

... hundred pounds of Tobacco for his fee
September 29 - 1704

Read and assented to by the Honourable
of Seignior Wayland (and) Councils Wladen (and) -

Maryland October 3 - 1704
On behalf of her Majesty we will this be a Law

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An Act for securing the parochial Libraries of this Province.

Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governor Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that the Clergy appointed for the severall and respective parishes within this Province shall be and remain in the hands and possession of the Minister of the parish (if there be any Minister actually inducted into and incumbent in the said parish) during his Residence in the said parish who is by this Act obliged to keep and preserve the said Library from loss and imbezement and to be accountable for the same to the Governour Council and Assembly as often as required.

And to that purpose the said Minister shall pass two Receipts for the said books inscribing what they are and the title page of the same one receipt to be by the Vestry of the said parish transmitted to the Governour and Council and the other to remain with the Vestry of the said parish to be entered in their Register book And the said Vestrys are hereby obliged to visit the said Libraries twice in the year and inspect the same.

And in case the said Vestrys shall not for at least four of them of the best standing shall not visit the said Libraries twice in the year as by this Act is required the whole number of Vestrymen shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds of Tobacco one for Majesty to her Majesty her heirs and assigns for the support of Government the other Majesty to the Injurers