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the finishing the In side Worke of St James Church, Where in he was to begin the same by the 25th day of march 1698. And it pleased Allmighty god to visit the Sayd Sturmey with very greevious sickness, soe th: he was Wholey disabled by meanes thereoff to begin the Sayd Worke att the time appoynted, not to finish the same this Sumer, which by his letter to this vestrey (Dated the tenth day of ffebruary 1697) doth Import, and upon p usall of the same, and Weighing the matter, that the hand of god was the only Cause thereoff & noe other, neglect, delay or pretences what soever. The vestry here p'sent thought fitt to Release him the Sayd Sturmey from the Sayd Worke and agreem't aforesd. - -

Agreed with Thomas Hills & William Frilie to finish the In side Worke of St James Church (viz) To Build a Chancell & Table with railes & Bannisters, pulpit Reading Desk & Cltk: Seate, The Church to be seiled from top'e to bottom, With halfe Inch plank. In decent and Work manlike ord: Pues to be built of each side of the Church, Shutters to every Window, the porch to be seiled after the same manner, posts, Juyce & principall Rafters to be Cased, & anny thing else th: shall be requisite for the finishing Workeman like as aforesayd, the vestry findeing all Materialls as nailes, Iron Worke plank & timber, And brought Convenient for the Sayd Worke, And the Workemen aforesd to provide for them selves accomodations of meat, Drink, washing & lodging dureing the time, And att the Compleateing & finishing of all Worke aforesayd, the vestry to pay or Cause to be payd onto the Workemen or either of them or theire order Sume of twelve thousand pounds of tobco. by the Sherriff off Ann Arrund'l County But if att the finishing of the Sayd Worke the vestry Doe think is Worth something more, itt shall be allowed

them accordingly.

It is further ordered that if Thomas Hills & William Frilie doe Want necessarys, for the goeing forward With the Sayd Worke With all Expedition, And should require tobco or ord: the Sherriff this p'sent Crop: That he or they Requireing the Same (not exceeding the Moyety of the Sume agreed upon, With them should give bond with one Sufficient Securitty, th: Soe much the work should be Don by them, as might be Reasonable thought worth the Sayd Sume of tobco. Soe required & received, - -

That then the vestry doth Imporwer the Cltk thereoff to take the Sayd bond or securitty, & alsoe to Charge an ord: upon the Sheriff for the same - - -

Adjurned to the 17th of May 1698 to St James Church -

May the 17th 1698 = -

Att a meeting of the vestry held the 17th of May 1698 In the old Church, Called Herring Creek Church & then Came the Reverend Mr Henry Hall appoynted & Inducted by his Excellency &c to officiate as Minister In St James parish

p'sent	The Rev'nd Mr Henry Hall The Hon'ble Tho: Tench Esq'r Capt: William Holland	Mr Seth Biggs Capt: Robt Lockwood Mr James Rigbey

An ord: of his Excellency the Govern'r and Councell Dated the 15th of february 169$\frac{7}{8}$ was read. And for answer thereunto the Vestry says, that in the parish of St James (to the best of theire Knowledge & Judgm't) the Church is not Built too large to Containe the number of p'sshoners, & th: the land Whereon it stand Containeing halfe an acre of land is a free donation of the hon'ble Thomas Tench Esq'r & Conveniently