

An ACT for the Building of a Parish Church in *All Saints* Parish in *Calvert* County.

**W**HEREAS sundry of the Inhabitants of *All Saints* Parish in *Calvert* County have, by their humble Petition to this General Assembly, set forth, That the Parish Church in the County aforesaid is now become so much decayed, that they cannot with any Degree of Safety repair thereto, and attend upon divine Service; and being desirous, not only to remove this Inconvenience, but to promote and advance Religion, and render the Attendance on public Worship more safe and agreeable, by erecting, on or near the Ground where the old Church now Stands, a good, sufficient, and commodious Building, for such necessary, pious, and laudable Purposes, have humbly prayed, that an Act may pass, that a Quantity not exceeding Two Hundred Thousand Pounds of Tobacco may be levied upon the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, by Three equal Assessments:

Preamble.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Reverend Mr. Thomas John Clagett, and Messrs. Edward Gantt, Thomas Reynolds, Charles Graham, and William Ireland, or the major Part of them, be and are hereby authorized and empowered to treat and agree, with some Person or Persons having Land adjoining to the Ground where the old Church now stands, for a Quantity of Ground not exceeding one Acre, and also to treat and agree with such Person or Persons as they shall think proper to undertake, erect, and build, and in a Workman-like Manner compleat and finish a Parish Church, on or near the Ground where the old Church now stands.

Persons named to agree for one Acre of Land, and also with proper Persons to undertake the building of a new Church &c.

III. And be it also enacted, That the Justices of *Calvert* County aforesaid for the Time being shall and may, at their next ensuing November Courts, to be held in the Years Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-four, Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-five, and Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-six, assess and levy, on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, a Quantity not exceeding the aforesaid Sum of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, together with the Sheriff's Salary of Five per Cent. for collecting the same; which said Assessments, so as aforesaid when made, shall be collected by the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, in the same Manner as Public and County Levies are usually collected and levied, and by him be paid to the Reverend Mr. Thomas John Clagett, and Messrs. Edward Gantt, Thomas Reynolds, Charles Graham, and William Ireland, or the major Part of them, who are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to the Use and Purpose aforesaid.

Justices to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of *All Saints* Parish, at their November Court in 1774, 1775, and 1776, 200,000lb. Tobacco for the Purposes aforesaid;

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall, and may be lawful for the several and respective Inhabitants of the Parish aforesaid, to pay and discharge the said several Quantities of Tobacco, to be levied and raised, for the Uses aforesaid, in Money, in the same Manner as they are or shall hereafter be enabled to pay and discharge the Public or County Levies, any Clause, Matter, or Thing, herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

Which may be discharged in Money.