

Preamble aforesaid land records, in liber E. D., number one hundred and thirty-six, folio five hundred and eleven, &c., said, "The trustees of the Zion church of the city of Baltimore," sold and contracted to convey said lot of ground in fee-simple to John B. Hax and Christian Hax, and did subsequently convey said lot of ground in fee to said John B. Hax and Christian Hax by deed, dated June fifteenth, A. D., eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and recorded among the aforesaid land records, in liber G. E. S., number two hundred and nine, folio five hundred and twenty-five, &c.; and,

Preamble WHEREAS, by lease dated May thirty-first, A. D., eighteen hundred and sixty, recorded among the aforesaid land records in liber G. E. S., number one hundred and ninety-three, folio two hundred and eighty-three, &c., John B. Hax and Christian B. Hax did lease said lot of ground unto John Coates and others, and the survivors or survivor of them, as trustees for a congregation of the methodist protestant church; and

Preamble WHEREAS, said congregation was subsequently duly incorporated under the laws of this State under the name of "The ministers and trustees of the Broadway methodist protestant church in the city of Baltimore;" and

Preamble WHEREAS, by assignment dated February fifth, A. D., eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and recorded among the aforesaid land records, in liber G. R., number six hundred and forty-five, folio fourteen, &c., Herman Gernhardt and others, surviving trustees under the lease last before mentioned from John B. Hax and Christian Hax, did assign the leasehold interest in said lot to said ministers and trustees of the Broadway methodist protestant church in the city of Baltimore; and

Preamble WHEREAS, the said ministers and trustees of the Broadway methodist protestant church in the city of Baltimore, subsequently purchased and acquired the reversionary and fee-simple interest in said lot of ground by deed from Jemima C. Magers to said ministers and trustees of the Broadway methodist protestant church in the city of Baltimore, dated November thirteenth, A. D., eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and recorded among the aforesaid land records, in liber G. R., number seven hundred and twenty-three, folio seventy-five, &c.; and

Preamble WHEREAS, by deed dated August twenty-eighth, A. D., eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, and recorded among the aforesaid land records, in liber G. R., number seven hundred and eighty-eight, folio five hundred and eleven, &c., said ministers and trustees of the Broadway methodist protestant church in the city of Baltimore, did grant and convey said lot of ground in fee to St. John's English evangelical independent lutheran church of Baltimore city, a body corporate under the laws of this State; and

WHEREAS, by deed dated December eighteenth, A. D., eighteen