

The CHURCH ACT.

N^o I.

V. And 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.

The Sheriff to collect the Forty per Poll, and pay it to the Minister.

VI. And the better to promote the Execution of the good Laws of this Province, so far as concerns the respective Parishes, and for the more easy Dispatch of 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 the 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.*

Select Vestries, how to be chosen.

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

VII. And

(a) Altered; See N^o 3. § 2.