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then perhaps, if the political disasters of the country had continued. You will bear me witness Brethren, that I have been a man of Peace in your midst, that I have avoided conflict and controversy with those who would have been glad to involve you and myself in difficulties growing out of hostility to our prosperity as a Parish and that in regard to other denominations, they have attended my ministry and wished me God speed in my labor of love. Through you let me acknowledge this Christian sympathy on their part, and to say "Behold how pleasant and good a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

However I may have incurred Episcopal Censure you know that I have been no brawler I cannot sever these relations so pleasantly and so harmoniously existing between us as Rector and Vestry, without testifying with the most heartfelt sincerity to your noble and generous conduct to me, and to mine, during our pleasant and as I hope spiritually profitable intercourse. You and I speak of you personally officially and as the representative of the whole Congregation, have been so kind, so liberal so thoughtful of my comfort so coincident with me in thought, feeling and action that I can only forget you when gratitude shall hold no place in my memory. I hope to visit you often, dear Brethren, when better days shall dawn on Maryland, I return to Virginia. It is meet and right that the Dear Mother who nursed us in childhood at her bosom should be the one on whose lap we desire to rest, when sick and sorrowing, and sad at

parting with friends, whom to know is to love, whom to name is to praise.

I am Dear Brethren
Very truly and affectionately
Yours.
John C. McCabe.

June 23: 1861.

The Vestry met; present, James Owens Jr. Wm. H. Hall, Edwin Lott, Dr. B. A. Carr Dr. Edward Jacob Franklin Weems & Thomas L. Hall. James Owens Jr. was called to the Chair.

Thomas L. Hall presented his accts. as Treasurer and asked the appointment of a Committee to examine and report thereon. The Vestry decided to receive and pass them, upon this being read without further examination. It appearing that the sum of $141. 32/100 was due to Thomas L. Hall, for advances made by him it was ordered that the Vestry proceed forthwith to collect all unpaid subscriptions and pay the same to Thos. L. Hall to be applied to the payment of his and other outstanding claims against the Vestry. By the statement exhibited by Thos. L. Hall it appears that the balance due on subscriptions some Corn and Tobacco not yet disposed of will liquidate the debt of the Church. Thomas L. Hall proposed that a new subscription be taken up by the Vestry, in order to ascertain what sum can be raised to support a minister and that the same be done immediately, with the view of inviting a minister to assume the Rectorship of the Parish which was agreed to. The Vestry adjourned.