

levy the State taxes for the year 1897, and annually thereafter, to be collected according to law, to the amount of "fifteen-sixteenths of one cent" on each one hundred dollars, in addition to the amount now collected, to meet the interest, and to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the "Penitentiary Loan."

Effective.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 2d, 1896.

CHAPTER 167.

AN ACT to declare the sanction of the General Assembly of Maryland to the holding and disposal of by the "Trustees of the Centennial Methodist Episcopal Church of Baltimore City," of certain property heretofore purchased and used as a burial ground.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The "Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Dallas street station," a religious corporation under the laws of the State of Maryland, which has since changed its corporate name to the "Trustees of the Centennial Methodist Episcopal Church of Baltimore City," heretofore acquired under a deed from Philip Cooper, dated the 16th day of July A. D. 1867, and recorded among the land records of Baltimore city, in Liber A. M., No. 352, folio 421, etc., certain property situated in the city of Baltimore, which said body corporate has held and used for many years for burial purposes, the longer use of which for burial purposes has become impracticable by the opening of streets and the advancement of buildings and improvements in the locality, and upon sanitary grounds, and all the bodies which were interred therein having been removed and proceedings for the sale thereof having been instituted in the Circuit Court of Baltimore city, and a decree for sale thereof passed by said court, but the right of said body corporate to hold and dispose thereof without the leave and sanction of the General Assembly having been questioned; therefore,

Disposal of property sanctioned.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the leave and sanction of the General Assembly of Maryland is hereby given to the holding and disposal of by the "Trustees of the Centennial Methodist Episcopal Church of Baltimore City," formerly the trustees of the Methodist Epis-