

C H A P. LII.

An Act for the taking Special Bail in the several Counties of this Province, upon Actions and Suits depending in her Majesty's Provincial Court. *Lib. LL. N° 3. fol. 132.* *REP. 1715, ch. 49; and 1719, ch. 16.* Passed 3d of October 1704.

A new Law made 1715, ch. 28.
C H A P. LIII.

An Act ascertaining the Gauge of Tobacco Hogsheads. *Lib. LL. N° 3. fol. 134.* Ditto.

Her Majesty's Dissent is dated at St. James's 1st April 1708. See Council Proceedings the 16th August 1708. A new Law made 1715, ch. 38.

C H A P. LIV.

An Act for the securing Persons Rights to Town Lands. *Lib. LL. N° 3. fol. 136.* OBS. Ditto.

A new Law made 1710, ch. 3; and another 1715, ch. 32.

C H A P. LV.

An Act for rectifying the ill Practices of Attorneys of this Province, and ascertaining the Attorney-General's, and Clerk of Indictment's, Fees. *Lib. LL. N° 3. fol. 137.* *REP. 1715, ch. 49; and 1719, ch. 16.* Ditto.

A new Law made 1715, ch. 48.

C H A P. LVI.

An ACT for securing the Parochial Libraries of this Province. *Lib. LL. N° 3. fol. 140.* Ditto.

BE it Enacted by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the Libraries appointed for the several and respective Parishes within this Province, shall be and remain in the Hands and Possession of the Minister of the Parish, if there be any Minister actually Inducted into, and Incumbent in, the said Parish, during his Residence in the said Parish, who is by this Act obliged to keep and preserve the said Library from Waste and Embezzlement, and to be accountable for the same, to the Governor, Council and Vestry, as often as required.

Parochial Libraries to remain in Possession of the Incumbents; who shall be accountable for the same.

II. And to that Purpose, the said Minister shall pass two Receipts for the said Books, inserting what they are, and the Title Page of the same, one Receipt to be, by the Vestry of the said Parish, transmitted to the Governor and Council, and the other to remain with the Vestry of the said Parish, to be entered in their Register Book.

Incumbent to pass two Receipts for the Books.

III. And the said Vestries are hereby obliged to visit the said Libraries twice in the Year, and inspect the same: And in case the said Vestries shall not (or at least Four of them of the eldest Standing shall not) visit the said Libraries twice in the Year, as by this Act is required, the whole Number of Vestry-men shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Fourteen Hundred Pounds of Tobacco: One Moiety to her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government; the other Moiety to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same, in any Court of Record of this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed; and the *Onus probandi* shall lie on the Part of the Vestry, to make it appear that they have visited the Libraries, as by this Act they are obliged.

Vestries to visit and inspect the Libraries twice a Year, on Penalty of 1400^{lb} of Tobacco.

IV. And if it so happen, that the Vestry find any Damage, or Embezzlement thereof, they shall require and cause Satisfaction for the same to be made, by Action of Debt, to be brought against the said Minister, his Executors or Administrators, for the full Value of such Books, as are, or shall be wanting; to be commenced and brought by the Vestry-men of such respective Parish, where such Damage and Embezzlement shall happen, who; by this Act, are empowered to bring their special Action without their Principal Vestry-man.

Vestry empowered to sue the Minister, his Executors, &c. in case of Damage or Embezzlement.