

ACTS.¹

Bacon's
Laws

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis, in the County of Ann-Arundel, for the Province of Maryland, the 9th Day of October, and ended the 3^d Day of November, in the 8th Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Charles, absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore, &c. Annoq; Domini 1722, were Enacted the following Laws, viz.

Charles Calvert, Esq. Governor.

An Act to confirm Lands devised for the Use of the Church. Chap. IV

Whereas for a considerable Time (from the first Settlement of this Province) there were few or no Ministers to dispense the Word and Sacraments, that the Country was in an unsettled Condition as to Religion, and few or no Parishes erected during that Time: And Whereas several pious and well disposed Persons, for promoting the Protestant Religion, and for Encouragement of Ministers, have given or devised several Parcels of Land for that Use; but that notwithstanding the good Intent of several of the Devisors have been frustrated through the Negligence or Unskilfulness of the Writers of Wills, which is a great Injury to the Church, and has and may be a Discouragement to Persons charitably inclined, to give any Lands for Glebes where they are wanted, as they are in many Parishes; which makes the Incumbent unsettled and reduces him to Streights as to his Residence: For Remedy whereof for the future;

II. Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the Same, That any Person or Persons being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory, that have heretofore devised, or shall hereafter devise, any Lands or Tenements to the Use of any Church or Chapel within this Province, or for Support or Maintainance of the Clergy or Ministry of the Church of England, as by Law established, or to the Use of the Church, or Support of the Protestant Religion in general, without particularly mentioning to what Church, Chapel or

¹The original record having been lost, the text of these Acts is taken from Bacon's *Laws of Maryland at Large*, published in 1765.