

Lib. L. L. 2 were thereby Capacitated and Impowered by the names of the Principall Vestryman and the rest of his Brethren Vestrymen of such parish to take and receive any Deed or gift for the same notwithstanding the Charges of the respective parishes in building Churches or Chapells thereon is like to be lost or the Title thereunto very disputable for want of such Deed of Gift or Conveyance inrolled and recorded as by the Act of Assembly is required the first Donors or Grantors thereof being Dead and the heires of such Donors or Grantors either refusing to make over such Land as aforesaid or under age not Capable of so doing Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Māty by and with the Advice and Consent of this Present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same That all such Lands that have formerly been Given to the use of any Church or Chapell and for which the Donors or Grantors thereof in their life times haveing not given any Deed of gift for the same or otherwise refusing so to do and in Confidence of whose promise the parish have been at the Charge of Erecting and building their Churches thereon be and remaine to the use of the parish forever against all Claimes and pretentions of Claims made or that shall hereafter be made by such Donors or Grantors or his or their heires Ex^{rs} or Assignes as firmly and absolutely as if the same had been made over by Deed of Gift grant or otherwise enrolled and Recorded as aforesaid. And to the end it may be known what Lands have been so given to the use of any Church or Chapell af^d and not made over and Confirmed by Deed of gift or grants as aforesaid, the Grand Jury in each repective County within this Province next after the publication of this Act shall have in Charge to Enquire by what Titles such Lands whereupon the severall Churches or Chapells aforesaid within the respective parishes and in their precincts are held and to render an Acc^t thereof to the Court who are hereby Impowered where any such Lands shall appear to be given and not Confirmed as aforesaid in open Court to Examine Wittnesses in perpetuam rei Memoriam and the same Cause to be recorded in the County Records which shall be Deemed adjudged and taken in all Courts of Records within this Province as Sufficient proof of the Donation or grant as also to the quantity of Acres given or Granted as af^d and in Case it shall appear upon such Examination that Lands have been Given for the use of any Church Chapell and Church Yard as aforesaid but the quantity thereof not mentioned by the Donors or Grantors thereof as aforesaid that then and in every such Case the Vestry of the respective parish where such gift or grant hath been made and the quantity not mentioned as aforesaid may Demand and take of such