Copy of letter to Rev John L. Gibson D.D.
Sept 18th 1867

My dear Sir:

The unfavorable aspect of affairs which have passed between the Rev Mr Edward & the Vestry, & its committee, will explain the motive.

I have no doubt you will be surprised, that the result of your mediation between Mr E & the Vestry, last summer, ~~was a final and complete settlement~~ was a final settlement of all difficulties between them. I am sorry to say, very gravely have been mistaken, and that it was not.

Mr E. withdrew his resignation while the Vestry was in session, when he went to the Vestry room as they were organizing a meeting which he had called.

In objecting to writing you sooner, I was influenced by two considerations. First place, I felt ~~delicacy~~ & was loth to the ~~[illegible]~~ of Mr E & the Vestry, subsequent to your supposed reconciliation of the difficulties between them. Secondly, I felt a hope, long and strong, that I was in the right of the matter, & that the Vestry would see the proceedings arrived at by the intervention of Mr E, through your mediation, in a much

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Be it also be entered upon the minutes of the Vestry.

At the request of the Rev Mr Ritter, in behalf of Mr Mother, Orel Summers, Esq. & Capt. Wm. Ritter, appeared before the Vestry, & the matter of collecting the money due for lots in the Cemetery, & paying the debts contracted for repairing the church, & the removal of the vestry's tools, collected &c.

On motion Mr Neal was appointed proxy of the Vestry, & vote for them at the coming annual election of Directors of the Mutual Insurance Company of Washington County.

On motion the Vestry adjourned.

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State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit: On the day of April AD 1866, before me the subscriber, a member of the Vestry of St John's Parish, personally appeared Rev. William Ragan Vestryman elect of said Parish, and took and subscribed the following oath, viz: I, William Ragan, do solemnly swear, that I will faithfully execute the office of Vestryman of St John's Parish in Washington County, without prejudice, favor or partiality, according to the best of my skill and ability, so help me God.

William Ragan