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Table of Marriages to be provided and set up.

The CHURCH ACT.

Choice of Churchwardens.

Penalty.

Parochial Charges, how arising.

Assessments

That where there is no Tables of *Marriages* already put up in their respective Parish Churches, with all convenient Speed, and within Six Months at the most, to procure a fair Table of *Marriages*, transcribed and set up in their respective Churches, and the same keep continually in the said Church; that Persons being thereby informed what *Marriages* are forbidden, may avoid the contracting of any such unlawful *Marriages*; and that the said Vestrymen, and the rest of the Inhabitants of every Parish, being Freeholders within the same, and contributing to the publick Taxes and Charges there, do once every Year, upon *Easter Monday* yearly, make choice and appoint two sober and discreet Persons, Freeholders of their respective Parishes, to be Churchwardens for that Year: All the Inhabitants of every Parish, being Freeholders within the same Parish, and contributing to the publick Taxes and Charges thereof, having Liberty also to vote in the Choice of Churchwardens, each Vestryman, excepting as before excepted, being under the Penalty of Two hundred Pounds of Tobacco for neglecting either to procure a Table of *Marriages*, or to appoint Churchwardens, to our Sovereign Lord the King, as aforesaid: Which Churchwardens so chosen, shall take the usual Oaths, and likewise declare on his Oath, to be administred unto him by the Vestry, to whom Power is hereby given to administer the same accordingly, *Well and faithfully to execute that Office for the ensuing Year, according to the Laws and Usages of the said Province, to the best of his Skill and Power, and until he shall be thereof duly discharged.* And any such Person or Persons so chosen Churchwarden or Wardens, that shall wilfully refuse to serve in the said Office, and take the Oaths aforesaid, shall be fined One thousand Pounds of Tobacco to our Sovereign Lord the King.

IX. And the Churchwardens and Vestry are authorized and required to take constant care to satisfy and pay the Parochial Charges, and all necessary Repairs and Amendments of their respective Churches, Chappels or Churchyards, and cause the same at all Times to be repaired and 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 Churchwardens 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 Churchwardens, 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