

sixty-eight, purchased from Josias Slade four acres of land for the use of the church of the said parish of Saint-John's, for the sum of thirty pounds current money, and the said Slade contracted to convey the same to the said rector and vestry; that since a church was erected on the said four acres of ground, and that since that time the parish of Saint-John's has been divided, and a part of the said parish called the Parish of Saint-James; that the four acres of ground aforesaid are, in consequence of the said division, in Saint-James's parish; and that the title to the said four acres never was in the said Slade, but was vested by the law of confiscation, and now is, in the state of Maryland; and prayed that an act may pass relinquishing the right of the state in the said four acres, and vesting the same in the said vestry of Saint-James's parish;

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all the right, title and interest, of the state of Maryland, in and to the aforesaid four acres of land, be and it is hereby released and relinquished; and the same fully and completely vested in the vestry of Saint-James's parish aforesaid, and their successors; for ever, as their estate and inheritance for the use of the church of the said parish. Right re-leased, &c.

C H A P. VI.

An ACT to appoint commissioners to sell and dispose of certain lands belonging to Stepney parish, in Somerset county, and to apply the money arising from the sales thereof. Passed December 27.

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of the inhabitants of Stepney parish, in Somerset county, that in the purchase of land for erecting and building a chapel on in the town of Salisbury, in said parish, more was bought than was necessary for that purpose, and that the said parish is in considerable arrears; for the payment of which there is no fund: And whereas it is further represented, that the surplus land may be laid off in lots, and sold to great advantage, and enable the said parish to discharge the debts against it, and provide a fund for the keeping the church and chapels of said parish in repair; Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That William Stone, Francis Hutchins Waters, William Done, George Day Scott, George Robertson, Esquire, Charles Dashiell, senior, and Tubman Lowes; be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of carrying this act into execution; and the said commissioners, or any five of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to lay off all the ground belonging to the parish of Stepney, in the town of Salisbury, except the ground whereon the chapel stands, with one acre adjoining the same, in lots; as they may think most convenient; and sell, and convey in fee-simple, any and all of the said lots, either at public or private sale, to any person or persons; as they may find most advantageous, and pay the money arising from the sale thereof to the select vestry of said parish for the time being, who are hereby authorized and empowered, upon receipt of the said money from said commissioners, to discharge the debts now existing against said parish, and place the balance that may remain in their hands out to interest, upon bond with good and sufficient security, taken in the name of the said select vestry, in trust for the use and benefit of the said parish, the interest whereof shall be paid annually, and applied by said select vestry to the purpose of keeping the church and chapels of said parish of Stepney in repair. Commissioners appointed, &c.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT to enable the justices of Saint-Mary's county to assess a sum of money on the said county for the support of James Mills, son of John, of the said county. Passed December 27.

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of James Mills, son of John, that from a variety of circumstances he is reduced to poverty, and being much afflicted with the gout, and other Preamble.