

CHAPTER 96.

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*An act to authorise the Stewards of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on Calvert circuit, to hold property for the use of said church.* Passed Feb. 26, 1838.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Thomas Mitchell, Casmo Sunderland, Isaac Bower, James I. Norfolk, John M. Williams, William T. Wilson, and James Humphreys, the present Stewards of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Calvert Circuit, in Calvert county, and their successors to be duly appointed according to the rules and regulations of the said church, be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to purchase, receive and hold by deed or conveyance in fee simple, executed, acknowledged and recorded according to law, to themselves and their successors appointed as aforesaid, forever, any lot or parcel of ground lying in Calvert county aforesaid, not exceeding the quantity of twenty-five acres, in trust for the use and benefit of the said church as a parsonage on said circuit, which said property whilst so held shall be free from taxation.

Persons authorised

Receive deed, &c.

Free from taxation

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That whenever the official members of the said church on said circuit, in quarterly conference assembled, or a majority of them, shall direct a sale or disposition of any property, held as aforesaid under and by virtue of this act, the said stewards and their successors, or a majority of them, shall execute and acknowledge according to law, a deed or deeds for the same or any part thereof to any purchaser or purchasers, or to any person or persons with whom they may exchange the same for other property in the said county, under the order and direction of the said official members, or a majority of them met as aforesaid, and shall invest the proceeds of sale for the use and benefit of the said church on said circuit.

Case of sale

Conveyance

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said stewards and their successors shall be, and they are hereby empowered to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any of the courts of this State as if they were hereby incorporated and made a body politic.

Corporate powers