

Liber LL, 4 Acts of May, 1719, ch. 6 p. 428

An Act to Confirm a Tract of Land therein Menconed to the Rector or Minister of Saint John's Parish in Baltimore County and his Successors forever.

Whereas Jeremiah Eaton late of Baltimore County Deceased, was Seized in his Demesne as of fee, of and in a Tract of Land lyeing in Saint Johns Parish in Baltimore County called Stoakly Mannor alias Stoak Flemmon, Containeing five hundred and fifty Acres more or less, which Tract of Land was by the said Jeremiah by his last Will and Testament in Writeing beareing date the tenth day of January in the Year of our Lord God One Thousand Six hundred Seventy and five Given & Devised to the first Protestant minister that should Preside in Baltimore County & his Successors for Ever. And Whereas the said Will is not so clearly exprest, but that the title to the said Land may be Precarious, or at least liable to Disputes and Misinterpretation; altho' its Evident to the present Generall Assembly, that the true Intent of the testator was that such Protestant Minister, and his Successors for Ever Should Enjoy the said Land and Whereas the said Land is scituate in S^t John's Parish and that it is not particularly exprest by the Will, What Minister shall Enjoy the same It is thought Reasonable, & most Agreeable to the Intent of the Devisee, that the Minister for the time being, of the Parish wherein the land Lyes, should have the Benefit thereof And for as much as it hath been Suggested that the Aforesaid Land Called Stoakley Manner alias Stock flemon, is not One, & the same, but two Severall Tracts of Land upon which pretence some p^{rs}ons have threatned to Escheat the same under the name of Stoak fleman Whereas it appears by good Evidences that the af^d two severall Denominations were Intended to denote One & the same Tract of Land Wherefore it is prayed it may me Enacted, and to the End, that the Testators pious Intention may have the Designed Effect & all Doubts and Defficulties be Removed.

Be it Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice & Consent of his Lordships Governour, & the upper and Lower houses of this present Generall Assembly and by the Authority of the same that the said Land Called Stock Flemon alias Stoakly Manner be and is hereby adjudged, And taken to be One & the same Tract of Land And shall be to the use of the present Minister of Saint Johns Parish, in Baltimore County, & the Succeeding Ministers, or Rectors of the said Parish being of the Church of England as by Law Establishd, for Ever in as full and Ample maner, as the said Jeremiah held the same And that the said Parish do and shall Discharge and pay all Arrearages of Rents Due on the said Land out of the ten pounds of Tobacco p^p pole to be Levied in the same Parish.