

2^d Standing Committee, to have the particular care & oversight of our burying grounds in order that ^{no} improper persons be interred therein, do now appoint the following friends for that service, viz^t William Brown, Joseph Townsends, William Trimble, & Elias Ellicott.

And for the help & assistance of the Committee in the said undertaking, it is the sense and judgment of this meeting that no grave be dug in either of our Burying Grounds without application being first made & an order obtained for that purpose, signed by one or more of them as they may judge necessary and that none be admitted but those who are of the Society, or such who attend our religious meetings & are of an orderly conduct, or those who near the close of life are concerned to make such request. *Continued page 27*

27th of 9th M^o. 1793.

John A. Brown and Joseph Townsends are appointed to prepare a Memorial to lay before the next General Assembly of this State, respecting the circumstance of the several lots of Grounds whereon is our meeting house and burying as it appears that the constitution of this State will not admit of any religious society holding more than two acres and produce the same to next meeting for approbation and signing.

25th of 10th M^o. 1793.

The friends appointed produce a Memorial to the General Assembly of this State, which was read, approved and directed to be signed by the several trustees to whom the conveyances of the Ground has been made, who are directed to take the necessary care, to lay the same before the Legislature, and report of their issue thereon.

31st of 3rd M^o. 1794

The law passed at last session confirming the title to our meeting house Grounds being produced, was read & appeared satisfactory being as follows.

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An act to confirm the title of certain lots of Grounds to the Society of People called Quakers, in Baltimore town, whereon is their meeting house and Burying Grounds.

I Whereas it is represented to this Legislature by the monthly meeting of the People called Quakers, in Baltimore town, that they are seized & possessed of a lot of Grounds on the east side of Jones Hall, included within York, Hanford & Pitt streets, and Spruce Alley, containing by computation near four acres, which was purchased by said society before the Revolution for the purpose of erecting a meeting house, yard & stabling, burying grounds & 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.

And whereas it appears by the Bill of Rights that no religious society shall hold more than two acres of ground without the leave of the Legislature, and the said monthly meeting hath prayed a law might pass to vest the legal estate in the Trustees of said meeting and their heirs & assigns for the purposes aforesaid, the prayer of said petition being reasonable therefore.

II Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland that it shall and may be lawful for the Trustees of said Society to have and hold the property & lots above described to them their heirs & assigns forever, saving to all and every person their several and respective rights.

III. Provided always and be it enacted, that the said property and lots shall be held and enjoyed for a meeting house, yard, stabling, Burying Ground, School house, and dwelling house, & small garden to accommodate said School master, or person taking care of said property, and for no other use or purpose whatever.

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