

At a SESSION of ASSEMBLY begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS, in the county of Anne-Arundel, for the province of Maryland, the 9th day of October, and ended the 3d day of November, in the 8th year of the dominion of the right honourable CHARLES, absolute Lord and Proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore, &c. *annoque domini* 1722, were enacted the following laws, viz.

CHARLES CALVERT, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

CHAPTER I.

A Further supplementary act to the (a) act for killing wolves, crows and squirrels. Lib. LL. No. 4. Passed 3d of Nov. 1722. fol. 549.

(a) 1713, ch. 13, which, together with its supplementary acts, was repealed by 1728, ch. 7.

CHAPTER II.

An ACT for the relief of Francis Gandevit and John Read, both of the city of Philadelphia. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 551. A Private Act.

CHAPTER III.

An ACT for uniting part of St. Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, to Westminster parish, in Anne-Arundel county. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 553.

N. B. By this act, from and after the first 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 freight line to the Girdle Pipes, 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 united unto Westminster parish, in Anne-Arundel county, &c.

CHAPTER IV.

An ACT to confirm lands devised for the use of the church. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 555.

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 straits as to his residence; for remedy whereof for the future,

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 maintenance 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.

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