

ment Abjuration Renunciation and Promise heartily willingly and truly upon the true
Faith of a Christian So Help me God.

And that without the taking & subscribing which Oath no person shall be capable
of Holding Executing or Enjoying any Office or Trust within this Province, whatso-
ever.

And whereas by Act of the General Assembly of this Province made the 16th Day
of March in the Year of our Lord 1751 Intituled an Act for Establishment of Religious
Worship in this Province &c. it was Enacted that all Vestrymen should subscribe the
Association before they should be admitted to the execution of that Office.

But forasmuch as by the death of his most Sacred Majesty King William the Third
the subscribing the said Association is not necessary to be longer continued.

Be it therefore Enacted that such part thereof and clause in the before recited Act of
Assembly which relates to the Vestrymens subscribing the Association and no more is
hereby Repealed and declared void.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority & Consent aforesaid, that all and every
person or persons that are at this present time Vestrymen in this Province & all other
person or persons that for the time to come shall be elected or chosen Vestrymen shall
take the before recited Oath of abjuration and that it be administered to them accord-
ing to the forms & methods prescribed in the aforesaid Act of Assembly for taking the
Oaths therein required to be taken, and after the taking such Oath the person so elect-
ed or chosen shall be deemed and taken to be one of the Vestry and not before.

An Act to declare how the forty pounds of Tobacco per Pole in such Parishes where there
is no Incumbent shall be disposed of.

W H E R E A S by an Act of Assembly made at a General Assembly begun &
held at the Port of Annapolis the 26th Day of April 1702 Intituled an Act
for the Service of Almighty God and Establishment of Religion in this Province according
to the Church of England &c. there is no provision made where there is a vacancy or
no Incumbent in a Parish how or to what use the forty pounds of Tobacco per Pole
shall be applied.

Therefore the Burgeses and Delegates of this present General Assembly pray that
it may be Enacted And Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and
with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council and Assembly of this
Province & the Authority of the same, that what Tobacco of the said forty per Pole
hath is or shall become due in any Parish where there hath is or shall be no Incumbent
the said Tobacco shall be employed & applyed to and for the uses following (to wit to
say) by the Vestrymen of each respective Parish who are hereby empowered to dis-
pose thereof for & towards the Repairing such Churches as are already built, in im-
proving & compleating the insides thereof as the said Vestrymen shall think fit, or for the
buying or purchasing a Pulpit Cloth Cushion Bible & Common-Prayer Book or Church Plate
for the use of such Church, and if any Vestry hath already apply'd or laid out the said
Tobacco or any part thereof to the uses aforesaid, such application or disposal is here-
by confirmed.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by & with the Advice & Con-
sent of the said Governour Council and Assembly that in any Parish where the Church is old or so out of Repair as not
to be of use of, and shall be so adjudged by the Vestrymen of such Parish, it
shall be lawful to and for such Vestrymen to apply the said forty pounds of
Tobacco per Pole for the building of a new one, and if it hath or shall so happen by
reason of a vacancy in such Parish that there shall be no occasion for to apply the
said Tobacco to the uses aforesaid, or if any Tobacco after such application hath or
shall be in the hands of the Vestry, the said Vestry are hereby directed & impow-
ered to purchase either a Plantation with a Tract of Land or a certain Tract
of Land contiguous to the Church belonging to such Parish as may be (&
if there be no such Tract of Land in such Parish then to purchase a Tract of Land as may be most
convenient for the inhabitants thereof and build a Church thereon) which Plantation
and for ever remain as a Glebe to the use of the Minister and his Suc-
cessors in such Parish for the time being who shall be lawfully inducted and
admitted into the usage of the Church of England and this Province, and if
any Tobacco shall be in the hands of the Vestry in any Parish to be Tobacco over and above answering the uses a-
foresaid, the same shall be employed to the improvement & stocking such Glebe as the Vestry
shall think fit.

And by the said recited Act there is nothing allowed to the Sherif
of this Province to receive the said forty pounds of Tobacco per Pole and paying the same to the
said Vestry, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Sherif of each
County shall receive the same for the use of the said Vestry.