

100 Such parish to take and receive any deed of gift for the same not with- 15
standing the charges of the respective parishes in building churches
or Chappels thereon is like to be lost or the title thereunto very dif-
ficult for want of such deed of gift or conveyance inrolled and
recorded as by an act of Assembly is required the first Donors
or grantors thereof being dead and the heirs of such Donors or
grantors either refusing to make over such land or under age
not capable of so doing.

Be it therefore Enacted by His Majesty's most excellent
Majesty by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's
Governour Council and Assembly of this Province and the multi-
tude of the same that all such lands as have formerly been given
to the use of any Church or Chappell and for which the Donors or
grantors thereof in their life times have not made a deed of gift
for the same or otherwise refuse so to do and in confidence of which
promise the parish have been at the charge of erecting and building
their Churches thereon be and remain to the use of the parish for ever
against all Claims and pretensions of Persons made or that hereafter
shall be made by such Donors or grantors or their heirs Executors
or Assigns as firmly and absolutely as if the same had been made over
by deed of gift grant or otherwise inrolled and recorded as aforesaid.

And to this end it may be known what lands have been so given
to the use of any Church or Chappell aforesaid and made over and con-
firmed by deed of gift or grant as aforesaid The grand Jury in each respec-
tive County within this Province next after the publication of this Act
shall have in charge to enquire by what titles such lands whereupon the
several Churches or Chappels aforesaid within their respective parishes and
in their precincts are held and to render an account thereof to His
Court who are hereby Impowered where any such lands shall appear to
be given and not confirmed as aforesaid in open Court to examine Wit-
nesses in perpetuum rei memoriam and the same cause to be recorded in
the County Records which shall be deemed adjudged and taken in all Courts of
Record within this Province as sufficient proof of the Donation or grant as
aforesaid.