

Religion.

I. *An. 12. W. 3. 1700. p. 109.* The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, with other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of *England, &c.* shall be solemnly read by all Ministers in the Churches and other places of Worship in this Province.

II. For the Encouragement of able Ministers to come and reside in this Province, instead of Tithes, a Tax or Assessment of 40 *l.* of Tobacco *per Pole*, shall be yearly levy'd upon every Taxable person in every Parish in this Province. Which said Assessment shall always be paid to the Ministers of every Parish in manner hereafter express'd.

III. Every such Minister shall appoint and keep a Clerk of his Parish Church, and pay to such Clerk the sum of 1000 *l.* of Tobacco yearly, out of the said 40 *l. per Pole*.

IV. No Minister, Priest, or Magistrate, shall joyn any persons in Marriage, contrary to the Table of Marriages appointed to be set up in every Parish Church in this Province; Nor shall any persons forbidden to marry by such Table, presume to be joyned in Marriage, under the Penalty of 5000 *l.* of Tobacco, upon the Minister, Priest, or Magistrate, joyning, and the like Penalty upon the persons joyned in Marriage, to be paid to the King, to the uses in this Act hereafter mentioned.

V. In every Parish, where any Minister or Incumbent shall reside, no Justice or Magistrate shall joyn any persons in Marriage, under the penalty of 5000 *l.* of Tobacco to the King.

VI. Every Minister may recieve of every person or persons by him marryed, the sum of 5 *s.* Sterling and no more, provided such persons come to the Parish Church at the time of Divine Service, to be marryed.

VII: The Sheriff of every County shall collect the aforesaid 40 *per Pole* of the several persons in their respective Counties, in such manner as the County levies collected, and pay the same to the Vestry of every Parish, where there is no Incumbent, but where there is an Incumbent it shall be paid to him; each Sheriff deducting 5 *l.* of Tobacco *per Cent.* and no more, for collecting.

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