

ted to probate in the Orphans' Court of Wicomico county, on the twentieth day of September, eighteen hundred and seventy, gave and bequeathed to George Lowe, of said county, for the use and benefit of the Old School Baptist Church in Salisbury, in said county, the sum of one hundred dollars; therefore,

Assent given  
to bequest.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the assent of the Legislature of this State is hereby given to carry into effect the bequest in said last will and testament of said Lydia Lowe, late of Wicomico county, deceased.

In force.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1872.

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## CHAPTER 272.

AN ACT to repeal sections twenty-five and twenty-six of article sixteen of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to Chancery, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Repealed.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sections of article sixteen of Public General Laws, entitled "Chancery," relating to divorces, be and the same are hereby repealed, and the following sections substituted in lieu thereof:

Substituted.

Divorces *a*  
*vinculo*  
*matrimonii.*

SEC. 25. Upon the hearing of any bill for a divorce, the court may decree a divorce *a vinculo matrimonii* for the following causes, to wit: first, the impotence of either party at the time of the marriage; secondly, for any cause which, by the laws of this State, render a marriage null and void *ab initio*; thirdly, for adultery; fourthly, when the court shall be satisfied by competent testimony that the party complained against has abandoned the party complaining, and that such abandonment has