Society for instructing poor Children, to whom the use of the Church is granted for the purpose of having a charity sermon preached for the benefit of their highly useful institution by any gentleman they may think proper to invite —

By order of the Vestry

Oct 1st 1817.

F. Anderson Reg.

The following letter was ordered to be addressed to the Managers of the School —

To the Managers of the Female Society for instructing poor Children

Ladies,

Application having been made to the Vestry of St John's Parish by the Revd Mr Jackson through the Church Wardens, for the use of the Church to preach a Charity Sermon for the benefit of your highly useful institution — the Vestry have determined on account of the Calvinistic conduct of that gentleman to hold no communication directly or indirectly with him on the subject of that application. The Wardens are referred for an answer to you, to whom the use of the church is cheerfully granted for the purpose of having a sermon preached for the above purpose by any gentleman you may think proper to invite.

By order of the Vestry

Magnolia Oct 1st 1817

F. Anderson Reg.

The Vestry adjourned until further notice —

Saturday October 25th 1817

Notice having been given for a meeting of the Vestry to be held this day they met accordingly — present Messrs. Silghman, Grieves, Beatty, Spragg, Martin, and Anderson — The following resolution was proposed and unanimously accepted

Resolved, that the Revd John Curtis Clay be appointed to serve as rector of this Parish for one year commencing on the first day of January next and to continue from year to year as long as he and the vestry of the parish are mutually satisfied —

Ordered, that the Register give the Revd Mr Clay immediate notice of the above appointment —

Vestry adjourned until further notice —

1818

March 23rd Easter Monday

This being the day appointed by law for the election of Vestrymen, a number of the parishioners having met, proceeded to put out by vote four of the Vestrymen, and upon counting the votes it appeared that Messrs Spragg, Beatty, Hall and Martin were voted out. The parishioners assembled then proceeded to elect four other vestrymen for the ensuing year, and upon counting the ballot it appeared that Messrs Daniel Spragg, Geo Beatty, Thomas B. Hall and Richard Hagan were duly elected —

The Vestry then proceeded to the election of Churchwardens, and Anthony Martin and Levin Mills were unanimously chosen to this office —

Vestry adjourned till further notice

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