Session Parish, or the major Part of them, for the Time being, at the usual Laws Time of paying other Collections yearly, to be applied as aforesaid.

Five per Cent. al-

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Sheriff for his Collection and Payment as aforesaid, shall be allowed Sheriff for at the rate of Five Pounds in the Hundred for what he shall so Col-Collecting. lect, and no more, to be Levied as aforesaid, over and above the said Sums for the Building and Finishing the Church aforesaid.

[Amends 1716 Ch. I ]

Chapter X. A supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for Repairing the Damages already sustained in the Records of the Land, Secretary's, Commissary's, and County Court Offices, and for Security of the same Records for the future.

Preamble.

Whereas the Inhabitants of this Province have been at great Expence and Charge in Repairing, Amending and Compleating the Records of the Land, Secretary's, Chancery, Commissary's, and County Court, Offices, and that on the well and safe Keeping of which Records, and such as hereafter shall be entred and made, greatly depend the Fortunes, Interest and Estates of the People of this Province. And whereas it is not only necessary and requisite that the Books for Entring and Recording in, should be good and well bound, but that likewise true and legal Entries and Records be entred and made by the several and respective Officers and Clerks holding the said Offices, their Servants, Clerks or Under-Writers. And whereas so great a Part of the Estates and Interest of the good People of Maryland, depend on the faithful and due Execution of the Trust committed and to be committed to the respective Officers and Clerks in the said several and respective Offices, and that it does not appear to this General Assembly, that the Penalty in the Bonds to be given by the several and respective Officers and Clerks by direction of the said Act for Repairing the Damages already sustained in the Records of the Land, Secretary's, Commissary's, and County Court, Offices, and for security of the same Records for the future, is equal to the Trust reposed in them, or the great Share and Interest p. 22 which the People or Right have in the same Records, nor that the said Bond is for the due Execution of the Offices of the said respective Officers and Clerks in relation to the making true, lawful and faithful Entries and Records according to the Intention of the same Act, as appears, and on which depends intirely the Usefulness of the same Records.

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Secretary, Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the &c. to give Authority of the same, That from and after the last Day of March, Security for the due Per- which shall be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hunformance of their dred and Forty-three, it shall not be lawful for the Secretary, Regis-Office. ter in Chancery, Commissary, Register of the Land-Office, or other