

Heirs, and Assigns, to the Pew, or Seat, of that Number; and it shall be entered on the Register-Book accordingly, the Owner first paying the Cost of such Pew, to the Vestry; and the said Owner shall also pay the Register, One Shilling Current Money, for such Entry. C H A P. VIII.

VII. **Provided nevertheless,** That if the Purchase-Money is not paid down immediately, on Request, to the said Vestry, they are hereby impowered and required, if there should not be Pews or Seats enough, for all the Freeholders of the said Parish, applying as aforesaid, to permit such as may have drawn Blanks, to draw again in Manner aforesaid, for such Pew, or Pews, so refused or neglected to be paid for; and if all the Freeholders, as aforesaid, have Pews, then, to sell, and dispose of, such Pews as are not paid for, or may be left at the next Vestry-Day, to the highest Bidder, and the Money over paying for the erecting the Pews, to be applied as the said Vestry shall think proper, to the Use of the Church. Proviso.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT to impower the Justices of *Somerset* and *Worcester* Counties, to levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of *Stepney* Parish, in *Somerset* and *Worcester* Counties, the Quantity of One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the Uses therein mentioned.

WHEREAS the Vestrymen, Churchwardens, and sundry of the Inhabitants of *Stepney* Parish, lying in *Somerset* and *Worcester* Counties, have, by their humble Petition to this General Assembly, set forth, That their Chapel of Ease, known by the Name of *Godderd's* Chapel, is not only old, much out of Repair, and unfit to attend Divine Service therein, but inconveniently situated for the Parishioners; and, that their Chapel of Ease, known by the Name of *Spring-Hill* Chapel, is in a ruinous Condition, and unfit to be repaired, and that it was necessary to purchase, for the Use of the said Parish, a Lot of Ground, at, or near the Head of *Wicomoco* River, in the said Parish, and to erect and build a Chapel thereon; and also to purchase a Lot of Ground in the said Parish, near unto the Place where *Spring-Hill* Chapel now stands, and to erect a Chapel thereon; and have humbly prayed, that an Act may pass, That One Hundred Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, may be levied upon the Taxable Persons of the said Parish, by Two equal Assessments, for the Purpose of building the Chapel of Ease, at the Head of *Wicomoco* River, and the Quantity of Sixty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the building the Chapel of Ease, near the Place where *Spring-Hill* Chapel now stands, by equal Assessments, in the Two Years subsequent to the Assessment of the said One Hundred Thousand Pounds of Tobacco. Preamble.

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 the Vestrymen and Churchwardens, of *Stepney* Parish aforesaid, which lies in *Somerset* and *Worcester* Counties, aforesaid, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, be, and are hereby authorised, impowered, and required, to purchase, in Fee, in the Name of the Vestrymen and Churchwardens of the said Parish, for the Time being, Two Acres of Land, lying in *Somerset* County, in the Parish aforesaid, on the South Side of *Wicomoco* River, and above the Branch whereon the Mill of *William Venables* is built, and to treat and agree with such Person, or Persons, as they, or the major Part of them, shall think proper to employ, to build a Chapel of Ease thereon, for the Use of the Inhabitants of the said Parish; which said Land, when so purchased; and the said Chapel, when so built, shall be, and is hereby declared, to be constituted and deemed The Vestrymen and Churchwardens impowered to purchase 2 Acres of Land on *Wicomoco* River, and agree with proper Persons to build a Chapel of Ease thereon;