lend rather to complicate matters than to remove difficulties, you must excuse me from saying any thing further on the subject. You will, I am sure, appreciate my motives & believe me, My dear Sir,

Very truly
Your Obedient Servant
John M. Parker.

The first of the papers hereto annexed are the resolutions passed after the proceedings recorded June 22nd 1866, under an act of the Vestry passed August 1866. The subsequent papers are referred to the proceedings of the vestry of Sept. 5th, 12th & 19th 1869 and will show the reasons why they have been all found. They are now pasted in the book of proceedings of the vestry, as does the numbers thereof at the time of they were heard.

Though altered, enlarged and interlined they are true copies in expression they profess to be. No interlineations or alterations were made after final action & adoption

W. Walter Bo
April 8th 1871

St Johns Parish
Georgetown May 19th 1866

In view of the death of Washington L Berry a member of the Vestry which took place on the 18th inst, a special meeting of the Vestry was held after divine service in the Protestant Episcopal Seminary, Present the Rev. Mr Hopkins, Sargent, Magruder, Peal, Mottu.

On motion the following resolutions offered by William Mottu, expressive of the sense of the Vestry, of the character and worth of this lamented fellow member, Washington L Berry, were unanimously adopted.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, in his inscrutable providence, to remove from this life, Washington L Berry, a fellow Vestryman, and a most estimable, useful and benevolent citizen, reverently bowing in humble submission to the will and pleasure of Him, with whom alone are the issues of life and death, we desire to mingle our sorrows and sympathies, with the deep felt grief of his large circle of intimate friends, and express our feeble but earnest sense of this bereavement;

Therefore

Resolved, by the Vestry of St Johns Parish, every member of which knew him well, that in the death of our deceased brother, the Vestry has lost an esteemed member; church [illegible] an enterprizing and [illegible] the community [illegible] sympathizing [illegible] [illegible] the widow and [illegible] the orphans of a [illegible] and [illegible]

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