I — do swear, that I do not hold myself bound in allegiance to the King of Great Britain and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland; — and that I will support the Constitution of the United States —

George Bean
Fr Dorsey
R. Hooper
L. D. Reamer
J. P. Crist
Chas. H. Keene
W. L. Berry
C. W. Smith
Francis Dorsey. May 17th 1864
[illegible] Hewitt
[illegible]
William Rogan
[illegible]
[illegible] Neill May 1st 1864
[illegible] (appd)
M. Bell
Geo. M. Pole
Wm Gaskin
Richard Schley
R. Hall Grosnold. Sep. 2. 1872.
C. H. Harris " "
Clarence Lewis March 29th 1875.

July 19 1853 - Saturday.

The Vestry met at Dr. Dorseys. Present William Mother Jacob Hollingsworth Benjamin Pendleton John D. Reamer & Fr Dorsey.

On Motion made & Seconded Benjamin Pendleton was appointed President pro tem. -

The Vestry then went into an election for a Rector. When the Revd George C Stokes was unanimously elected. - and the Register directed to inform Mr Stokes of his Election. which was immediately done, and on the ~~following~~ 22 July instant the the following answer was received from Mr Stokes

Baltimore July 22. 1853 -

My dear Sir

I have received your letter, as Register, informing me of my election to the Rectorship of Saint Johns Parish Georges Town, and I hasten to acknowledge my gratitude, for the unsought honor your Vestry has done me -

I should be doing injustice to the confidence you have placed me - to my sense of the importance and responsibility of the position to which you have called me - as well as my conscious inability, in my own unaided strength to fill it, If I failed to give your invitation, a most careful and prayerful consideration - beseeching that I may be guided to such decision as may best serve the Interest of God's Holy Church and promote the happiness & spiritual welfare of those whom your Vestry represents. In the meanwhile asking for your Vestry

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