

C H A P. XXXIV. Account of such Tobacco levied, and how disposed of, in a fair Book, apart from other Matters; and a true Copy thereof under the Hand of the respective County Clerk, and under the Seal of the said County, by the said County Clerks, be yearly, and every Year, transmitted to the Governor and Council of this Province, before the Tenth Day of *March* next ensuing, after the Laying of the Levy, for their Inspection.

Omitting to transmit such Copy, shall forfeit 1000 lb Tobacco.

III. And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if any Clerk of any County Court aforesaid, shall neglect to transmit a Copy of such Account as aforesaid, before the Tenth Day of *March* as aforesaid, yearly and every Year, he shall forfeit and pay to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her Heirs and Successors, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; one Half to her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them, that will sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record of this Province, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.

County Courts impowered to levy Parish Charges, on Application of the Vestry and Church-wardens.

IV. And for purchasing Register-Books, and for repairing of Churches, it is prayed that it may be Enacted, And be it Enacted, by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That when, and as often as the Necessity of each respective Parish shall require Repairs or Supplies, the Vestry-men and Church-wardens thereof, shall apply themselves to the Justices of the County Courts, at the Time of the laying the County Levy; who, upon the Necessity appearing to them, shall, and are hereby impowered to raise, by an equal Assessment by the Poll, on the Inhabitants of such respective Parish, such Sums of Tobacco as by the said Justices shall be * adjudged necessary to supply the Occasions aforesaid, over and above the County Levy, not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds of Tobacco per Poll, in One Year: Which Sum so raised, shall be collected and gathered by the Sheriff of the same County, and paid to the Vestry-men of such respective Parish or Parishes, at the Rate of Five per Cent for his Salary.

* By the Act of 1729, ch. 7, the Vestry-men and Church-wardens are made sole Judges of the Necessity; and the Justices are thereby required to levy any Quantity of Tobacco yearly, not exceeding Ten per Poll, on the Taxable Inhabitants of the Parish, on Application of the Vestry-men and Church-wardens.

The Vestry to keep a fair Account of their Disposition of the Parochial Taxes, and transmit a Copy thereof yearly to the Governor and Council.

V. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That where there is no Minister resident in the Parish, the Vestry-men of each respective Parish in this Province, shall keep a fair Account of the Disposition of the * Forty Pounds of Tobacco per Poll levied in their Parish, according to the Act, entitled, *An Act for Establishment of Religious Worship, &c.* and also of the Ten Pound of Tobacco per Poll, to be levied and raised by virtue of this Act, and a true Copy thereof, under the Hands of such principal Vestry-man, or four of his Brethren of longest Standing, shall yearly, and every Year, be transmitted to the Governor and Council of this Province, before the Tenth Day of *March*, for their Inspection.

* For the Disposition of the 40 per Poll, where there is no Incumbent, see the Act of 1715, ch. 24.

Penalty for neglecting, 1000 lb of Tobacco.

VI. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if the principal Vestry-man, and four of his Brethren, shall neglect to transmit a Copy of such Account as aforesaid, before the Tenth Day of *March* aforesaid, yearly and every Year, they shall forfeit and pay to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her Heirs and Successors, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, one Half to her Majesty, for Support of Government, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that will sue for the same;