To the Vestry of St Johns Parish. Hagers Town

Gentlemen

The Sentiments yesterday publickly advanced, by some of the advocates of the policy (and principles of Church government) entertained by the Revd. W. Lyman, and the determination of a portion of them to withdraw from the congregation, if those opposed to his course should gain the ascendancy - leaves the latter portion of the congregation justifyed, by the example of the former, to exercise a similar line of conduct, and as I conscientiously believe the policy and principles of Mr. Lyman, calculated to prostrate the rights of the Laity, and at variance with those of the Protestant Episcopal Church I shall hold myself accessary to the dissemination of erronious principles and I continue to countenance and support him as my advocate, thus under existing circumstances I therefore withdraw my subscription and Membership from St. Johns Parish Hagers Town

The Register will please name the sum to furnish me at his leisure with my account with the Vestry, which shall be attended to, and settled, the moment I am able to discharge it

I am Gentlemen
Respectfully Yrs:
J. Silghman

Dod. T. Dorsey
Register St. Johns Parish
Hagers Town

Hagers Town Apl. 10. 1844

Dear Sir

In consequence of a variety of occurrences in the protestant Episcopal Church within the last few months, and more especially in the last day or two, I with great reluctance and regret feel impelled to withhold for the present any support to the Church I will therefore consider the interest I hold in a pew at an end

Very Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Svt.
Eli Beatty

Dod. T. Dorsey
Regr. St.

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