

acted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Minister, Priest or Magistrate, shall presume to join together in Marriage, any Persons whatsoever, contrary to the Table of Marriages, by this Act appointed to be set up in every Parish Church within this Province, under the Penalty of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; nor shall any Person forbidden to intermarry by such Table of Marriages, presume to be joined in Marriage, under the like Penalty of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, such Penalty and Forfeitures, on either Side, to be made to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, for the Uses in this Act hereafter mentioned.

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 ther, contrary to the Table of Marriages, forfeit 5000<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco. And the Persons so intermarrying incur the like Penalty.

V. And to prevent any Lay-Persons from joining any Persons in Marriage, where any Minister or Priest can be had, and to ascertain what shall be paid for Marriages, be it likewise Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in every Parish where any Minister or Incumbent shall reside, and have Charge of Souls therein, no Justice or Magistrate, being a Lay-Man, shall join any Person in Marriage; under the Penalty of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for such Offence, to our Sovereign Lord the King, as aforesaid. And it shall be lawful to every Minister to take and receive of every Person or Persons by him married, the Sum of Five Shillings Sterling, and no more. Provided such Persons come to such Parish-Church or Chapel, at Time of Divine Service, for solemnizing such Marriage.

Lay-Magistrates, joining Persons in Marriage, where a Minister is resident in the Parish, forfeit 5000<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco. The Minister's Fee.

VI. And for the better and more effectual Collecting of the said Duty of Forty Pounds of Tobacco per Poll, and paying the same to the Uses by the Law intended and appointed, be it Enacted, That the Sheriff of each several County, shall, and is hereby obliged, to collect and gather the said Assessment of Forty per Poll, of the several Persons within each respective Parish in his County, in the same Manner, and by the same Authority, as the Public and County Levies are collected, and shall pay the same Forty Pounds per Poll to the Minister or Incumbent in each respective Parish \*.

The Sheriff to collect the 40<sup>o</sup> per Poll.

\* The Sheriffs shall have 5 per Cent for collecting, 1715, ch. 24, §. 4.

VII. And the better to promote the Execution of the good Laws of this Province, so far as concerns the respective Parishes, and for the more easy Dispatch of Parish-Business, be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That there be select Vestries in each Parish of this Province, and that the several Vestry-men of the several Parishes within this Province, that now are, or hereafter shall be chosen by such select Vestry, of which Vestry the Number shall always be Six at least, except upon Death or Resignation, or other Discharge of any of them, according to the Provision herein made to that Purpose; and in such Case of Death, or Resignation, or other legal Discharge from serving, the remaining Part of such Vestries shall, with all convenient speed, summon and appoint a general Meeting of all the Inhabitants of the said Parish, who are Free-holders within the same Parish, and contribute to the Public Taxes and Charges of the said Parish, who shall, by Majority of Voices, elect and chuse one or more sober and discreet Person or Persons, Free-holders of each respective Parish, to supply such Vacancies: And such Person or Persons, so elected and chosen, shall take the usual Oath, appointed by Act of Parliament instead of the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the following Oath, viz.

Select Vestries to be in each Parish, the Number to be always Six at the least.

On Death, &c. of any Vestry-man, the Vacancy to be supplied by Election of the Free-holders.

Vestry-men to take the Oaths to the Government, and the following

“ I ——— do solemnly Swear and Declare, That I will justly and truly execute the Trust or Office of a Vestry-man of this Parish, according to my best Skill and Knowledge, without Prejudice, Favour, or Affection.”

Oath of a Vestry-man.

Which said Oaths, at the Election of a new Vestry, are to be administered by any Justice of the Peace of the County, City or Place, where such Vestry is, who is hereby required and empowered to administer the same; and upon Elections afterwards, either by a Justice of Peace as aforesaid, or the first Vestry-man, who is hereby likewise required and empowered to administer

The Oaths, how to be administered.