

Burials, heretofore made with any Clerk of any County Court, according to the Directions of such Laws as were then in Force, before any of those Laws were in Being.

C H A P. I.
Births, &c.
confirmed.

N. B. The Fines in this Clause are recoverable before a single Magistrate, One Half to the Parish Charge, the other to the Informer, by 1730, ch. 23, §. 4.
For the Salary to the Vestry Clerk, see 1730, ch. 23, §. 7.

XI. **AND** that the Register of each Parish may be enabled to perform the Charge hereby required of him; **Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,** That if there be any Vestries of any Parishes that have not already provided good and substantial Writing Books, well bound, sufficient for registering such Proceedings in, according to the Directions of the former Laws, that in every such Case of such Neglect or Omission, the Vestry of such Parish shall, at the Parish Charge, provide such Book or Books, within Six Months from the End of this Session of Assembly, under the Penalty of five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco each Vestry-man (the Minister only excepted) neglecting as aforesaid, to our Sovereign Lord the King, for the Uses within mentioned.

Register Books to be provided at the Charge of every Parish.

XII. **AND** that there may be no Neglect in the Vestries, or those employed under them, in the lawful and conscionable Performance of their several Charges, the said several Vestries are hereby obliged to meet once in every Month, or as often as need shall require upon Public Notice given by the Principal Vestry-man of each Parish; to consult of the Methods and Ways of performing the several Authorities reposed in them, and from which Vestry, so appointed, no Vestry-man, being personally summoned, shall, without a lawful or reasonable Excuse, absent himself, under the Penalty of such Fine or Mulct as the Residue of the said Vestry meeting shall lay upon them, so as the same never exceed One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco: And upon Default or Neglect in such Principal Vestry-man, as is before mentioned, to summon a Vestry when there is Need for one, and he is thereunto requested, any other Three of the Vestry, or if there shall happen by any Accident to be but Two of the said Vestry, besides the Principal Vestry-man residing in the said Parish, such Three or Two shall have Power and Authority to summon and appoint a Vestry to be holden. And all such Omissions and Neglects to be noted in the Vestry's Register of Proceedings, and any * Forfeiture thereby incurred, to be recovered in his Majesty's Name.

Vestries to meet once a Month, &c.

Penalty for Non-Attendance.

How to be summoned when Need requires.

* The Fines in this Clause are recoverable before a single Magistrate. See the Note on §. 10.

XIII. **AND** the said several and respective Vestries are hereby further enjoined, that where there is not Tables of Marriages already put up, in their respective Parish Churches, with all convenient Speed, and within Six Months at the most, to procure a fair Table of Marriages transcribed, and set up in their respective Churches, and the same keep continually in their said Churches, that Persons being thereby informed what Marriages are forbidden, may avoid the contracting of any such unlawful Marriages.

Tables of Marriages to be set up in Parish Churches.

XIV. **AND** that the said Vestry-men, and the rest of the Inhabitants of every Parish, being Free-holders within the same Parish, and contributing to the Public Taxes and Charges there, do once every Year, upon Easter Monday, Yearly, make Choice and Appoint, two sober and discreet Persons, Free-holders of their respective Parishes, to be Church-Wardens for that Year; all the Inhabitants of every Parish, being Free-holders within the same Parish, and contributing to the Public Taxes and Charges thereof, having Liberty also to vote in the Choice of Church-Wardens. Each Vestry-man (excepting as before excepted) being under the † Penalty of Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, for neglecting either to procure a Table of Marriages, or to appoint Church-Wardens, to our Sovereign Lord the King as aforesaid; which Church-Wardens, so chosen, shall take the usual Oaths, and likewise declare on his Oath, to be administered unto him by the Vestry, to whom Power is hereby given to administer the same accordingly,

Two new Vestry-men and Church-Wardens to be annually elected.

Penalty for neglecting to procure a Table of Marriages, &c.

Church-Wardens, to take the Oaths, and also,

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