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September 6. 1860.

The Vestry met present John F. Wilson, William H. Hall, Franklin Weems, Doct. B. A. Carr, Edwin Lott and Thomas L. Hall. Mr. Wilson was called to preside over the meeting and took the Chair. James Owens Jr. appeared qualified and took his Seat. Thomas L. Hall reported to the Vestry, that he had discharged the duties assigned him by visiting the residence of the Revd. Doct. Smallwood, in Urbana Frederick County, that Doct. Smallwood was not at home, but Mrs. Smallwood informed him that Doct. Smallwood, but a short time previous to this visit had accepted an unconditional call to Cincinnatti Ohio. That on his return to Baltimore he visited several of the Clergy, among them the Revd. John McCabe D.D. and that he had strong reasons to believe, that if he were called to this Parish, the call would be accepted. Frank Weems informed the Vestry, that he had received a letter from the Revd. Joseph Trapnell Jr. of Keokuck Iowa in relation to an invitation to this Parish. Thomas L. Hall, read to the Vestry a letter he had received from Mr. Trapnell upon the same subject. Whereupon Mr. Wilson moved that the Revd. John McCabe D.D. be invited to the Rectorship of this Parish. carried unanimously. Mr. Wilson then moved that Thomas L. Hall be authorised and requested to make the call, and to request him (Doct. McCabe) to preach in the Parish Church on Sunday the 15 inst. Thomas L. Hall laid before the Vestry a letter addressed to him as Register of the Parish James Cheston, Samuel Cheston and Doct. B. L. Bird asking to be reinstated in the Vestry with a

copy of his reply thereto, and asked the Vestry to take some action thereon. Upon considering the same the Vestry unanimously decided that it was not necessary to take any further notice thereof. Thomas L. Hall then informed the Vestry, that at their last meeting, it was their duty to have informed the Bishop that the Parish was vacant; but that, being well assured in his own mind, that it was an omission or oversight on their part. that he had as Register of the Parish, written a letter to the Bishop in the usual form upon the subject, and asked that his act in relation to this matter be Confirmed, which on motion of Mr. Wilson was unanimously concurred in. Thomas L. Hall also informed the Vestry that at the suggestion of the Vestry at a former meeting, he had called on L. A. Alexander Esqr. of Baltimore and retained him to defend any suit or suits which might be instituted for the recovery of any property belonging to St. James' Church or parish. The Vestry then Adjourned to meet at the Parish Church on Wednesday the 12th inst.

Sept. 12. 1860

The Vestry met. present Wm. H. Hall, Edwin Lott, James Owens Jr. Franklin Weems. Doct. B. A. Carr, & Thomas L. Hall. Doct. Edward Jacob appeared qualified according to Law and took his seat. Ed. Estep Lillard appeared qualified according to Law as Church Warden, James Owens Jr. having been first called to the chair. Thomas L. Hall informed the Vestry that he had written to Doct. McCabe and expected to receive a letter from him by the next mail.