

mentioned by the said Act, and Two new Vestry-Men Annually chosen, in the Place of two others, who should be left out : But that no Provision is made by the said Act for obliging such Person or Persons who should be chosen by Virtue of the aforesaid Act, as a Vestry-Man or Vestry-Men, to serve and act in the Duty and Office of a Vestry-Man or Vestry-Men ; nor any Directions prescribed by the said Act, in what Order or Method the two Vestrymen directed by the said Act to be Annually left out, should be so left out,

Be it 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 if any Person or Persons, shall, after this Sessions of Assembly, be chosen and elected by Virtue of the aforesaid Act, as a Vestry-Man, or Vestry-Men, in any Parish of this Province, and being so chosen, or elected, shall (after convenient Notice thereof to him or them given, by the Register of the respective Parish or Parishes, where he or they shall be so chosen and elected, as aforesaid,) refuse or neglect to repair to, and be present at the next Meeting of such Vestry or Vestries, and there qualify him or themselves, as such Vestry-Man or Vestry-Men, without a reasonable Excuse, after such Notice given to them as aforesaid ; and Notice of such Meeting to be given to him or them by the said Register, who is hereby directed and required to give such Notice, under the Penalty and Forfeiture of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco ; that then every Vestry-Man so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the Quantity of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco ; and the two Vestry-Men mentioned by the said Act, to be Annually left out, shall, and are hereby directed to be the two eldest Vestry-Men ; and which said two Vestry-Men so left out as aforesaid, or either of them, shall not be liable to be chosen, or obliged to serve as a Vestry-Man or Vestry-Men, for the Space of Three Years ensuing the Time of their being left out, as aforesaid.

And it is hereby further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Vestry or Vestries, and they are hereby impowered and directed to proceed to the Choice and Election of some other Person or Persons to be Vestry-Man or Vestry-Men, in the Place or Stead of such Person or Persons so chosen Vestry-Man or Vestry-Men, and refuseing or neglecting as aforesaid : And the former Choice of such Person or Persons as Vestry-Man or Vestry-Men refuseing or neglecting, shall be void, and of none Effect.

And it is hereby further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Minister, Rector, and Incumbent of each Parish, in this Province, shall, for his or their Neglect to meet, and Non-Attendance at the Vestry or Vestries hereafter to be held, in his or their Parish or Parishes, without a reasonable Excuse, be liable to, and incur the same Penalties and Forfeitures as a Vestry-Man or Vestry-Men are liable to, by Virtue of the aforesaid recited Act, for his or their Non-Attendance, or Neglect to meet at his or their Vestry or Vestries ; to be recovered in the same Manner as such Penalties and Forfeitures are to be recovered by Virtue of this Act.

And whereas, by the aforesaid recited Act, no Method of Prosecution is directed for the Recovery of the Fines and Penalties by the said Act imposed on a Vestry-Man or Vestry-Men, Church-Warden or Church-Wardens, Register or Registers, and every Person refuseing or neglecting to register any Birth, Marriage or Burial, Be it therefore hereby Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Fines and Penalties, in the aforesaid recited Act, mentioned to be imposed on a Vestry-Man or Vestry-Men, Register or Registers, or any Person refuseing or neglecting to Register any Birth, Marriage or Burial, shall and may be recovered before any one Justice of the Peace for the said County, where such Offence shall be committed.