

Liber B.L.C. An Act to enable the Rector and Vestrymen of Great Choptank
 No. 19 Parish in Dorchester County, to lease some Land belonging to
 the said Parish, unimproved.

[Preamble.] Whereas, the Rector and Vestrymen of Great Choptank Parish in Dorchester County, by their humble Petition to this present General Assembly, have set forth, That by the Law erecting the Town of Cambridge in the County aforesaid, there is a much greater Quantity of Land reserved for the Use of the Parish Church than is necessary; and therefore prayed, that such Land as is not impaled or fenced in, belonging to the said Parish Church, might be leased out by the said Rector and Vestrymen, or the major Part of them, for the Time being, for the Use and Benefit of the Rector for the Time being.

[The Rector and Vestrymen to lease Lands unimproved.] Be it therefore 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 from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, it shall and may be lawful for the Rector and Vestrymen of the said Parish for the Time being, to grant, lease, demise, and to Farm let, to any Person or Persons willing and capable to take the same, any such Part or Quantity of Land unimproved, belonging to Great Choptank Parish aforesaid, so that such Part or Quantity exceed not in the Whole one Acre and an half Acre, by Deed indented under the Hands and Seals of the said Rector and Vestrymen for the Time being, or the major Part of them, and on such Conditions, Covenants and Provisoos, yearly Rents and Agreements, as the said Rector and Vestrymen for the Time being, or the major Part of them, and the Person or Persons who shall from time to time be willing and desirous to take the same, or any Part thereof, as can be agreed, for any Term not exceeding twenty-one Years, or three Lives.

[The Leases to be renewed at the End of 21 Years.] And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Rector and Vestrymen for the Time being, or the major Part of them, have full Power and Authority, after the Expiration of the said Term of Years, to grant new Leases for the Premises for twenty-one Years, or three Lives, to the Use, Intent, and Purpose in this Act mentioned, and to no other; and for a shorter Time, as to them, or the major Part of them, for the Time being, shall seem convenient.

[The Rents to be for the Use of the Rector.] And be it further Enacted and Declared, That the yearly Rents, Revenues, and Profits of the said Land, so leased or to be leased, and every Part thereof, shall, and are hereby declared to belong, and be applied to the Use and Benefit of the Rector for the Time being.