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proposition whereupon Edward Hall as a substitute, proposed that the Vestry surrender to the North end of the Parish the entire sum of Twenty Five Hundred Dollars invested as aforesaid and to set off the chapel at Owensville against the Parish Church as a compromise and settlement of the question. A vote was taken thereupon, decided in the negative and was lost.

Thomas S. Hall proposed to call prospecting a Minister to the Parish to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Rev. M. M. Dillon decided in the negative. Doct. Cheston then informed the Vestry that it was the intention of the Parishioners at the upper or North end of the Parish to withdraw and establish a separate congregation for themselves. and to make application to divide the Parish and then tendered the resignation of himself and Saml. Cheston which were accepted. Doct. B. L. Bird, also tendered his resignation which was accepted also Edward Hall stated for reasons personal to himself he felt it to be his duty to resign. it was suggested to him to withhold his resignation for the present which he consented to do.

It was then agreed by the four remaining members of the Vestry present that they would at some early day call a meeting of the Vestry to fill up vacancies in their body and other purposes. The Vestry adjourned.

August 27. 1860.

The Vestry met present, Edward Hall, Thos. S. Hall, William H. Hall, Doct. B. A. Carr and John F. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson was called to the Chair.

At the suggestion of Edward Hall the proceedings of the meeting held on the 21st inst. was read and was admitted to be correct, except that part of it, which stated that a vote had been taken on the proposition to divide the parish and was lost, and the same was ordered to be corrected by placing upon the Registry or Journal of proceedings that the motion to divide the parish was not entertained or considered for want of jurisdiction on the part of the Vestry. The Vestry believing that they had no power to entertain, consider, or decide upon questions involving a division of the Parish, but reaffirmed the opposition to it.

The Vestry then proceeded to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of Doct. James Cheston Samuel Cheston and Doct. B. L. Bird

Franklin Weems was nominated and unanimously elected a Vestryman, appeared, qualified and took his seat. Edward Hall then resigned, and his resignation was accepted. ~~Edward~~ Edwin Lott was then nominated and was unanimously elected as Vestryman. He appeared qualified and took his seat. James Owens Jr. and Doct. Edward Jacobs were then nominated and were unanimously elected as Vestrymen. Edwin Lott reported to the Vestry that he was requested by Edward Hall to say that he omitted to tender his resignation as church Warden. His resignation was accepted. Whereupon Edward Estep Lillard was then nominated and was unanimously appointed church Warden. The Vestry then took into consideration