

shall, by the several Collectors of Excise, established by this Act, be paid to the said Commissioners, to be by them applied towards replacing the said Sum of Six Thousand Pounds, until the said Sum of Six Thousand Pounds is repaid and replaced, by the Rates and Duties by the aforesaid Act imposed; and that thereafter the whole Duty of Six Pence, on all Madeira Wine, as aforesaid, shall be paid and applied as by this Act is before directed.

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And be it further Enacted, That so much of the said Act as relates to the Imposing a Duty on all Madeira Wine, to be imported into this Province, shall be, and is hereby repealed and utterly made null and void.

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repealed.]

Forasmuch as Divine Institutions ought to be strictly observed in every well-regulated Government, and as that in Regard to the entering into the holy Estate of Matrimony may tend to the more orderly Propagation of Mankind, it ought, not only in a religious, but political View, to be promoted, and the continuing in a State of Celibacy discountenanced, especially in every Infant Country: And as the Rank of Men called Batchelors are not burthened with the Charge and Expence that usually attends a Matrimonial Condition, they may be better enabled to contribute a larger Tax towards the Support of the Community:

Be it therefore Enacted, That the Rector, Vestrymen, and Church-Wardens of each respective Parish, or the Majority of them, are hereby required to meet at their respective Parish Churches yearly, on the second Tuesday in July, and having first taken the following Oath, to wit, "I A. B. will, according to the best of my Knowledge and Judgment, set down and make a List of such Batchelors in

[Vestries  
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Parish, as are of the Age of Twenty-five Years and upwards, and have in Possession, in their own Right, an Estate of One Hundred Pounds, or upwards," to make a List of all the Batchelors within such Parish respectively, who are in their Estimation of the Age of Twenty-five Years or upwards, and have in Possession, in their own Right, an Estate of One Hundred Pounds Current Money and upwards, particularly mentioning in such List the Name, Place of Abode, and Value of the Estate of every such Batchelor, which List shall be by the Register of each Parish, who is hereby obliged to be present at the meeting aforesaid, entered on the Register-Book thereof, and one fair Copy thereof delivered by him to the Collector of Excise of the County, and another to the Sheriff, within five Days after such meeting; which Sheriff shall transmit the same, within thirty Days after such Delivery, to the Commissioners of the Loan-Office. And the said Collector is hereby authorized and required to demand and receive in the same Manner, as in this Act is before directed, as to the Duties on Liquors retailed or consumed,

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