

VII. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, after completing the prison aforesaid, shall lay before the levy court of said county which shall happen next after completing said prison, a full and fair account of the receipts and expenditures of the monies levied and collected by virtue of this act, and that if any surplus of the same should remain in the hands of the said commissioners, the same shall be paid by them, or any of them, to the levy court aforesaid, and by them to be applied to defray the county charges of said county.

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XXXVII.
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fore the court,
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VIII. And be it further enacted, That so much of the act to which this is an additional supplement as regards the appointment of the commissioners therein named, for the purpose of building a gaol in said county, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Part of an act
repealed.

C H A P. XXXVIII.

An ACT to incorporate the Roman catholic congregation worshipping at the church of Saint-Mary, in the vicinity of Bryan-town, in Charles county.

Passed De-
cember 30.

WHEREAS the members of the religious society of Roman catholics belonging to the congregation worshipping at the church of Saint-Mary, in the vicinity of Bryan-town, in Charles county, have, by their petition to this general assembly, prayed that a law might pass to incorporate them, and to enable them to manage the temporalities of their church, as other religious societies within this state have been enabled to do; and it appearing reasonable that the prayer of said petition be granted,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the members of the religious society of Roman catholics belonging to the congregation worshipping at the church of Saint-Mary, in the vicinity of Bryan-town, in Charles county, from and immediately after the passing of this act shall be, and they are hereby erected into and declared to be, one body politic and corporate, in deed and law, by the name, style and title, of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Society worshipping at the Church of Saint-Mary, in the vicinity of Bryan-town, in Charles county; and that they, the said trustees, by the name aforesaid, and their successors, to be elected as herein after mentioned, shall have perpetual succession, and be able and capable in law to purchase, take, have, hold, receive and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee-simple, or for any lesser estate, any lands, tenements, rents, hereditaments, or real estate, by grant, gift, bargain, sale, will, devise or otherwise, and also to purchase, take, hold, possess and enjoy, any monies, goods, chattels, or personal estate whatsoever, by gift, grant, will, legacy or bequest, so as the said real and personal property shall not exceed in the whole the yearly value of two hundred pounds current money of Maryland; and provided also, that the lands which shall be acquired by and vested in the said corporation by virtue of this act shall not exceed, in the whole, the quantity of three hundred acres; and the same lands, tenements, rents, hereditaments, and real and personal estate, (excepting always the said church called Saint-Mary, and the lot of ground, grave-yard and appertenances thereto belonging, or therewith now used and occupied,) to give, grant, demise, or otherwise dispose of, as to them shall seem meet, for the use of said religious society; and also, that the said trustees, by the name aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in any suits or actions, and in all or any courts or jurisdictions whatsoever; and that it shall and may be lawful for the said trustees, by the name aforesaid, to devise, make, have and use, one common seal, to authenticate all and every the acts, deeds and instruments, touching their business, and the same at pleasure to break, alter and renew; and generally, that the said trustees, by the name aforesaid, shall have, hold and enjoy, all and singular the rights, privileges, liberties and franchises, incident and belonging to a private or religious corporation or body politic, as fully and effectually as any other private or religious corporation or body politic in this state has right to have, hold and enjoy.

Members e-
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