

obliged to shew any person or persons, reasonably desiring it, any such register, or give a certificate of any births, marriages, or burials, that shall be reasonably required of him, and shall have for his fees from such person two shillings and six-pence for any search, and two shillings and six-pence for any copy or certificate given as aforesaid, and no more; which said certificates, under the hands of such register, shall be received in evidence in all courts of justice within this state.

C H A P.
IX.

VII. **And**, For the preventing of delays and other inconveniences which might happen, if there was a necessity for the attendance and presence of all the said vestrymen, and at the same time to prevent the doing of any thing of consequence by surprise by a small number of them:

VIII. **Be it enacted**, That the first Monday in every month shall be and is hereby fixed and ascertained for holding a vestry, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in the usual place for that purpose, without any notice or warning to be given thereof; at which time and place, or any other meeting on due notice, the major part of the vestrymen then present (so as such majority be not under the number of three persons) shall be esteemed a vestry, and shall have full power to order, direct, and act, as a vestry, in all things by this act appointed to be done.

Day for hold-
ing a vestry,
&c.

IX. **And**, That the register of each parish may be enabled to perform the charge hereby required of him,

X. **Be it enacted**, That the vestries of the respective parishes shall provide good and substantial writing books, well bound, sufficient for registering such proceedings in, according to the directions aforesaid, under the penalty of ten pounds currency: **And**, that there may be no neglect in the vestries, or those employed under them, in the lawful and conscientious performance of their several charges and authorities reposed in them, no vestryman being personally summoned shall, without a lawful or reasonable excuse, absent himself, under penalty of such fine as the residue of the said vestry meeting shall lay upon him, so as the same never exceed three pounds currency; and upon default or neglect of the principal vestryman to summon a vestry when there is need for one, any other three of the vestry, or if there shall happen by any accident to be but two of the said vestry, besides the principal vestryman, residing in the said parish, such three or two shall have power and authority to summon and appoint a vestry to be holden, and all such omissions and neglects to be noted in the vestry's register of proceedings.

Vestries to
provide books,
&c.

XI. **And be it enacted**, That the several and respective vestries are hereby further enjoined, with all convenient speed, and within six months at furthest, to procure a fair table of marriages, according to the late act of general assembly, to be transcribed, and the same set up in their respective churches, and the same keep continually in their said churches, under the penalty of ten pounds for the first neglect, and also ten pounds for every neglect thereafter.

And to pro-
cure a table
of marriages,
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