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and Request their attendance at the Next Vestry.

At a Vestry Held for the Parish of St. James on Thursday the 12th May 1791.

Present Coll. John Weems
Revd. Thos. John Clagett
Mr. Richd. Harrison
Mr. Benjn. Carr
Mr. John Battie
Capt. James Dicney
} Vestrymen

Mr. Daniel Atwell and Mr. Robert Welch Wardens appeard Before this Vestry and Qualified as the Law Directs and took their Seats. Resolved that Mr. Richard Harrison be and he is hereby appointed a Delegate to Represent this Vestry and Congregation in a Convention of this Church to be Holden in Baltimore town on the Thursday in whitson week Next. the Vestry taking into their Consideration agreeable to their Resolution of the Eighteenth of October Last the Present situation of the Church in Maryland as far as the same has Come under their Observation and also having maturely Examined the Constitution and form of Goverment of the said Church Passed at Easton Last year and Reflecting on the Expediency of being represented in the house of Bishops in the general Convention of Our Church to be holden at the City of New-York in the year 1792 when they have reason to Believe the important Subject of the Articles of Religion will be taken up are of Opinion that the Emediate election of some fit and Qualified Clergyman for a Bishop of this Church is a measure that ought to be adopted and they Do instruct their Delegate (if he thinks the Measure Practicable to move and Vote for the same and also to Propose to the Convention that the fourteenth and fifteenth

Articles of the Constitution of this Church may be Constitutionally so modified as that One or more Bishops may hereafter be Elected for this Church they being fully Persuaded that One Bishop will not be adequate to the Duties of his office in this State Divided as it is by a Large Bay and in which there appears to them a greater Number of Parishes than Can be Properly Superintended By One man the Vestry than Proceeded.

At a Vestry Held for the Parish of St. James on the 8th Day of Augt. 1791.

Present Coll. John Weems
Mr. Richd. Harrison
Mr. Benjn. Carr
Mr. John Battie
} Vestrymen.
Mr. Daniel Atwell Church Warden.

The Revd. Dr. Clagett being Present Proposed to Officiate as Rector of this Parish for the insuing year to End the first of August Next on the same Terms as he Did Last year the Vestry Alow the Rector to Remove to his Plantation when it Suits him he attending Every Other Sabboth Unless Prevented By ill health or Weather or the Attention he is Oblig'd to Pay Occasionally to the Other Parishes in his District as member of the standing Committee of Our Church to all which the Vestry Agree – Mr. Benjamin Allein the Late Church Warden Being Present Reported that he had Paid all the Vestries Orders for the Late Repairs of the Church yard and Church and Produced his Accounpt for the same as well as for Wine found for the Use of the Church Ballance Due the Vestry Eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Eight Pence which sum Mr. Allein Paid the Vestry. Doctr. Clagett Reported to this Vestry that the Vestry