I now inclose it to you, and wait your direction for our further Proceedings – Your Absence in Europe at that time prevented us from consulting you and I did not know that it was necessary to appeal to the Standing Committee –

We regret that you have not received greater Benefit from your trip to Europe and are very sorry to hear of your severe misfortune which has deprived us of your Presence at the Commencement of St James – hope you are improving in health and will be so for second as to be with us at Christmas

I am With great respect your Friend

Fr Dorsey Rector

Easter Monday April 17. 1854

At a Meeting of the Vestry & Congregation of Saint John's Parish, at the Church. They proceeded to the Election of Vestrymen, When Jacob Hollingsworth Edward Gaither Robert Fowler & Fr Dorsey were Voted on & then immediately afterwards Fr Dorsey Jacob Hollingsworth Edward Gaither and Charles T Kerle were unanimously elected –

The Present Vestry are

Jacob Hollingsworth
William Motter
Edward Gaither
Fr Dorsey
Dr Charles McGill
John D Reaman
Joshua Crist &
Charles T Kerle – who had been informed of his Election declined & Mr Z Clagett elected to fill the Vacancy

Monday May 15. 1854

The Vestry met at the Parsonage Present The Revd Rector Jacob Hollingsworth William Motter J. D Reaman and Fr Dorsey – Mr Kerl having declined accepting his appointment of Vestryman Mr Zachariah Clagett was then unanimously elected to fill the Vacancy

Doct Fr Dorsey & William H. Handy were elected Wardens – & Mr William Motter elected the Lay Delegate to the ensuing Convention –

On Motion made & seconded it was resolved to insure the Church property & Mr William Motter was appointed to prepare the Papers and attend to the business –

The Meeting then adjourned

Fr Dorsey Regr