

or Church-Yards, and cause the same at all Times to be repaired and amended, as Need shall require, out of such Gifts, Goods or Chattles 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 Church-Wardens 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 Church-Wardens, 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 to the Sheriff of such County, to levy such Tax by the Poll, on the Taxables of such Parishes, in the same Manner as other publick Dues are levied, and shall not deduct above Five per Hundred for his Salary, and pay the same to such Vestry, for the Use aforesaid.

Assessments.

And to the Intent that this Act may answer the End of the Makers; which is, that His Majesty's good Subjects of this Province may be instructed in Religion, and therein of their Duty to God, His Majesty, themselves, and those pious and exemplary Persons that shall labour therein, suitably provided for. *Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That no Minister or Incumbent shall at one Time hold more than Two Parishes, nor Two, unless by the Desire and Agreement of the Vestry of the said adjacent Parish, and Consent of the Vestry where he resides, and Appointment of the Ordinary: And where there are not, or shall not be Ministers in any Parish, it shall and may be lawful for the Vestry to provide some sober and discreet Person, as a Reader, and present him to the Ordinary; who may sequest Part of the Forty per Poll, to pay him for such Service, and the rest to be applied as the Law in Cases of such Vacancies directs. And upon such Reader's taking the said Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, subscribing the Test and Association, and procuring License from the Ordinary, shall and may read Divine Service, Homilies, and such other good Authors of Practical Divinity, as shall be appointed at the usual Times, in such Church or Chappel, and therein shall demean himself according to the Liturgy of the Church of England, as aforesaid.

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Where no Minister, the Vestry to provide a Reader

And for the preventing of Delays and other Inconveniencies which might happen, if there were a Necessity for the Expecting the Attendance and Presence of all the said Vestry-Men, and at the same Time to prevent the doing any Thing of Consequence, by Surprize, by a small Number of them; *Be it hereby Enacted,* That the First Tuesday in every Month shall be, and is hereby fixed and ascertained for the holding of a Vestry, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, in the usual Place for that Purpose, without any Notice or Warning to be given thereof: At which Time and Place, the major Part of the Vestry-Men then present (so as such Majority be not under the Number of Three Persons) shall be esteemed as a Vestry, and shall have full Power to order, direct and act in all Things by this Act appointed to be done according to this Act, as a Vestry: And that in Case any Vestry-Man shall remove or withdraw

First Tuesday in every Month a Vestry without Notice.

Their Power