

Church in this State, and of the several vestries incorporated under the provisions of said act, require that all such doubts should be removed; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section two hundred and seventeen of article twenty-three of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," sub-title "Religious Corporations," be, and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Amend-  
ment.

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

Incorporation of  
Protestant  
Episcopal  
Churches.

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."

Proviso

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the following new section to be numbered 217 A, be, and the same is hereby added to said article.

New  
section

217 A. 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.

Confirma-  
tion of  
parishes.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved April 7th, 1892.