

*An ACT for Dividing Part of St. John's Parish  
in Prince George's County; and for Erecting Part thereof into a new  
Parish.*

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this present General Assembly, by the Parishioners of St. John's Parish aforesaid, That the said Parish is of too large Extent to be served by one Minister, the said Parish being about Four-score Miles in Length, and Twenty in Breadth, consisting of Thirteen Hundred and Thirty Six Taxables, the Forty per Poll whereof amounts to Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Pounds of Tobacco, besides Perquisites. And therefore the said Parishioners of St. John's Parish aforesaid, humbly prayed, that the said Parish might be divided in Manner following, *viz.* That *Piscataway* and *New-Scotland* Hundreds, containing about Seven Hundred and Ninety One Taxables, which yield Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Pounds of Tobacco *per Annum*, besides Perquisites, be hereafter reputed and taken as the full Extent of St. John's Parish aforesaid; and that *Eastern-Branch*, *Rock-Creek* and *Pattowmack* Hundreds, containing about Five Hundred and Forty Five Taxables, and yielding about Twenty One Thousand Eight Hundred Pounds of Tobacco *per Annum*, might be erected into a new Parish.

And whereas the Reverend Mr. *John Frazer*, the present Incumbent of St. John's Parish aforesaid, having had due Notice hereof, and making no material Objections against the passing of an Act above pray'd: And forasmuch as the Prayer of the Petitioners aforesaid, is thought reasonable by this present General Assembly, to be granted as prayed,

*Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the Fourth Tuesday in November next ensuing, the said Three Hundreds, viz. Eastern-Branch, Rock-Creek and Pattowmack, from the Mouth of the Eastern-Branch to the Fork thereof, and so up with the North-East Branch that makes the said Fork, unto the Head thereof, thence continuing the Course of the said Branch by a straight Line 'till it strike Patuxent River, shall be taken from St. John's Parish aforesaid, in Prince George's County aforesaid, and be erected into a new Parish, and called by the Name of Prince George-Parish; and shall from and after the Time aforesaid, by Virtue of this Act, be deem'd, adjudg'd, reputed and taken for Prince George-Parish, and not as Part or Parcel of the said St. John's Parish aforesaid: And that the Boundaries aforesaid, shall always be deem'd, taken and reputed as the undoubted Boundaries, to divide the Parish aforesaid; and that the Inhabitants of the said Prince George-Parish, shall have and enjoy all Benefits and Priviledges, Power and Authorities, in every Respect, equal with any Inhabitants of any other Parish within this Province heretofore had or hereafter may have. And further, Giving to the several Freeholders of Prince George-Parish aforesaid, at a certain Day to be appointed by them, full and ample Power to elect and make Choice of the Number of Six select Vestry-Men, at least, and Two Church-Wardens;*

On a Representation of the Parishioners of the said Parish, that it is too large to be served by one Minister; and the Income being sufficient for Two, It is pray'd, that it may be divided,

And the present Incumbent having nothing material to object,

It is Enacted, That the said Parish be divided according to the Limits hereof.

And that the Inhabitants enjoy the same Priviledges as other Parishioners.

Their Power to choose Vestry Men and Church-Wardens.