

Passed Jan 29, 1850. *An act supplementary to an act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, chapter one hundred and fifty, entitled, an act to extend the powers of the Court of Chancery, and the County Courts, as Courts of Equity.*

Powers extended.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the powers conferred upon the courts of chancery, and Baltimore county court, as a court of equity, by the second section of the act to which this act is a supplement, be and they are hereby fully extended to and conferred upon the several county courts of this State, as courts of equity, to be exercised in the manner provided for in said second section.

In force.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act be in force and take effect from its passage.

CHAPTER 42.

Passed Jan. 29 1850. *An act entitled, an act for the benefit of the members and congregation of Bethesda Church, in Montgomery county.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the members of the Presbyterian Church and congregation of Bethesda Church, in Montgomery, have represented to this Legislature, that they have purchased a lot of ground containing thirty-one acres, more or less, lying south of said church, and adjoining thereto, and have erected a parsonage thereon, for the support of their minister; and whereas, they have further represented, that the purchase aforesaid was made without a knowledge that the laws of this State do not permit any religious sect, order, or denomination, to hold more than two acres of land for the support, use, or benefit of any minister, without the leave of the Legislature—Therefore,

Made valid.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the purchase made by the members of the Presbyterian Church, and congregation of Bethesda Church, in Montgomery county, of a lot of