

C H A P. XX.

An ACT to form a new parish, by the name of Washington Parish, to include the City of Washington and George-town, on Patowmack. Passed December 26.

WHEREAS fundry protestant episcopal inhabitants of the City of Washington, in Prince-George's county, and of George-town, Montgomery county, dwelling in two separate parishes, have preferred a petition to the general assembly, with the consent and approbation of the ministers of said parishes, praying that a new parish may be formed, containing a part of each of the former two, and the prayer of said petitioners is thought reasonable; therefore, Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the end of this present session of assembly, all that part of Saint-John's parish, in Prince-George's county, which is contained in the City of Washington, and all that part of Saint-Paul's parish, in Montgomery county, which is contained in George-town, and its addition, shall be taken from the parishes aforesaid, and shall be erected into a new and separate parish, which shall be called and known by the name of Washington Parish. A new parish erected, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the protestant episcopal inhabitants of the said district, hereby intended to be formed into a new parish, shall have full power to choose and elect a select vestry for said parish, at any time before the first day of June next, in manner and form prescribed by the act of assembly passed at March session, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, entitled, An act for the establishment of select vestries. Inhabitants to choose a vestry, &c.

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That all and every the obligations, rights, powers and privileges, imposed on and granted to the select vestries of the several parishes in this state, shall be and they are hereby imposed on and vested in the select vestry of said Washington parish, to be observed, held and enjoyed, by said vestry, and their successors, in as full and ample a manner as they are now observed, held and enjoyed, by any select vestry of any parish within this state. Obligations, &c. imposed, &c.

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An ACT to enable Legh Master, of Frederick county, to devise certain estates therein mentioned. Passed December 26.

BE it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Legh Master, of Frederick county, shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to give, devise and bequeath, by any last will and testament duly executed, unto Legh Hoskins Master, son of the said Legh Master, or to the children, or any of the children, of the said Legh Hoskins Master, or to Catherine, daughter of said Legh Master, or to any of her children, which said Legh Hoskins Master and his children, and the said Catherine, are now subjects of the king of Great-Britain, and residents in England, all the fee-simple estate, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and other property, which he the said Legh Master shall, at the time of making his last will, be seized, possessed of or entitled to, and competent to devise and bequeath, for such estate and interest therein, and under such limitations and restrictions, as shall be in the said will expressed, limited and contained; and such devises, bequeaths and disposition thereof, shall be held, deemed and taken to be, good and valid in law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and the devisees therein mentioned shall be as competent to take and hold the said estates, as if they were residents and citizens of this state. L. Master may devise certain estates, &c.

II. *And be it enacted,* That unless the devisee or devisees named in the will of the said Legh Master, who at the time of his death shall be subjects of any foreign state or kingdom, shall, within two years thereafter, remove to, and become citizens of, this state, this act, and every right to be acquired by virtue thereof, shall be void and of none effect. Devisees to remove, &c.