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March 1861 and Resolved to oppose a division of the Parish, and directed a Petition to be prepared and signers thereto to be obtained to defeat that object; notice having been given by advertisement, set up at an Oak Tree upon the Public Road, that it was the intention of certain parties residing in the upper or North end of the Parish to apply to the Convention for said division

At a meeting of the Parishioners this first day of April 1861 being Easter Monday, assembled for the purpose of electing a Vestry for the ensuing year the following persons were voted out viz - Thomas I. Hall, Wm H. Hall, Dr. B. A. Carr and Edwin G. Lott, and immediately thereof the Parishioners proceeded to elect a Vestry. Thomas I. Hall and V. E. Compton were appointed tellers - upon counting the ballots the following persons were found to be elected, John F. Wilson, William H. Hall, James Owens Jr. Dr. Edwd. Jacob, Edwin E. Lott Dr. Benj. A. Carr Franklin Owens and Thomas I. Hall.

The Vestry being called to order by the Rev. I. E. McCabe D.D. and prayer being offered up by him - proceeded to elect Dr. Elliott Burwell and Edwd. Estep Lillard Church Wardens & Thomas I. Hall Register and Treasurer. Doct. Burwell appeared and qualified according to Law.
The Vestry then passed an order appointing John F. Wilson and Thomas I. Hall a Committee to take such steps as it might seem to them to be necessary to ascertain the boundary line between this Parish
X and South River or All Hallows Parish and report the result of their investigation to the

Vestry.
Doct. Elliott Burwell was then unanimously elected lay Delegates to represent the Parish at the next Diocesan Convention and Thomas I. Hall alternate.
The Vestry adjourned

May 27. 1861. The Vestry met present John F. Wilson William H. Hall, Thomas I. Hall, James Owens Junr. Edwin Lott and B. A. Carr. Doct. Elliott Burwell and Edward Estep Lillard Church Wardens. John F. Wilson was called to the Chair. The following preamble and Resolution were passed.
Whereas the Vestry of St. James' Parish in A. A. County have reason to suppose that the question of a division of the Parish may be brought up before the Convention of the P. E. Church of the Diocese of Maryland at the annual meeting thereof to take place on Wednesday the 29th. May inst. Notwithstanding the general understanding in the Diocese aforesaid that said Convention would assemble at that time for the purpose of adjournment to November next for the transaction of business, which said understanding is founded upon circulars addressed to the Clergy of the Diocese by the Bishop to that effect. And whereas in Consequence of such circulars the Rector of the Parish is absent from the Diocese and the Vestry and others interested in the division of the Parish are not fully prepared at this time to defend their rights against the aggressions proposed or intended to be made by the Petitioners to divide the Parish. The Vestry do resolve to enter and do hereby solemnly and earnestly protest against the consideration