msa_sc2915_scm1013-0101 ©Maryland State Archives

was carried out, so as to entitle all Subscribers to the charge of the Parish and all who enrolled their names, and paying two Dollars at the time to the Registers as fully authorised to Vote.

Doct. Thomas L. Franklin handed in his letter of Resignation, on motion by Mr. Wilson laid over for future consideration.

At the suggestion of the Rector, a Resolution passed directing Edloyd Hall, the former Register to hand over to Thos. L. Hall the present Register all Books and papers and other property in his possession belonging to the church or Parish.

Vestry adjourned.

May 9. 1859 Being Monday the Vestry met present The Rector, J. F. Wilson, W. H. Hall, Edward Lott, Thos. L. Hall and Dr. Benj. A. Carr. This meeting took place in consequence of a summons from the Rector made from the chancel yesterday - stating the object to be to meet Dr. Chekton, Col. G. W. Hughes and C. A. Harwood a committee appointed by a portion of the Parishioners to meet the Vestry to take into consideration the present unhappy differences existing among the Parishioners. After prayer by the Rector, and after some remarks by Dr. Chekton in reference to the cause of the difference, He stated that nothing but a resignation of one of the Vestry, and the privilege granted by the Vestry to the Committee to fill all vacancies (Doct. Bird having resigned) would be satisfactory - Nothing short of this could be entertained or considered - The Vestry conferred with each other and came to the conclusion that they could not, (not having the power to make removals or

create vacancies) agree to such a proposition, and submitted in writing the following response to their demand - That inasmuch as the Vestry has not the power to create or make vacancies in their body, but can only fill such vacancies as do or may exist, and as a resignation at this time of any member of the Vestry for this object, would have a tendency to increase the trouble and difficulties already existing. Would respectfully ask the Committee not to press that proposition but if the Committee would positively state what they expected to accomplish by a resignation on the part of any member of the Vestry, they thought and hoped they would find the Vestry unanimously disposed to co-operate and unite with them, for the present and ensuing year. That when the period for another election rolled round they would please themselves by their votes and influence to unite in giving them an equal representation in the Vestry and church Wardens, provided such Gentlemen were presented who were opposed to a division of the Parish and opposed to the sale or alienation of the church property and that they would now grant to them the Privilege of nominating any Gentleman they pleased to fill vacancies now existing and would elect them, and further that they would please themselves, that in event of a vacancy occasioned by the death or resignation of any member of the Vestry, from their section of the Parish, that vacancy should be filled by one of their own party. This proposition being objected to by the Committee, they proposed an equal division of the church property which the