

## CHAPTER 24.

AN ACT IN FURTHER ADDITION TO AN ACT INTIT[U]LED “AN ACT FOR THE SETTLEMENT AND SUPPORT OF MINISTERS AND SCHOOLMASTERS.”

Preamble.  
1692-93, chap.  
26.

WHEREAS, in and by an act made and passed in the fourth year of the reign of King William and Queen Mary, intit[u]led “An Act for the settlement and support of ministers and schoolmasters,” it is, among other things, enacted “That the inhabitants of each town within this province shall take due care, from time to time, to be provided of an able, learned, orthodox minister or ministers, of good conversation, to dispense the word of God to them; which minister or ministers shall be suitably encouraged and sufficiently supported and maintained by the inhabitants of such town;” and whereas, notwithstanding the provision aforesaid, some towns, districts, precincts or parishes within this province have chosen to, and settled in, the work of the ministry ignorant and illiterate persons, by means whereof the validity of the assessments made for the support of such persons has been disputed, and the peace and good order of such towns, districts, precincts and parishes have been greatly disturbed; for prevention whereof for the future,—

*Be it enacted by the Governo[u]r, Council and House of Representatives,*

Towns, &c., not  
to be assessed  
towards the  
support of  
illiterate minis-  
ters, unless.

That it shall not be lawful for any town, district, precinct or parish to assess the inhabitants thereof for or towards the support or maintenance of any person who shall be hereafter called to or settled in the work of the gospel ministry in such town, district, precinct or parish, unless such person shall have been educated at some university, college, or public[k] academy for the instruction of youth in the learned languages, and in the arts and sciences; or shall have received a degree from some university, college, or such public[k] academy; or shall have obtained testimonials under the hands of the major part of the settled ministers of the gospel in the county where such town, district, precinct or parish shall lie, that they apprehend him, the said person being a candidate for the gospel ministry, to be of sufficient learning to qualif[ie][y] him for the work of such ministry; and all assessments contrary to this act shall be void, and have no effect. [*Passed February 13; published February 14, 1760.*]

## CHAPTER 25.

AN ACT FOR RAISING A SUM OF MONEY BY LOTTERY, FOR DRAWING IN SUCH OF THE NOTES OR BILLS OF THE LATE LAND-BANK OR MANUFACTORY COMPANY, AS ARE YET OUTSTANDING.

Preamble.  
1758-59, chap.  
20.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this court that near one thousand pounds of the notes or bills issued by the late Land-Bank or Manufactory Company are still outstanding, and remaining to be redeemed; and that, by reason of the death of many of that company, the insolvency of others, and the removal of divers of them out of the province (having first alienated their estates which lay within the same), the raising a sum of money, by assessment on the rest of the