

to be Members of the said Vestry to all Intents and Purposes: *Provided always,* That in every Parish where any Minister or Incumbent is or shall be lawfully, according to the Laws and Usages of this Province, appointed and in Possession of any Living, invested with the Forty Pounds per Poll and residing therein, he shall, during the continuance aforesaid, and no longer, be one of the Vestry of such Parish, and Principal of such Vestry, although there be the Number of Six Persons or more besides: And for keeping a fair Register of all such Vestries Proceedings, and for Registering of all Births, Marriages and Burials, in each respective Parish; *Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That each Vestry shall, and is hereby obliged to provide a fit Person for a Register, who shall at all Time keep a true and fair Registry of the several Proceedings of such Vestry from Time to Time, in executing their Trust and Authority, and make just and true Entries thereof; which Person, so to be appointed for keeping such Registry, shall take Oaths substituted in the Place of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and subscribe the Test and Association, and also an Oath to be given him by the said Vestry, which Oath the said Vestry are hereby empowered to administer accordingly, for the due and faithful Executing his said Office, before he shall be admitted into the said Office; and shall make true Entry of all Vestry Proceedings, and of all Births, Marriages and Burials, (Negroes and Mulatoes excepted) that is to say, the Christian and Sir-Name, with the Day, Month and Year of every such Births, Marriages or Burials; to which Purpose, all and every the Inhabitants of each Parish, that are either Parents, Guardians, Overseers, Masters or Mistresses of any Person Born, Married or Buried, are hereby enjoined and required to give Notice to the Register of such Parish, within Two Months after such Birth, Marriage and Burial, and pay him Six Pence for entering it, at the Time of giving Notice aforesaid, under the Penalty of One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to be forfeited by such Inhabitant aforesaid, refusing or neglecting as aforesaid; and under the Penalty of One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to be forfeited by such Register refusing or neglecting to enter it, having received his Fee for the same: And such Register is hereby obliged to shew any Person or Persons reasonably desiring it, any such Register, or give a Certificate of any Register of Births, Marriages or Burials, that shall be reasonably required of him, and shall have for his Fees from such Persons Six Pence for any Search, and Six Pence for any Copy or Certificate given as aforesaid, and no more; hereby ratifying and confirming as Valid all Registers or Entries of any Births, Marriages or Burials heretofore made, with any Clerk of any County-Court, according to the Directions, of such Laws as were then in Force, before any of those Laws were in Being.

And That the Register of each Parish may be Enabled to perform the Charge hereby required of him; *Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That if there be any Vestries of any Parishes that have not already provided good and substantial Writing-Books, well bound, sufficient for Registering such Proceedings in, according to the Direction of the former Laws, that in every such Case of such Neglect or Omission, the Vestry of such Parish shall, at the Parish Charge, provide such Book or Books within Six Months from the End of this Sessions of Assembly, under the Penalty of Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco each Vestry-man (the Minister only excepted) neglecting

Minister the chief Vestry-Man.

The Vestry to provide a fit Person for their Register.

His Duty.

Inhabitants to inform the Register of all Births, Deaths, &c.

Penalty.

Former Entries of Births, &c. with County-Clerks good.

Register-Book provided at the Parish Charge.