

of Taking Corporal possession of the Church with the Temporalities thereto Belonging. Lord Baltimore's Right of Patronage being founded on the firmest and most extensive Grounds, and being always used and exercised in the fullest Manner, His Lordship under the double Capacity of Patron & Bishop, has united and blended the Several Powers together & by one Act that of Induction so adopted in, and Confirmed by the Usage of the Province gives and Grants plenary Possession to a Parson of an Ecclesiastical Benefice, investing him with an Absolute Freehold therein for his Life, by which he becomes entitled to the Profits Appropriated for that use by and under the following Clauses of the Act of 1701/2

Sect 3. And for the Encouragement of faithful & able Ministers labouring in the Work of the Gospel to Come & Reside in* this Province† Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That a Tax or Assessment of 40^{lb} of Tobacco p[†] poll be yearly And every year levied upon every taxable Person within each Respective Parish within this Province as they have been now, are or hereafter may be, Laid out limited or appointed by Laws of this Province, and entered upon Record, as the said former Laws therein did direct which said Assessment of 40^{lb} of Tobacco p Poll. shall always be Paid and Allowed to the Minister of each Respective Parish, having no other Benefice to officiate in presented, inducted, or appointed by his Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being.

And the 40 p poll is further appropriated for the Ministers use by the Subsequent Clause :

Sect 6 "Be it Enacted that the Sheriff of each several County shall and is hereby obliged to Collect and gather the said assessment of 40 p Poll of the Several Persons within each Respective Parish in this County, in the Same Manner and By the same Authority as the public and County Levies are Collected, and shall pay the same 40 p poll to the Minister or Incumbent in each respective Parish."

The Sheriff is herein directed to pay the 40 p poll to the Minister or Incumbent in each respective Parish, if there be

* By 26. H. 8. c. 19. 91 E. c. 1 The Canon Law is recognized to be in force by Authority of Parliament. Therefore says Burn in his Preface the Business or this head^s Inquire, first what is the Canon Law upon any point: & then to find out how far the same was received here before the said Statute, & then to compare the same with the Common Law, & with the Statute Law & with the Law Concerning the Kings Prerogative (w^{ch} also is part of the common law) & from thence will Come out the genuine Law of the Church.

† The very preamble of this Act sets forth that it was made for the Encouragement of Strangers.

‡ The 40 p poll by the Inspection Law is Reduced to thirty p poll