

C H A P. XXXIII.

An ACT for erecting a new Parish in *Kent* County, called *Chester* Parish, and for Building a Parish Church, and enlarging a Chapel of Ease within the said new Parish.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS many Inhabitants, both of *St. Paul's* and *Shrewsbury* Parishes, in *Kent* County, have by their Petitions represented to this General Assembly, That a great Number of People in the said Parishes, and about the middle of the County, live too remote from either of the Parish Churches of the said Parishes, to attend Divine Worship, and have prayed that an Act may pass, to erect a new Parish in the middle of the said County, to take in Part of both the said Parishes; and have also represented, that there are two Places proper in the said new intended Parish, for erecting a Parish Church and Chapel of Ease in the said Parish, for the Convenience of the Inhabitants; the one to be at or near the Cross Roads, called and known by the Name of I. U. the other in *Chester-Town*.

A new Parish to be erected in *Kent* County.

II. 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 from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, all those Parts of *St. Paul's* Parish, and *Shrewsbury* Parish, in *Kent* County aforesaid, that are contained within the Bounds herein after mentioned and expressed, *That is to say*, Beginning in *St. Paul's* Parish, at the Mouth of a Pond by the Bay Side, between *Marmaduke Tilden's* and *William Frisby's*, and running up the Pond Side to the Head thereof, where it intersects the Line between said *Marmaduke Tilden's* Land, and *George Copper's* Land, thence with that Line to the Road leading from said *Tilden's*, to *Cooter Griffin's*, thence with that Road, to intersect the main Road leading from the Head of *Worton*, by *Chester-Town*, and with that main Road to a Valley in *James M'Clean's* Plantation, leading into the Head of the Branch called *Fanning's* Branch, thence down that Valley and Branch, to a small Branch issuing out of the said *Fanning's* Branch, called *Bloody-Bridge* Branch, thence up the said *Bloody-Bridge* Branch to the Head thereof, and then with a straight Line to the Head of *Muddy* Creek, and down the said Creek to *Chester* River; and in *Shrewsbury* Parish, beginning at the Mouth of *Turner's* Creek, on *Sassafras* River, and running up the said Creek to *James Loutitt's* Point, and thence with the Road leading by *John Shawhan's* into the main County Road, to *Chester-Town*, thence with the said main County Road, to *Thomas Perkins's*, and thence by the cross Road to *Isaac Perkins's* Mill, and then by a due South East Line from the said Mill, to *Chester* River, shall be taken from *St. Paul's* Parish, and *Shrewsbury* Parish aforesaid, and erected into a new Parish by the Name of *Chester* Parish, and shall from and after the Time aforesaid, be deemed, reputed, adjudged, and taken for *Chester* Parish, and not as Part or Parcel of *St. Paul's* and *Shrewsbury* Parishes aforesaid; and that the Lines and Boundaries aforementioned, shall always be deemed, taken, and reputed to be the undoubted Lines and Bounds, to divide the Parishes aforesaid, and that the Inhabitants of *Chester* Parish aforesaid, shall have and enjoy all such Benefits, Privileges, Powers, and Authorities, in every Respect, as the Inhabitants of any other Parish within this Province now have, or hereafter may have, or enjoy, as Parishioners.

To be called *Chester* Parish.

Vestry-men, &c. to be chose.

III. And be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Freeholders of the said new erected Parish, shall have full and ample Power, to meet at the aforesaid Cross Roads called I. U. on the First Tuesday in *January* next ensuing, and then and there to Elect and make Choice of Six Vestry-men and Two Church-wardens, to serve as a Vestry of the said Parish, for the ensuing Year, and until the Easter Monday then next following, and the same afterwards to alter