

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 joynd in Marriage, under the like Penalty of Five thousand Pounds of Tobacco; such Penalty and Forfeiture on either Side to be made to our Sovereign Lord the King, His Heirs and Successors, for the Uses in this Act hereafter mentioned.

A N D 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 Layman, shall joynd 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 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 Chapel at time of Divine Service, for Solemnizing of such Marriage.

A N D 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.

A N D the better to promote the Execution of the good Laws of this Province so far as concerns the respective Parishes, and for the more easie Dispatch of the 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 Vestrymen 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 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 Vestries shall, with all convenient Speed, summon and appoint a General Meeting of all the Inhabitants of the said Parish, who are Freeholders within the same Parish, and contribute to the Publick Taxes and Charges of the said Parish, who shall, by Majority of Voices, elect and chuse 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 Vestryman 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 administered 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, or the First Vestryman, who is hereby likewise required and impowered to administer the same: And each