

No. 5 An Act empowering the Rector, Vestrymen, and Churchwardens, of
 Liber H. S. Port-Tobacco Parish, in Charles County, for the Time being, to
 No. 1 purchase a Quantity not exceeding Two Acres of Land, and
 p. 148 thereon to build a Chapel of Ease, in the said Parish; and to
 empower the Justices of the said County, to levy on the taxable
 Inhabitants of the said Parish, a Quantity of Tobacco for the
 Uses therein mentioned.

[Preamble.] Whereas the Rector, Vestrymen, Churchwardens, and principal
 Inhabitants of Port-Tobacco Parish, in Charles County, by their
 humble Petition to this present General Assembly, have set forth,
 That from the extensive Limits of the said Parish, many of the
 Parishioners, inhabiting the Upper Parts thereof, are so remote from
 the said Parish Church, that their Attendance, with their Families,
 at the public Worship and Service of GOD, is rendered extremely
 difficult, and in the Winter Season almost impossible, and that they
 are under great Inconveniences (from their being so situated), in
 getting their Children baptized in the established Religion: They
 therefore pray an Act may pass, empowering the Justices of Charles
 County, on Application being made to them by the Vestry of the
 Parish aforesaid, or the major Part of them, to levy on the taxable
 Inhabitants of the said Parish, at Two Assessments (clear of all
 Deductions), a Sum of Tobacco, not exceeding Forty Thousand
 Pounds, to be laid out by the Vestry of the said Parish, or the major
 Part of them, in building a Chapel of Ease, for the Conveniency of
 the upper and remote Inhabitants of the said Parish, and in order to
 enable the Vestrymen of the said Parish, for the Time being, or the
 major Part of them, to purchase, or take up (as the Case may require),
 for the Use of the said Parish, a Quantity of Land, not exceeding
 Two Acres, lying in the upper Part of the said Parish, at a Place
 called the Ivy-Spring, on a Branch, called the Dressing-Branch, near
 the Pines, whereon to erect and build the same: All which being
 thought reasonable, it is prayed that it may be enacted,

And 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 the Vestrymen and Churchwardens of Port-Tobacco Par-
 ish, in Charles County, for the Time being, or the major Part of
 them, be, and are hereby, authorized and empowered, to purchase, or
 take up as the Case may require), in Fee, in the Name of the Rector,
 Vestrymen, and Churchwardens, of the said Parish, for the Time
 being, such a Quantity of Land as to them shall seem most Con-
 venient, not exceeding Two Acres, lying in the upper Part of the said
 Parish, at a Place called the Ivy-Spring, on a Branch called the
 Dressing-Branch, near the Pines, and to treat and agree with such
 p. 149 Person or Persons as they, or the major Part of them, shall think

[Two Acres
 of Land to
 be purchased
 to build
 thereon a
 Chapel of
 Ease.]