

of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at  
 November Session in the Year 1793, entitled an Act  
 to confirm the Title of certain lots of Ground to the  
 Society of People called Quakers, in Baltimore Town  
 where on is their meeting House and burying Ground  
 and for the uses and purposes in the said Act contained.

The following contains such part of the Act here  
 referred to as is material to the present inquiry.

Whereas it is represented to this Legislature by the  
 monthly meeting of the People called Quakers in Bal-  
 timore that they are seized and possessed of a  
 lot of Ground, on the East side of Jones's Alley, in-  
 cluded within York, Harford, & Pitt streets, and Smock  
 Alley, containing by computation about four acres,  
 which was purchased by said Society before the re-  
 volution for the purpose of erecting a Meeting House  
 and stabling, and burying Ground School  
 House &c. 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 & the said monthly meeting hath pray-  
 ed a law might pass to vest the legal estate in  
 the Trustees of said meeting and their heirs and  
 assigns, for the purposes aforesaid, and the prayer  
 of the said petition, being reasonable, Be it enact-  
 ed By the General Assembly of Maryland, that it

shall and may 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 general  
 and respective rights.

From this statement of facts it appears manifest  
 to the Committee, that the members of this meeting have  
 clear and equal rights, titles and privileges in the  
 property aforesaid, in common with the members of the  
 Baltimore Monthly meeting for the Eastern District

Baltimore 1<sup>st</sup> month 2<sup>nd</sup> 1809

James Gillingham  
 Elisha Tabor  
 Elias Ellicott

James Carey  
 P. E. Thomas  
 William Riley  
 James Ellicott

At Baltimore monthly meeting for the Western  
 District held the 12<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> month 1809. The  
 Report, of the Committee appointed to enquire what  
 title friends in the Western District have to the burying  
 and other Grounds in the Eastern District belonging  
 to friends being now again read & considered was  
 united with, James Gillingham, William Riley &  
 Philip E. Thomas, were appointed to attend the Monthly  
 meeting for the Eastern District with the report of  
 the committee and the conclusion of this meeting in  
 this case.

Extracted from the minutes. James Ellicott

John McHim, William Brown, John Grimble, Joseph