

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid, that where there is no Minister Resident in the Parish the Vestrymen of each respective parish in this Province shall keep a fair account of the disposition of the forty pounds of tobacco per pole levied in their parish according to the Act intituled *An Act for establishment of Religious Worship &c.* and also of the ten pounds of tobacco per pole to be levied & raised by vertue of this Act and a true copy thereof under the hands of such principal Vestryman or four of his Brethren of longest standing shall yearly and every year be transmitted to the Governour & Council of this Province before the tenth day of March for their inspection.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid, that if the principal Vestryman and four of his Brethren shall neglect to transmit a copy of such account as aforesaid before the tenth day of March aforesaid yearly & every year they shall forfeit & pay to our Sovereign Lady the Queen her Heirs & 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 to be recover'd by Action of debt bill plaint or information in any Court of record of this Province wherein no effoyne protection or wager of Law to be allow'd.

*An Act directing the manner of electing & summoning Delegates & Representatives to serve in succeeding Assemblys.*

As much as the cheifit & only foundation & support of any Kingdom State or Common-Wealth is the providing establishing and enacting good and wholesome Laws for the good rule & government thereof, & also upon any necessary & emergent occasion to raise and levy money for the defraying the charges of the said Government and the discharge thereof, neither of which according to the constitution of this Province can be made ordain'd establish'd or raised but by & with the consent of the Freemen of this Province by their severall Delegates & Representatives by them freely nominated and chosen to serve for their severall Citys & Countys in a general Assembly.

*repealed by Act made the 29 Novemr 1708.*

And forasmuch as the safest and best rule for this Province to follow in electing such Delegates & Representatives is the Precedents of the Proceedings in Parliaments in England and the constitution of this Province will admit, the Governour Council & Delegates of the next general Assembly do humbly pray that it may be Enacted,

That the Queen's most Excellent Majesty by & with the Advice & Consent of her Majesty's Governour Council and Assembly of this Province & the Authority of the same, that for the future when and as often as his Excellency the Governour of this Province for the time being shall upon any accident & urgent affair of this Province think it to call & convene an Assembly and to send out Writts for election of Delegates & Delegates to serve in such Assembly the form of the said Writt shall be as followeth.

*In the Name of the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith &c. To the Sheriff of A County greeting, These are to authorize & empower you to come upon receipt hereof to call together four or more Commissioners of your County who are hereby required to sit as a Court, and during the sitting by vertue of this writt to make or cause to be made publick proclamation therely giving notice to all the freemen of your said county who have within your said county a freehold of fifty acres of land or a visible Estate of forty pounds Sterling at the least requiring them to appear at the next court to be holden for your County at a certain day within a reasonable time after the proclamation made for electing & choosing of Deputys & Delegates to serve for your County in a general Assembly to be holden at the Port of Annapolis the day of the month at which time of proclamation aforesaid the said Freemen so required to appear on the main part of such of them as shall then appear shall & may & are hereby authorized & required to elect & choose four severall & sufficient Freemen of your County each of them having a freehold of fifty acres of Land or a visible estate of forty pounds Sterling at the least within your County, and you shall give to each of them severally & respectively by four several & respective Indentures under their hands & seals to be Deputys & Delegates for your County at the said next general Assembly to do & consent to those things which then by the favour of God shall happen to be ordained by the advice & consent of the great Council of this Province concerning such occasions & affairs as shall relate to the government State & defence of this Province, But we will not in any case that you or any other Sheriff in our said Province be elected, which said Indentures shall be between you the said Sheriff of the one part & the said Freemen electing of the other part and shall bear date the same day upon which the said election shall be made, & that upon such election you the said Sheriff shall so soon as conveniently may be certyfy & transmit to the Chancellor of this Province for the time being one part of the said severall & respective Indentures close sealed up under your hand & seal and directed to the Governour of this Province and also to the Chancellor and*