

Liber R. G. Broad Creek are very remote from any Place of Public Worship  
 1770 and have prayed that an Act may pass to enable the Justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties to Levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of Stepney Parish aforesaid in Somerset and Worcester Counties a Quantity of Eighty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco at two Equal Assessments for the Purpose of Purchasing a Lott of Ground at or near Broad Creek Bridge in the said Parish and Erecting and Building thereon a Chapel of Ease to the said Parish.

[The Vestrymen and churchwardens to Purchase Two Acres of Land in Worcester County, and to agree with a Person or Persons to build a Chapel of Ease thereon.]

Be it Therefore Enacted by the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same That the Vestrymen and Church Wardens of Stepney Parish aforesaid which Lies in Somerset and Worcester Counties aforesaid for the time being or the Major part of them be and are hereby authorized impowered and required to purchase in Fee in the name of the Vestrymen and Church Wardens of the said Parish for the time being Two Acres of Land lying in Worcester County in the Parish aforesaid on the north side of Broad Creek and at or near Broad Creek Bridge and to treat and agree with Such Person or Persons as they or the Major Part of them shall think proper to employ to build a Chapel of Ease thereon for the use of the Inhabitants of the said Parish which said Land when so Purchased and the said Chapel when so Built shall be and is hereby Declared to be constituted and Deemed the Land and Chapel of Ease of the said Parish and the said Chapel forever hereafter shall be supported and repaired at the Charge of the said Parish.

The Justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties to Assess, on the taxable Inhabitants of Stepney Parish 80,000 lb. of Tobacco, in 1770 and 1771;] p. 57

And be it further Enacted by the Authority [advice] and Consent aforesaid that for the Building of the said Chapel of Ease on the North side of Broad Creek the Justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties for the time being shall and they are hereby Authorised and impowered to Assess and Levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish the Quantity of Eighty thousand Pounds of Tobacco by two Equal Assessments in the Years of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Seventy and Seventeen hundred and seventy one together with the Sheriffs Salary of five Per Cent for collecting the same which said Assessments shall respectively be made by the Justices aforesaid in Proportion to the Taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish of Stepney residing in their Several and Respective Counties and shall be Collected by the Sheriffs of Somerset and Worcester Counties from the Several Taxable Persons of the said Parish who shall reside within their Counties the said Quantities of Tobacco when so as aforesaid collected shall be paid by such Sheriffs Respectively to such Vestry and Church Wardens aforesaid who are hereby Authorised to receive and apply the same to the uses aforesaid—

[to be paid to the Vestry and Churchwardens;] and may be discharged as Public or County Levies now are.]

Provided always and be it Further Enacted That it shall and may be Lawfull for the Several and Respective Inhabitants of the Parish