

Lib. C. B. for the Congregation which usually resorted thereunto quietly and commodiously to perform their religious Exercises but was also very much out of Repair and prayed that an Act might pass for the Assesment of 37100 Lw<sup>t</sup> of Tobacco on the taxable Inhabitants within the said Parish for repairing and enlarging the said Church And your Petitioner further sheweth that in Consequence of their said Representation An Act did pass for the purposes abovementioned empowering and requiring the Justices of Queen Anns County on the Application of the Vestry and Churchwardens of the said Parish to assess and levy upon the taxable Inhabitants thereof 37100 £ of Tobacco and the Salary of 5 p Cent to the Sheriff for collecting the same at three equal Assesments which said Sum of 37100 £ of Tobacco the said Act appointed the Sheriff of Queen Anns County to collect in the same Manner as other Publick Dues are collected and to pay the same to the Vestry & Churchwardens to apply the same to the repairing and enlarging the said Church in such manner as to them should seem most necessary and convenient and to no other Use or Purpose whatever. And your Petitioner further sheweth that the Vestry and Churchwardens of the said Parish did in pursuance of the above recited Act apply to the Justices of Queen Anns County to assess and levy the above Quantity

p. 485 of Tobacco as by the said Act is directed That the said Justices upon the said Application did accordingly levy and assess the aforesaid Quantity of Tobacco that the same was collected by the Sheriff aforesaid as appointed by the said Act and paid by him to the Vestry and Churchwardens of the said Parish And your Petitioner further sheweth that on the twenty first Day of May 1748 before the said Act passed, the Vestry of the said Parish met and contracted with M<sup>r</sup> John Smith for the building an Addition to the said Parish Church for the Enlargement thereof and to pay him at three equal Payments 35000 £ of Tobacco upon Condition that the Assembly would assess the same as by the Proceedings of the said Vestry ready to be produced and to which your Petitioner for greater Certainty craves leave to refer may more fully appear. And your Petitioner further sheweth that after the said Act passed as afores<sup>d</sup> the said John Smith proceeded to and finished the Building of the said Addition according to the Contract aforesaid And your Petitioner further sheweth that the said Smith not being obliged by the said Contract to build Pews in the said Addition or to repair several Pews in the Old Building that much needed It The Vestry of the said Parish met on the second Day of May 1750 and came to an Agreement with One Thomas Barnes to build the Pews wanting in the said Addition and to repair the Pews that needed