

leges conferred upon the convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Maryland, by the act amendatory of the original act for the incorporation of said convention, passed December session, eighteen hundred and forty, chapter sixty-seven, and which said amendatory act was passed January session, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, chapter seventeen, be and the same are hereby explained and extended so as to enable the said convention to receive by gift, devise or otherwise, contributions in money, lands or other property, and to hold the same for burial grounds, church colleges, church or parish schools, for the support of missionaries and mission work, for building, adorning or repairing churches or mission chapels, and for such other general or special religious or charitable work or agencies within the said diocese, and now or hereafter under the jurisdiction, control or sanction of the said convention, as may be designated by the donor, with the same power in regard to the administration of the respective funds so arising, and subject to the same proviso contained in the amendatory act above mentioned.

Explained
and extended

Receive gifts,
&c.

When effective.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the day when an official certificate of its acceptance by said convention shall be filed with the Secretary of State; provided, however, that this act shall not be so construed as to interfere with the rights of any person under a proper legal instruction of any act or law in force at the time of the passage of this act.

Approved April 5, 1878.

CHAPTER 404.

AN ACT to prevent the increase of gates in Calvert county, and provide for their removal from the mail route in the said county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, From and after the passage of this