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TO HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL SIR JAMES WILLCOCKS,
G. CM. G., D. C. B., K. C. S. I., D. S. O.,
L. L. D., Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Islands of Bermuda.

THE PETITION of EBENEZER SMITH and GEORGE W. BASDEN humbly
sheweth as follows:-

1. That an Indenture dated the 12th day of June 1876 vested in your Petitioners and seven others now deceased a small parcel of land measuring fifty by twenty-eight feet at Tucker's Town in St. George's Parish in trust for the purpose of erecting on the said land a church or place of worship for the use of the members of the British Methodist Episcopal Church in Bermuda.
2. That the erection of the said church was commenced, but that the structure was demolished by a gale in the year 1880.
3. That in the month of May, 1885, the denomination known as the British Methodist Episcopal Church ceased to exist, and became merged in and a branch of the church or denomination known as the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which denomination has since erected a more commodious place of worship elsewhere in Tucker's Town, and that therefore the trust created by the deed above referred to has fallen into abeyance.
4. That your Petitioners, as surviving Trustees under the said deed, have been approached by the Bermuda Development Company, Limited, who have acquired the lands surrounding the aforesaid lot, with an offer to purchase the premises.
5. That your Petitioners consider it desirable that a sale of the lot should be made to the Company, but are unable to proceed, as the trust deed above mentioned gives them no power of sale.

to any Bill passed by the other branches of the Legislature authorizing and empowering your Petitioners to effect a sale of the said lot of land, vested in them in trust, to the Bermuda Development Company, Limited, and to pay over the proceeds of such sale to the Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in aid of the building fund of that church.

AND YOUR PETITIONERS WILL EVER PRAY, ETC., ETC.

Ebenezer Smith
George W. Barden

DECLARATION
of Messrs Smith and another
for right to sell certain land
to Bermuda Development Company

Appendix No. 36.