

each Person so elected and chosen, shall likewise subscribe the Test, and also the Association; and having so done, and not before, shall be deemed and taken as One of the Vestry to all Intents and Purposes.

AND it is hereby further Ordained and Enacted by the Authority and Consent aforesaid, That Two New Vestrymen shall be annually chosen in the Places of Two others, who shall be left out; to which Purpose all the Inhabitants of every Parish, being Freeholders within the same Parish, and contributing to the Publick Charges and Taxes thereof, or such of them as shall think fit to attend, shall repair to their respective Parish-Churches every Year successively, upon *Easter Monday*, and there by their Free Choice declare what Two Persons shall be discharged from their being Vestrymen, and chuse Two others, qualified according to this present Act, in their Stead and Room, who taking the Oaths, and performing all other things required by this present Act, or other the Laws of this Province, for Vestrymen, shall be deemed and taken to be Members of the said Vestry to all Intents and Purposes.

PROVIDED always, That in every Parish where any Minister or Incumbent is or shall be lawfully, according to the Laws and Usages of this Province, appointed, and in Possession of any Living invested with the Forty Pounds *per Poll*, and residing therein, he shall, during the Continuance aforesaid, and no longer, be One of the Vestry of such Parish, and Principal of such Vestry, altho' there be the Number of Six Persons or more besides.

AND for keeping a fair Register of all such Vestry's Proceedings, and for registering of all Births, Marriages, and Burials in each respective Parish; Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That each Vestry shall and is hereby obliged to provide a fit Person for a Register, who shall, at all times, keep a true and fair Registry of the several Proceedings of such Vestry, from time to time, in executing their Trust and Authority, and make just and true Entries thereof; which Persons, so to be appointed for keeping such Registry, shall take the Oaths substituted in the Place of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and subscribe the Test and Association, and also an Oath to be given him by the said Vestry, which Oath the said Vestry are hereby empowered to administer accordingly, for the due and faithful Executing his said Office, before he shall be admitted into the said Office; and shall make true Entry of all Vestry Proceedings, and of all Births, Marriages, and Burials (Negroes and Mallattoes excepted) that is to say, the Christian and Surname, with the Day, Month, and Year of every such Births, Marriages, and Burials; to which Purpose all and every the Inhabitants of each Parish, that are either Parent, Guardians, Overseers, Masters or Mistresses of any Person, born, married or buried, are hereby enjoined and required to give Notice to the Register of such Parish, within Two Months after such Birth, Marriage, and Burial, and pay him Six Pence for Entering it, at the time of giving Notice aforesaid, under the Penalty of One hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to be forfeited by such Inhabitant aforesaid refusing or neglecting, as aforesaid, and under the Penalty of One hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to be forfeited by such Register refusing or neglecting to enter it, having received his Fee for the same: And such Register is hereby obliged to shew any Person or Persons (reasonably desiring it) any such Register, or give a Certificate of any Register of Births, Marriages, or Burials, that shall be reasonably required of him; and shall have for his Fees from such Persons, Six Pence for any Search, and Six Pence for any Copy or Certificate given, as aforesaid, and no more, hereby ratifying and confirming as valid all Registers or Entries of any Births, Marriages, or Burials, heretofore made with any Clerk of any County Court, according to the Directions of such Laws, as were then in Force, before any of those Laws were in being.

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