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The Vestry then unanimously elected the Revd. Mr. M. Dillon of Canada as Rector of St. James' Parish and directed the Register to Notify the Revd. Mr. Dillon of his election, which was done by letter dated 25 March 1856.

The Revd. Mr. Dillon accepted the call to take charge of the Parish and preached his first Sermon on Sunday 22 June 1856.

Text 14th Ch. 17th. Romans, For the Kingdom of God is not meat &c.

Easter Monday April 13th. 1857.

At a meeting of the Parishioners held this day at the Parish Church the persons present proceeded to the election of a Vestry, when Doctr. Benjamin Carr, John F. Wilson, Dr. James Cheston and Samuel Cheston were voted out. Dr. Carr declined a re-election when the following gentlemen were elected to wit-

John Thomas
John F. Wilson
Dr. James Cheston
Dr. Thomas J. Franklin
Edward Hall
Samuel Cheston
Edwin Gott and
} Vestrymen

Dr. B. A. Carr to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Dr. Benjn. Carr. Dr. B. A. Carr having qualified agreeably to law.

Messrs. Augustus Hall and
James Cheston Junr. } were appointed church Wardens and Dr. Thomas J. Franklin the lay Delegate, to the convention. Rinaldo Pindell desired to be discontinued as Register and Treasurer a unanimous vote of thanks passed

to him for the services so long rendered the Parish, and that he is hereby authorised and requested to place in the hands of Mr. Edward Hall who was appointed Register and Treasurer the Books and papers belonging to the church or Parish.

It was ordered that immediate steps be taken to pay off the entire indebtedness of the Parish for buildings and repairs amounting to about $400. And that Mr. Dillon be requested to appeal to the Parishioners for their contribution. Also that for the future the Rector shall be entirely relieved from the care of the Glebe, and that his salary as collected by the Vestry shall be paid to the Treasurer.

Also that the ordinary Sunday collections be paid over by the Wardens to the Treasurer, and that the Communion Alms be taken charge of by the Rector to be applied to spiritual objects, Messrs. Hall and Franklin were also requested to have the repairs at the Parsonage completed - and to have a Screen or robing room constructed at the lower end of the church for the use of the Rector.

By John Thomas chairman
James Cheston Secretary

The following certificate was received from the Bishop recognising the Revd. M. M. Dillon as canonically received into the Diocess of Maryland.

Baltimore April 16th. 1857

I hereby certify that the Revd. M. M. Dillon Presbyter has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a minister in regular standing.

Signed William Rollinson Whittingham.