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will prevent the Necessity of warranting the others.

At a Meeting on Monday the 4th July 1785 were Present James Brice Thomas Johnson Thomas Hyde & John Callahan.

The Vestry having received Information from James Brice, that Mr. Robert Cowden had agreed to pay his Subscription to William Goldsmith who was appointed to collect the Subscriptions without being warranted and that he the said Ja. Brice did not like to exercise the Power given him at a former meeting of Applying for warrants against the others who had refused to pay their Subscriptions, & the Vestry not choosing to point out any particular persons to be warranted, by which the matter in dispute between the Vestry & the Subscribers, might be tried they therefore determined to Ballot for a certain Number, when the Ballots fell on Archibald Chisolm, Francis Fairbrother, William Wilkins, William Faris, John Brewer, Ja. McCubbin and James West, still in expectation that one determination would settle the Dispute.

At a Meeting of the Vestry on the 13 Sept. 1785

Were present.
James Brice
Thomas Johnson
James Ringold
Thomas Hyde
John Callahan

It appearing by the Subscription Paper made for the use of the Reverend Mr. Gates while Acting as minister in this Parish that there is a considerable Sum due, which the Vestry is desirous to have collected and applied to the Purpose intended, Ordered that the Register by an Endorsement on the Original Subscription Paper, give Authority to Mr. William Goldsmith to demand & enforce payment, & that the same together with the following letter of Instructions, be delivered to Mr. Goldsmith as soon as convenient.

Annapolis Sept. 13th 1785

Sir

The Vestry desirous to pay Mr. Gates the ballance due him for Acting as Minister in this Parish, According to their Contract, find themselves necessitated, to call upon all Subscribers, who have hitherto neglected for payment of their Subscriptions, or ballances, & have therefore by an Endorsement on the Original Subscription paper, Accompanying this, given you Authority to enforce payment. But, to remove any complaint that might be made, for want of Notice, previously call on each Person, and request payment to be made, upon refusal or neglect, by whom get a Warrant to enforce it, taking the first on your list, & going on progressively until the list is gone through unless upon Legal Judgement should be given against the Vestry, in which Case, you will desist, & make a Representation, with the reasons given, of such Judgement to the next meeting.

We are Sir
Your most Obedient Servts.

Mr. Wm. Goldsmith
Annapolis.

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Monday 3d Oct. 1785

Present Mr. James Brice
Mr. Thomas Hyde
Mr. Thomas Johnson
Mr. James Ringgold
Mr. Frederick Green
Mr. John Callahan
} Vestrymen.