

An Act Empowering the Justices of the several County Courts within this Province to Regulate the Bounds of the several Parishes within their respective Counties, when disputable, and for ascertaining the time and manner when and how the *Forty Pounds of Tobacco*, per *Poll*, shall become due and payable to the Minister and Incumbent of each Parish.

Forasmuch as it hath been Represented to this General Assembly, that for want of due Care in the first Division of the several Parishes within this Province, the Bounds of many of the said Parishes remain very uncertain and disputable, which heretofore hath been, and hereafter may be the Occasion of many Debates and Controversies, as well between the several Incumbents, as the Vestries of such Parishes. For prevention whereof for the Future,

County Justices to ascertain the Bounds of Parishes

And enter their proceedings.

*Be it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's President, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same,* That from and after the End of this present Sessions of Assembly, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the several County Courts within this Province, or the Major Part of them, where the Bounds of any Parish or Parishes within their respective Counties are uncertain, or ambiguously expressed, to ascertain and regulate them for the future, and after having so done, to cause their Proceedings therein to be entered in the Records of their County Courts, there to remain for the Satisfaction of those that at any time hereafter shall have Occasion to have Recourse thereunto.

One Parish in two Counties how to be divided,

And whereas some Parishes are so divided, as that they are partly contained in two Counties.

*Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That in every such Case the Justices of that County Court, wherein the disputable Bounds of such Parish is contained, or the Major Part of them shall Determine the same, and cause such their Determination to be entred in the Records of their County Court, as aforesaid.

And whereas it appears to this General Assembly, that there is not as yet any Provision made, by any Law of this Province, when or after what manner the *Forty Pounds of Tobacco* per *Poll* shall become due and payable to the Ministers and Incumbents of the several Parishes within this Province, which heretofore hath been the Occasion of many Disputes

Forty per Poll due to the Minister only from time of admission.

*Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That when any Minister shall at any Time hereafter be lawfully admitted or inducted into any Parish within this Province, he shall not by Virtue of such his Admission or Induction have, demand or receive from the Vestry of such Parish the whole *Forty Pounds of Tobacco* per *Poll* for that Year in which he is admitted or Inducted, but only such proportionable Part of the same as shall be found to be his due, computing the Time from the Day of his Induction, to the Time of laying the next Levy for the County in which his Parish lies. And when