

An Act to enable the Justices of *Charles County*, to assess and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of that Part of the late Rev. Mr. *Donaldson's* Parish, which lies in the said County, Fifty-five thousand Pounds of Tobacco, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS the Vestrymen, Churchwardens, and other Inhabitants of that Part of the late Reverend Mr. *Donaldson's* Parish, which lies in *Charles County*, have by their humble Petition to this present General Assembly set forth, that the Church which is now used by the said People is so old and ruinous, that it would be misapplying Tobacco to attempt to repair it; and also, that it is so situate as to be very inconvenient to many of them: And have therefore prayed that an Act may pass to enable them to raise a Quantity of Tobacco, not exceeding fifty-five thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the building a new one, at such Place as the Majority of the Protestant Freeholders of the said Parish may choose.

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 the Justices of Charles County Court, for the Time being, be, and they are hereby authorized and impowered, on Application of the said Vestrymen, and Churchwardens, at their laying their County Levy in November Court, in the several Years Seventeen hundred fifty-one, Seventeen hundred fifty-two, and Seventeen hundred and fifty-three, to assess and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, in the County aforesaid, a Quantity of Tobacco not exceeding fifty-five thousand Pounds of Tobacco, together with the Sheriff's Salary of five per Cent for Collection; which Tobacco, so by the said Sheriff received, shall be paid to the Order of the said Vestrymen and Churchwardens, or the major Part of them, to be by them applied for the building, finishing, and compleating a Church, at such Place as shall be agreed on by the major Part of the Protestant Freeholders of the said Parish, for the placing the same.

Justices of *Charles County* to levy a Sum of Tobacco on the Inhabitants of the late Mr. *Donaldson's* Parish.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for all the Protestant Freeholders of the said Parish, at some Time between the first and fifteenth Days of October ensuing, to meet, on public Notice to them in Church given of such Day to meet, at Newport Church in the Parish aforesaid, provided such Notice be given ten Days at least before such Meeting; and then and there to vote where and in what Place the Church intended to be erected shall be built: And the Place where the Majority of such Protestant Freeholders shall vote the same to stand, and no other, shall be the Place where the same shall be erected.

Majority of Freeholders to choose the Place for building a Church.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when the Place where the same Church shall be built may be by the Means aforesaid known, that then the said Vestrymen and Churchwardens shall, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby authorized and impowered to agree with the Proprietor thereof for two Acres of Land, whereon to build the said Church, and to be thereafter used for the Church-yard thereunto belonging; and the Price agreed to be paid for the same shall be paid out of the Tobacco so as aforesaid to be levied; and a good and sufficient Deed of Bargain
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Two Acres of Land to be purchased.