

examined by every person who shall apply for the same, in order to ascertain any payments that may have been made upon his or their account. C H A P. XXXIX.

C H A P. XL.

An ACT for altering the time of holding the orphans court in Worcester county. Lib. JG. Passed 24th of Dec. 1795. No. 2. fol. 321.

See 1798, ch. 101, as to the time of holding the orphans courts in the several counties.

C H A P. XLI.

An ACT to enable the vestrymen of the parish of Saint-James, in Anne-Arundel county, for the time being, to sell a tract of land therein mentioned, and to apply the money arising by such sale towards the purchase of another tract or parcel of land, to be made a glebe for the use of the rector of that parish, and his successors.

Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 322.

WHEREAS the rector and vestry of the parish of Saint-James, in Anne-Arundel county, have set forth, in their petition to the general assembly, that a certain tract of land called Wrighton, being the glebe-land of said parish, is so remotely situate from the church that great inconvenience results therefrom, as well to the rector of the parish as to the parishioners, and have prayed that an act may pass, empowering them to sell the said land, and with the money arising from the sale thereof to purchase other land more conveniently situate to the church; and this general assembly deeming it expedient that a law to that effect should pass, therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the vestrymen, or the major part of them, for the time being, of the parish of Saint-James, in Anne-Arundel county, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, within twelve months from the passage of this law, to expose to sale, at public auction, first giving two months notice in the Maryland Gazette of the day of such sale, a certain tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the said parish, commonly called Wrighton, and which hath been and now is the glebe-land of said parish, and to execute and acknowledge conveyances in fee-simple to the person or persons who may or shall be the highest bidder for the said land, upon the whole of the purchase money being paid to them, the said vestrymen, for the time being, or the major part of them, and not before.

Vestry to sell a tract of land, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said vestrymen, or a major part of them, for the time being, may and shall apply the money arising from the sale of the said tract or parcel of land called Wrighton towards the purchase of another tract or parcel of land, lying in some more central part of the said parish, and more convenient to the church; and the said vestrymen for the time being, or a major part of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to take a conveyance, in fee-simple, to them and their successors, of such land so by them purchased, and to hold the same in trust and for the use and benefit of the rector of the said parish, and his successors, for ever.

And purchase another, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case the said vestrymen, or the major part of them, shall not, in six months after such sale made by them as before directed, be able to purchase some other tract or parcel of land more central to the parish, and more convenient to the church; then the said vestrymen, or the major part of them, are hereby empowered and directed to place the money arising from the sale aforesaid out to interest, upon such security as they, or the major part of them, in their discretion, may deem good and sufficient, which interest shall be yearly paid to the rector of the parish for the time being, until the purchase as aforesaid can be made, which it is hereby declared to be the duty of the said vestrymen to make as soon as they possibly can, with a view of answering the beneficial object contemplated by this act.

Or place the money out to interest, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case the land which may or shall be purchased by the said vestrymen, in virtue of the power and authority vested in them by this act, shall not amount in price to the full sum which the said vestrymen may or shall receive for the afore-mentioned glebe-land called Wrighton, then the said vestrymen are hereby authorized and directed to purchase, with the surplus money that may remain in their hands, three *per cent.* stock in the funds of the United States, and to receive the interest and dividends that may accrue due on the said three *per cent.* stock so by them

Stock to be purchased, &c.