

*Be it therefore Enacted, by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly, and by Authority of the same, That the Book of Common-Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the Uses of the Church of England, the Psalter or Psalms of David, and Morning and Evening Prayer therein contained, be solemnly Read by all and every Minister or Reader in every Church, which now is or hereafter shall be Settled and Established, within this Province; and that all Congregations and Places for the publick Worship, according to the Usage of the Church of England within this Province, for the Maintenance of whose Ministers, and of the Persons Officiating therein, any certain Income or Revenue is, or shall by the Laws of this Province be established, and enjoyned to be raised or paid, shall be deemed, settled and established Churches.*

The Common Prayer established in this Province.

Places of publick Worship.

And for the Encouragement of faithful and able Ministers, labouring in the Work of the Gospel, to come and reside in this Province; *Be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That a Tax or Assessment of Forty Pounds of Tobacco per Poll, be Yearly and every Year successively Levied upon every Taxable Person, within each respective Parish, within this Province, as they have been, now are, or hereafter shall be laid out, limited and appointed by the Laws of this Province, and entered upon Record, as the said former Laws therein did direct; which said Assessment of Forty Pounds of Tobacco per Poll, shall always be paid and allowed to the Minister of each respective Parish, having no other Benefice to officiate in, presented, inducted, or appointed by his Excellency the Governour, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being. And every such Minister is hereby required and enjoyned, to appoint and constantly to keep a Clerk of such Parish-Church, and to pay and satisfy such Clerk the Sum of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco Yearly and every Year, out of the said Forty per Poll.*

Forty Pounds of Tobacco per Poll for Ministers Maintenance.

Out of which he is to keep a Clerk.

And to prevent all illegal and unlawful Marriages, not allowable by the Church of England, but forbidden by the Table of Marriage, *Be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That no Minister, Priest or Magistrate, shall presume to joyn together in Marriage, any Persons whatsoever, contrary to the Table of Marriages, by this Act appointed to be set up in every Parish-Church within this Province, under the Penalty of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; nor shall any Person forbidden to intermarry by such Table of Marriages, presume to be joyned in Marriage, under the like Penalty of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; such Penalty and Forfeitures on either Side to be made to our Sovereign Lord the King, His Heirs and Successors, for the Uses in this Act hereafter mentioned.*

Minister or others not to Marry contrary to the Table of Marriages.

And to prevent any Lay-persons from joyning any Persons in Marriage where any Minister or Priest can be had; and to ascertain what shall be paid for Marriages; *Be it likewise Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That in every Parish where any Minister or Incumbent shall reside, and have Charge of Souls therein, no Justice or Magistrate, being a Lay-man, shall joyn any Person in Marriage, under the Penalty of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for such Offence, to our Sovereign Lord the King, as aforesaid: And that it shall be lawful to every Minister, to take and receive of every Person or Persons by him Married, the Sum of Five Shillings Sterling, and no more: Provided such Persons come to such Parish-Church or Chappel, at Time of Divine Service, for Solemnizing such Marriage.*

No Lay-man to Marry where a Minister resides.

Ministers Dues for Marriage.

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