

the same shall be payable, the several Rents to be reserved as aforesaid, accruing due during a Vacancy; and the same shall be applied by such Vestry-men and Church-wardens, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, to the same Uses and Purposes as the Forty per Poll on the like Occasion, is by former Laws applied; and in case any Lease to be made of any the aforesaid Premises, shall, during such Vacancy, expire, cease, or determine, that then, and in such case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Vestry-men and Church-wardens of the said Parish, for the Time being, to renew or lease again the same, in the same Manner, and to the same Uses and Purposes, and under the like Restrictions as are herein before set forth, concerning Lease or Leases to be made by the Incumbent, Vestry-men and Church-wardens of said Parish; any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

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or Leases granted.

VIII. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained, shall be construed to make void or invalid any Lease or Leases, or Contracts now subsisting, or heretofore entered into by the Rector, Vestry-men and Church-wardens of said Parish, with any Person or Persons; but that the same, if any such, be, and remain in full Force and Vigour, as if this Act had never been made.

Former Leases to remain good.

IX. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all Lease or Leases to be made by the aforesaid Rector, Vestry-men and Church-wardens, or the major Part of them, or in case of a Vacancy, by the Vestry-men and Church-wardens, or the major Part of them, shall, and are hereby directed to be Registered by the Clerk or Register of the Parish aforesaid, within the Space of Three Months after the Date of any such Lease or Leases, at the Request of the Lessee or Lessees; and that the same Lease or Leases be entered Word for Word in the Register-Book of said Parish, that such Register receive and take as a Reward for so Registering such Lease or Leases, for each, a Fee of Five Shillings Current Money of Maryland, and no more: And that in case Copy of any such Lease or Leases should be required by any Person, that then the Register, for the Time being, take the like Reward, and no more. And in case of any Suit touching such Lease or Leases, then an attested Copy of such Lease or Leases, attested by such Register or Registers, shall be as good Evidence on either Side, as if the original Lease or Leases should be produced; and in cases of these Leases, no Acknowledgment shall be requisite; but Leases made for the Premises aforesaid, or any Part of them, shall be as effectual made in pursuance of this Act, as if no other Law had relation to them; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Such Leases to be registered by the Parish Register.

The Register's Fee for registering,

or for a Copy.

An attested Copy, to be Evidence.

No Acknowledgment of such Leases requisite.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN, THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. XXV.

An Act for raising a Duty of Three Half-pence Sterling per Hogshead, on all Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Use of the Governor. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 427. EXP. Passed 11<sup>th</sup> July 1747.

To be in Force till the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1748. Continued by 1748, ch. 17, 'til the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1749, and then expired.

C H A P. XXVI.

An Act for continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, "An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogsheads, and to prevent Cutting, Cropping and Defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships or Vessels upon Freight. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 428. EXP. Ditto.

<sup>s</sup> 1736, ch. 9, hereby continued 'til the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1748.

C H A P. XXVII.

An Act reviving an Act entitled, "An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province; and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer; and to other Purposes therein mentioned. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 428. EXP. Ditto.

<sup>h</sup> 1744, ch. 4, hereby continued, and together with this Law, to be in Force 'til 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1748.

C H A P. XXVIII.

An Act for the Assessment and Payment of the Public Charge of this Province. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 430. Ditto.