

## CHAPTER 262.

AN ACT to enable William Crane and others, trustees of the Saratoga Street African Baptist Church, in Baltimore city, to execute a deed of certain property therein mentioned. Passed Mar. 10, 1856.

WHEREAS, William Crane, of Baltimore city, by indenture bearing date the twenty fourth day of April, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty four, did convey a certain lot of ground situate in said city, to George F. Adams, John W. M. Williams and John W. Ball, in trust, to permit the erection thereon under the superintendence of the said Crane, with such moneys as might be subscribed therefor, of a building four stories in height, the first floor and cellar of said building to be used and occupied by the said William Crane, his heirs and assigns forever, and the remainder thereof to be used and occupied by the Saratoga Street African Baptist Church, as a church or place of meeting for colored people, and for schools for children of the same race, subject to the reversion of the whole of said property and premises to the said Crane on the happening of certain specified contingencies; *and whereas*, the said Saratoga Street African Baptist Church are largely indebted to the said Crane, on account of various large sums of money loaned and advanced to the said church, and laid out and expended in and upon the erection of the said building by said Crane, independent of the sum of five thousand dollars, and the gift of the lot aforesaid, granted and contributed to the erection of said church building by the said Crane; *and whereas*, the said Crane is desirous of so changing his interest in, and the entire ownership of said property and premises, so that he may become the lessee thereof for a term of years, renewable forever, and the said church in consideration of the great outlays of the said Crane, and the liberality and energy by him exercised in their behalf, being also desirous of aiding, assisting and joining with the said Crane in the execution of such a conveyance as will best secure and promote the wishes, interest and advantage of the said Crane, and to this end have caused a resolution expressive and declaratory