

CHAP. 138. convict as they would have passed had the said offence been committed subsequent to the passing of this act.

CHAP. CXXXIX.

Passed Jan 6, 1810  
\* 1802, ch. 111.

*An Act to confirm an Act\*, entitled, An act to incorporate certain Persons in every Christian Church or Congregation in this State.*  
Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 357.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the general assembly of Maryland at November session, eighteen hundred and two, taking into consideration the number of petitions from different religious societies in this state for acts of incorporation, and intending to place them all on the same equal footing, by enacting a general law, whereby every Christian society might obtain for itself all the rights and benefits of an incorporation, by proceeding according to the provisions therein prescribed, but the said act wanting the words "by the General Assembly of Maryland," in the enacting style for all laws, prescribed by the constitution of this state, the validity thereof may be questioned, and several religious societies of different denominations throughout this state may be thus deprived of the rights, property and advantages, intended to be secured to them by the legislature; for remedy thereof,

An act confirmed.

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the aforesaid act, entitled, An act to incorporate certain persons in every Christian church or congregation in this state, shall be and the same is hereby confirmed, and the said act is hereby declared as a law of this state, to be as binding and available as if the same, and every provision thereof, was herein formally and specially recited and re-enacted.

Incorporation confirmed.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all and every incorporation intended to be formed, with all and every right, immunities, title and interests, belonging or incident thereto, and all proceedings held in pursuance of, or by virtue of, the powers and authority meant to be granted by the said act, shall be and the same are hereby fully confirmed, and declared to be as good and available both in law and in equity, as the same would, could or might have been, if the style of the enacting words aforesaid was complete, and the entire form thereof had been originally and properly inserted in the act aforesaid, of which this is confirmatory.

CHAP. CXL.

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*An Act to lay out and make public a Road in Prince-George's County and part of Anne-Arundel County.* Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 358.

Persons appointed to review and lay out road, &c.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Nicholas Snowden, Thomas Richardson, Archibald Edmonston, Thomas Griffith and John Crow, or any three of them, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to review the private road now leading from captain Thomas Richardson's, in Prince-George's county, by the mill of John Chew Thomas, on Patuxent river, until it intersects the post-road from Baltimore to Washington about one mile from the said mill, and to survey, mark and bound, the same, not exceeding one perch and one half perch in width, which said road shall be laid out and opened, the expense whereof, and all damages sustained thereby, shall be paid by the parties interested in the same; and the said road, when opened and made as aforesaid,