

the same by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information in any Court of Record within this Province, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed,

Provided, That this Act nor any thing therein contained, shall not debar or be construed to debar or hinder any Person or Persons whatsoever within this Province by or out of any Goods or Merchandizes by him or them so bought or purchased as aforesaid, to satisfie and pay unto any Workman or -Servant the Hire or Wages of him or them due for any Work or Service whatsoever.

Paying Workmen in Goods allowed.

An Act for securing the Parochial Libraries of this Province.

BE it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesties Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province, and by the Authority of the same, That the Libraries appointed for the severall and respective Parishes within this Province, shall be and remain in the Hands and Possession of the Minister of the Parish, if there be any Minister actually inducted into and incombent in the said Parish, during his Residence in the said Parish, who is by this Act obliged to keep and preserve the said Library from Waste and Imbezelment, and to be accountable for the same to the Governour, Council and Assembly as often as required.

To be lodged with the Minister.

And to that purpose the said Minister shall pass two Receipts for the said Books, incerting what they are, and the Title Page of the same; one Receipt to be by the Vestry of said Parish transmitted to the Governour and Council, and the other to remain with the Vestry of the said Parish, to be entred in their Register Book; and the said Vestries are hereby obliged to Visit the said Libraries twice in the Year, and inspect the same.

Who is to pass Receipts, and the Vestry must visit.

And in Case the said Vestries shall not (or at least four of them of eldest standing) shall not visit the said Libraries twice in the Year, as by this Act is required, the whole-number of Vestry-men shall forfeit and pay the Sum of fourteen Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, one moiety to her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government, the other moiety to the Informer or him or them that shall sue for the same in any Court of Record in this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed, and the Onus probandi shall lie on the part of the Vestry to make it appear, that they have visited the Libraries, as by this Act they are obliged.

Penalty.

And if it so happen that the Vestry find any Damage or Imbezelment thereof, they shall require and cause Satisfaction for the same to be made by Action of Debt to be brought against the said Minister, his Excecutors or Administrators, for the full Vallue of such Books as are or shall be wanting, to be commenced and brought by the Vestry-men of such respective Parish where such Damage and Imbezelment shall happen, who by this Act are Impowered to bring their special Action, without their Principal Vestry-Man.

Action of Debt for Imbezelment.

And in Case any Minister, having the charge of such Library, shall