

proved state and inconvenient situation for a glebe, and conceive it will be greatly to the advantage of the parish to sell said glebe-land, and apply the money arising therefrom to purchasing a tract of land more conveniently situated for a glebe, or in case such cannot be immediately purchased, to place the money safely on interest for the use of the parish, till the present or a succeeding vestry can purchase a tract of land more conveniently situated for a glebe; the petitioners therefore pray, that a law may pass to enable them, or a succeeding vestry, to sell and convey the land now belonging to the said parish as a glebe, for the reasons aforesaid; which being thought reasonable,

C H A P. XIX.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the vestrymen and churchwardens of Saint-Mary-Anne's parish, in Cecil county, for the time being, or the major part of them, be and are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and convey, in fee-simple, to the person that shall bid the best price, all the land belonging to the aforesaid parish as a glebe, at public vendue, after giving six weeks notice of the intended sale in the Baltimore Journal, and at the court-house door in Cecil county, and at five of the most public places in the parish aforesaid; and the money arising from such sale to apply towards the purchasing of another piece of land more conveniently situated; and that such land, when so purchased, shall be made over to the vestrymen and churchwardens, and their successors aforesaid, in trust, for the use and benefit of the minister or incumbent of said parish for ever; provided, that in case the said vestrymen and churchwardens shall not be able to purchase some other land more convenient, as herein before directed, then the said vestrymen and churchwardens shall and they are hereby empowered and directed to place the money arising from such sale out to interest, upon bond with good and sufficient security, taken in the name of the said vestrymen and churchwardens, in trust, for the use and benefit of the said parish, which interest shall be paid yearly to the minister or incumbent of said parish for the time being, and in case of no minister or incumbent, then to the vestrymen or churchwardens thereof, in trust, as aforesaid, and to be by them accounted for, till the purchase aforesaid can be made, which it is nevertheless hereby declared to be the duty of the said vestrymen and churchwardens, or the major part of them, to make, as soon as possible can be done, to the advantage and convenience intended.

Vestrymen, &c. to sell land, &c.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT to invest James Rumsey with an exclusive privilege and benefit of making and selling new invented boats, on a model by him invented. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 408.

Passed 22d of Jan. 1785.

WHEREAS James Rumsey, by his petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that he has invented a plan for navigating boats against the current of rapid rivers, at a very small expence, whereby great advantages will redound to the citizens of this state, and has prayed that an act may pass, vesting in him a sole and exclusive right, privilege and benefit, in constructing, navigating and employing boats constructed after his new invented model, upon the creeks, rivers and bays within this state, be granted to him, his executors, administrators and assigns, for a limited time; and it appearing reasonable that the said James Rumsey should have the benefit and advantage of his said invention,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the exclusive right, privilege and benefit, of making, constructing, selling, within this state, the said new invented boats, or improvements upon the said plan, shall be and is hereby vested in the said James Rumsey, his executors, administrators and assigns, for and during the space of ten years from the end of this session of assembly.

Exclusive right vested, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person, during the said term of ten years, as aforesaid, shall make, construct, vend, sell, within this state, any such invented boats or vessels, without a licence in writing first had and obtained from the said James Rumsey, his executors, administrators or assigns, for that purpose, or shall purchase or use such invented boat or vessel as aforesaid, within the term aforesaid, made by any persons other than the said James Rumsey, his executors, administrators or assigns, or by some person licensed by him or them for that purpose, every person, so making, constructing, vending, selling or using, such invented boat or vessel, shall forfeit and pay to the said James Rumsey, his executors, administrators or assigns, the sum of five hundred pounds current money, to be recovered in any court of record in an action of debt founded upon this act.

Penalty on making boats, &c.

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT for recording a deed executed by Samuel Ervin, Mary Ervin and William Ervin, to William Rogers, of Cecil county. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 409. A Private Act.