Whereas the Rector Churchwardens and Vestymen of Saint Johns Parish Washington County in the State of Maryland have recently completed a thorough repair of the house of worship of the said Parish, and enlarged the same by the addition of one fifth part, more or less, of new construction

and Whereas the said house of worship having been on the 18th day of June in the year of our Lord 1823. by the right Reverend James Kemp D.D. then Bishop of Maryland solemnly consecrated and set a part to the honor and service of Almighty God, by the name of Saint Johns Church, The Rector Churchwardens and Vestymen of Saint Johns Parish aforesaid having recognized the said consecration in a formal act, and having requested me, as Bishop of Maryland, to accept their act of recognition, and solemnly to dedicate anew the said building as now repaired and enlarged by them, to the Holy purposes for which it was designed and formerly set a part.

Now therefore know all men by these presents that I William Collinson Whittingham by Divine permission Bishop of Maryland, acting under the protection of Almighty God, and in the faith and fear, have on this twenty sixth day of October, being the Thursday following the nineteenth Sunday after Trinity in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, solemnly dedicated anew the said house of religious Worship, by the name of saint Johns church, in the presence of Divers of the clergy, and of a public congregation therein assembled

And I do hereby pronounce and declare the said Saint Johns Church in the Town of Hagerstown County of Washington and State of Maryland, as now repaired and enlarged by the Rector Churchwardens and Vestymen of Saint Johns Parish, to be a consecrated house of Worship seperated, as heretofore, so henceforth from all unhallowed, worldly, and common uses, and dedicated to the Worship and Service of Almighty God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost for reading and preaching his Holy word, for celebrating his Holy Sacra-

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