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An Act empowering certain Commissioners therein mentioned, to lay out and set a price, or cause a price to be set, on two Acres of Land in St. Margaret's Westminster Parish, in Anne Arundel County, whereon the Chapel of Ease belonging to the said Parish now stands.

Preamble -- Whereas, the Rector, Vestrymen, and Church Wardens of St. Margaret's Westminster Parish, in Anne Arundel County, have, by their humble Petition to this present General Assembly, set forth, That the Chapel erected at the Upper end of said Parish hath for some Years been out of Repair, and that the Vestrymen have forbore to repair same, by reason that the Land whereon it stands hath not been purchased for that use, the owners thereof refusing to sell any part less than the whole Tract, which contains One Hundred Acres; which means, unless remedied by the Legislature of this Province, the Inhabitants at the Upper End of said Parish will be destitute of a place of Public Worship, For removing of which Inconvenience, it is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted;

(Commissioners appointed to purchase 2 acres of Land where the Chapel stands.)

And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable, the Lord Proprietary, by and with advice and consent of his Lordships Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That Colonel Charles Hammond, Captain John Mericken, Mr. Lawrence Hammond, Mr. John Howard, Dr. James Walker, and Vachel Denton Esq.; be, and are hereby appointed Commissioners, and as such are by Virture of this Act Authorized and empowered to treat and agree with the Proprietor or Proprietors of the Tract of Land on which the Chapel of Ease in St. Margaret's Westminster Parish now stands, for the Purchase of two Acres of Land, part of said Tract and to cause the same two acres to be surveyed, butted, and bound in such a Manner as to them shall seem meet, by the Surveyor of Anne Arundel County, or such other, Person skilful in Surveying, as the said Commissioners or the major part of them shall think fit to choose, so as the Chapel now standing on the said Land be included within the Bounds of the said two Acres; and in case it shall so happen that the Proprietor or Proprietors of the Land aforesaid, Upon having timely notice given them, her, or them, of the Time and Place of the Meeting of the Commissioners aforesaid to treat and agree with him, her, or them, to the Purchase aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to appear, or upon appearing, shall not treat and agree with the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major part of them, for the Sale and Purchase of two Acres of Land, to the Uses and Purposes aforesaid, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, to issue a Warrant under the Hands and Seals, directed to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County for the time being, Commanding him to summon and impanel a jury of twelve good and lawful men, Freeholders of his Bailiwicks, to be and appear at a certain time and place, in such Warrant to be mentioned; which warrant the said Sheriff is hereby required and

missioners charged and sworn, shall upon their oath, enquire, assess, and return what Damages or Recompense they shall think fit to be paid and given to such Proprietor or Proprietors for the two Acres of Land aforesaid, and whatever Sum or Sums of money the Jury shall assess and award, shall be, and is hereby declared to be the value and Price to be paid to such Proprietor or Proprietors interested in the two Acres of Land to be surveyed, butted, and bound~~ed~~ as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the Proprietor or Proprietors of the Land aforesaid, shall upon tender being made to him, her, or them, by the Commissioners aforesaid,

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... to be included, raised, and collected as aforesaid.

... or the major part of them, of the money so assessed by the Jury, refuse
to receive the same, or upon such receiving, shall refuse to execute
a Deed for the conveying of the said two Acres of Land to the Vestrymen
and Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid, for the time being, and their
successors, to the use of the said Parish FOREVER, such refusal being
certified by the Commissioners aforesaid, or the Major part of them, to