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registering all births marriages and burials in each respective parish.

Be it enacted that each Vestry shall and is hereby obligd to provide a fit person for a Register who shall at all times keep a fair and true registry of the several proceedings of such Vestry from time to time in executing their Trust and authority and making just and true entries thereof; which person so to be appointed for keeping such registry shall take and subscribe the Oath to the Government required by Law as aforesaid and take an Oath of Office to be administerd by any one of the Vestrymen aforesaid which Oath any such Vestryman is hereby empowered to administer accordingly for the due and faithfull executing his said Office. before he shall be admitted into the said office and shall make due entry of all Vestry proceedings and of all births marriages and burials (negroes and mollatoes excepted) that is to say the Christian and surname with the day month and year of every such birth marriage or burial where the same shall be made known to such register and desired to be recorded under the penalty of three pounds Currency to be forfeited by such register refusing or neglecting to enter it having receivd his fee for the same; And such register shall have the custody of all former Parish Registers and is hereby oblige to shew any person or persons reasonably desiring it any such register or give a certificate of any births, marriages or burials that shall be reasonably required of him and shall have for his fees from such persons two Shillings & sixpence for any search, and two shillings and sixpence for any copy or certificate given as aforesaid and no more. which said certificates under the hands of such register shall be receivd in evidence in all Courts of Justice within this State.

And for preventing delays and other inconveniences which might happen, if there was a necessity for the attendance and presence of all the said Vestrymen and at the same time to prevent the doing of any thing of Consequence by surprise by a small number of them:

Be it enacted that the first Monday in may month shall be and is hereby fixt and ascertaind for holding a Vestry at eleven o clock in the forenoon in the usual place for that purpose without any notice or warning to be given thereof; at which time and place or any other meeting on due notice the major part of the Vestrymen then present (so that such majority be not under the number of three persons) shall be esteem'd a Vestry and shall have full power to order, direct and act as a Vestry in all things by this act appointed to be done.

And that the Register of each parish may be enabled to perform the charge hereby required of him-

Be it enacted that the Vestries of the respective parishes shall provide good and Substantial writing Bookes well bound sufficient for registering such proceedings in according to the directions aforesaid under the penalty of Ten pounds Currency; and that there may be no neglect in the Vestries or those employed under them, in the Lawfull and consciencious performance of their several charges and authority so repos'd in them no vestryman being personally summons'd shall without a Lawfull or reasonable Excuse absent himself under penalty of such fine as the residue of said Vestry meeting shall lay upon him so as the same never exceed three pounds Currency; and upon default or neglect of the principall vestryman to summon a Vestry when there is need for one. any other three of the Vestry or if there shall happen by any accident to be but two of the said Vestry besides the principal vestryman residing in the said parish