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CHAPTER 158.

An act vesting the property therein mentioned in certain trustees for the use and benefit of the society of Friends, or people called Quakers, constituting the monthly meeting of Baltimore, for the Eastern District in the city of Baltimore.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, By an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at November session one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, entitled, "An act to confirm the title of certain lots of ground to the society of people called Quakers in Baltimore-Town, whereon is their Meeting-house and burying ground" reciting among other things, that it was represented to the Legislature by the monthly meeting of people called Quakers in Baltimore-Town, that they were seized and possessed of a lot of ground on the east side of Jones' Falls, included within York, Harford and Pitt Street and Smock Alley, containing by computation, near four acres, which was purchased by the said society before the revolution, for the purpose of erecting a Meeting-house, yard, stabling, burying ground, school house, and a small piece of said lot to accommodate a school master or some person to be employed in taking care of said premises, with a house and garden, it was enacted that it should and might be lawful for the trustees of said society to have and to hold the property and lots above described to them, their heirs and assigns forever, saving to all and every person their several and respective rights; and it was thereby provided and enacted, that the said property and lots should be held and enjoyed for a Meeting house, yard, stabling, burying ground, school-house and dwelling-house, and small garden to accommodate said school master or person taking care of said property; and for no other use or purpose whatsoever.

AND WHEREAS, The society constituting the monthly meeting of Baltimore for the Eastern district in the city of Baltimore, by their memorial and petition to this General Assembly have set forth, that many years ago the above mentioned lots and property were conveyed to John Cornthwait and others, in trust for the uses mentioned in the above recited act; that since the passing of the aforesaid act, most of the trustees have died, and that the aid of this Legislature is deemed necessary to perpetuate the said trust: *Therefore,*