

CHAP. 26. after the date of the said deed and without notice of such deed by the purchaser.

Title to land made valid.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the title of the said church in and to the land aforesaid, when the deed shall be recorded as the preceding section requires, shall be confirmed and made valid, and the same shall vest in the following trustees for the use and benefit of the said church, to wit: Jacob Hahn, Junior, John Slyden, Peter Erb and Nicholas Deihl, or any three of them, and the successors of such trustees, or any three of such successors, to be appointed according to the rules and ordinances of said church.

Trustees authorised to sell any part of land.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the said trustees, or any three of them, or any three of their successors, to be appointed as aforesaid, shall have power and authority to sell and dispose of any part of the said land, when in their judgment it may be thought expedient so to do, and the proceeds of the same to hold in trust for the use and benefit of the said church.

CHAP. XXVII.

Passed Dec: 31

A Further Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a Company for the purpose of Building a Bridge over the River Susquehanna.

Vacancies, how to be filled.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for a majority of the directors elected by the stockholders as specified in the original act, to fill up any vacancy that may happen in their board, by removal, death or resignation, so as to keep the board of directors always full, until a new election shall take place.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Passed Dec 30
Preamble.

An Act for the benefit of Wilson Carey Selden, of the State of Virginia.

WHEREAS Wilson Carey Selden, by his petition to this general assembly, hath set forth, that by a late purchase he has become the proprietor of a tract of land, constituting an island called and known by the name of Eden, situated and lying in the river Potomac, and within the limits of Montgomery county in this state; that he is desirous to improve and cultivate the same, and to enable him so to do, hath prayed that a law may pass authorising him to import and remove into this state, from the state of Virginia, such number of slaves, now being his property, as he may think proper, to be employed upon the aforesaid island; and the prayer of the said petitioner appearing reasonable, therefore,

Authorised to bring slaves into the state.

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said Wilson Carey Selden be, and he is hereby authorised, to import and bring into this state, such number of slaves as he may think proper, being *bona fide* his property, to be employed upon the aforesaid island, in the cultivation thereof, provided they shall be actually so employed, and such slaves at his pleasure to remove between the said island, and his estate in Virginia, to be employed on either as occasion may require; *Provided*, such slaves so to be removed and employed as aforesaid be natives of the state of Virginia, or shall have resided therein three years at least before the passage of this act, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso.

Not to authorise the sale of any of said slaves.

2. *And be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorise any sale or disposition, within this state, of any of the said slaves, or their descendants, except in case of disposition by last will and testament, and disposition by law for *bona fide* debts, or consequent upon intestacy.