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to the house which I sincerely hope will so far meet your views as to determine you to take charge of our Parish, but I think I can hold out a still further inducement to you by assuring you of the great anxiety felt throughout the Parish to have you as our Rector. The Vestry will have the necessary repairs made at the Parsonage house & I trust we shall see you comfortably settled there in the course of a short time. Please to let me hear from you as early as practicable &

Believe me Very sincy. & Resy.

L. Thomas.

To which the Rev. Mr. Jackson returned the following answer

Balt. Decr. 21st. 1823

My Dear Friend

I arrived here this Evening on my return from New Haven. In passing through Philada. I had the pleasure of receiving a letter from my brother I. E. Jackson of Balt. stating the contents of yours in behalf of the Vestry of your church.

My visit to West River was very gratifying to my feelings - and though I could wish the prospect of usefulness were more extensive yet still I consider it my duty to accede to your affec. and unanimous request to become your Pastor. And I trust when I come to you, that I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

It is my intention to be with you on Christmas day and you will please to circulate the information that Divine service may be expected

at the usual time.

In accepting your call it is proper that it should be understood that I am at liberty to be absent for four or six Sabbaths during the year if I should deem it expedient.

Implaring directions from the great Head of the Church and wishing you every blessing,

I remain sincerely
and affec. Yours
Thomas Jackson

Easter Monday 1824

This being the day by law for the election of a Vestry several of the Parish convened at the Parish Church for that purpose, when the following persons were appointed for the ensuing year.

Jno. Rogers	Thomas L. Simmons
Jno. Sellman	Rezin Estep
Jno. Thomas	Thomas I. Hall
Chas. Y. Pindell	Thomas Longue Junr.

Thomas Longue Junr. having declined the appointment of Vestryman James Owens was unanimously elected in his place and the Registr. directed to notify him accordly.

Jno. Rogers having been appointed a lay delegate to the convention it was ordered that the Registr. give him a certificate in the form prescribed by a late Act of Convention.

Wm. Hall Jno. Thomas and Jno. Sellman were appointed a Committee to procure the Proceedings of the Vestry during the years 1821 & 1822 for the purpose of having them recorded