

One of the items collected by R. A. Brock of interest to Hanover researchers is the St. Paul's Vestry book, 1787-1802. It contains entries recorded by Clerks for twenty meetings covering regular Church business along with several items of particular note.

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## **Vestry Book, St. Paul's Parish, Hanover County: 1787 - 1802**

### Vestry Meetings:

14 Jul 1787 at Hanover Town  
9 Nov 1787 at Hanover Town  
19 Apr 1788 at The Oaks  
23 Aug 1788 at Merry Oaks  
2 May 1789 at The Oaks  
5 Apr 1790  
6 Sep 1790 at the Court House  
23 Sep 1790 at the Court House  
2 May 1791 at The Oaks  
2 May 1791 at The Oaks  
3 May 1792 at the Court House  
2 May 1793 at the Court House  
20 May [1793] at Thomsons Tavern  
1 May 1794 at Hanover Court House  
30 Apr 1796 at Capt. Crutchfields Tavern  
25 May 1796 at Capt. Crutchfields Tavern  
18 Nov 1797 at Capt. Crutchfields Tavern  
6 May 1799 at James H. Lynchs Tavern  
5 May 1800 at The Oaks  
28 Apr 1802 at Hanover Court House

### ORDINANCES

An ordinance for regulating the appointment of Vestry & Trustees, and for other purposes; An ordinance to amend the former ordinance; and, An ordinance to amend further the original ordinance. See pages 21-24.

CANON I – XLI. See pages 25-34.

Note in Vestry book flyleaf: Saml. Earnest, Geo. Earnest, Wm. Johnson & Richd. Chapman Bond with Jno. Street & Jos. Cross £64.7.11 with interest from 8 Jun 1799 to 25 Apr 1786 £20.12.10.

Hanover to Wit,

John Pendleton and Barttelot Anderson, Gen'l. former Wardens, superintended the election of a Vestry for the Parish of Saint Paul, agreeably to a resolution of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church held in Richmond in May last now reporting that they had agreeably thereto taken the ballot of the members of said Church in the said Parish, and that the following Gentlemen were elected to Wit: John Pendleton, Chapman Austin, John Garland, Thomas Tinsley, Burnett Timberlake, Parke Goodall, William Norvell, William Pollard Jr., William O. Winston, Thomas Macon, John Starke Jr. and Barttelot Anderson, Gent. Whereupon the following Gentlemen now met do subscribe to be conformable to the Doctrine, discipline & worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In testimony whereof they have herewith set their hands this **14<sup>th</sup> July 1787.**

John Pendleton  
Chap<sup>n</sup>. Austin  
Thos. Tinsley  
Parke Goodall

Wm. Norvell  
Wm. Pollard Jr.  
Wm. O. Winston  
John Starke Jr.  
Bartt. Anderson

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At a meeting of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint Paul's at Hanover Town the **14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1787**, present the Gentlemen, above subscribed.

Chapman Austin & Thomas Tinsley Gent. are appointed Church Wardens for the said Parish.

The Church Wardens are appointed to seek out a convenient tract of land for a Glebe & report the same to the Vestry.

John Priddy is appointed Clerk to the Vestry.

The Church Wardens are appointed to invite a Minister therein to perform the ministerial offices, and inform the People that they mean to repair the Churches as soon as they enable them to do so, and to know of them what they will contribute to the payment of the said Minister, if such one is employed as is approved of.

Chap<sup>n</sup>. Austin, Wdn.  
Thos. Tinsley, Wdn.

John Pendleton  
Parke Goodall  
Wm. Norvell  
Wm. Pollard Jr.  
Bartt. Anderson  
John Starke Jr.  
Wm. O. Winston

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At a meeting of the Vestry for Saint Paul's Parish at Hanover Town on Friday the **9<sup>th</sup>**  
**day of November 1787,**

Present

John Pendleton  
Chapman Austin  
Thomas Tinsley

John Starke Jr.  
Thomas Macon  
&  
William Pollard Jr.

We, John Garland and Thomas Macon, do hereby agree to be conformable to the  
Doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

J. Garland  
Thos. Macon

The Reverend Mr. Elkanah Talley, having produced to this Vestry sufficient  
testimonials of his having been regularly ordained a Priest by the right Rev<sup>d</sup>.  
Bishop White of the State of Pennsylvania and the Vestry having the highest sense  
of the character and abilities of the said Mr. Talley, do, unanimously receive him  
into the said Parish.

He, having also entered into a Contract in writing with the Vestry that he holds the  
appointment subject to removal, upon the determination of the Convention of the  
Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, and also having subscribed to be  
conformable to the Doctrine & discipline of the said Church.

