

## No. 8039. Equity.

20. That your Orator's delay in giving notice to said Reich and Williams Trustees of his intention to redeem said two ground rents was through no real fault of your Orator as your Orator is, and for nearly twenty years last past has been Rector of the Church of the Epiphany of Washington District of Columbia, and as such has had such exacting and important ministerial and pastoral duties to perform that he was unable to give strict personal attention to his secular affairs, and therefore employed said Alexander Yearly & Son as his agents and left the management of his properties in Baltimore City to them. But he did determine in his mind a year or so before the expiration of the time mentioned in his said agreement until the 1st day of December A. D. 1905, when he immediately authorized said Yearly & Son to take such action as might be necessary to redeem said rents and reversions and they gave the Notice and took the action before mentioned. But although your Orator did not give said Trustees notice of his intentions to redeem said ground rents until the first day of December 1905, he is advised and now charges that the same was in ample time and that he was entitled to have the reversions in said lots upon his paying the amounts due thereon, and that he is now entitled to the aid of your Honorable Court in enabling him to redeem said Rents.

21. That your Orator again binds himself now as heretofore and has always been ready and willing to pay over to said Defendant Trustees, or to pay into this Honorable Court, the full amount of said redemption price mentioned in said Lease for said two lots, together with all accrued rent to the date of payment, and all proper charges or expenses due by him, and avers that his failure to appear to this Court for redress previously was caused by his constant endeavor to secure from said Trustee a proper deed of conveyance without resorting to law or equity for redress; he having been either personally or through his counsel Charles W. Field, Esq., constantly in communication with said Reich, one of said Trustees, endeavoring to procure an amicable adjustment of his rights, without resorting to law, ever since the early part of December 1905.