of the Church & that the Committee be composed of O. H. Williams, F. E. Dorsey & Elie Beatty, and to report at their next meeting —

adjourned until Sept. 30. 1839.

Sept. 30. 1839. The Vestry met at the Parsonage. Present the Rev. the Rector O. H. Williams, Elie Beatty, Thomas Schnebly, Jacob Hollingsworth & F. E. Dorsey —

The report of the Committee was received and the further consideration of it postponed until the seventh of October, when the Vestry adjourned —

Oct. 7. 1839. The Vestry met at the Parsonage. Present the Rev. the Rector, O. H. Williams, Elie Beatty, Thomas Schnebly, W. H. Fitzhugh, Jacob Hollingsworth & Henry Rohrbaugh.

The Committee appointed by the Vestry of St. John's Church at their late meeting to ascertain the actual state and condition of the finances of the Church Report, that they have examined the Books, papers and acc.ts with care and diligence and herewith submit a statement of the result from this statement it will appear that the Church will be in arrears on the first of April 1840 the sum of $283.72/100 —

It will also be seen from an examination of the present available list of Subscribers and the amount Subscribed with that of preceding years, that there is a decrease in the number of Subscribers and in the amount Subscribed and the committee fear, that there will be a further decrease in the next year, by the withdrawal of members residing ~~nearer~~ remote from the Church — The Committee therefore think it necessary that ways & means should be immediately devised by the Vestry to liquidate the debt due by the Church and to create a fund which may be adequate at no distant date, to put the Church in a more comfortable condition — The Committee are aware that a resort to individual voluntary subscriptions has been suggested as a relief from the present embarrassments of the Church, but the Committee cannot undertake to recommend such a course as they know from experience that these subscriptions fall heavily upon some while others who are equally able contribute little or nothing. The Committee therefore recommend that the present expenses of the Church be estimated to be and of $200. annually from the family of Grand rents while the debt and deficiency be finally extinguished & the Church be put in a complete and comfortable state of repair.

All of which is respectfully Submitted

O. H. Williams
F. E. Dorsey
Elie Beatty Committee