

and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of December next ensuing, viz. The said Land to the North-East Side of Courseca Creek, and the North-East Side of the Eastermost Branch thereof, commonly known by the Name of the Three Bridges, and running up the said Branch, through the Dwelling-Plantation of Mr. Edward Wright, to the Head thereof; thence down with a Branch call'd Smith's Branch, to a Branch of Tuckaboe; and with that Branch, to the Main Branch of Tuckaboe Creek; and from the aforesaid Main Branch, with a Line drawn South-East, to Choptank River, shall be taken from St. Paul's Parish aforesaid, in Queen-Anne's County aforesaid, and be erected into a new Parish, and call'd by the Name of St. Luke's Parish; and shall, from and after the Time aforesaid, by Virtue of this Act, be deemed, adjudged, reputed and taken for St. Luke's Parish, and not as Part or Parcel of the said St. Paul's Parish aforesaid: And that the Boundaries aforesaid, shall always be deemed, taken, and reputed as the Undoubted Boundaries to divide the Parish aforesaid. And that the Inhabitants of the said St. Luke's Parish, shall have and enjoy all Benefits and Priviledges, Power and Authority, 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 Free-holders of St. Luke's 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; and also to build and found a Church therein: Any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of Queen Anne's County, upon Application to them made, by the Vestry of St. Luke's Parish aforesaid, to cause to be levied in such Manner as the Publick and County Levies are levied upon the Taxable Persons in the said Parish, so much Tobacco as will enable the said Parish to build a Church; so that the said Sum to be levied for that Use, do not exceed the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco: Any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof, notwithstanding.

An ACT for the better Regulating the Parishes in St. Mary's and Charles Counties.

WHEREAS it is represented by the Inhabitants of St. Mary's and Charles Counties, and is made appear to this present General Assembly, That the present Parishes in the Counties aforesaid, are so laid out, that they are very Inconvenient, both to the Incumbents, and Parishioners: To prevent which, and for the better Regulating the said Parishes, it is prayed that it may be Enacted,

And 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 Nicholas Lowe, Esq; Col. Thomas Trueman Greenfield, Mr. Philip Key, Mr. George Clark, Mr. Samuel Williams, Capt. John Hicks, and Mr. John Leigh, of St. Mary's County, Gent. And Col. John Fendall, Mr. John Courts, Capt. George Dent, Mr. Randolph Morris, Mr. Henry Holland Hawkins, Mr. John King, and Doctor Gustavus Brown, of Charles County, Gentlemen, be by Virtue of this Act appointed Commissioners, to Regulate and Divide the several Parishes, within the said Counties; which said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, are hereby required, on the first Tuesday in July next ensuing, to meet at Bird's Creek Bridges; and at such Meeting, they are