

Chapter 434.

AN ACT to authorize and empower the vestry of Chester Parish, in Kent county, to remove the remains of persons interred in the old burying ground attached to said parish church, and to sell and convey, in their discretion, the whole or any part of said ground.

WHEREAS the old burying ground in Chestertown, belonging to the vestry of Chester Parish, has been for many years disused, all available space having been long since appropriated, and all interments being now made in Chester cemetery; and, whereas, the brick wall which formerly enclosed said old burying ground, has been twice destroyed and removed by trespasses, and the ground is subject to continual trespass and desecration, which the vestry are unable to prevent or punish; and, whereas, said burying ground, in the condition in which it is, and has been for many years, is a discredit to the town and church, therefore—

Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the vestry of Chester Parish be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to remove from the said burying ground the remains of all such persons interred therein as shall be capable of identification and removal, after giving notice by advertisement in some newspaper printed in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks, warning all persons interested to remove the tombstones and remains of relatives and friends interred therein, and said remains, when removed by said vestry, shall be deposited in some suitable place, and a record thereof shall be kept upon the minutes of said vestry,

Give notice to remove remains

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That after the removal of all such remains as shall be capable of identification, the said vestry of Chester parish be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and convey, in their discretion, the whole or any part of said burying ground, by deed or deeds to be executed, acknowledged and recorded according to law.

Power to sell.

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

Effective.

Approved April 8, 1884.