

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 or Incumbent of each Parish. D^o 45.

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 the Prevention whereof for the future, 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 Session 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 entred 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.

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 Parishes 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 or Incumbents of the several Parishes within this Province, which heretofore hath been the Occasion of many Disputes; 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 it shall so happen that any Minister or Incumbent, who hath been a Resident in any Parish within this Province, shall die, or remove out of his Parish, then, and in such Cases, the Vestry of that Parish, wherein he was incumbent, shall, at the Time of the laying the next Levy for their County, pay to such Minister, if he be alive, or to his Executors or Administrators, if he be dead, such proportionable Part of the Forty Pounds of Tobacco, per Poll, as shall be due to him for such Part of the Year as he continued in the said Parish, computing the same from the Time of the laying the last Levy for the said County, until the Time of such