

chester County, Gent. present Possessor and Lessee for Years, of the said Land, appears in the House, and testifies his Consent thereto,

The said Land con-
firm'd to the
Use of the Pa-
rish.

Be it 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 the Vestry of the said Parish and their Successors, shall, notwithstanding any Defects in the Vestry or Clerk aforesaid, stand good, and are hereby vested and seized of the same good, sure and indefeazable Estate in Fee-Simple, to the Use of the said Parish, of, in, and to the aforesaid Two Acres of Land whereon the said Chappel now stands, and next adjoining thereunto, as they might have had in case all the necessary Provisions requisite thereunto had been complied with by the Vestry aforesaid: Any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding. Saving to His Most Sacred Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the Lord Proprietor, his Heirs and Successors, and all Bodies Politick and Corporate, and all others not mentioned in this Act, their several and respective Rights.

*An ACT for dividing Great-Choptank Parish
in Dorchester County, and for erecting a Parish out of the same, called
by the Name of St. Mary White-Chappel-Parish.*

It being
represented,
that the 40
per Poll is suf-
ficient to
maintain 2
Incumbents,
&c.

WHEREAS it is represented to this present General Assembly, by the Inhabitants of Great-Choptank in Dorchester County, That the said Parish is very large, and that the Forty Pounds of Tobacco per Poll is a sufficient Allowance for Two Incumbents; and that the Upper Inhabitants thereof, by the vast Extent of the same, are often depriv'd of the great Blessing of having the Gospel preached among them. For Remedy whereof, and for that the Reverend Thomas Howel, the present Incumbent, having Notice thereof, and consenting thereto, It is prayed that it may be Enacted,

The said
Parish is di-
vided, accord-
ing to the
Bounds here
settled.

And a New
Parish erected.

And Vestry-
Men elected,
Who are to
build a Church
therein, &c.

And be it 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 Tenth Day of December, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Five, all that Part of Great-Choptank Parish, beginning at the Mouth of Cabbin-Creek, on the South Side of Great-Choptank River, and running up the said Creek, bounded therewith to the Mill, and from thence running a cross to the North-West Fork of Nanticoak, as the Line runs that divide Great-Choptank Hundred from Nanticoak Hundred, and so binding all round with the said Great-Choptank Hundred, to the Mouth of the said Cabbin-Creek, shall be and is by this Act separated, constituted, erected and made into a Parish, to be called by the Name of St. Mary White-Chappel-Parish, divided as aforesaid from the said Great-Choptank Parish in the said County, and shall be and is hereby adjudged, deemed and taken to be a separate and distinct Parish; giving to the several Free-holders thereof (at a certain Day to be appointed by them) full and ample Power to elect and make Choice of the Number of Six select Vestry-Men at least; and also to build and found a Church therein; and shall have, hold, and enjoy all Privileges and Advantages whatsoever