must be indulged in the luxury of grief; and if there ever was an occasion which would justify the most poignant regret, it is the present, when you are called upon to lament the loss of an excellent and affectionate wife — Many of the Vestry who now address you have felt in their own Families the heavy hand of affliction, and it would be unpardonable in them if distress of every kind did not extort a tear, much more when the sufferer is a Friend and Partner whose virtues and talents they respect and admire

It is however a source of great happiness to know, that for all the ills and afflictions of this life, you have an advocate in the religion of the Gospel, which you possess in so eminent a degree. The waters which flow from that blessed fountain your experience has doubtless taught you will alleviate pain and anguish of every kind and turn distress into joy and sorrow into bliss. May you fully realize the blessed influence on this sad occasion of the sincere prayers of your sympathizing Vestry, and you most faithfully and sincerely yr. obedt. Servt.

Jer Dorsey Secy

To the Revd
Wm. C. Jackson
Walnut Street No 313
Philadelphia

May 24. 1850

The Vestry met at Col. Hollingsworth. Present William Mother Dor. Charles Macgill. Jacob Hollingsworth. John D Reamer. Col. William H Fitzhugh & Jer Dorsey —

Col Wm. H. Fitzhugh appointed President Pro tem

On Motion made and seconded. Henry Lawrence was unanimously elected the Lay Delegate to the Convention, to meet in Baltimore on Wednesday the 29. Instant —

A letter from our late Rector the Revd Wm Ly man having been received from Philadelphia giving us an account of the inauguration of the Revd Wm. Jackson, the following Letter was unanimously directed to be written to the Revd Wm Jackson

Hagers town May 24. 1850.

Revd & Dear Sir

The Vestry have this evening had under Consideration, a letter from their former Rector The Revd Wm Ly man, in which he states, that some of your Friends, have advised you to make a voyage to Europe with a view to the improvement of your health, before entering upon your ministerial duties in this Parish; and inquiring, whether such a course on your part would meet with the