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Goldsmith, the present Sheriff of Ann Arundel County, in order that he might collect the sums due to the Church, & thereout pay the sums due for materials or on other accounts; which Business he hath, after some time in a great measure performed, as will appear by his state thereof which may be considered as supplementary to the account that Either is or undoubtedly will be presented by Mr. Hyde.

The Subscribers further report that they do not know that any just claim, for materials furnished or work performed in building the Church by order of the original Trustees remains unsatisfied excepting perhaps a small part of a considerable claim made upon them by Robert Keys, who contracted to execute the Carpenters work; this account they were also extremely desirous to settle & close, but his demand was in their opinion so unreasonable & exorbitant that they did not think they could, consistently with their duty & the trust reposed in them, admit many of his charges, altho they were always ready & willing to pay the balance which appeared due to him on what they believed to be a fair & liberal settlement, or to submit the points wherein they disagreed to arbitration according to their contract, but neither of these proposals meeting his approbation he brought an action against the Trustees first in Ann Arundel County Court, which after being continued several Courts was struck off & again in the general Court where it was continued until last October Term, when it again withdrawn, with an intimation given that a Bill in Chancery would be filed; under these Circumstances, it is apparent that the original Trustees had it not in their power to make up any accounts that could be considered as final before they were superseded and had successors appointed by the Act

of 1790, what is the amount of the sums still due for Subscriptions or otherwise, and what Ballance, if any, remains in the Treasurers hands will, it is presumed, appear by his account, it may however be observed that some of those sums were purposely allowed to remain in the hands of responsible Gentlemen, to abide the decision of the above mentioned controverted claim, & altho they may fall short of his Demand, they exceed what, in the opinion of the Trustees, he is justly entitled to recover in either Law or Equity.

The Subscribers aver each for himself, that they are not possessed of one shilling of the money collected or granted for the purpose of building the Church, the whole of which since 1785, to the best of their knowledge & belief, was paid to Mr. Hyde, or since his resignation, to Mr. Goldsmith; that they gave all the aid & assistance in their power towards getting the work executed in the best manner & on the easiest terms, that they also from time to time, did carefully examine the Treasurers account of Expenditures, & compare his charges with the Vouchers in his possession, from which a clear & satisfactory statement of all the transactions may easily be framed.

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John Ridout
Upton Scott
Novr. 30th 1793

Representation from the Trustees for Building a New Church in Annapolis

Read 23: Decr. 1793.

Refered to Com: on Mr. Hyde's – Representation

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The above Representation as it is called by Mr. Ridout & Mr. Scott,
Thos. Hyde, calls a misrepresentation, which the first