

Liber H. S. retained the Possession and use is Productive of disputes and Law
 No. 1 Suits and hath a tendency to introduce Corruption and Perjury and
 that such Gifts have been often Established upon very Slight and
 Suspicious Testimony; For Remedy thereof be it enacted by the
 Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and
 Consent of his Lordships Governor and the Upper and Lower
 Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that from and
 after the end this Session of Assembly no Negro or other Slave
 whereof the Donor shall retain the Use and Possession shall pass,
 alter or change or any property thereof be Transferred to any Donee
 unless the Gift be by Writing under the Hand and Seal of the Donor
 and Acknowledged before one Provincial Justice or one Justice of
 the County where the Donor shall reside and Recorded in the Records
 of the same County within Twenty days from the time of the Exe-
 cution thereof

[Proviso, as to actual Delivery, or Last will] p. 440
 Provided always and it is the true intent and meaning of this Act
 that nothing herein contained shall extend or be Construed to extend
 to make Void any Parol Gift of any Negro or other Slave when
 there shall be an express Delivery of such Slaves in Pursuance of
 such Gift and where the Sole Use and Possession of the same shall
 be Transferred to the Donee nor to make Void any bequest of any
 Negroe or other Slave by any last Will and Testament

31.st Oct.^o 1763
 Read and Assented to
 by the Lower House of
 Assembly
 Signed p.^r Order
 MMacnemara Clk lo Ho :

On behalf of the Right
 Honourable the Lord
 Proprietary of this Pro-
 vince I will this be a Law
 Hor.^o Sharpe

31.st Oct.^o 1763
 Read and Assented to
 by the Upper House of
 Assembly
 Signed p Order
 JRoss Clk Up Ho

The Great Seal
 in Wax appendant

No. 13 An Act to Aid the Proceedings of the Vestry of S.^t Stephens Parish
 [No. XIV] in Cecil County

[Passed 21st of November] [Preamble]
 Whereas the Vestry men and Church Wardens of S^t Stephens
 Parish in Cecil County by their humble Petition to the General As-
 sembly of this Province have set forth that the Vestry of that
 Parish were by means of the Small Pox raging in the Neighbour-
 hood Prevented from meeting on Easter Monday in the Year of
 Lord Seventeen hundred and Sixty, to Elect Vestry Men and Church
 Wardens as by law they were Required Whereby they Apprehend
 their Proceedings as a Vestry since that Time are not legal and pray
 that their said Proceedings may be Aided and made Valid

[Some Pro- ceedings of a Vestry made valid]
 Be it therefore enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Pro-
 prietary of this Province by and with the Advise and Consent of his
 Lordships Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly
 and the Authority of the same that the Proceedings of the Vestry