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of Marriages.

to joyn together in Marriage any Persons whatsoever, contrary to the Table of Marriages, by this Act appointed to be set up in every Parish Church within this Province, under the Penalty of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; nor shall any Person forbidden to Intermarry by such Table of Marriages, presume to be joyned in Marriage under the like Penalty of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; such Penalty and Forfeitures on either side to be made to our Sovereign Lord the King, His Heirs and Successors for the Uses in this Act hereafter mentioned.

No Lay-man to  
Marry where a Mi-  
nister resides.

And to prevent any Lay-persons from Joyning any Persons in Marriage where any minister or Priest can be had; and to ascertain what shall be paid for Marriages; *Be it likewise Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That in every Parish where any Minister or Incumbent shall reside, and have Charge of Souls therein, No Justice or Magistrate, being a Lay-man, shall joyn any Person in Marriage, under the Penalty of Five Thousand pounds of Tobacco for such Offence, to our Sovereign Lord the King, as aforesaid; And that it shall be lawful to every Minister, to take and receive of every Person or Persons by him Married, the Sum of Five Shillings Sterling, and no more; Provided such Persons come to such Parish-Church or Chappel, at Time of Divine Service, for Solemnizing such Marriage.*

The Sheriff to Col-  
lect the Forty per  
Poll, and pay it to  
the Minister.

And for the better and more effectual Collecting of the said Duty of Forty Pounds of Tobacco per Poll, and paying the same to the Uses in this Law Intended and appointed; *Be it Enacted, That the Sheriff of each several County shall, and is hereby obliged to Collect and Gather the said Assessment of Forty per Poll of the several Persons within each respective Parish in his County, in the same manner, and by the same Authority as the publick and County Levies are Collected, and shall pay the same Forty pounds per Poll to the Minister or Incumbent in each respective Parish.*

Select Vestries how  
to be chosen.

And the better to promote the Execution of the good Laws of this Province, so far as concerns the respective Parishes, and for the more easy Dispatch of Parish Business, *Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by, and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That there be select Vestries in each Parish of this Province, and that the several Vestry-Men of the several Parishes within this Province, that now are, or hereafter shall be chosen, be such select Vestry; of which Vestry the Number shall always be Six at least, except upon the Death, or Resignation, or other Discharge of any of them according to the Provision herein made to that purpose; and in such Case of Death, or Resignation, or other legal Discharge from serving, the remaining part of such Vestrys, shall with all convenient speed summon and appoint a General Meeting of all the Inhabitants of the said Parish, who are Free-holders within the same Parish, and Contribute to the publick Taxes and Charges of the said Parish, who shall by majority of Voices, Elect and Choose one or more sober and discreet Person or Persons Freeholders of each respective Parish, to supply such Vacancies; and such Person or Persons so elected and chosen, shall take the usual Oath appointed by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the following Oath, viz. *I do solemnly Swear and Declare, that I will justly and truly Execute the Trust or Office of a Vestry-Man of this Parish, according to my best Skill and Knowledge, without Prejudice, Favour, or Affection.* Which said Oaths, at the Election of a new Vestry, are to be Administred by any Justice of Peace of the County, City, or Place where such Vestry is, who is hereby Required and Impowered to Administer the same; and upon Elections afterwards, either by a Justice of Peace, as aforesaid,*

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