

assembly, made and passed at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on the twenty-first day of September, seventeen hundred and forty-two, entitled, An act to enable the rector, vestrymen and churchwardens, for the time being, of St. Anne's parish, in Anne Arundel county, to lease certain lots in the city of Annapolis, in manner and to the uses therein mentioned, power was given to lease the lots in the said city, numbered respectively fifty-nine, sixty, sixty-one, for three lives, or twenty-one years, as by the said act may appear; and further they set forth, that though they have, since the passing the aforesaid act, spared no pains to find tenants for the said lots under the said act, that such endeavours have proved ineffectual, by reason of the short limitation of time for which they could make such leases, they therefore beg leave to bring in a bill to repeal the aforesaid act, and to enable them and their successors to lease the said lots for the term of sixty-three years, and from the end of the said term to grant new leases for twenty-one years, or three lives, to the same uses and purposes as in the said recited act is mentioned.

II. BE IT THEREFORE 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 the before recited act of assembly, entitled, An act to enable the rector, vestrymen and churchwardens for the time being, of St. Anne's parish, in Anne Arundel county, to lease certain lots in the city of Annapolis, in manner and to the uses therein mentioned, be and is hereby abrogated, made null and void, as if it never had been made.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, 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 from and after the end of this present session of assembly, it shall and may be lawful for the rector, vestrymen and churchwardens, of the said parish, for the time being, to grant, lease, demise, and to farm let, to any person or persons willing and capable to take the same aforesaid lots of land, numbered fifty-nine, sixty, sixty-one, or any or either of them, or any part of either of them, by deed indented, under the hands and seals of the said rector, vestrymen and churchwardens, for the time being, or the major part of them, and on such conditions, covenants, provisions, agreements and yearly rents, as the said rector, vestrymen and churchwardens, for the time being, or the major part of them, and the person or persons who shall, from time to time, be willing and desirous to take the same, or any of them, or any part of either of them, shall agree upon for any term not exceeding sixty-three years.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, That the rector, vestrymen and churchwardens for the time being, have full power and authority, after the expiration of the said term, to grant new leases of all or any the said premises for the term of twenty-one years, or three lives, to the uses, intents and purposes in this act mentioned, and to no other, and for a shorter time, as to them, or the major part of them, for the time being, shall seem convenient.

V. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND DECLARED, That the yearly rents, revenues and profits of the said mentioned premises, and all and every part of them, be and are hereby declared to belong to the incumbent of said parish for the time being, for his sole and separate use and benefit, and to no other use, intent or purpose whatsoever.

VI. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That when any of the said leases or demises shall expire or determine, if the incumbent for the time being, or any person or persons on his behalf, shall ask, demand and receive, of and from any person or persons whatsoever, either directly or indirectly, any sum or sums of money, or other goods or effects, as a fine or fines for the granting a new lease or demise of any the before-mentioned premises, or any part of them, which in value exceeds one year's rent, in such new lease or demise to be reserved; that then and in such case the new lease or demise so to be made shall be void and of none effect, as if the same had never been made.

VII. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, That if a vacancy shall happen in the said parish, for want of an incumbent, that then and in such case it shall and may be lawful for the vestrymen and churchwardens of the said parish for the time being, or the major part of them, to ask, demand and receive, of and from such person or persons from whom the same shall be payable, the several rents to be reserved as aforesaid, accruing due during a vacancy, and the same shall be applied by such vestrymen and churchwardens for the time being, or the major part of them, to the same uses and purposes as the forty per poll on the like occasion is by former laws applied; and in case any lease to be made of any the aforesaid premises shall, during such vacancy, expire, cease or determine, that then and in such case it shall and may be lawful to and for the vestrymen and churchwardens of the said parish for the time being, to renew or lease again the same, in the same manner,

An act repeal-

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