

men and Church-Wardens, or their Order, which shall be applied by them towards erecting and building a Parish Church or Church and Chapel in the new Parish of *Worcester*, in such Place as to them shall seem most proper and convenient.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Quantities of Tobacco last mentioned to be assessed, levied and collected, shall be made by the same annual Proportions and Manner, as is directed to be made in the Assessments for building the Church of *All-hallows* Parish, and no otherwise.

And be it further Enacted, That the Vestrymen and Church-Wardens, or the major Part of them, of the said new Parish of *Worcester*, are hereby authorized and impowered to act and do in every respect, as well in relation to the Sale of the Tobacco annually to be collected, as well as every other Matter and Thing, as is by this Act before given to the Vestrymen and Church-Wardens of *All-hallows* Parish, or the major Part of them.

An Act to enable the several and respective County Clerks within this Province, to remove some of the County Records and Papers from the public Offices.

Preamble.

WHEREAS at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, the Sixteenth Day of *May*, Anno Domini, Seventeen hundred forty and seven, an Act was made, Entituled, *An Act to remedy some Proceedings in the Court of Charles County, and to prevent the Removal of the Records from the public Offices*; wherein, among others Things, it is Enacted, "That for the future no Clerk or Register within this Province (except Parish Registers) shall at any Time hereafter, take, remove or carry out of their respective public Offices, or cause or suffer any Person or Persons to take, remove or carry out of their respective public Offices, any Books, Papers or other Records to their own Houses, or to any other Place, upon any Pretence whatsoever, and the same to keep or cause or suffer to be kept out of their respective public Offices, at any Time between the Hours of Eleven at Night and Six in the Morning, under Penalty of Ten Pounds Current Money for every Offence; one Moiety thereof to the Informer, or to him or her that shall sue for the same, the other Moiety to be applied to the Use of the School of the County wherein the Offence shall be committed; to be recovered in any Court of Record in this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill of Indictment, Plaint or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparance, shall be allowed." And whereas several of the County Clerks within this Province, in Behalf of themselves and others of the said County Clerks, have humbly represented to this present General Assembly, that by the above-recited Act, they and all other the County Clerks aforesaid, are laid under such Hardships that it is not practicable for them to execute that Duty, inasmuch as a great Part of their Business must of Necessity be done in the Winter Season, and that their Dwellings are at some Distance from their several and respective Court-Houses. This present General Assembly having taken the said Representation into Consideration, and being well satisfied of the Truth of the Facts mentioned therein, are willing and desirous to remove the Hardships complained of;

Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper