

returnable to that Term, notwithstanding the intermediate Term or First Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace hereby appointed.

CAP. XV.

An Act to authorize the Proprietors of Meeting Houses or Churches, to raise Money from the Pews of the same for the repairing and upholding thereof.

Passed the 29th day of March, 1843.

BE it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That from time to time, after the passing of this Act, whenever it shall be necessary to procure or raise any sum of Money for the repairing, finishing, painting or upholding any Meeting House or Church within this Province, it shall and may be lawful for the Proprietors attending at such Meeting House or Church, at any Public Meeting of such Proprietors, whereof due notice shall be given to such Proprietors at such Meeting House or Church during the time such Meeting House or Church shall be open for Divine Service, on three several Sundays previous to such Meeting, by vote of three fifths of the Proprietors present at such Meeting, to declare the necessity of such repairs, and that the expence shall not exceed such sum as shall then be named, and by a like vote to nominate and appoint three or more fit and proper persons as a Committee to assess and apportion the said sum of Money so named, and necessary and required to be raised for the purposes aforesaid on the said Pews, respectively, of the said Meeting House or Church, according to the relative size and value of such Pews at a just and equitable rate, of which assessment and apportionment due notice shall be Publicly given, by putting up the same in some conspicuous place in the said Meeting House or Church on the First Sunday that the said Meeting House or Church shall be open for Divine Service after the same shall be made by the said Committee, and also by putting up, and continuing, a true and correct Copy of such assessment and apportionment on the Door of the said Meeting House or Church, for three successive Sundays, that the said Meeting House or Church shall be open for Divine Worship after the same shall have been made by the said Committee.

Proprietors after Notice to declare necessity of repairs

Committee to be appointed to make assessment on pews

II. *And be it enacted*, That if after due notice of such assessment and apportionment shall have been so publicly given, as aforesaid, some such person or persons so interested in every of the said Pews respectively, shall not come forward to pay the sum which may have been assessed by the said Committee, on such Pew, within three Months after such notice so given as aforesaid, then, and in every such case, it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee, after having given on the previous Sunday, while such Meeting House or Church shall be open for Divine Service, due and public notice of the time of letting the same to proceed to let at Public Sale or Auction for such period of time (not exceeding ten years) as may be sufficient to pay the rate or sum assessed thereon, respectively, any Pew or Pews whereon the sum assessed shall remain unpaid as aforesaid: Provided that it shall be lawful, within the said Term of ten years, to let the said Pews from year to year until the said rate or assessment shall be fully paid off, after due notice previous to each letting shall have been given in manner as hereinbefore directed in the case of the first letting.

If assessment be not paid after Notice Pews to be let

Provide

III. *And be it enacted*, That the person or persons who shall or may become the Lessee or Lessees of the said Pew or Pews, respectively, at the said Sale, shall be put in possession thereof by the said Committee, and shall be taken and held to be the sole and exclusive owner or owners of the said Pew or Pews for such period of time as the same may be leased or let to the said person or persons at such Sale; and such Lessee or Lessees shall be liable to pay such rent or rents as he she or they shall or may have agreed to pay for the same at the said Sale, and if such rent or rents aforesaid, or any part thereof, shall be behind and unpaid after the time or times which shall or may have been agreed upon for the payment thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee, so to be appointed as aforesaid, to sue for and recover such rent or rents, or such parts thereof, as may so

Lessees to be put in possession and be liable for the rent

How to be recovered