

Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the Tenth Day of July next, it shall and may be lawful to and for the severall and respective County Clerks within this Province, to take, remove or carry out of their respective public Offices, the last recording Book for Judgments by them kept in their severall and respective public Offices, together with the four last Courts-Dockets and Papers next preceeding the Time of such taking out, and the same to keep at their own Houses, or any other Place more suitable to their Conveniency within the County, for and during such Time as to them, or any of them, shall seem necessary, without being liable to incur the Penalty in the above-recited Act mentioned, any thing therein contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

County Clerks may remove some of their Records.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the severall and respective County Clerks within this Province, shall be and they are hereby obliged to attend at their severall and respective County Court Houses one or more Days in every Week, to be appointed and published by the severall County Courts next after the Commencement of this Act, and to remain there, either by themselves or Deputy, from Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon until Sun-set, and then and there give all possible Dispatch to the necessary Business of such Person or Persons as shall apply to them for the same. And that every County Clerk who shall neglect or delay to perform his Duty herein, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Six hundred Pounds of Tobacco; one half whereof to the Use of the County School, and the other half to him, her or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered before a single Magistrate of the County where such Forfeiture shall happen, as in Case of small Debts.

Obliged to attend their Offices one Day in a Week

Penalty for Non-Attendance.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent any Clerk from being chargeable for any Mistake or Neglect in his Office, in the same Manner as if this Act had never been made.

Proviso.

This Act to continue for Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said Three Years.

Continuance.

An Act empowering the Justices of Queen-Anne's County, to levy on the taxable Persons of Christ's-Church Parish in the said County, the Sum of Thirty seven thousand one hundred Pounds of Tobacco, for repairing and enlarging their Parish Church.

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WHEREAS the Rector, Vestrymen, Church-Wardens and sundry Parishioners of Christ's-Church Parish in Queen-Anne's County, by their humble Petition to this General Assembly, representing, that their Church is not only much too small for the Congregation which usually resorts thereto, quietly and commodiously to perform their religious Exercises, but is also very much out of Repair, have prayed that an Act may pass for the Assessment of Thirty seven thousand one hundred Pounds of Tobacco on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish for repairing and enlarging the same;

Preamble.

Be it therefore enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That