

*Churches, without the consent of a majority at least of the entire membership of the Vestry (of which majority the Rector shall always be one), and in case there be no Rector in the Parish, then in addition to the said consent of the Vestry it shall be necessary to obtain the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese or in his absence, that of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for the time being, previous to any sale, mortgage or other alienation.*

*Upon the obtaining of the above mentioned consents, the Rector (as President of the Vestry), or if there be no Rector in the Parish, the Registrar and the Treasurer of the Parish or any members of the Vestry authorized by resolution of the Vestry shall have full power and authority to execute on behalf of the Vestry, a deed or other conveyance for the estates or property to be sold, aliened, mortgaged or transferred, and the corporate seal of the Vestry may be affixed to such deed or other conveyance by the Registrar or the Treasurer of the Vestry, or by any other members of the Vestry authorized by a resolution of the Vestry to affix such corporate seal to such deed or other conveyance.*

*291S. Nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed to prevent the Vestry of any Parish from buying at any time a lot of land for a burial ground or a site for a Church or rectory, or from selling or renting pews of their Churches or Chapels, provided in so doing the said Vestry shall not interfere with any existing right of title to any person to any pew or pews.*

*291T. The Vestry of every Parish, and their successors (by the name aforesaid) shall be forever hereafter able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers, or other persons whatsoever; in all and singular actions, matters and demands whatsoever; and that it shall and may be lawful for them, and their successors, forever hereafter, to have a common seal for their use, and the same, at the will and pleasure of them, and their successors, to change, alter, break or make anew, from time to time, as they shall think best.*

*291U. It shall be lawful for the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State to divide or unite Parishes, as occasion may require, and to alter their bounds, and to constitute new Parishes; and Vestrymen and Churchwardens of such new Parishes shall be chosen as hereinbefore provided, and shall have perpetual succes-*