

sion eighteen hundred and two, to which this is a supplement, and their successors, shall and may have perpetual succession, and shall and may at all times hereafter be persons able and capable in law to purchase, take and hold, to them and their successors, in fee, or for any less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, hereditaments, rents or annuities, within this state, by the gift, bargain, sale or devise, of any person or persons, bodies politic and corporate, capable of making the same, and such lands, tenements or hereditaments, to rent or lease in such a manner as they may judge most conducive to the interest of their respective churches, societies or congregations; and also to take and receive any sum or sums of money, and any kind of goods and chattels which may or shall be given, sold or bequeathed unto them, by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make a gift, sale or bequest thereof, and to apply the same for the use of their respective churches, societies or congregations, as effectually as the same could be applied by the vestry of the Protestant Episcopal church of this state, to their respective parishes, in virtue of the act passed at November session seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, chapter twenty-four; *Provided*, that the clear yearly value of the estate of any church, society or congregation, (exclusive of the rents of pews, collections in churches, funeral charges, and the like,) shall not exceed the clear yearly value allowed to any vestry of the Protestant Episcopal church of this state, in virtue of the act of seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, chapter twenty-four, aforesaid. Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That so much of the original act to which this is a supplement, as is repugnant to, or inconsistent with, this act, be and the same is hereby repealed. Repeal.

NOVEMBER, 1816.—CHAPTER 45.

AN ACT respecting the right of Challenge in Criminal Cases.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in every case of felony hereafter to be tried in any court of law in this state, the person or persons accused thereof, shall have the right to challenge the same number of jurors which he, she or they, could have done prior to the passage of the act, entitled, an act respecting crimes and punishments, passed in the year eighteen hundred and nine,* and every part of the said act inconsistent herewith be and the same is hereby repealed. In cases of felony persons accused to have a right to challenge. • Ch. 138.