

C H A P. II.

Passed 3^d
Nov. 1722.*An Act for the Relief of Francis Gandevit and John Read, both of the City of Philadelphia. Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 551. PR.*

C H A P. III.

Ditto.

An Act for uniting Part of St. Paul's Parish in Baltimore County, to Westminster Parish in Ann-Arundel County. Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 553.

N. B. By this Act, from and after the 1st December next, the South Side of *Patapsco* River, in *Baltimore* County, from the Mouth thereof to the lower Wading Place over the Falls at the Head thereof, and from thence with a strait Line to the Girdle Pines, dividing *Ann-Arundel* and *Baltimore* Counties, and with that dividing Line to the Bay of *Chesapeake*; then with the Bay to the Mouth of *Patapsco* River; shall be divided and taken from the said Parish called *St. Paul's* in *Baltimore* County aforesaid, and be united unto *Westminster* Parish in *Ann-Arundel* County, &c.

C H A P. IV.

Ditto.

An ACT to confirm Lands devised for the Use of the Church.

Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 555.

Preamble.

WHEREAS for a considerable Time (from the first Settlement of this Province) there were few or no Ministers to dispense the Word and Sacraments, that the Country was in an unsettled Condition as to Religion, and few or no Parishes erected during that Time: And whereas several pious and well disposed Persons, for promoting the Protestant Religion, and for Encouragement of Ministers, have given or devised several Parcels of Land for that Use; but that notwithstanding the good Intent of several of the Devisors have been frustrated through the Negligence or Unskilfulness of the Writers of Wills, which is a great Injury to the Church, and has and may be a Discouragement to Persons charitably inclined, to give any Lands for Glebes where they are wanted, as they are in many Parishes; which makes the Incumbent unsettled and reduces him to Streights as to his Residence: For Remedy whereof for the future;

Devises of
Lands, &c.
to the Use of
any Church,
&c. in general
Words,
shall be good
in Law.

II. **Be it Enacted**, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That any Person or Persons, being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory, that have heretofore devised, or shall hereafter devise, any Lands or Tenements to the Use of any Church or Chapel within this Province, or for Support or Maintainance of the Clergy or Ministry of the Church of *England*, as by Law established, or to the Use of the Church, or Support of the Protestant Religion in general, without particularly mentioning to what Church, Chapel or Person, shall be good and effectual in Law, notwithstanding such Omission, or any Ambiguity or Uncertainty in the Wording of any Will, if the Intent of the Testator can be reasonably collected from the Words of the Will.

Where the
Intent of the
Testator is at
large, the
Land, &c.
shall go to the
Parish, &c.
wherein it
lies.

III. **And** for putting an End to Disputes about the Right to such Lands; **Be it Enacted**, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That where the Intent of the Testator is at large, and it does not appear to what Church, Chapel or Person he devised such Land, in such case the Land so devised, shall go to the Parish or Incumbent where such Land lies, in the same Manner as Glebes are commonly held; and that no Want or Insufficiency of Words, (where the Intent appears) shall defeat such Parish or Incumbent of such Land.

Such Will to
be signed by
three Witnesses,
and duly
proved.

IV. **Provided** nevertheless, That this Law shall in no wise affect any Lands that have been heretofore disputed in Law, or Escheated, or about which there is at this Time any Contest or Law-Suit depending. **And provided likewise**, That such Will or Wills, have, and shall be Signed by the Testator so devising the same, or by some other Person in his Presence, and by