and thankfulness; so that the Vestry are happy in being able to give you the assurance, that you are in full possession of the confidence, esteem, and affection of an undivided Parish. It is therefore painfull to us, to contemplate a separation of the sacred tie which binds us together as Minister and people, of which the nature of your communication to the Vestry have excited the most uneasy apprehension –

To prevent therefore if possible a result which the Vestry believe would not only be distressing to your people, but of serious injury to the Parish, they have Resolved to recommend a temporary separation, with a view to the restoration of your health, which they humbly, but faithfully pray may be speedily realized. The following Resolution was passed unanimously by the Vestry, which I am instructed to lay before you

Thursday Jany. 16. 1851. On motion made and seconded, twas Resolved Unanimously that the Revd Wm G. Jackson, have leave of Absence until his health is sufficiently restored to enable him, to resume his Pastoral duties –

with the great respect and Esteem I am Revd Sir Your attached Friend

Fr Dorsey Recr.

The following Extract from a letter of the Revd Wm G. Jackson may be considered an answer to the above letter

To your kind letter conveying the views and wishes of the Vestry, I never made any formal response It was not because I did not fully appreciate their affectionate regard for my comfort and happiness – On the contrary it was most gratefull to my feelings, and I only refrained, because I was sure it was in no wise necessary and because my mind was so distracted as indeed it now is, that I was sure that I could not express myself, in such terms as the occasion seemed to demand