

N<sup>o</sup> 5, 6.*Confirming Titles of Lands given to Churches and Chappels.*

Except Quakers.

nothing in this Act be construed to debar or hinder any of the People called and generally reputed *Quakers*, from their Votes in Election, they being otherwise duly qualified.

At an Assembly begun  
April the 22d, 1718.

N<sup>o</sup> 6.

*An Act for the confirming Titles of Land given to the Uses of the Churches, and several Chappels within this Province, empowering the Commissioners of the respective Counties; and the Vestries of the respective Parishes, to take up certain Parcels of Land for the Use of the same.*

Laws of Maryland, p. 34.  
2d Edit. p. 40.  
1st Edit. p. 43.

Preamble.

I. **W**hereas several pious and well-disposed Persons have given and granted unto the respective Parishes whereto they do belong, certain Parcels of Ground for the Use and Benefit of a Church and Church-yard; which said Land, thro' the Neglect of the Vestries, who by an Act of Assembly of this Province, made at a Sessions of Assembly held at the Port of *Annapolis*, the twentieth Day of *July*, Anno Domini One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Six, intituled, *An Act for the Service of Almighty God, and Establishment of the Protestant Religion*, were capacitated and empowered, by the Names of the Principal Vestryman, and the rest of his Brethren, Vestrymen of such Parish, to take and receive any Deed of Gift for the same, notwithstanding the Charges of the respective Parishes in building Churches or Chappels thereon, is like to be lost, or the Title thereunto very disputable, for want of such Deed of Gift or Conveyance inrolled and recorded, as by an Act of Assembly is required, the first Donors or Grantors thereof being dead, and the Heirs of such Donors or Grantors either refusing to make over such Land as aforesaid, or under Age not capable of so doing; **Be it therefore Enacted** by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That all such Lands as have formerly been given to the Use of any Church or Chappel, and for which the Donors or Grantors thereof, in their Life-time, have not made a Deed of Gift for the same, or otherwise refuse so to do, and in Confidence of whose Promise, the Parish have been at the Charge of erecting and building their Churches thereon, be and remain to the Use of the Parish for ever, against all Claims, and Pretensions of Claims made, or that hereafter shall be made, by such Donors or Grantors, or by his or their Heirs, Executors or Assigns, as firmly and absolutely as if the same had been made

Enacted,

That all Lands formerly given to the Use of any Church and Chappel, tho' no Deed of Gift be executed, be confirmed to the Uses aforesaid, if the Parish have built thereon.

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