

No Objec-
tions being
made by the
present In-
cumbent,
there being
sufficient
Maintenance
for him,

That the
said West-
minster Parish
be enlarg'd.

Limits.

and made Parcel of the said *Westminster* Parish. And whereas the Rev. Mr. *William Tibbs*, the present Incumbent of *St. Paul's* Parish aforesaid, has had due Notice hereof, and makes no Objections against the passing an Act as above prayed : And likewise it appears to this present General Assembly, that the Residue of *St. Paul's* Parish aforesaid, will be sufficient to maintain an Incumbent :

Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of December, next ensuing after the End of this present General Assembly, the said 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 streight Line to the *Girdle Pines* dividing *Anne-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 added and united unto *Westminster* Parish, in *Anne-Arundel* County aforesaid ; and shall, from and after the Time aforesaid, by Virtue of this Act, be deem'd, adjudg'd, reputed and taken as Part and Parcel of the said *Westminster* Parish, and not as Part or Parcel of *St. Paul's* Parish in *Baltimore* County aforesaid ; and that the Inhabitants thereof shall have and enjoy all Benefits and Privileges equal with any other the Inhabitants of the said Parish, and deem'd and taken in all Respects as Parishioners of *Westminster* Parish aforesaid : Any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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

There being
but few Mini-
sters at first,
Several pious
persons gave
Land for their
Encourage-
ment.

But thro'
Unskilfulness
of Writers of
Wills, their
good Designs
were frustra-
ted, to the
Prejudice of
the Clergy.

For Remedy,
Any Dona-
tion of Lands
for the Use of
the Church,
or Protestant
Religion in ge-
neral, shall be
lawful, not-
withstanding
the Mis-wor-
ding of Wills.

WHEREAS for a considerable Time (from the first Settlement of this Province) there were few or no Ministers to dispence 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-dispos'd Persons, for promoting the Protestant Religion, and for Encouragement of Ministers, have given or divided several Parcels of Land for that Use ; but that notwithstanding the good Intent of several of the Devisors have been frustrated thro' the Negligence or Unskilfulness of the Writers of Wills, which is a great Injury to the Church, and has and may be a Disouragement to Persons charitably inclin'd, 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,

Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That any Person Persons, being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory that have heretofore devised or shall hereafter devise any Lands or Tenements to the Use