St Johns Parish
Hagerstown May 19th 1866

Rev. Sir

We received your letter, and thus avoid the necessity of the grievous, which we had reason to suppose were to be buried in the past, and which our religious education has taught us, is a first Christian duty

We will await an answer from you until Friday morning next

Respectfully &c

W Motter
J W Summers
Charles F Kent
Committee

Rev. [illegible]

Rev. sir, through the mediation of the Rev. Dick Forbes. A glance at your letter will satisfy you, that the meeting of the, unexpectedly, induces the meeting of those proceedings. Your letter refers to them, and the Minutes book of the Vestry does not now contain them.

In presenting these considerations to you, and the suggestion hereinafter to follow, we deem it proper to state - that the Vestry, in the same spirit of Christian conciliation and forgiveness, which induced them to remove from their records those proceedings, based upon them by you or such, and to move at your request, would be willing that the same should remain buried in the forgetfulness of the past, yet the undersigned are fearful constraints to upon the same & the Vestry, on record with your letter, until upon further reflection, you can withdraw & substitute it by another letter, couched in more decorous language, & having no reference to those proceedings.

Before preparing their report for the Vestry, the undersigned have deemed it proper to present these considerations & suggestions to you. (and they would have you & understand that the present Warden will gladly) to afford you an opportunity of ratifying

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