

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Strike out section 217, and insert the following :

"217. Nothing in this Article shall prevent the Protestant Episcopal Church from incorporating the vestries in the several parishes according to the usages of the said church under the said Act of 1798, chapter 10, entitled 'An Act for the establishment of vestries for each parish in this State,' as amended prior to the adoption of the Code of 1850, and the said Act as so amended is hereby confirmed and declared, as the laws of this State, to be binding and available as if the same, and every provision thereof, was herein formerly and specially recited and re-enacted.

Provided, That all parishes heretofore constituted under the thirty-third section of said Act may, and all parishes hereafter constituted under that said section of said Act shall execute, acknowledge and record a certificate of their articles of association, as such execution, acknowledgement and record is now required under Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled 'Corporations,' sub-title 'Religious Corporations.'"

"217 A. And all parishes heretofore constituted in pursuance of the provisions of said Act, and all proceedings therein held in pursuance of, or by virtue of the powers and authority contained in said Act, shall be and the same are fully confirmed and declared to be good and available both in law and in equity."

Which were severally read and adopted.

Said bill, as amended, was then read a second time, and ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Also,

House bill entitled an Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments section 25, of Article 47, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title 'Insolvents.'

Which was read a first time.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

The House, at 1.30 P. M., considered the Order of the Day, being the following order submitted by Mr. Fitzgerald, March 24th, viz :