may seem right in your Eyes, in consummation of the purposes which have been announced.

I have heretofore stated to the Vestry, that it was not my design to remain longer, than could be avoided where my humble efforts to do good are not appreciated. For whatever may be the opinion of the majority of the congregation yet a sufficient number have manifested discontent to render me and my family uncomfortable here.

To conclude Gentlemen, I have done nothing nor shall I do or say any thing which can be construed into an acknowledgement of your right thus summarily to cast a Minister of the Gospel with his family upon the world, nor, although you may assume the power to withhold my dues can I admit that you have the legal right to do so.

Should you pursue a course which pronounces my dismission and requires the surrender of the Church and its appurtenances on the [illegible] next you will be pleased to appoint one of your own body as an agent, with whose hands I may deliver up the keys of the Church the rest of the property to be surrendered.

It may be that I prefer to bear the wrong without resisting it but for the present I enter my protest

One thing more let me ask you, to state the pledge which you intimate I have broken and the manner in which I broke it

John Wiley
Rect St John's Church Hagerstown

March 30 1840.

as several members of the Vestry were absent a motion was made & seconded to adjourn until tomorrow to meet at Richard [illegible]

Tuesday March 31 1840

The Vestry met at Mr. Ragan's. Present Elie Beatty, A. Williams, David G. [illegible], Thomas Schnebly, Richard Ragan, Wm. H. Fitzhugh and Dr. Dorsey.

The Vestry organized themselves by appointing David G. Gantt President pro tem.

An motion made & seconded. Resolved that the keys & keys be [illegible] on accounted, on the Resolutions passed on the 24 Instant.

The following Gentlemen voted in the affirmative viz Elie Beatty, A. Williams David G. Gantt. Wm. H. Fitzhugh Thomas Schnebly. Negative Dr. Dorsey