

CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOT

January 13, 1870
Deed #2
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Wm. W. Belknap, Sec. of War
to: Deed
John McGill, R. C. Bishop of Richmond

This indenture witnesseth, that Whereas an Act of Congress, approved the fifteenth day of December, 1858, entitled " An Act providing for the sale of lands, tenements and water privileges belonging to the United States at and near Harpers Ferry in the County of Jefferson, West Virginia," provides in words and figures as follows, to wit:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled: that the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to make sale at public auction of the lands, tenements and water privileges belonging to the United States at and near Harpers Ferry, in the County of Jefferson, West Virginia, except as hereinafter provided, in such parcels as shall in his opinion be best adapted to secure the greatest amount of money therefore, on a credit of one and two years, taking bond and security from the purchaser and purchasers for the payment of the purchase money and that the proceeds of such sale shall be applied by him as follows: Provided, That no such sale shall be made until the time, terms and place thereof shall have been published in one of the principal

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newspapers in each of the cities of Washington, New York and Cincinnati for sixty days prior to the day of Sale; First, in defraying the expenses of making said sale, second, in ~~defraying~~ refunding to the United States the principal sum of purchase money paid for said lands, tenements and water privileges by the United States and for the erection of buildings thereon, Third, if any surplus remain, he shall deliver the same to such agent as the Legislature of the State of West Virginia shall appoint to receive the same, but upon condition that such surplus shall be received by the State of West Virginia to be set apart, held, invested, used and applied, as a part of the school fund of that State, under and in Virtue of, and in manner and from as provided in Section first of the tenth Article of the Constitution of West Virginia, and for no other purpose. And on making such sale of the said lands, tenements and water privileges, or any part thereof, the said Secretary of War is hereby empowered and required, on receiving the purchase money in full, to execute all necessary deeds therefor to the purchaser thereof on behalf of the United States

Section 2 And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of War be authorized and directed to convey by deed to Storer College, an institution of training chartered by the State of West Virginia all those certain

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portions of the aforesaid property, namely: the buildings with the lots on which they stand numbered thirty, thirty-one, and thirty-two, and also building numbered twenty five, with enough of the lot on which it stands to give a breadth of ten yards on High Street, otherwise known as Washington Street; all of said buildings and lots being situated at Harpers Ferry, aforesaid, being the same which have heretofore been assigned by the War Department to the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, for educational purposes; and also to convey by deed to the proper persons all such other lands and buildings, portions of the aforesaid property, as have heretofore been set apart by the proper authority, for religious, charitable, and town purposes."

And whereas Lot Number Two in Block D, and the lot known as the Catholic School Lot as laid down in a map or plat of said property, (which was publicly exhibited at the time of the sale contemplated by the foregoing Act, and which bore the approval of the Secretary of War, under date of November 16, 1869,) a copy of which map or plat has been annexed to a deed granted to Orrin B. Cheney and others, trustees of Storer College, bearing date the fifteenth day of December, 1869, to become a matter with said deed in the land records of Jefferson County,

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West Virginia, have heretofore, and previous to said Act, been set apart by proper authority to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Richmond, for religious and charitable purposes, within the scope and meaning of said Act;

Now Therefore, I William W. Belknap, Secretary of War, by virtue of the authority vested in me by said Act, and in pursuance of the direction therein contained, do give, grant, convey and transfer unto John McGill, Roman Catholic Bishop of Richmond and his successors forever, all the right, title, and interest whatsoever of the United States of America in and to the above mentioned lots or parcels of ground, and all the buildings thereon, and the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging: said lots or parcels being bounded as follows:

Lot 2, Block B, Beginning at a point on the South line of Shenandoah Street forty four feet from the corner of Bridge Street, thence West on Shenandoah Street forty-two feet; thence south with the line of Lot Three, to Hamilton Street forty two feet to lot One; thence North with the line of Lot One to the place of beginning.

The School Lot: Beginning at a point in the north line of Shenandoah Street, South corner to the Lot deeded to the Presbyterian Church; thence with said Lot by a straight line to Cliff Street two hundred and

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forty three feet to line of the Six Acre Reservation, with it forty eight feet to the corner edge of Wall of Church, and School House Lot; with said Wall forty eight feet to a hole in the same; thence one hundred and ten feet to Shenandoah Street, corner of lot and building number three, thence with said street two hundred and nineteen feet to the place of beginning.

To have and to hold the same unto the said John Mc^Uill, Roman Catholic Bishop of Richmond and his successors forever in trust for the sole use and behoof of the Roman Catholic Church of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia *

In testimony whereof I, William W. Belknap, Secretary of War, as aforesaid, have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the War Dept to be affixed at the City of Washington this thirteenth day of January in the year eighteen hundred and seventy

William W. Belknap
Secretary of War

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us
(the words "their" and "assigns" being erased in two places where they occur before signing)