

Lib. L. I. An Act for the Confirming Titles of Land given to the use of
 No. 64. the Churches and Severall Chappells within this Province
 Impowering the Comissioners of the respective Countys
 and the Vestrys of the respective Parishes to take up Cer-
 tain parcells of Land for the use of the same.

Whereas severall pious and well disposed persons have
 given and granted Unto the respective Parishes whereto they
 do belong Certain parcells of Ground for the use and benefitt
 of a Church and Church-yard which said Land through the
 neglect of the Vestrys who by an Act of Assembly of this
 province made at a Sessions of Assembly held at the Port of
 Annapolis the twentyeth day of July Anno Domini One
 thousand six hundred ninety and Six Intituled An Act for the
 Service of Almighty God and establishment of the Protestant
 Religion were Capacitated and Impowered by the names of
 the principall Vestryman and the rest of his brethren Vestry-
 p. 100 men of such parish to take and receive any Deed of Gift for
 the same Notwithstanding the Charges of the respective
 parishes in building Churches or Chappells thereon is like to be
 lost or the Title thereunto very disputable for want of such Deed
 of gift or Conveyance inrolled and recorded as by an Act of
 Assembly is required the first Donors or grantors thereof
 being dead and the heires of such Donors or Grantors either
 refusing to make over such Land as aforesaid or under age
 not capable of so doing.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Queens most excellent
 Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys
 Governour Councill and Assembly of this province and the
 Authority of the same that all such lands as have formerly
 been given to the use of any Church or Chappell and for
 which the Donors or Grantors thereof in their life times have
 not made a deed of Gift for the same or otherwise refuse so to
 do and in Confidence of whose promise the parish have been
 at the Charge of erecting and building their Churches thereon
 be and remaine to the use of the parish for ever against all
 Claims and pretensions of Claims made or that hereafter shall
 be made by such Donors or Grantors or his or their heires
 Executors or Assigns as firmly and absolutely as if the same
 had been made over by Deed of gift Grant or otherwise
 inrolled and recorded as aforesaid.

And to the end it may be known what Lands have been so
 given to the use of any Church or Chapple aforesaid and
 made over and Confirmed by deed of gift or Grant as afore-
 said The Grand Jury in each respective County within this
 Province next after the publication of this Act shall have in
 Charge to enquire by what Titles such lands whereupon the