and family may be filled abundingly with the peace of God, and with all comfort. on behalf of the Vestry of Saint John Church.

Joseph I. Merrick
Peregrine Fitz Hugh
John S Hamilton
Jas D Dorsey

To the Revd John Wiley
Rector of Saint Johns Parish
Hagers Town

On Motion made & Seconded. Dor. Dorsey to enter into a correspondence with the Revd Dor. Whittingham, to ascertain whether he will consent to take charge of the Parish –

The Vestry then adjourned until the 21. Instant to meet at the Parsonage –

September 21. 1840

The Vestry met at the Parsonage. Present John Hamilton. Peregrine Fitzhugh Charles F Earl. and Jas Dorsey. there not being a quorum adjourned to meet on the first Monday in October

Monday October 5. 1840.

The Vestry met at the Parsonage. Present. ~~[illegible]~~ Irsby Dilghman Joseph I. Merrick. John S. Hamilton Perry Fitzhugh. Charles F Earl & Jas Dorsey.

John S. Hamilton was appointed President pro tem

The following Letter together with the answer of the Bishop was laid before the Vestry.

Hagers Town Sept. 18. 1840.

Revd & Dear Sir

The Parish of Saint Johns in Hagers Town is now vacant by the removal of the Revd W. Wiley to the Eastern shore of this State. and at a meeting of the Vestry a few days since it was unanimously resolved that I should open a correspondence with you to inform you of the unhappy difference that has caused the removal of several of our Ministers – and has now left us without a Rector – and as you will shortly come to reside in the diocese We earnestly beg, and entreat you to accept the Rectorship of our Parish in hopes that by your firmness, and prudence, and conciliating conduct to be enabled to reconcile the present unhappy differences