Tuesday Evening
Feby 15 1853

The Vestry met at Doct Dorsey's Present Benjamin Pendleton Jacob Hollingsworth William Motter John D Reamer and Jas Dorsey -

On Motion Col Hollingsworth was appointed President pro tem

The following Letter from the Right Revd William Rollinson Whittingham Bishop of Maryland was received & laid before the Vestry -

To the Wardens and Vestry of Saint John's Parish Washington County

Dear Brethren

The great kindness from Bishop Southgate in taking part of the duties, for which I find myself at present disqualified, enables me to notify you, that he will God willing, visit Saint John's Parish Church in Hagerstown on Wednesday the first of June next at such time of day as you may appoint for the purpose of holding divine Service (administering the Holy Communion if in the

morning) and administering the Holy rite of confirmation to such persons if any, as may be presented for that purpose, by any Presbyter of the Church in good Standing. Long before that time I hope you will have succeeded in obtaining the oversight and Pastoral care of some faithful and efficient Minister, to save you from the spiritual injury and deterioration of all your best interests, which must inevitably be the result of long continued vacancy of the Parish.

Bishop Southgate will come to you from Saint Marks Church Washington County, and leave Hagerstown for Baltimore on the day after the appointed Visit -

Very faithfully and affectionately Your Friend & Servant

William Rollinson Whittingham

Bishop of Maryland

Baltimore Feby 11. 1853

The Vestry then adjourned to meet again on Saturday evening at 7 o'clk at Doct Dorsey's

Jas Dorsey Regr.

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