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*An act empowering and authorising the Rector and Vestry of Saint Mark's Parish, in Frederick county, to receive a deed of conveyance therein mentioned.*

Passed Feb. 26,  
1838.

WHEREAS, by the Declaration of Rights, all gifts, sales or devises of land, exceeding two acres, to any religious sect, order or denomination, for the support, use or benefit of or interest for the same, are void without the leave of the Legislature; and whereas, it is represented to this General Assembly by the memorial of the Rector and Vestry of Saint Mark's Parish, in Frederick county, that in the erection of the church in said parish, on a lot of ground belonging to the same, which lot contained about one acre of land, through mistake as to the true boundary of their lot, the said church was placed about nine feet over the boundary line of the original lot, thereby subjecting the congregation to great inconvenience; and that in consequence thereof the Rector and Vestry aforesaid authorised Francis Thomas to purchase, in trust, a piece of land adjoining the same for the use and accommodation of the congregation, but he being unable to purchase a less quantity than two acres and three-eighths of an acre, and which were conveyed to Francis Thomas by Doctor Dorsey, trustee of the real estate of the late Thomas Hawkins; and whereas, the aforesaid Rector and Vestry pray the Legislature to pass a law to enable them to receive of Francis Thomas a deed of conveyance of the said two acres and three-eighths of an acre, so purchased by him for their use and benefit, and the same being considered reasonable:—Therefore,

Preamble

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Authority to  
That the leave of the Legislature shall be, and is deed  
hereby granted; and the said Francis Thomas shall be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered to execute a deed of conveyance of the aforementioned two acres and three-eighths of an acre of land, to the Rector and Vestry of Saint Mark's Parish, in Frederick county, and to their successors; and the said Rector and Vestry, and their successors, are hereby au-