

hundred and ninety-eight, as will appear by the records of the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Talbot county, all that lot of ground situate, lying and being in Bay Hundred, district of Talbot county, and containing one-eighth of an acre of land, more or less, and more particularly described in a deed from Helen D. Tunis to The Guild of the Holy Innocents, Chapel of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Claiborne, Talbot county, bearing date the seventh day of March, A. D., 1898, and now about to be recorded amongst the land record books of Talbot county.

Effective.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 9, 1898.

CHAPTER 399.

AN ACT to amend Article XXXV of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Evidence," by adding an additional section thereto, to be known as Section 16 A.

New section added.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Article XXXV of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Evidence," be and the same is hereby amended by the insertion of the following section, to be known as section 16 A.

Testimony taken.

SEC. 16 A. The testimony of non-resident parties to a cause, may be taken, whether in their own behalf or by the opposite party, in the same manner as the testimony of other non-resident witnesses; this is to apply to courts of law and equity, and to proceedings before magistrates; subject however, to the provisions of law in respect to the competency of witness.

Approved April 9, 1898.

CHAPTER 400.

AN ACT to add two additional Sections to Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Destroying Property Maliciously," to be known as Sections 59 A and 59 B.

New sections added.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Destroying Property Maliciously," be and the same is hereby amended by the addition of the two new sections to be inserted after