

An Act empowering the Justices of Charles County Court to assess and levy a Quantity of Tobacco, and for other Purposes therein mentioned. Liber B.L.C.  
No. 8

Whereas the Rector, Vestrymen, Churchwardens, and sundry Parishioners of William and Mary Parish in Charles County, have by their humble Petition to this present General Assembly set forth, that there is a Stock of Neat Cattle and Swine belonging to the Glebe of the said Parish, which is refused by the Reverend Mr. Samuel Claget, the present Incumbent, to be accepted of, upon the Terms usually practised there; he being content with the Profits of his Benefice, without such Stock: Therefore it is humbly prayed, that the same Stock may be sold for the Benefit of the said Parish. And whereas by the same Petition it is likewise set forth, that the Parish Church in the said County is not only too small, but also wants repairing; and therefore it is humbly prayed, that a Quantity not exceeding twenty-seven thousand Pounds of Tobacco, may be raised and levied on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, by two annual and equal Assessments, to be applied as well towards the building, finishing, and compleating an Addition to be by them made to the said Parish Church, as towards the defraying the necessary Expences in repairing the same. [Preamble.]

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 the Justices of Charles County Court, for the Time being, shall be, and they are hereby authorized, empowered and required, on Application of the said Rector, Vestrymen and Churchwardens, at their laying their County Levy in November Court, in the Years Seventeen hundred and fifty, and Seventeen hundred and fifty-one, to assess and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, in the County aforesaid, a Quantity of Tobacco not exceeding twenty-seven thousand Pounds of Tobacco, by two even and equal Assessments, together with the Sheriff's Salary of five per Cent for Collection. And that the Rector, Vestrymen and Churchwardens of the said Parish, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, are hereby authorized, directed and required to agree and contract with a Workman, or Workmen, to undertake, build, finish and compleat the Addition to the said Parish Church, as also to make the necessary Repairs to the same as it now stands, in a Workman-like Manner. p. 492  
[27000 lb.  
of Tobacco  
to be levied  
on the In-  
habitants of  
William and  
Mary  
Parish.]

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the said Rector, Vestrymen and Churchwardens, or the major Part of them, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time, as Occasion shall require, for the Purposes aforesaid, to draw upon the Sheriff of Charles County, in [Rector,  
Vestrymen,  
&c. to draw  
on the  
Sheriff of  
Charles  
County.]