



## BERMUDA

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### THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ACT, 1921.

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(1st March, 1921).

WHEREAS a Petition has been presented to the Legislature by Ebenezer Smith and George Wentworth Basden setting forth that by an indenture dated the 12th day of June, 1876, a small parcel of land at Tucker's Town in the parish of St. George was conveyed by Charles Nathaniel Gibbons and his wife to the said Petitioners and seven other persons since deceased in trust for the purpose of erecting thereon a Church or place of worship for the use of the members of the British Methodist Episcopal Church in Bermuda, that the erection of the said Church was commenced but that the structure was demolished by a gale in the year 1880, that in May, 1885, the British Methodist Episcopal Church became merged in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which has since erected a more commodious place of worship in Tucker's Town, and that therefore the said trust had fallen into abeyance, that the Bermuda Development Company, Limited, which has acquired the land surrounding the said parcel of land had made to the said surviving Trustees an offer to purchase the said small parcel of land, but that as the trust deed contains no power of

sale such sale cannot be made without Legislative sanction, and praying that an Act may be passed authorizing the Petitioners to effect a sale of the said parcel of land to the said Company and to pay over the proceeds of the sale to the Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in aid of the building fund of that Church, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition:

Be it, therefore, enacted by the Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly of the Bermudas or Somers Islands as follows:

1. The said Ebenezer Smith and George Wentworth Basden are hereby empowered to sell and convey to the Bermuda Development Company, Limited, the premises described in the Schedule hereto at such price as the said Trustees shall deem expedient, and on such conveyance the said premises shall be discharged from the said trust.

2. The said conveyance shall be made in fee simple conditional subject with the whole tract of land of which the said premises form part to the quit rent of one pound four shillings and two pence, payable to His Majesty, his heirs and successors.

3. The purchase money of the said premises shall be paid to the Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church at Tucker's Town in aid of the building fund of that Church, and the receipt of a majority of such Trustees shall be a sufficient discharge to the said Company for such purchase money.

#### SCHEDULE.

ALL THAT certain lot or parcel of land situate and being at Tucker's Town in the parish of St. George measuring from East to West on the Northern and Southern sides thereof respectively twenty-eight feet and from North to South on the Eastern and Western sides thereof respectively fifty feet bounded SOUTHERLY by land formerly of Thomas George Basden, deceased, now of his son, Thomas Samuel Basden, and WESTERLY and NORTHERLY and EASTERLY by land now or late of Charles Nathaniel Gibbons, with which the said lot or parcel of land was formerly held, with the appurtenances.