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p^resent of Mr. James Sanders } Parishon^rs
Justices Capt. Nicholas Lassaway } Mr. John Lrundle
Mr. Richard Cheshire

Summoned to appeare by the Church Wardens Mr. Sam^ll Chew Mr. Nehemiah Birckhead Mr. Abra. Birckhead Mr. John Battie and Mr. John Chappell } Summoned and Did not appeare

The Major^r part of the vestry & parishon^rs according to Law, as is specified, meeting, And the law Imporwering the vestry & p^rishon^rs of the Major^r part thereof to Assess the parishon^rs towards the finishing of theire parish Church &c: being read, and in pursuance thereoff the vestry & Justices With the parishion^rs Doe finde it absolutely necessary Towards the finishing of the Church, that ten pounds of tobac^o p poll be levied according as the law Directs And Wee Doe by the power aforesd. giben us by law ord^r it to be levied

Ordered th^t John Swinsford have the Sume of Two thousand five hundred pounds of Tobac^o upon the Sherriff In full of all accounts for his Sawcing of plank for the Church

Ordered th^t William Symons Have a note upon the Sheriff for halfe a yeares Sallary or Wages being Sayton of St. James parish the Sume of 200^lb: of tobac^o

Ordered th^t Mr. Henry Hall Minister of the Gospell for the p^rish of St. James (Inducted by his Excellency the 17th day of May 1698) have the Sume of nine thousand Seven hundred & Sixty pounds of tob: of the Sherriff being the Moyetty of the 40^lb of Tobac^o p poll for the yeare 1698

Ordered th^t Thomas Hughs have the Sume of Two thousand pounds of tobac^o for his officiatteing as Clk of the vestry from the 8th off novemb^r 1697 to the 8th of novemb^r 1698 & Coppying the laws and findeing paper therefore

Ordered th^t The Honble Thomas Lench Esqr have the Sume off one thousand eight hundred & twenty pounds of

tobac^o for nailes & his Servants Carteing of about eight thousand foot of plank for the use of the Church

Mr. Henry Hall Minister of the Gospell for the parish of St. James Desires that it should be Enttered, That he assents to all th^t hath been done by this vestry, Soe far as it doth not Infringe upon or detract from his Rights, dues & privileges or anny part thereoff and th^t he doth not accept of the Moyety as aforesd. as his full Due

Ordered th^t Mr. Hall his orders from his Excellency Govern^r Nicholson Into this parish, be recorded

Adjurned to the first day of January 1698

Gentlemen the Bearer hereoff is the Reverend Mr. Henry Hall, Who is Sent by the Right Honble & Right Reverend father in god, Henry Lord Bishop of London, In order to officiate as a Clergy-man of the Church of England in this his Mag^ties Province. I Doe therefore in his Majesties name appoint the sd Mr. Henry Hall to officiate as a Clergyman of the Church of England in St. James parish, in Ann Arund^ll County = Given und^r my hand & Seale att the port of Annapolis this Seventh day of May, In the tenth yeare of the Reigne of our Soverigne Lord, William the 3^d by the grace of god, of England Scotland, France & Ireland King Defender of the faith Anno dom. 1698.

Signum

To the vestry men of St. James parish In Ann Arund^ll County } ffr: Nicholson

A True Coppy p the ord^r of the vestry =
Decemb^r the 19th 1698. Then Delivered to John Swinsford three orders for the Sume of 2500^lb of tobac^o upon the Sherriff payable to three Severall p^sons In full of all Dues to the Sayd In^o Swinsford