

ificate of such acknowledgment, and in all cases where through inadvertence or mistake, such plan, agreement, or regulation has been heretofore acknowledged before one justice of the peace instead of two, such acknowledgment shall be and is hereby made, to all intents and purposes, good and sufficient for the incorporation of the church, society or congregation named therein.

1892, ch. 702.

217. Nothing in this article shall prevent the Protestant Episcopal Church from incorporating the vestries in the several parishes according to the usages of the said church, under the said act of seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, chapter twenty-four, entitled "An act for the establishment of vestries for each parish in this State," as amended prior to the adoption of the Code of eighteen hundred and sixty; and the said act as so amended is hereby confirmed and declared, as the law of this State, to be binding and available as if the same and every provision thereof was herein formally and specially recited and re-enacted; provided, that all parishes heretofore constituted under the thirty-third section of said act may, and all parishes hereafter constituted under that said section of said act shall, execute, acknowledge and record a certificate of their articles of association, as such execution, acknowledgment and record is now required under article twenty-three of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Corporations" sub title "Religious Corporations." And all parishes heretofore constituted in pursuance of the provisions of said act, and all proceedings therein held in pursuance of or by virtue of the powers and authority contained in said act, shall be and the same are fully confirmed and declared to be good and available both in law and in equity.

Bartlett v. Hipkins, 76 Md. 35.

1892, ch. 614.

217 A. In every congregation of the denomination of Christians known as the "Roman Catholic Church," the ordinary of the diocese and the pastor of the said congregation for the time being, according to the practice and discipline of the said church, the other persons to be annually designated by said ordinary, and two other persons to be annually elected by the male pewholders