

vestryman or vestrymen, register or registers, churchwarden or churchwardens, refusing or neglecting the office and duty required of them by this act, shall not be construed or understood to make any person or persons liable to such choice or penalties, who shall not be publicly known to be of the profession in religion known by the name of the Church of England, any thing in this act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

C H A P.  
IX.

XV. **And be it enacted,** That the select vestries to be chosen, and their successors, shall, as trustees of the parish, be vested with an estate in fee in all the glebe-lands, as also in all churches and chapels, and the lands thereunto belonging, late the property of the people professing the religion of the Church of England, and also as trustees aforesaid shall have full property in all books, plate, and other ornaments, belonging to said churches and chapels, or any of them.

Glebe-lands  
vested in select  
vestries, &c.

XVI. **And be it enacted,** That the said vestrymen, or the major part of them, shall have full power and authority to employ a minister or reader of the Church of England, to officiate in their respective churches or chapels, for such time as may be agreed upon; and may take in subscriptions from all persons willing to contribute towards the support of such minister or reader, and also for the support of a clerk to such minister, and giving a salary not exceeding thirty pounds to the register of such vestries.

Vestry may  
employ a mi-  
nister, &c.

XVII. **And be it enacted,** That the possession and free use of all glebe-lands shall belong to the minister of each parish, from the time of his having agreed with the select vestry as aforesaid, for and during the time he shall continue to officiate therein as minister of the parish; and he shall be entitled to all the profits thereof during the time aforesaid, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Glebe-lands  
to belong to  
the minister,  
&c.

C H A P. X.

An ACT to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

C H A P. XI.

A Supplement to the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine.

A further rate of 8<sup>s</sup> in the pound of the annual income of all property, that is, 40<sup>s</sup> out of every £. 100 to be levied.

C H A P. XII.

An ACT for the relief of Henry Stevenson, sheriff of Baltimore county.

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT for the relief of Thomas Lightfoot, a languishing prisoner in Talbot county gaol.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT for the relief of James Bartlett, of Talbot county, and the reverend Bartholomew Booth, of Frederick county.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT for removing sundry original papers in the late prerogative office to the several orphans courts in this state, and such original papers lodged in the late secretary's office as relate to suits in the general court for the eastern shore.

The papers in the late provincial court office, relating to the business of the eastern shore now depending, are, by the officer having the care of them, to be sorted, distributed, separately packed up, and, before the ninth of April next, transmitted, under the care of some trusty person, to the clerk of the general court on that shore; and, for this service, he is to have the sum of £. 75. Papers in the late prerogative office from the year 1760, belonging to estates not finally settled, in like manner, by the first of October next, are, by the officer having the care of them, under the penalty of £. 20, to be sent to the several registers; and, for this service, he is to have the sum of £. 300. The register of Frederick county, under the penalty of £. 20, is to separate, sort and pack up, the papers belonging to Washington and Montgomery counties, and transmit them, within 20 days from his own receipt of them. The register of Baltimore county is to perform a similar duty with respect to the papers of Harford county. The registers of Queen-Anne's and Dorchester are to perform a similar service with respect to Caroline. And all these several officers are to be paid by their respective counties a reasonable compensation.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts.

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