Gentlemen

I am directed ~~by his Ex~~ y.e the Gov.r to inform you that, out of a sincere Desire to restore Peace & Harmony amongst you, he hath removed the Rev.d Mr. Hughes to Chester Parish; as this Measure leaves your Parish vacant, and he doth not intend to appoint you a Rector immediately, his Excellency recommends to you to employ the Reverend Mr. Methias Harris as a Reader, for some little Time, until the Arrival of another Clergyman, whose Character & Ability, he has the fullest Confidence, will give general Satisfaction to the Parish.

He desires & expects that you will allow Mr. Harris the whole of the thirty ℔ Poll (one Pound of Tobacco excepted) from the Time of Mr. Hughes's Removal, while he shall continue to Officiate there.

I am &c

15th. July 1769

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Copy — To the Vestry of Coventry Parish