

for, the same, are void without the leave of the legislature: And whereas it is represented to the general assembly, that whilst the lands called East Nottingham and West Nottingham, lying in Cecil county, were held to be within the bounds of Pennsylvania, and subject to the government thereof, a patent was granted by the proprietary of Pennsylvania for forty acres of land lying in the said East Nottingham, to four persons, as trustees, for the use of the society of the people called Quakers, and that the said land has been ever since held to their use; and that a certificate for five acres and one hundred and twelve perches of land, lying in the said West Nottingham, which were originally taken up under the government of Pennsylvania, and have ever since been peaceably held for the use of the said society, has been returned to the land-office, with the treasurer's endorsed receipt for the money by law directed to be paid for the same, but a patent could not be constitutionally granted for the same to the use of, or in trust for, the said society;

C H A P. XVII.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the leave of the legislature be hereby granted to the said religious society of people called Quakers, to enjoy for ever the use of the said land in East Nottingham and West Nottingham; provided the chancellor, on examination, shall find the facts above stated to be true, and that, in such case, the said chancellor shall have full power and authority to adjudge and direct a patent or patents of the said land to certain persons, and their heirs, to hold the same in trust for ever, to the use of the said society, according to the intention of the aforesaid original patent for forty acres in East Nottingham; and of the grant, licence or warrant, for taking up of the said five acres and one hundred and twelve perches in West Nottingham; saving to all persons, and bodies politic or corporate, their several and respective rights.

Leave granted, &c.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT to empower the vestry of Great Choptank parish to sell or apply the materials of the old church, in said parish, to the building a new church in Cambridge, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 394.

Passed 27th of Dec. 1791.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the vestry of Great Choptank parish, in Dorchester county, that the church in said parish is in a very ruinous state, and that it is the wish of the parishioners to sell the materials of said church, or to apply the same to the building a new church in said parish;

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the vestry of said parish, or any three or more of them, to sell and dispose of the materials of said old church, and to apply the money arising from such sale to the purpose of building a new church in Cambridge, in the county aforesaid, or to apply the materials of said old church to the building a new church in Cambridge, in the county aforesaid, as in the opinion and judgment of said vestry, or any three or more of them, shall be most conducive to the interest of said parish.

Vestry may sell materials, &c.

III. AND, whereas the vestry of said parish is entitled to an estate in reversion of and in part of a lot of ground lying in Cambridge, in the county aforesaid, being parcel of the ground originally laid off for the church lands of said parish: And whereas the said lot of ground is more than sufficient to answer the purpose of a church yard, and it is the wish of said vestry to apply the money arising from the sale of said reversion to the purpose of building a new church as aforesaid, BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for the said vestry to sell and dispose of, at public sale, to the highest bidder, having first given public notice of the day of such sale at least four weeks previous thereto, by advertisement at the door of the court-house in said town, all the right and title of said vestry of, in and to the aforesaid part of the lot of land aforesaid, or any part thereof, and to execute such deed of conveyance to the purchaser of said part of the lot of ground aforesaid, as will be sufficient to convey to such purchaser all the right and title of said vestry of, in and to the said part of the lot of land aforesaid, and to apply the money arising from such sale to the building a new church in Cambridge as aforesaid.

And dispose of part of a lot, &c.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT for the benefit of Charles Worthington. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 395. A Private Act.

C H A P.