

amended, as Need shall require, out of such Gifts, Goods, or Chattels, as shall come to their Hands for the Church, or Parish's Use; and towards the Payment of which Parochial Charges all the Fines, Forfeitures and Mulcts by this Law incurred, shall be levied by the Church-wardens in each respective Parish, and by them accordingly applied: And in case they shall not have sufficient Effects to pay Parochial Charges, as aforesaid, or to make such necessary Repairs as are required, then, and not otherwise, it shall be lawful for the Justices of the County Courts, upon Application of such Parish, Vestry and Church-wardens, to assess the respective Parishes by a certain Sum of Tobacco, not exceeding Ten Pounds of Tobacco, by the Poll, in any One Year; which Assessment made by such County Court, and a Certificate thereof under the County Seal, shall be sufficient to the Sheriff of such County to levy such Tax by the Poll on the Taxables of such Parishes, in the same manner as other Publick Dues are levied; and shall not deduct above Five *per* Hundred for his Salary, and pay the same to such Vestry for the Use aforesaid.

AND to the Intent that this Act may answer the End of the Makers, which is, That His Majesty's good Subjects of this Province may be instructed in Religion, and therein of their Duty to God, His Majesty, and themselves, and those pious and exemplary Persons, that shall labour therein, suitably provided for; Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That no Minister or Incumbent shall, at One time, hold more than Two Parishes; nor Two, unless by the Desire and Agreement of the Vestry of the said adjacent Parish, and Consent of the Vestry where he resides, and Appointment of the Ordinary: And where there are not, or shall not be Ministers in any Parish, it shall and may be lawful for the Vestry to provide some sober and discreet Person as a Reader, and to present him to the Ordinary, who may sequester part of the Forty *per* Poll to pay him for such Service; and the rest to be applied as the Law in Cases of such Vacancies directs: And upon such Reader's taking the aforesaid Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, subscribing the Test and Association, and procuring Licence from the Ordinary, shall and may read Divine Service, Homilies, and such other good Authors of Practical Divinity, as shall be appointed, at the usual Times, in such Church or Chapel; and therein shall demean himself according to the Liturgy of the Church of *England*, as aforesaid.

AND for the preventing of Delays and other Inconveniencies which might happen, if there were a Necessity for the expecting the Attendance and Presence of all the said Vestrymen, and at the same time to prevent the doing any thing of Consequence by Surprize by a small Number of them; Be it hereby Enacted, That the First *Tuesday* in every Month shall be, and is hereby fixed and ascertained for the Holding of a Vestry at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, in the usual Place for that Purpose, without any Notice or Warning to be given thereof; at which Time and Place the major part of the Vestrymen then present (so as such Majority be not under the Number of Three Persons) shall be esteemed as a Vestry, and shall have full Power to order, direct, and act in all things by this Act appointed to be done, according to this Act, as a Vestry. And in case any Vestryman shall remove or withdraw himself from the Parish, or voluntarily frequently neglect to give his Attendance, and absent himself from the Vestry, or otherwise become unfit or incapable to continue to execute such Office or Trust, that in any such Case the Residue of the said Vestry, or the Majority of them (so as such Majority be not under Three Persons) shall and may have Power, after Personal Notice given to such Party, if it conveniently may be, or the affixing of a publick Note upon the great Door of the Church for Three several *Sundays* successively, if Personal Notice cannot be given without great Difficulty, Charge, or Delay, of their Intentions to proceed in such manner, to remove such Person from being a Vestryman, and to declare his Office void, and to summon a Meeting of the Parishioners,

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