

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 it shall and may be lawful for the several Protestant Freeholders of that Part of Charles County, which was lately in King and Queen Parish, at any Time between the First Day of September next, and the Twentieth Day of the same Month, on public Notice being given them to meet at Newport Church, and choose Eight competent Protestant Freeholders, Six of them to serve as Vestrymen, and Two as Church-Wardens, who, when they are so chosen, shall take the several Oaths to the Government, and of Office, and may then proceed to execute all the Powers and discharge the Duty of Vestrymen and Church-Wardens, according to the Laws and Usage of this Province. And that from and after such Election and Qualification, the same Persons shall, to all Intents and Purposes, be a qualified Vestry, as much as if it was a full and compleat Parish, and an Incumbent therein.

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[Choosing of vestrymen, &c. at Newport Church.]

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And whereas the several taxable Persons in that Part of Charles County which was lately in King and Queen Parish, have formerly paid the full Proportion of the Money expended for the Building of the Brick Church at Chaptico in St. Mary's County, which is now in King and Queen Parish, and many of the Inhabitants of Charles County aforesaid have Pews or Parts of Pews in the same Church, and that now it is thought reasonable that those People who have so paid towards such Building should be reimbursed a Part of the same Money so by them advanced;

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Sum of Two hundred twenty five Pounds sixteen Shillings Currency, be levied by the Justices of St. Mary's County Court on the taxable Inhabitants of King and Queen Parish, by three equal Assessments, for collecting of which the Sheriff of St. Mary's County shall be allowed the Sum of Five per Cent. thereon, and no more, and which said Two hundred twenty five Pounds sixteen Shillings shall and may be paid to the Order of the Vestrymen and Church-Wardens of that Part of the said Parish which lyes in Charles County, to be applied by them towards the Building a new Church in that Part of the said Parish which is in Charles County aforesaid, when the same shall become, by the Death or Removal of the said Mr. Urquhart, a distinct Parish.

[225 l. 16 s. to be levied for building a New Church.]

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That those Persons living in Charles County who are in Possession of any the Pews in the said Church at Chaptico, shall, on their being repayed by the Vestry and Church-Wardens of King and Queen Parish, the Money they paid for such Pews or Parts of Pews, release their Right to the said Pews or Parts of Pews; which Pews may afterwards be disposed of, by the said Vestrymen and Church-Wardens, to any the