

ish in which he may not be a settled minister, he is hereby required to communicate it to the Rector or Registrar of the Parish whose duty it shall be to see that a proper entry thereof is made in the Parish Register.

291P. The Rector or other minister in charge of every Parish or Separate Congregation shall have the custody of the Parish Register and shall safely and securely keep the same. It shall be his duty to exhibit said Register at any reasonable time to any party in interest, and upon the payment of the sum of \$1.00 he shall give a certificate as to the contents of any particular entry in the Parish Register, and said certificate under his hand and the designation of his official office, with or without the seal of the Vestry, shall be received as evidence in all state and federal courts within this State. In the absence or inability of the Rector, the Registrar of said Vestry, subject to the authority of the Vestry, shall have like duties with respect to the Parish Register and his official certificate with respect to entries therein shall likewise be received as evidence in all state and federal courts within this State.

291Q. The Vestrymen of every Parish in this State for the time being, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, one community, corporation and body politic forever, by the name of the Vestry of the Parish to which they severally belong, and by the same name they, and their successors, shall and may have perpetual succession, and shall and may, at all times, hereafter, be persons able and capable in law to purchase, take and hold, to them and their successors, in fee, or for any less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, hereditaments, rents and annuities within this State, by the gift, bargain, sale, or devise, of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable of making the same, and such lands, tenements, hereditaments, to rent or lease, in such a manner as they may judge most conducive to the interests of their respective Parishes, and also to take and receive any sum or sums of money, and any kind of goods and chattels, which may or shall be given, sold, or bequeathed unto them, by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make a gift, sale or bequest thereof, and to apply the same for the use of their respective Parishes as hereinbefore directed; subject, however, with respect to all property so to be received, to the operation of the general laws of this State with respect thereto.

291R. No Vestry shall sell, alien, or transfer any of their estates or property belonging to their Church or