Hagerstown, July 20 1867

Rev'd Henry Edwards

Dear Sir:

The undersigned were appointed a committee of the Vestry, to take into consideration your letter of resignation, laid before them yesterday, (apart from the simple matter of your resignation, which the Vestry accepted) and prepare a suitable answer to the same, if in their judgement an answer is called for, and report the same to a meeting of the Vestry to be held on saturday night at 2 o'clock P.M., for their consideration

The committee have concluded, that precedents require, that your letter should be spread upon the minutes of the Vestry; and also, that, to make the same intelligible to those who shall come after us, and in justice to the present vestry whom you have appealed, and who cannot acquiesce, either in the very extraordinary and unjust imputations, cast upon them in your letter, or in the correctness of some of its statements, it will become necessary to spread upon the minutes, those other proceedings, which in a spirit of christian conciliation and forgiveness, they were willing to remove, last summer, at your