

An Act to enable the Justices of *Charles* County, to levy a Sum of Tobacco on the taxable Inhabitants of *Port-Tobacco* Parish, in the said County, for the Purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the Rector, Vestrymen, Churchwardens, and other the principal Inhabitants of *Port-Tobacco* Parish in *Charles* County, by their humble Petition to this General Assembly, have set forth, That the Church of the said Parish is an antient Building, very much gone to Ruin, so that it cannot be expected to stand long, nor is it practicable to repair the same: They therefore humbly pray, that an Act may pass to enable the Justices of the said County, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, the Sum of One hundred and forty thousand Pounds of Tobacco, clear of all Deductions and Sheriff's Salary for Collection, in a certain Number of Years, at equal Assessments, in order to build a new Church in the said Parish, and that the Vestry may be on a Certainty in what Specie they may treat with Workmen for that Purpose; they pray it may be levied in Tobacco only: All which being by this present General Assembly thought reasonable,

140000 lb. of Tobacco to be levied on the Taxables of *Port-Tobacco* Parish.

*Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justices of Charles County Court for the Time being, and they are hereby authorized and required at the laying their County Levy in November Court, Seventeen hundred fifty-one, and so in November Court yearly, until the Year Seventeen hundred fifty and four inclusive, to assess and levy, by four even and equal Assessments on the taxable Inhabitants of Port-Tobacco Parish in the said County, a Quantity of Tobacco not exceeding One hundred and forty thousand Pounds of Tobacco, in the whole four Assessments, clear of the Sheriff's Salary of five per Cent for collecting the same, which said Sum of One hundred and forty thousand Pounds of Tobacco, the said Sheriff is hereby authorized and required to collect and receive accordingly; and when so collected and received, to pay the same to the Order of the Vestrymen and Churchwardens of the said Port-Tobacco Parish, for the Time being, to be by them applied to the finishing and compleating a Parish Church, at or near the Place where the old Church now stands, for the Use of the said Parishioners, and to no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.*

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