

C H A P. XLIII.

Passed 25th of Dec. 1794.

A Further supplement to an act, (a) entitled, An act to prohibit bringing slaves into this state. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 213.

(a) April, 1783, ch. 23.

Repealed by 1796, ch. 67, provided that all rights acquired under it shall not be thereby affected or impaired.

C H A P. XLIV.

An ACT to enable the vestry of Saint-Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, to purchase one or more parcels of ground for the purposes therein mentioned. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 213.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the vestry of Saint-Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, by their petition to this general assembly, have set forth, that the congregation of the protestant episcopal church in the said county is at this time so numerous that the present church in Baltimore-town is not sufficient to accommodate the different families belonging to the same with pews, by reason whereof a very large number of the members of the said church, both in the said town and county, cannot conveniently resort to the same, and that they are desirous to build one or more churches for the performance of divine worship in the said county, in such convenient place or places as will best suit the said congregation, and to have a burial-ground to each of them, and also a lot of ground adjoining one of them for a parsonage-house, and for that purpose to purchase one or more pieces of ground, not exceeding three acres in the whole, for the uses and purposes aforesaid, and to take one or more deed or deeds to the said vestry, and their successors, for ever; therefore,

Vestry may purchase, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the vestry of Saint-Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, are hereby enabled to purchase one or more parcels of ground in the said town and county, not exceeding in the whole three acres, in such place or places as they shall think most convenient for the uses and purposes aforesaid, and to take one or more deed or deeds to the said vestry, and their successors, for ever, and that the said deed or deeds, when executed, acknowledged and recorded, with the solemnities required by law for the conveyance of real estates, shall be good and effectual in the courts of law and equity in this state, and the vestry of the said parish, and their successors, shall be vested with an estate in fee-simple therein; saving nevertheless to the state of Maryland, and all bodies politic and corporate, and all persons not mentioned in this act, their several and respective rights.

C H A P. XLV.

Passed 26th of Dec. 1794.

An ACT concerning petitions to the general assembly. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 214.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it may happen that facts may be disclosed by petitions preferred to the general assembly, of which advantage may be taken, to the injury of the party petitioning; therefore,

Right not to be invalidated, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That whenever any petition or petitions shall be presented to the general assembly by any person or persons to confirm his; her or their title to any land within this state, or for any other purpose whatever, the right or claim of such person or persons, his, her or their representatives, to any matter or thing contained therein, shall not be invalidated by any means whatever until the end of the session of assembly to which the same shall be preferred; provided that nothing in this act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent or delay any suit or suits, execution or executions, against the property of such petitioner or petitioners.

C H A P. XLVI.

Passed 25th of Dec. 1794. Preamble.

An ACT respecting writs of inquiry. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 215.

WHEREAS great expences necessarily attend the executing of a writ of inquiry issued upon an interlocutory judgment obtained in the general court, or in any of the county courts: And whereas the real merits of the case cannot be fully considered and examined when intricate questions of law occur in the course of the inquiry; therefore,

In certain cases court may make an order, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the end of this present session of assembly, in all cases when an interlocutory judgment is entered in the general court, or in any of the county courts, whereby the right of the plaintiff is established, but the damages sustained by him cannot be ascertained without the intervention of a jury, the court where such judgment