

the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to be recovered before a Single Magistrate, in the same Manner as small Debts now are recoverable, Any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Session
Laws

An Act to supply some Defects in the Act, entitled, An Act* for the Encouragement of Learning, and erecting Schools in the several Counties within this Province; and also to explain an Act, entitled, An Act† for laying an additional Duty of Twenty Shillings Current Money per Poll on all Irish Servants being Papists, to prevent the Growth of Popery by the Importation of too great a Number of them into this Province; and also the additional Duty of Twenty Shillings Current Money per Poll on all Negroes; for raising a Fund for the Use of Public Schools within the several Counties of this Province.

Chap. VIII
*1723, ch. 19
†1717, ch. 10

Whereas by the Act, entitled, An Act for the Encouragement of Learning, and erecting Schools in the several Counties within this Province, Direction and Powers are given for the Nomination and Choice of any Person or Persons, in the Room and Place of any Visitor or Visitors, dying, or removing out of the County; but no Provision is made by the said Act, for the turning out and supplying the Place of any Visitor or Visitors; by which Means several Inconveniencies, and much Damages have, and may happen to the Schools: For Remedy whereof,

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 in case any of the Visitors of the said Schools, shall hereafter wilfully and obstinately refuse or neglect to meet, and be present, at any of the Times appointed for the Meeting of the said Visitors, so that the necessary Affairs of the said School or Schools cannot be transacted and directed, that then it shall and may be lawful for the Visitors of each School, or the major Part of such Visitors, who shall so meet, are hereby directed and empowered to nominate and choose one or more of the principal and better Sort of the Inhabitants of the County, into the Place and Room of the said Visitor so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid, which Person or Persons so elected and chosen, from Time to Time, are always to be qualified in the same Manner as is directed for the Qualification of Visitors, by the said recited Act.

III. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Master of every Public School within this Province, shall, and is hereby required to teach as many poor Children gratis, as the Visitors, or the major Part of them, of the