

N.º 18 An Act to devide Saint Johns Parish in Baltimore County

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[Preamble.]

Whereas the Rector Vestrymen and Church Wardens and many other Inhabitants of Saint Johns Parish in Baltimore County have by Petition represented to this General Assembly that the Commissioners heretofore appointed by an Act of Assembly for Building a Chapel of Ease in the Fork of Gunpowder in the said Parish have Erected and Built a Large Brick Chapel Sixty feet in Length and thirty feet in Breadth with an Addition of Forty feet in Length and thirty feet in Breadth in the most convenient Place of the said Fork of Gunpowder River and that the said Parish is very extensive and contains upwards of Two thousand nine hundred Taxables and therefore Prayed a Division of the said Parish after the Death or Removal of the Present Incumbent and that the aforesaid Chapel of Ease may be deemed the Parish Church of the Parish so to be taken off and devided from Saint Johns Parish aforesaid

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 after the Death or Removal of the Present Incumbent of the said Parish of Saint Johns in Baltimore County all that part of the said Parish of Saint Johns that is contained within the Bounds hereinafter mentioned and exprest That is to say That Bush River Upper hundred, Mine Run Hundred, North Hundred, and all that part of Middle River Upper Hundred lying and being to the North of the Road leading from the Main Road from York to Baltimore Town where it Crosses the South Branch of Gunpowder Falls at the Plantation of Walter Dulany Esquire towards the Plantation of John Wilmott and all that part of Gunpowder upper Hundred to the north of the said Main Road leading from the south Branch aforesaid to M^r Roger Boyce's where it intersects the Mine Run hundred shall be taken from Saint Johns Parish aforesaid erected into a new Parish by the name of Saint James Parish and shall from and after the Death or Removal of the said Incumbent be deemed reputed and Adjudged and taken for Saint James Parish and not as part or parcel of Saint Johns Parish aforesaid and that the lines and boundaries as aforesaid shall always be deemed taken and reputed to be the undoubted Bounds and Lines to divide the Parish aforesaid and that the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint James's aforesaid after the Death or Removal of the said Incumbent shall have and enjoy all such Benefits Privileges Powers and Authorities in every respect that the Inhabitants of any other Parish within this Province now have or hereafter may have or enjoy as Parishioners

[After the Death or Removal of the present Incumbent, such Part as is herein expressed, shall be taken from St. John's Parish, and erected into a new Parish, by the Name of St. James's Parish.]
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And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Freeholders of the said new erected parish shall after the Death or Removal of the Present Incumbent have full and ample Power to meet at the

[The Freeholders of the said new erected Parish, after such Death or Removal, are empowered to elect