

and no way is Provided by the aforesaid Act by which way the severall parish Churches be finished kept in reparaire & that the Vestrymen may be Enabled who are likewise hereby Authorized and Impowered to buy & purchase Necessary Books to direct them to hold their Vestry & Walk by and the defraying other Necessary parochiall Charges Therefore it is prayed That it may be Enacted And be it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Ma^{ty} by and with the advice and Consent of this present generall Assembly and the Authority of the same That two Justices of the Peace one whereof shall be of the Quorum with the Vestrymen of each respective parish within this Province and foure of their most responsible parishioners such as they shall approve of if they shall all meet but in case of any disapointment [by] Them two Justices one whereof shall be as aforesaid with the major part of the said Vestry Churchwardens and Parishioners shall have full Power and Authority to leavy and assess by an Equall Assessment upon their respective parishioners according to number of Taxables for purchaseing such Register Books as aforesaid and for finishing and the necessary repaires of each respective Church or Churches within their parishes such Summe or Summes of Tobbacco not exceeding 10th per poll in one year as to them shall seem Convenient and att all times when the aforesaid Vestrymen Churchwardens &c. shall in their discretion adjudge such Books and finishing and repairing of Churches needfull which said Assessment or Tax per poll shall be Collected and Gathered by the Sherriffe of each respective County upon Notice given them thereof by the aforesaid Vestrymen &c. as is Provided in the aforesaid Act Intituled an Act for the Service of Almighty God. This Act to Endure for 3 yeares or to the next Sessions of Assembly which first happens.

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Whereas att the first Seating of this Province it was Tollerated not onely to publick Officers but also to Ordinary Keepers for the speedy recovering of their Debts upon proving their Accounts by their owne Oath to have Execution for their Debts against their Debtors by way of Capias ad Satisfaciendum which Tolleration to Ordinary keepers was afterwards restrained but still was allowed to publick Officers and past unto a Law for this reason most Especially to avoyd the Occasion of the said Publick Officers' recovering their debts by Chargeable Suites att Law But seeing that now there is a farr greater Number of Inhabitants in this Province then formerly And they have a far greater Number of Accounts then formerly which Accounts are sent to the Sherriffs to be Demanded and received and by the said Sherriffs Committed to their Deputys and by reason of the Multitude of Affaires in the hands of the said Officers Sherriffs and Deputyes and their Neglects and Errors it many times Comes to pass That when the Debtor hath paid his Accounts to the Officer