

VIII. The several Vestry-men of the several Parishes in this Province, shall be a Body Corporate, and so remain by succession, for receiving the said 40 *l.* of Tobacco, and disposing the same as by this Act ordained, by the names of the principal Vestry-men, and his brethren Vestry-men of such a Parish, who are empowered to recover, take, and receive into their possession for pious uses, and the benefit of the Church and Parish, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Goods, Chattels, Debts, or other personal Estate whatsoever, given, granted, or bequeathed. And shall be capable of suing, or being sued by the Names and Titles aforesaid.

IX. The number of which Vestry, or Body Corporate, shall be six at least: And upon death or absence of any, the remaining part of such Vestry shall with convenient speed meet, and by majority of Voices, make choice of other discreet person or persons, Freeholders of such Place or Places. And the person so elected, shall take the Oath appointed by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Oath of a Vestry-man as appointed by this Act, and subscribe the Test and Association.

X: If any person so chosen a Vestry-man, shall refuse to serve and take Oaths aforesaid, he shall be fined 1000 *l.* of Tobacco to the King:

XI: Where there is a Minister or Incumbent Instituted, Inducted and Invested with the 40 *per* Pole, and residing in the Parish, he shall during his continuance be one of the Vestry and Principal thereof.

XII. Every Vestry shall appoint and keep a fit person for a Register, who shall fairly Register the Vestries Proceedings, who shall take the Oaths aforesaid, and also an Oath for the due and faithful Executing his Office: He shall also Register all Births, Marriages, and Burials, (Negroes and Mallato's excepted) persons concerned paying him 6 *d.* for entering the same, under the penalty of 100 *l.* of Tobacco. And such Register shall be obliged to shew any person desiring it the Register Book, or give a Certificate of any Birth, Marriage or Burial, that shall be reasonably required of him, receiving for his Fee 6 *d.* for a Search, and 6 *d.* for a Copy or Certificate:

XIII: Where there is no Register Book already provided, the Vestry of such Parish shall at the Parish charge provide such Book within 6 months from the end of this Session