by terminating the connection with each passing year. third because it places the Minister with his family at the mercy of a few designing men, instead of holding him responsable for his conduct to the proper authority. fourth, because it makes the separation to be effected which the Canons declare must be done by the interposition of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the diocese, & fifth because it is opposed to the usage of the Church and the spirit of her canons, which contemplate the permanent settlement of her clergy.

But to this resolution I am relieved from giving an answer, by another passed by your body, which sanctions my retirement from my present charge whenever a situation of larger usefulness and greater comfort for myself and family shall be offered for my acceptance such a situation through the good providence of God is now presented, and therefore Gentlemen you will please accept my resignation as Rector of Saint Johns Parish to take effect in September next, the precise

day to be named hereafter – that you may obtain a Successor more acceptable, more faithfull and more efficient than the present incumbent shall be my fervent prayer.

With most gratitude for your kindness as a Vestry, and with most regard and Esteem for you each as individuals, I subscribe myself your Friend & Pastor

Jno Wesley

The Vestry adjourned to meet at the Parsonage on the first Monday in August –

Monday Augt. 3. 1840.

There not being a quorum adjourned to meet on the first Monday in September –

Monday Sept. 7. 1840.

The Vestry met at the Parsonage Present the Rev. [illegible] Messrs. [illegible] Thos. [illegible] Dorsey

The Rev. Rector having tendered St John's Church [illegible] from the first [illegible]

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