

CHAP. 135. city of Baltimore, specifying what streets, lanes or alleys, they have so condemned, which return shall be filed in the office of the register of the city.

CHAP. CXXXVI.

An Act to Incorporate the Members of Christ Church, in the City of Baltimore, as a separate Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States.

Preamble

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the parishioners of St. Paul's Parish in the city of Baltimore, that they have entered into an agreement for the separation of Christ's Church Congregation from the Parish of St. Paul's, which has been approved of by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland: And whereas the said congregation have elected their vestry, and called a minister, but cannot become incorporated by any existing law, and therefore have no legal authority to receive the conveyance of the property agreed to be ceded to them by the vestry of St. Paul's, without the aid of the legislature; therefore,

Congregation of Christ Church incorporated

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the congregation of Christ Church, in the city of Baltimore, now forming a part of St. Paul's Parish of Baltimore county, shall be and are hereby incorporated as a separate congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, by the name and style of The Vestry of Christ's Church in the City of Baltimore, and by that name shall severally have and exercise all such powers, immunities, rights and privileges, relating to the congregation hereby incorporated, as are lawfully exercised and held by the incorporation of St. Paul's Parish aforesaid in this state, under the act of 1798, chapter 24, and by the same laws, and in all respects be on the same footing with other separate congregations of said church in this state.

Vestry confirmed in their office

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the vestry elected by the said congregation are hereby confirmed in their office till the period appointed by the act of 1798, for electing a new vestry, and they shall have legal authority to receive a conveyance to them, and their successors, of such real and personal property as may have been agreed to be conveyed by St. Paul's Parish, and to transmit the same to their successors.

Vestries not obliged to meet on any stated days

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That in future the vestries of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this state shall not be obliged to meet on any stated days, or at any particular