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At a Meeting of the Vestry on Monday the 21st of February 1785.

Were Present.

James Lootell
Berriah Mayburg
James Brice
Thos. Johnson jun.
Philemon Warfield
James Ringgold
Thomas Hyde
} Vestrymen

The Vestry having determined the Parish to be Vacant The Question was put whether The Revd. Mr. Gates or the Revd. Mr. Higginbotham should be appointed to the Parish determined in Favor of Mr. Higginbotham

For Mr. Higginbotham	For Mr. Gates
James Lootell	Jas. Ringgold
Berriah Mayburg	
James Brice	
Thos. Johnson	
Thos. Hyde	
Phil. Warfield	

The Board adjourn to the 28th. Instant.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Ann's Parish on Monday the 28th. February 1785.

Were present.

James Lootell
Thos. Johnson Jr.
Thomas Hyde
James Ringgold
} Vestrymen

The Reverend Mr. Higginbotham having been appointed Minister of this Parish attended and produced the following Letters of Ordination -

By the Tenor of these Presents We Richard by

divine permission Lord Bishop of Waterford and Lismore Do make known to all men that on Sunday the Twelfth Day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand, seven hundred and seventy four the solemnly Administring Holy Orders under the Protection of Almighty God in the Parish Church of St. Patrick's in the City of Waterford did according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of Ireland in this Behalf used and Provided admitt into the Holy order of Priest our Beloved in Christ, Ralph Higginbotham Batchelor of Arts being very well recommended to us for his Exemplary Life. Good Morals and virtuous Qualitys and well Instructed in the Studdy and Knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and Examined and approved by us He having first before us taken the Oaths and Subscribed by Law required in this Behalf.

And that we did then and there Regularly and Canonically ordain the said Ralph Higginbotham a Priest In Witness whereof we have Caused our Episcopal Seal to be hereunto Affixed the Day and year above written

Simon Preston Regr.
N.P.

R Waterford & (Seal) Lismore

The Vestry adjourned till Monday the 7th. March next.

On Easter Monday 28th. March 1785. At a Meeting of the Vestry

Were Present.

James Lootell
James Brice
Thos. Johnson
James Ringgold
Thomas Hyde.