

C H A P. XLIV.

A Supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act for building a new church in the city of Annapolis. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 673. Passed 8th of March, 1786.

WHEREAS by an act of assembly passed at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on the twenty-third day of March, seventeen hundred and seventy-four, trustees were appointed for the building a new church in the city of Annapolis, who entered on the execution of the said trust, and purchased materials, but were prevented from proceeding thereon by the commencement of the war;

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said trustees be empowered and directed to proceed on the execution of the trust reposed in them by the said act, and that they call on any person or persons who may have had any of the said materials, and oblige them by suit or otherwise, to account for and pay the same. Trustees to proceed, &c.

III. AND, whereas subscriptions were taken to a considerable amount, but during the war several of the subscribers have died, and others have removed, and therefore are not interested in the erecting of said church; BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, That the said subscriptions shall not be collected, and that the trustees be authorized to open a new subscription for the purpose aforesaid. And open a subscription, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case any of the said trustees shall die, remove, or discontinue to act, the residue, or any three of them, may choose one or more person or persons, as the case may be, to fill up the vacancy. How vacancies are to be filled.

C H A P. XLV.

An ACT for the benefit of Anne Hood, Hester Hood, Elizabeth Hood and Mary Hood, of Anne-Arundel county. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 674. A Private Act.

C H A P. XLVI.

An ACT directing what shall be good evidence to prove foreign and other debts, and deeds and wills, and instruments of writing executed in any of the United States, or in any foreign country, for allowing discounts, and for repealing an act of assembly therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 675. Passed 10th of March, 1786.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an exemplification of the record under the hand of the keeper of the same, and the seal of the court or office where such record may be made, shall be good and sufficient evidence in any court of this state to prove any debt of record made or entered in any other of the United States, or in any foreign country whatever. Exemplification on good evidence, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That a copy of the record (a) or register of any deed, will, (b) or other instrument of writing, which the laws of the state or country where the same may be executed require to be recorded or registered, and which have been or shall be recorded or registered agreeably to such laws, under the hand of the keeper of such record or register, and the seal of the court or office in which such record or register has been or may be made, or a copy of any deed, will, or other instrument of writing lodged for safe keeping in any office or court, agreeably to the laws of the state or country as aforesaid, and certified as aforesaid, shall be good and sufficient evidence in any court of this state to prove such deed, will, or instrument of writing. What shall be good evidence to prove deeds, &c.

(a) See ch. 9, sec. 7, by which certain record entries or transcripts are in certain cases to be admitted as evidence.

(b) By 1798, No. 101, ch. 1, sec. 4, an attested copy, under the seal of office, of any will, testament or codicil, recorded in any office authorized to record the same, shall be admitted as evidence in any court of law or equity, provided that the execution of the original will or codicil be subject to be contested until a probat hath been had according to the said act.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That where any deed, will, bond, bill, note, or other instrument of writing, hath been or shall be executed in any other of the United States, or in any foreign country, and to give validity to which recording or registering is not or shall not be made necessary, proof to the execution of such deed, will, bond, bill, note, or other instrument of writing, by the oath or affirmation, as the case may be, of the subscribing witnesses to the same, or any of them, taken before any court, judge or justice, or other officer of the state or country where such deed, will, bond, bill