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Memorand this 19th day of 8ber 1712 Then was Wm Wootton chosen Clk of the bestry. By the reverend Mr Henry Hall
The Honr.ble Coll Wm Holland
Capt Josias Lowgood
Dr. Wm Lock
Mr Philip Dowell -

A Meeting held by the bestry of St James Parish at the house of Dr. Wm Lock the Nintenth day of Novemr. 1712.
Then was Robert Wood Sworn bestryman Also Wm Wootton Sworn Clk. of the bestry.

Present — The Reverd. Mr Henry Hall
Capt. Josias Lowgood
Dr. Wm Lock
Mr Robert Wood

This bestry Adjournid 8ber the 9th 1712

Then did the Gent. of the bestry Agree with Rubin Ross for work to be done in the bestry house at the Parish Church of St James for the Summ of Eight hundred pounds of Tobacco his work is as (viz) to build a funt and at the End of the funt a pew for the Church Wardens & agt the same A double pew 8 foot long Also to Cover & make good over the bestry pew & to make a Trap dore over the funt &c. also to find Nails and henges for the above sd sum of 800 pounds Tobacco

The Reverend Mr Henry Hall
The Honr.ble Coll Wm Holland
Capt Josias Lowgood
} all Present
Mr Thos Wells & Mr Jno Lyles
Dr. Wm Lock
Mr Philip Dowell
Mr Robt Wood
Church Wardens.

At A Meeting held at the Reverend Mr Henry Hall's the 16th of ffebruary 1712 For the Parish of St James -
Then did the Gent. of the bestry Agree with Rubin Ross for to Build a bestry house which Agreement is as (viz)

provided the rest of the bestry agrees to it, the sd Rubin Ross hath Agreed to Build A bestry House Twenty foot Long and sixteen foot wide A framid house Letted, to be plankt. Above and below Also a Closett plankt. Above and below six foot wide & five foot Long with winder frams to the House & Closet the sd house is to be done workmanlike According As the Gent. of the bestry shall direct that is as to the hull of the house, And the sd Rubin Ross is to have Liberty to get the frame posts and Studs off from the Glebe Land, And the sd. Rubin Ross hath agreed to be at all maner of Charges what-soever, about the sd house, Only the Glass and the Gitting the frame, posts and Studs into place, And the sd Rubin Ross is to have the just Sum of Nine Thousand pounds of Tobacco. the sd house Covered with Inch feather Edged plank And Also weather borded with the same -

The Reverend Mr Henry Hall
Capt Josias Lowgood
Doctr Wm Lock
} present

March the 2d 1712/3
Then did the Honr.ble Coll Wm Holland Mr Robert Wood & Mr Philip Dowell Agree to the Above sd Agreement, and the sd Rubin did Agree to gitt ffinished that is to git the sd house done by July neyt Ensuing, And the sd Rubin is to have Six Thousand Tobacco this Year, and three Thousand neyt Year Then was Rubin Ross Ordered three Thousand pounds of Tobacco imprt for his Building of the said bestry House: and also 8/5 Tobac. for work done in the Old bestry house: and Also Tho. Wells was Ordd. 25 0 Tobac. for drawing plank fro: the Honr.ble Corl Wm Hollands - As Apears in pa: 66 -

At a bestry held for the Parish of St James in Ann Arundl County at the frish Church On the 6th Aprill 1713 -

The Reverend Mr Henry Hall
The Honr.able Corl Wm Holland & Cap: Josias Lowgood
Dor. Wm Lock