

held, whether vested in Trustees for the use of the Church, or whether the legal estate remains in the Crown, by reason of no Patent having been issued, though set apart for the purposes of such Church, Church-yard or Burying-ground: *Provided always*, that nothing herein contained shall extend to affect the rights of any other Church or body of Christians to any landed property or Church now erected, but that the same shall remain as if this Act had not been passed.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all pew holders in such Churches, whether holding the same by purchase or lease, and all persons holding sittings therein by the same being let to them by Church-wardens, and holding a certificate from the Church-wardens of such sitting, shall form a Vestry for the purposes in this Act mentioned and declared.

III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That a meeting of such Vestry shall be holden on Monday in Easter week, in each and every year, after due notice thereof given during Divine Service on the morning of Easter Sunday, for the purpose of appointing Church-wardens for the ensuing year; and that at such meeting one Church-warden shall be nominated by the Incumbent of the Parsonage or Rectory to which the said Church belongs, and the other shall be elected by a majority of those present and entitled to vote at such Vestry meeting, as aforesaid: *Provided nevertheless,* that in case of such Incumbent declining or neglecting to nominate a Church-warden, then both of the said Church-wardens shall, for the current year, be elected in the manner aforesaid; and in case the members of such Vestry shall neglect to elect a Church-warden, then both of such Church-wardens shall, for the current year, be nominated by the Incumbent: *Provided always,* that if from any cause a Vestry meeting shall not take place at the time aforesaid, such appointment of Church-wardens may take place at any subsequent Vestry meeting, to be called in manner hereinafter provided; and in case of the death or change of residence to twenty miles or more from any such Church, of either of the said Church-wardens, a Vestry meeting shall be thereupon called for the election, by the said Vestry, of a new Church-warden, in case the one deceased or removed had been elected by the Vestry, or for the nomination of a new Church-warden by the Incumbent, in case the one deceased or removed had been nominated by the Incumbent.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no person shall be eligible to the office of Church-warden except members of the said Church of the full age of twenty-one years, and who shall also be members of such Vestry.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That such Churchwardens shall hold their office for one year from the time of their appointment, or until the election of their successors, except in case of an

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