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it appeared that W. H. Hall, John F. Wilson Dr. T. T. Franklin and Dr. B. A. Carr were ballotted out and then proceeded to elect a Vestry upon counting the ballots it was found that John F. Wilson, W. H. Hall, Doct. T. T. Franklin, Marshall H. Carr, Edwin E. Gott Franklin Weems James Owens and A. Murray Thomas were unanimously elected Vestry for the present year.

E. E. Lillard and Thomas T. Richardson were re-appointed Wardens and Thomas T. Hall reappointed Register and Treasurer, and Doct. Tho.s T. Franklin who appointed Lay Delegate and E. E. Gott alternate.

The Vestry adjourned.

July 16. 1868.

The Vestry met present the Rev. E. E. Murdaugh John F. Wilson, Wm. Hall, Doct. Thomas T. Franklin Franklin Weems. E. E. Gott, and A. Murray Thomas.

The Rev. E. E. Murdaugh after prayer, called the Vestry to order. On motion made by Mr. Wilson it was ordered that a Lay of Three Hundred Dollars be levied upon the Pews to pay the debt incurred in the repairs of the Church Parsonage &c according to their assessed value. The Treasurer made his report, showing a balance of Ninety four Dollars and Seventy one cents in his hands subject to the order of the Vestry. Ordered that the Treasurer pay to the Rev.d Mr. Murdaugh Thirty five Dollars and thirty Eight cents for int. on Mortgage from the 1st to the 20th April and for 3 months interest on Bank Stock.

The Rector read a communication addressed to him by order of the Diocesan Convention propounded certain questions to the Vestry

in relation to a further division of the Diocese. The Vestry upon considering the same unanimously decided that they were opposed to any further division of the Diocese, but should a further division be consummated they would prefer the City of Washington being a separate and distinct of itself unconnected with the rural Parishes of the Diocese.

On motion of Doct. Franklin it is Resolved that all Subscriptions for the support of the Rector or other monies raised for Church purposes shall be paid to the Treasurer. It was further resolved that the Rector be requested to take up collections in the Chapel at Friendship from time to time for the benefit of the Parish It was further resolved that it was expedient to hold monthly meetings of the Vestry and that the Rector shall from time to time give notice of the day of meeting.

Each member of the Vestry having a list of Subscriptions, for the support of the Rector was requested to hand them to Thomas T. Hall Register to be recorded. The Form of the subscription list is as follows.

We the Subscribers promise to pay to the Vestry of St. James Parish the amount affixed to our names respectively for the support and maintenance of the Minister now or hereafter to be called and settled in said Parish. The amount so subscribed to be paid semiannually dating from the time the Rector or Minister enters upon the discharge of his duties and to continue binding and in force until withdrawn increased or reduced of which