

that the said Petitioners cannot, without riding a great Distance, attend the Service of God there; and have therefore prayed that an Act may pass for the levying what may be sufficient to build a Chapel of Ease on the Land at Tomachokin, belonging to James Neale: Which Petition it is, for the Ease of the said Petitioners, thought reasonable to grant. Liber B. L. C.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Vestrymen and Churchwardens of King and Queen Parish aforesaid, or the major Part of them, for the Time being, be, and they are hereby authorized and impowered to purchase in Fee, in the Name of the said Vestrymen and Churchwardens of the said Parish, one Acre of Land, being near Tomachokin Run in the said Parish, on Part of a Tract of Land belonging to, and in the Possession of James Neale; and after such Purchase, to meet and agree with such Person or Persons as the major Part of them shall think fit to employ, to build and erect thereon a Chapel of Ease, for the Use of the Inhabitants of the said Parish; which said Land, when so purchased, and the said Chapel so built, shall be, and is hereby declared to be deemed and taken, as the Land and Chapel of Ease of the said Parish; and that the same shall for ever hereafter be supported and repaired at the Charge of the said Parish: And that the Minister or Incumbent of the said Parish, not being hindered by Sickness, or some other lawful Cause, shall attend his Duty there, and officiate at the same, on every third Sunday, after the said Chapel shall be so erected and built. p. 502
[One Acre of Land to be purchased to build a Chapel on.]

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Justices of St. Mary's County for the Time being shall be, and they are hereby authorized and required, on the Application of the Vestrymen and Churchwardens of the said Parish, to assess and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, a Quantity not exceeding twenty thousand Pounds of Tobacco, clear of the Sheriff's Salary of five per Centum thereon, for and during the Term of three Years next ensuing, to be paid as other Public and County Levies may be discharged by the Laws now in Force relating thereto; and which shall be collected by the Sheriff of the said County as other public Dues are, and by him paid to the Order of the said Vestrymen and Churchwardens for the Use aforesaid, and no other. [20000 lb. of Tobacco to be levied, for building the said Chapel.]

And whereas the Parish of William and Mary, in St. Mary's County, has at present but two Churches therein, which are so situated, that a great Number of the Parishioners, living at the Upper End thereof, cannot possibly attend Divine Service at either of them; by Reason whereof the present Incumbent, the Reverend Mr. Lawrence De Butts, has for several Years last past kept Church at, and preached in the Court-House of the said County; which is found to be greatly for the Ease and Benefit of the Parishioners of [The Incumbent to preach every third Sunday at the Court House.]