

conceive it is not worth repairing, and that it is much too small for Reception of the Parishioners when assembled to serve God, That the Number of the Inhabitants in the aforesaid Parish, at the Time of erecting said Church, did not amount to Four hundred, and that now they are upwards of Fourteen hundred, and still continue to encrease; and in order to have a new Church erected near the same Place, of a larger Size, and with more Conveniency for the Service of Almighty God, they humbly pray that an Act may pass to levy on the Taxables of the Parish aforesaid, a Quantity of Tobacco sufficient to erect and finish a Brick Church for the Use of the said Parish; which being thought reasonable, It is prayed that it may be Enacted,

And 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 the Justices of Worcester County for the Time being shall, and may, and they are hereby authorized and directed, on the Application of the Vestrymen and Church-Wardens of All-hallows Parish in Worcester County aforesaid, to levy and assess upon the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, a Quantity not exceeding Eighty thousand Pounds of Tobacco, by five annual and equal Assessments; which said Sum, when so assessed and levied, shall be collected by the Sheriff of the said County for the Time being, who is hereby authorized and directed to collect the same, and shall have for such Collection after the Rate of Five per Centum for the same; and the said Tobacco when so collected shall by the said Sheriff be paid to the said Vestrymen and Church-Wardens, who are hereby authorized and required to apply the same towards building, finishing and compleating the said Parish Church, in such Manner and Form as to the said Vestrymen and Church-Wardens for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall seem just and reasonable.

[Justices of Worcester County im- powered to levy 80,000 wt. Tobacco, for building the Parish Church of All-hallows.]

And whereas 'tis represented to this General Assembly, that the Ground laid out and allotted for the public Use in said Town, would be much more proper and convenient to fix and place the Church on for the Parish aforesaid, than the Place where the old Church now stands;

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the said Vestrymen and Church-Wardens of All-hallows Parish are hereby impowered and required to erect and build such Parish Church, on part of the Spot of Ground which was allotted and laid out for public Use.

[Where to be built.]

And be it further Enacted, That the Spot whereon the old Church now stands, shall be applied to such public Use as the Commissioners of the said Town, appointed by the said Act, shall think fit and direct; Any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.