

ing of such Churches as are already, built, finishing and compleating the Insides thereof, as the said Vestry shall think fit; or for the Purchasing a Pulpit Cloth, Cushion, Bible or Common Prayer Book or Church Plate, for the Use of the said Church.

WHERE a Church is old or so out of repair, as not fit to be made use of, and shall be so adjudged by the Vestry; it shall and may be lawful for the Vestry Men, to apply the *Forty Pounds* per Poll, for the Building of a new one. If there shall be no Occasion to apply the said Tobacco to the Uses aforesaid, or if after such Application, any remains in the Vestry's Hands, they are impowered to purchase therewith, either a Plantation, with a Tract of Land or a certain Tract of Land, as near and contiguous to the Church as may be; and if there be no Church in said Parish, to purchase a Tract of Land, and build a Church thereon; which Plantation or Land, shall be and remain forever as a Glebe, to the Use of the Minister of such Parish for the Time being; and if any Tobacco remains over and above answering the Uses aforesaid, it shall be employed towards improving and stocking such Glebe, as the Vestry shall think proper.

THE Sheriff shall have allowed him, out of the said *Forty Pounds* Tobacco per Poll, which he shall pay to such Vestry or Incumbent, *Five Pounds* Tobacco per Cent, for collecting and paying the same, and no more.

Passed May } ACT for the Publication of Marriages
28th, 1717. } and preventing unlawful Marriages.

ALL Persons who desire Marriage, shall apply themselves to a Minister for contracting thereof, and shall cause due Proclamation to be made, according to the Rubrick of the Church of *England*, of their Intent to Marry, at some Church or Chappel of Ease, belonging to the Parish, where the Woman so intending to be married, is Resident; and in case there be no Minister, Curate or Reader in such Parish, an Advertisement or publick Notification of such intended Marriage, shall be set up at the Court-House Door, for the Space of three Weeks; of which Advertisement the County Clerk shall make a Certificate, under his Hand and the Seal of the County; and it shall be lawful after such Publication, and Certificate thereof had, for any Minister duly qualified, to join together in Marriage such Persons so published, saving to the Ministers of the respective Parishes, where such Proclamation shall be made, their just Dues for such Marriage.

If any Persons shall presume to contract Marriage without such Publication and Certificate thereof, or without particular Licence from the Governor, every Man so Contracting or Marrying, shall be liable to a Fine of *Five Hundred Pounds* Weight of Tobacco; and every Minister joining them in Marriage, without Publication or Licence, to the like Fine of *Five Thousand Pounds* Tobacco, one half of said Fines for Support of the Government, the other half to go to the Informer or Suer for the same.

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