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Master, and as it is not intention so I hope I have not said a word in this Letter which may seem hard or unkind. Be assured Dear Brethren, that I have no feeling but that of sincere affection, and shall always regret that any circumstances should have laid me under the necessity of being separated from you.

I am grieved to hear that you are again without a minister. May God give you another after his own heart and abundantly bless you.

Your sincere and Affectionate friend
(signed) Thomas Jackson

Resolved that the following be returned as an answer of the Vestry to the foregoing letter.

St. James's Parish
Anne Arundel Co. Mar. 16th 1830

The Revd Thomas Jackson
Revd Sir.

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this parish held on the 14th Inst. the Resolution which you will herewith find transcribed was past together with an order making it my duty as their Register to transmit it to you.

Resolved that in answer to the Letter of the Revd Thomas Jackson dated 14 October 1829 he be informed that the funds to which his proposition alludes had previous to the reception of said Letter, been applied to the use of their present Pastor. And they are compelled to say, that having used their best exertions to obtain the balance of the monies heretofore subscribed and failed they cannot painful as is, the avowal hold out any expectation of making him further recompence for his services,

than has already been made; with the exception of a small sum say from $30 to 40.

In passing this Resolution Sir, the Vestry have particularly enjoined it on me to express their deep regret that the circumstances of the case, seemed to leave them no other course, than the painful one they have adopted.

The appropriation of the funds of the church, in the manner proposed being out of the question - Resort to a new subscription (a measure utterly hopeless,) and an entire conviction that they are not in their own persons, bound to make good the deficiency, on the motives by which they have been governed in making this communication to you of their final determination - A determination which does not involve a greater measure of disappointment to you than of extreme regret to them.

I should not do justice to the feelings of the members of the Vestry, and surely not of my own, if I were to conclude this Letter without the tender of our sincere and fervent wishes for your happiness, and what we do not for a moment doubt is with you an unspeakably higher concern, for your eternal felicity hereafter - Your opinion that you have sustained injustice at the hands of the Vestry cannot be expected to be altered by their view of the case, yet asking that same spirit of candour and charity they are willing so fully to accord, they rest satisfied, you will consider their error, if it be one an error of the judgment only: and while differing with you, as differ they must on this point, that the endearing relation of Pastor and People, which once united them with you and of Christian Brethren which