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to the Chair, upon the request of the Rector, after which the Rector absented himself and the following Letter was read by Thos. L. Hall the Register.

Rectory of St. James
A. A. County. 1867

To the Wardens and Vestry of
St. James's Parish
Gent.

I herewith tender my resignation of the Rectorship of St. James' Parish to take effect on the 1st day of October ensuing. In dissolving the connection for six years existing between us and during a period when the anxieties and agonies caused by desolating Civil War bound down the Spirits & filling the hearts with fears. I should be insensible to the claims of friendship and Christian Brotherhood if I failed on this occasion to acknowledge your uniform kindness and consideration and to assure you that I will ever cherish an affectionate remembrance of the kind and sympathising friends I have ever found among you. My Present health and the advice of my Medical Advisors compel me to seek a more bracing Atmosphere. I came among you strong in health and hope and active. I leave you with impaired health. I have endeavoured to do my duty in season and out of season, to the extent of my ability.
Whatever faults or omissions Common to humanity may have been committed and doubtless there were many, my conscience acquits me of any neglect of duty. I commend you Dear Brethren to God and to the guidance of

His Holy Spirit and most earnestly beseech Him ever to guide and keep you and the Flock with which you are connected and finally to give you a home with those who have washed their Robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Affectionately your Friend
and Brother in Christ
James D. McCabe

After the reading of the above Letter the Vestry consulted together and on motion of Mr. Owens the resignation of Doct. McCabe was accepted.
On motion of Mr. Owens John F. Wilson Doct. Thomas L. Franklin and A. Murray Thomas were appointed to draft Resolutions expressive of the sense and feelings of the Vestry suited to the occasion. The Vestry adjourned with an understanding to convene the Vestry on some convenient day in the following week.

September 26. 1867. The Vestry met present the Revd James D. McCabe, John F. Wilson, James Owens, Edwin E. Gott, Wm H. Hall, A. Murray Thomas, Franklin Weems, Dr. Thos. L. Franklin and Thos. L. Richardson and E. E. Lillard Wardens. After Prayer by the Rector, John F. Wilson was called to the chair. The Committee appointed to prepare Resolutions in response to the letter of the Revd James D. McCabe resigning the Rectorship of the Parish. Submitted the following.
Resolved, That the Vestry having received from the Rector the Revd James D. McCabe D. D.