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new church on the same ground, or on the glebe-land, or on any ground which said vestry shall be able to purchase, or shall be presented to them for the purpose of building a new church upon, not exceeding the quantity of two acres, and not distant from the present church more than two miles; and the said petition being thought reasonable,

Vestry may
pull down the
old church,
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the vestry of Saint-Peter's parish, in Talbot county, shall have full power and authority to pull down or rebuild the old church in said parish, as the said vestry, or a majority of them, shall think most for the interest and advantage of the paritioners; and that they shall have power to purchase any quantity of land, not exceeding two acres, or to receive the same from any person who may choose to present the same for the purpose of building a church upon; provided the same shall not be further distant than two miles from the place where the old church stands.

New church,
&c. vested,
&c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the new church, when built, with the pews therein, shall be vested in the vestry of the said parish, for the purpose of renting the said pews for the supporting the minister, and for employing a clerk and sexton for said parish.

Justices to
proceed as re-
quired, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the justices of Talbot county court be and they are hereby required, at their next court, to proceed as is required by an act of assembly passed in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and four, chapter thirty-eight, to ascertain the bounds of the church and chapel grounds in said parish.

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Passed Janua-
ry 29.

An ACT to enable the register of Calvert county to record certain proceedings in the records of the orphans court of the said county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by the representation of the justices of the orphans court of Calvert county it appears, that by the neglect of the late register, Francis King, the wills and accounts since the year seventeen hundred and ninety-two, the inventories since the year seventeen hundred and ninety, and the bonds since the year seventeen hundred and ninety-four, have not been recorded, but remain in a ruinous situation, by means whereof the titles of many estates in the said county were rendered precarious: And whereas it further appears, that the said register has neglected in many cases to enter the certificate or probat in the usual form on many of the last wills, inventories and accounts, in the said office, although the same were regularly proved agreeably to law; for remedy whereof,

Register to
record wills,
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the register of wills for Calvert county be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to record, in a book or books by him to be provided for that purpose, all the wills, accounts, inventories and bonds, which were in the custody of the said Francis King at the time of his death, and which remained unrecorded; and the said wills, accounts, inventories and bonds, when so recorded, shall be, to all intents and purposes, as valid as if the same had been done by the said Francis King in his life-time.

In certain
cases to enter
a certificate,
&c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That in all cases where the said register Francis King has made any short entry, shewing that any last will or testament, inventory or account, was proved by any person or persons, or has lodged any last will or testament, inventory or account, among the records of his said office, it shall and may be lawful for the said register, under the direction of the orphans court of the said county, to enter thereon a certificate of such probat in the usual form, and such certificate, so made, shall be, to all intents and purposes, as good and available as if the same had been done by the said Francis King in his life-time.

IV. *And*