

An ACT for the benefit of the congregation of Salem's church, in Washington county.

Passed 3d of Jan 1807.

WHEREAS certain lands and tenements have been heretofore conveyed by a certain Peter Rensch, late of Frederick, now Washington county, deceased, in trust for the benefit of the presbyterian meeting-house, now incorporated and known by the name of Salem's Church, and by reason of the death of the trustees, and other causes, doubts have arisen as to the validity of the title to said property; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods, chattels, and other property, which have heretofore been conveyed to any person or persons, or which is now held by any person or persons, in trust for the benefit and use of the congregation of Salem's church, in Washington county, or by whatsoever name it may be called, shall be and the same is hereby vested in Martin Kershner, Jacob Zeller, John Hager and Philip Kershner, present trustees of the said church, and the successors of the said trustees, appointed according to the constitution, rules and ordinances, of the said congregation.

Lands, &c. vested, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, their successors, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to sell, lease, or otherwise convey, any part of the lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels or other property, hereby declared to be vested in the said congregation, or which shall hereafter be vested in the same, except two acres of said land, which two acres shall include within their bounds the church, and burial-ground attached to the same, in such manner, and for such estate therein, as conveyances may be made by any individual for any like property; provided, that no sale, lease, or other disposition of the said property, or any part thereof, shall be valid, unless the same shall be made with the consent and approbation of a majority of the trustees of the said congregation, agreeably to the rules and constitution of said church.

Trustees empowered to sell, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized and directed to appropriate the monies arising from any sale or sales which may be made by them by virtue of the provisions of this act, either to the building of a new church, or to the repair of the old one, or to any other purpose relative to the said congregation, which they, or a majority of them, shall deem right and proper.

And appropriate monies, &c.

An ACT to lay out and open a certain road in Cæcil county.

Passed 3d of Jan 1807. Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, that the convenience of the public will be greatly promoted by streightening and amending the private road, now opened and used, leading from that part of Stone Run where a public road from the state of Pennsylvania to the tide water of the Chesapeake crosses said run, at or near the Odorara creek, until it intersects the public road leading from Christiana to the Bald Friar ferry, on Susquehanna river, and by making the same a public road; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Johnson, Robert Porter and James Maxwell, be, and they, or a majority of them, are hereby appointed commissioners to survey, lay out and mark, a road, not exceeding thirty feet in width, in the streightest and best direction that the nature of the ground will admit of, from that part of Stone Run where the public road aforesaid crosses said run, until it intersects the public road leading from Christiana to the Bald Friar ferry aforesaid, at that point where the private road aforesaid intersects the same, and estimate and value the damages sustained by any person or persons through whose land the said road shall pass, taking into estimation the advantages and disadvantages, if any, and a certificate of the same, when so ascertained, together with a certificate of the survey of said road, under their hands, or a majority of them, shall return to the clerk of Cæcil county, to be by him recorded, and shall for ever thereafter be deemed and taken to be a public highway, and kept in repairs as other public roads in said county.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the levy court of Cæcil county be and they are hereby authorized and required, at the time of laying the next levy in said county, if the said court should be of opinion that the said road would be of public benefit and utility, to levy, on the assessable property of the county aforesaid, the sum necessary to clear and make said road passable, also the amount of damages so ascertained and certified as aforesaid, together with a reasonable compensation for the

Court to levy money, &c.