Thursday Jany 16. 1851

The Vestry met at Mr. Motters office

Present. Col. Hollingsworth. John D Reamer William H Fitzhugh. William Motter & Ferd Dorsey —

On Motion of Col Hollingsworth seconded by Mr. John D. Reamer, that no one Vestryman shall invite any Gentleman to fill the Pulpit without the approbation of three Vestrymen. carried —

On Motion made and seconded, that the Revd Mr. Jackson, have leave of absence until his health is sufficiently restored to enable him to resume his Pastoral duties was unanimously carried, and a letter to be written him expressive of the wishes of the Vestry — The following letter was then addressed to him

Revd & Dear Sir.

At a Meeting of the Vestry held this afternoon, to take into consideration the present state of the Parish in consequence of a communication from you to several members of this body, that the condition of your health at this time disqualifies you, for the discharge of

your full Pastoral duties —

I am instructed by the Vestry to say to you, that this intelligence is not only deeply painful to them but likewise to your parishioners generally, many of whom, have been consulted by the Vestry with a reference to the course of action proper for them to pursue under such afflictive circumstances

It is known to the Vestry, that on your first coming among them, your Parishioners felt they had cause for congratulation and thankfulness in the accession to their Church, of a Rector, who possessed of all those graces which adorn the Christian Gentleman, and all those endowments which belong to the zealous and useful Christian Minister, was eminently fitted for the position to which he was assigned — and it was well known to them, that a further and more intimate acquaintance with you, since your Parishioners have enjoyed your Ministrations, instead of diminishing have but served to increase their feelings of long salutation and