CHAP. 158. ly meeting of people called Quakers in Baltimore-town, that they were seized and possessed of a lot of ground on the east side of Jones's Falls, included within York, Harford and Pitt-streets, and Smock-alley, containing by computation near four acres, which was purchased by the said society before the revolution, for the purpose of erecting a meeting-house, yard, stabling, burying ground and school-house, and a small piece of said lot to accommodate a school-master, or some person to be employed in taking care of said premises, with a house and garden, it was enacted that it should and might be lawful for the trustees of said society to have and to hold the property and lots above described, to them, their heirs and assigns for ever, saving to all and every person their several and respective rights; and it was thereby provided and enacted, that the said property and lots should be held and enjoyed for a meeting-house, yard, stabling, burying ground, school-house and dwelling-house, and small garden to accommodate said school master or person taking care of said property, and for no other use or purpose whatever: And whereas, the society constituting the monthly meeting of Baltimore for the eastern district in the city of Baltimore, by their memorial and petition to this general assembly have set forth, that many years ago the above mentioned lots and property were conveyed to John Cornthwait, and others, in trust for the uses mentioned in the above recited act; that since the passing of the aforesaid act, most of the trustees have died, and that the aid of this legislature is deemed necessary to perpetuate the said trust; therefore,

Property vested in society.

1. BE IT ENACTED. by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all the estate, right and title, acquired by the several deeds of trust executed for the benefit of the aforesaid society of people called Quakers, of, in and unto, the lots of ground and property before mentioned, be and the same is hereby vested in John Trimble, John Dukchart, William Husband, Ely Balderston, Thomas Matthews, David Brown and William Proctor, their heirs and assigns, in trust, for the same uses and purposes as are mentioned in the act of assembly above referred to, and to and for no other use or purpose whatsoever, saving to all and every person and persons their several and respective rights.

Trust may be transferred.

2. Provided always, and he it enacted. That it shall be the duty of the trustees above named, or the survivors of them. whenever called upon or required by the said monthly meeting so to do, to transfer the trust hereby reposed in them to such other trustees as the said monthly meeting may name and appoint, which said new trustees, when chosen, shall hold the said property subject to the like provision as are herein before contained, so that the said trust may and shall be perpetuated and transmitted in manner aforesaid, from time to time, for ever.

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CHAP. CLIX. An Act for founding an University in the City or Precincts of Baltimore by the name of The University of Maryland. Lib. TH. No. 3, fol. 495.

Preamble.

WHEREAS public institutions for the promotion and diffusion of scientific and literary knowledge, under salutary regulations, cannot fail to produce the most beneficial results to the state at large,