

said, be by the said County Court Assessed, and by the Sheriff Paid to them for the Uses and Purposes aforesaid, and how the same have been disposed of and applied: And if upon a final Account thereof there shall appear to be a Balance due from the said Mr. *William Hamilton*, Mr. *Christopher Gist*, Mr. *Samuel Owings*, Mr. *Christopher Randall*, and Mr. *Nicholas Hayles*, after Purchasing the said Land, and Building and Finishing the Chappel aforesaid, that then and in such case, they the said Mr. *William Hamilton*, Mr. *Christopher Gist*, Mr. *Samuel Owings*, Mr. *Christopher Randall*, and Mr. *Nicholas Hayles*, them, or any of them, are hereby directed and required to pay such Balance to the Vestry of the said Parish for the Time being, to be applied by the said Vestry towards defraying the Charges of the said Parish.

And whereas it is also by the said Petition represented to this General Assembly, that the Parish aforesaid is very large, and at present affords near Sixty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco *per Annum* to the Reverend *Benedict Bourdillon* the present Incumbent, and that the Hundred of *Soldiers Delight*, and *Back River* upper Hundred, at present in the said Parish, are very extensive, and contain upwards of Five Hundred Taxable Persons; It was therefore prayed that it might be Enacted, That after the Death or Translation of the present Incumbent, the said Hundred of *Soldiers Delight*, and *Back River* upper Hundred, be divided from the present Parish of *St. Pauls*, into a separate Parish.

*Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid*, That immediately from and after the Death or Translation, which shall first happen, of the aforesaid *Benedict Bourdillon*, the present Incumbent of *St. Pauls* Parish, the aforesaid Hundred of *Soldiers Delight*, and *Back River* upper Hundred, be, and are hereby separated and taken from the aforesaid Parish of *St. Paul*, and be Erected into a new Parish by the Name of *St. Thomas* Parish, and the Two Hundreds aforesaid, shall, from and after that of the Two Contingencies aforesaid, which shall first happen, by virtue of this Act, be deemed, adjudged, reputed and taken for *St. Thomas* Parish, and not as part or parcel of *St. Pauls* Parish aforesaid, and that the Inhabitants of the said *St. Thomas* Parish shall have and enjoy all Benefits and Privileges, Power and Authorities, in every respect, equal with any Inhabitants of any other Parish within this Province: And further giving to the Freeholders of *St. Thomas* Parish aforesaid, at a certain Day to be by them appointed, after the falling of either of the said Contingencies, which shall first happen, full and ample Power to Elect and make Choice of the number of Six select Vestry-men, and Two Church-wardens, and the same to alter and renew at such Times and in such Manner as former Laws of this Province do direct.

*Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid*, That the Chappel herein before directed to be Built, shall be Erected and Built in such Place as to them the said *William Hamilton*, *Christopher Gist*, *Samuel Owings*, *Christopher Randall*, and *Nicholas Hayles*, or the major Part of them, shall seem meet and convenient, and so as to answer the convenience of the said intended Parish

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Proviso.