessed on the taxable Inhabitants of *Somerset* Parish.

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 Justices of *Somerset* County aforesaid, for the Time being, shall and may, at their November Court, to be held in this present Year, assess on the taxable Inhabitants of *Somerset* Parish, the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, together with a Commission to the Sheriff of Five per Cent. for collecting the same; which said Assessment, so as aforesaid to be made, shall be levied and collected, by the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, in the same Manner as Publick and County Levies are levied and collected, and the same shall be paid to the Vestrymen and Churchwardens aforesaid, for the Use of the said Parish, who are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to the Uses and Purposes aforesaid.

Proviso.

III. Provided always, and be it Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the several and respective Inhabitants of the said Parish, to pay and discharge the said Sum of Tobacco, to be levied for the Uses aforesaid, in Money, in the same Manner as they now are enabled to pay and discharge the Publick or County Levy; any Clause, Matter, or Thing, herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

#### C H A P. IV.

An ACT for abolishing *June* County Courts, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is by Experience found, that the County Court, held in the Month of *June* within this Province, is very Prejudicial, and of great Hindrance to the necessary Business of the People, in that Season of the Year: For Remedy whereof for the future,

Every Matter or Thing done at *June* Court, shall in future be done at *August* Court in every County.

II. 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 *June* Court, hitherto held in every County, be and is hereby discontinued and abolished; and that every Matter or Thing, directed and required by any Law of this Province, to be done, used and practised at *June* Court, shall, for the future, be done, used and practised at the *August* Court in every County, as fully and effectually, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes, as the same hath hitherto been done, used and practised at *June* Court aforesaid, any Law, Usage or Custom, to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

III. Whereas,