Agreeably to notice the congregation of St Johns parish met at their church on Monday the 20th day of June 1836 and agreeably to the provision of a law of the state, entered into an election of a vestryman, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the lamented death of Mr Jonathan McPherson upon counting the ballot Colo William A. Fitzhugh was found to be duly chosen, and accordingly accepted the appointment & agreed to serve.

The vestry met agreeably to notice on Tuesday the 21st of June 1836. Present Otho Lawrence, Richd Ragan John B. Clagett, Frisby Tilghman Sr, Frisby Tilghman Jr John R. Dall, & D. N. Stull. A full statement of the temporal affairs of the parish was presented to the vestry, for their examination, when it was unanimously resolved by them to discharge promptly, the debt due for the last years services of the Revd Mr Drane. Adjourned to meet again at the house of Mr Richard Ragan on Saturday the 2nd day of July ensuing.

Agreeably to the last meeting held on the 21st day of June the vestry of St Johns Parish again met on the 2nd day of July. Present Otho Lawrence, William A. Fitzhugh, Frisby Tilghman Sen, Frisby Tilghman Jun, Richard Ragan & D. N. Stull.

A proposition was made to go into the appointment of a Rector to succeed the Revd Mr Drane resigned, and after due consideration, it was resolved that the further consideration of the subject, should be deferred to 20th Instant, when the vestry adjourned to assemble again, on that day and for that purpose.

The vestry agreeable to the adjournment above, met at the house of Mr Richard Ragan on the 20th day of July. Present Otho Lawrence John R. Dall, F. Tilghman Sen. & F. Tilghman Jun. Wm A. Fitzhugh Richard Ragan, & D. N. Stull. The vestry not finding it expedient to go into an election of a Rector adjourned to meet again at the house of Mr Richard Ragan on the 2nd Saturday.

The vestry of St Johns church convened at the house of Mr Richard Ragan Friday the 29th Inst agreeably to adjournment of the former meeting. Present Otho Lawrence, Richard Ragan, William A. Fitzhugh Frisby Tilghman Sen. Frisby Tilghman Jun. A resolution to go into an election of Rector was offered and lost. The vestry adjourned to meet again on Monday the 1st day of August at the same place, when & where they accordingly did convene. Present Otho Lawrence, Richard Ragan, Frisby Tilghman Sen. Frisby Tilghman Jun. and D. N. Stull. A proposition was made and seconded — to proceed forthwith to the choice of a Rector to succeed Mr Drane resigned, and carried in the affirmative.

Mr Hollmead & Mr Coleman being put in nomination by their respective friends, the vestry accordingly proceeded to ballot, when upon examination it was found that the Revd Mr Coleman of Cecil county, Maryland, was duly elected, and the Secretary of the parish instructed to notify him of the same.

He accordingly did so in due time, but in consequence of a call received from Philadelphia, the Revd Mr Coleman declined to accept. At a subsequent meeting of the vestry, held at the house of Mr Richard Ragan, Mr Wiley was elected, and took charge of the congregation on sunday the 2d of April 1837.

The resignation of Frisby Tilghman Sen. and Frisby Tilghman Jun. was received sometime in March 1837. and upon being accepted the vestry appointed in their stead Frederick Dorsey & Thos Schnebly who were duly instituted and entered upon the duties of their offices.

At a regular meeting of the members of St Johns Parish held at the Episcopal church on Easter Monday 27th March 1837. the following gentlemen were duly elected as vestrymen of said Parish for the ensuing year

Richard Ragan	Thos Schnebly
Wm A. Fitzhugh	John B. Clagett
D. N. Stull	Frederick Dorsey
Otho Lawrence	Wm R. Abbott

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