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which I should deem highly inexpedient if it can be avoided. But you seem to intimate that the Vestry understood that the terms expressed in the Invitation which induced my removal to West River were not obligatory after the first year. In reply to this I would only remark, that as there were two parties to the contract in the first instance, so likewise (as you will readily admit) there ought to have been two parties concurring in this new understanding, But for myself I must say this is the first time I have heard of such an understanding, and therefore I expected as my Services appeared to be acceptable, and my continuance appeared to be the wish of the Parish and the Vestry, I expected that while I continued under my part of the Original engagement, that you likewise continued under yours, nor do I see how the Vestry could understand to the contrary unless an official communication had been made to me, on the Subject and this I presume your records cannot show.

If I am correctly informed, the Vestry declined renewing the subscription after the first year, and surely it will not now be said that the understanding was that my rights were to be at all effected by such an omission. Besides I w^d ask the Vestry whether after making me an Offer of $700 it was understood even by themselves that the 2^d 3^d and following years it was to be only $200, and when you expressed yourselves desirous of my continuance was it to be on such terms. I am particular upon this point, because if it be really so, that there was such an understanding I ought to be satisfied, nor can I possibly be

justified in my claim unless it be a fact that there never was such an understanding, but confident as I am (for I should have acted a strange part towards my family, to have remained in the Parish a month on such conditions) I repeat it that confident as I am in this matter I feel justified in the full extent of my claim. - But as the matter now stands the question is what can be done, respecting this question, I know that you feel as anxious as I do, for with regard to the amount in question, you must perceive that there is no more propriety in the loss falling upon me, than upon any one of yourselves, and yet who is there, that would not think it a hard case. Yes! you would deem it hard if you were required to come forward as Individuals and even bear your proportion of the Burden: However to terminate this business I would take the liberty to make a proposition, which is this, that if you will assign me the Interest you have coming in for 3 years, which will be $450 I will accept this in full, and I make this proposition because if you think well to comply with it you will still by your subscriptions be able to make better provision for the maintenance of a clergyman, than was made for myself during the last 3 years of my residence in the parish - I hope this proposition will commend itself to your attention, and when acceded to, it will be doing me a great favour in my present necessity, if some friend could advance the money on account of the Vestry - I cannot describe the gratitude I feel in the assurance you give me of your continued affection, and your prayer for my prosperity in the Service of our Lord and