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To the Honorable the General Assembly of Maryland.

The Subscribers, two of the five who were, by an Act passed in 1774, appointed Trustees for building a new Church in the City of Annapolis humbly beg leave to report, that when they with the other Trustees accepted the trust, they did at their first meeting come to a resolution that it would be expedient to authorise some person, who was likely to be constantly resident in Annapolis, to act as Treasurer or cashier for the purposes of receiving the money which had been appropriated or might be subscribed for building said Church, of paying away such sums as might from time to time become due to Workmen or for materials, and to keep regular accounts of such receipts & expenditures, And Mr. Thomas Hyde, one of their Members, having signified his willingness to undertake this Charge, was unanimously appointed.

That, flattering themselves with the hopes of being able to have the Edifice finished, agreeably to the plan approved of by the Legislature, within three or at farthest four years, there being at that time no scarcity of good workmen, the trustees set about their task with alacrity by engaging workmen & purchasing large quantities of materials such as stone, Bricks, scantling, Plank, Glass, nails &c, but the war between Great Britain & North America breaking out just as the work was about to begin, it was necessarily posthoned.

That after the Act passed in 1785, impowering & directing the Trustees to proceed & to open a new Subscription, the former being declared void, they lost no time in pursuing such measures as to them appeared best calculated to expedite the work: they opened & procured a new Subscription to the amount of £3439..0..0, they purchased new materials; they employed the best workmen they could find, & with infinite trouble & pains endeavoured to recover the value of the materials that had been carried away during the war, partly for publick uses & partly by Individuals without the consent of or giving Information to the Trustees of the quantities respectively taken, in which, altho' unable to recover the whole, they succeeded to a considerable amount; and the several sums, collected from this source, & the subscriptions were paid to Mr. Hyde as Treasurer and applied to the purchase of materials or payment of workmens wages.

That, early in the Spring 1790 when the external walls & Brickwork of the steeple were finished, the Roof compleated, & a good deal of internal work Executed, the trustees apprehensive that they might get involved in more debt then their funds would discharge, thought it prudent to decline carrying on the work until they could get their accounts settled, which, from the difficulties experienced in collecting the debts were in some disorder; at this period Mr. Hyde, from indisposition or some other cause, did by Letter express his resolution of resigning the office of Trustee, & from that time declined transacting business either as trustee or Cashier, but retained the accounts & receipts, so that, of all the Trustees, he alone is able to give the honorable General Assembly such particular & precise information respecting the building of the Church as, by the Act passed last Session, is required of them.

That, on the Treasurers declining to act any longer, lists of a few debts due for materials or work done & of debts due to the Church from a few subscribers & other Persons who had purchased materials, were by the Trustees put into the hands of Mr. William