

*And such lands, tenements and hereditaments, to rent or lease, in such manner as it may deem most conducive to the best interests of its respective Parish.*

*And also to take and receive any sum of money, and any kind of goods and chattels, which may or shall be given, sold, or bequeathed unto it by any person or bodies politic or corporate, capable to make a gift, sale or bequest thereof, and to apply the same for the use of its respective Parish;*

*Subject, however, with respect to all property so to be received, to the operation of the general laws of this State with respect thereto.*

*(c) Application to new Vestries—same powers as old Vestries—election to incorporate separately—consent of those concerned.*

*Whenever a Parish of the Diocese shall be divided or united with another Parish, the new Parish constituted by the Convention of the Diocese, pursuant to the provisions of the Charter of the Diocese, originally granted by the Act of 1870, Chapter 23, and any amendment thereof, in praesenti or in futuro, shall have perpetual succession, and shall be incorporated, by the name of the Vestry of such new Parish in the same manner, and to the same extent as an old Vestry became incorporated;*

*And with the same powers as an old Vestry which became incorporated by virtue of the provisions of the Vestry Act of 1798, Chapter 24, Section XXVIII, now amended by this Section 288L;*

*Unless the Vestry of said new Parish shall elect to incorporate as a separate congregation under the provisions of the law regulating the formation of a religious corporation generally;*

*Provided always that before the Convention of the Diocese shall divide a Parish or unite a Parish with another and thereby constitute a new Parish, it shall be necessary for a majority of the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church who shall be affected by such division or union, and who are resident in the areas concerned, to consent thereto.*

*(d) Purchase of burial ground or building site.*

*Nothing contained in the exception at the end of Section 288L (b) of this sub-heading shall be construed to prevent the Vestry of a Parish from buying at any time land for a burial ground or as a site for a church, parish house or rectory, or any other proper purpose.*

*(e) Alienation of property generally—alienation of consecrated property—execution of deed—affixing of seal—exception.*

*No vestry of a Parish shall sell, encumber or transfer property belonging to the Parish, or any property held by it in trust with or without an express power of sale, without the previous consent of a majority of the entire Vestry, wherein the Rector shall always be a voting member.*

*And, irrespective of any general or diocesan canonical mandate to the contrary, no further consent shall be necessary except (i) when there is no Rector in the Parish, then, in addition to the consent of a majority of the Vestry, it shall be necessary to obtain the consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese; and except (ii) when the property proposed to be sold, encumbered or transferred is a con-*