

An to Incorporate the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Patapsco Circuit. Passed Feb 27
1850.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly Preamble.
of Maryland, that the Methodist Episcopal church, citizens of Howard district, of Anne Arundel county, and Carroll county, holding and occupying several churches, chapels, and other places of public worship, to them secured by deed or otherwise, to sundry persons as trustees, to hold and manage the property for the use of the aforesaid church; and whereas, some of the aforesaid chapels or churches are of ancient date, and have survived the original trustees, and although others have been appointed as their successors, yet the records of the church are in some cases imperfect; and whereas, it is desirable to have one general board of trustees, for all the churches and chapels of the said Patapsco circuit; and whereas, no legislation, heretofore made by this State, provides for this case—Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly* Incorporated,
of Maryland, That Richard Brown, Samuel Gore, &c
Joshua Frizzle, Nicholas Harden, Samuel Bennett, Samuel Morton, Christian Devries, Zadox Walas, Thomas Banes, Thomas H. Hood, John Thompson, Nicholison Vansant, Samuel Dorsey, Ashney Peddicord, Caleb Shipley, senior, Caleb Shipley, junior, Caleb Sheetz, Henry W. Hood, Dennis Hobbs, James H. Hobbs, Anthony Smith, McLane Brown, J. Plummer Johns, Thomas Newton, Stephen Bryan, Samuel France, James Earp, and William Mills, and their successors in office, appointed and perpetuated as hereinafter provided, shall be and they, and their successors, are hereby declared to be a corporation and body politic, by the name and style of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Patapsco Circuit, and by that name they shall be and are hereby made able and capable, in law, to have, hold, receive, possess, acquire, enjoy and retain to them, and their successors in office, all the estate, grounds, churches, chapels, buildings, improvements, and property of every description, whether real, mixed or personal, now properly belonging to the Methodist Episcopal church, within the bounds of Patapsco circuit, whether in law or equity, as now held and occupied by the said church for public worship, to manage and control the same, for the use and benefit of the circuit aforesaid, according to the rules and discipline of the