Hanover County, St. Paul's Parish, Nov<sup>r</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup> 1787

I, Elkanah Talley, having this day been chosen to be officiate as Minister do hereby  
engage with the Vestry on behalf of the Society of the Members of the Protestant  
Episcopal Church within the said Parish, that I hold the said Office of Minister,  
subject to removal upon the determination of the Convention of the said Church  
in this State.

Elk<sup>h</sup>. Talley

I, Elkanah Talley do hereby solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine of  
Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Virginia. Elk<sup>h</sup>. Talley

Resolved, that the present Wardens make application to Mr. Barttelot Anderson,  
one of the late Wardens, for the Bond due from Saml. Earnest, to the Protestant  
Episcopal Church in this Parish, and that they endeavour to collect the money, out  
of which they are to pay the Rev. Mr. Carter for his services, and also, the late  
Clerks to the form Vestrys. They will also settle with Mr. Chapman, one of the  
former Wardens, and receive from him whatever money he may have in his hands  
belonging to the Church.

Ordered, that the Church Wardens do give public notice, at such times and places  
as they may think proper, for a meeting of the Members of the Protestant  
Episcopal Church in this Parish, for the purpose of fixing upon a Salary for the Rev<sup>d</sup>.  
Mr. Talley, and other necessary expences of the Church.

Chap<sup>n</sup>. Austin, Wdn.  
Thos. Tinsley, Wdn.

John Pendleton  
J. Garland  
Wm. Pollard Jr.  
John Starke Jr.  
Thos. Macon

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At a Vestry appointed and held at The Oaks on Saturday the **19<sup>th</sup> day of April 1788**, Present

The Rev <sup>d</sup> . Elkanah Talley	William O. Winston	
John Pendleton	Jno. Starke Jr.	Gentlemen
John Garland	Thomas Tinsley	Vestrymen
Parke Goodall	&	
William Norvell	William Pollard Jr.	

Thomas Tinsley, Gent., is appointed a deputy to attend with the Revd. Mr. Talley, in annual Convention of the Clergy and laymen of our Church to be held on the first Wednesday in May next.

Ordered, that it be considered that Nicholas Mills has been Clerk to the Churches in this Parish from the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November last to this time, and that he be the Clerk in the future, he having served as such from the said 9<sup>th</sup> day of November.

Thomas Jervis, Sexton to the Slash Church.

With the consent of the Revd. Mr. Talley, Ordered that each person who has or may hereafter subscribe to him, Clerk & Sextons, their Heirs & Exors. be discharged from payment of their subscriptions farther than up to the time of the death of such subscriber, and that every subscriber shall have the power of withdrawing his subscription at any time in the month of November by applying to either of the Vestrymen (who shall make report to the Church Wardens) or by removal from the Parish, the subscriptions shall cease.

It appearing to the Vestry that Burnett Timberlake does not intend to serve as a Vestryman, John Norvell, Gent., is appointed in his stead.

John Pendleton, Gentleman, resigned in Vestry, his place as Vestryman & William Darracott, Gent., is appointed in his stead.

Parke Goodall, Gentleman, resigned as last & John Lyons, Gent., is appointed in his stead.

Ordered, that Six Vestrymen do take a subscription paper (which the Revd. Mr. Talley is requested to draw) to get money subscribed for the purpose of repairing the lower Church, and ordered that when a sum in addition to what the Church is now entitled to (and will probably soon receive) is subscribed, that John Starke Jr., Thomas Tinsley & John Lyons, or any of them, do let the repairing of said Church, upon the faith of such money, and in no other manner whatsoever, so that the Vestry shall never hereafter be chargeable for payment of the said repairs.

Ordered, that subscriptions be opened for building a Church in the upper part of the Parish, and that six of the Vestry use their efforts accordingly.

I, John Norvell, do hereby solemnly engage to be conformable to the Doctrine, discipline & worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Elkh. Talley, Min.

Thos. Tinsley, Warden

Jno. Garland

John Starke Jr.

Jno. Norvell

Wm. O. Winston

Wm. Norvell

William Pollard Jr.

At a Meeting of the Vestry of Saint Paul's Parish, appointed and held at the Merry Oaks on Saturday the **23<sup>rd</sup> of August 1788,**

Present

The Rev <sup>d</sup> . Elkanah Talley	Chap <sup>n</sup> . Austin	
John Garland	Jno. Norvell	
William O. Winston	&	Vestrymen
Thos. Tinsley	Wm. O. Pollard	

It is recommended to William O. Winston, Wm. Darracott, Chapman Austin, John Norvell, John Garland, William Norvell and William Pollard Jr., or any of three of them, that they inquire into such circumstances in the upper part of the Parish, as they think necessary, and make up their opinion which will be the most eligible, the repairing Ground Squirrel Meeting House, or erecting a Church for the purpose of having Sermons in that part of the Parish once in every three Sundays, and according to that opinion, that they raise as much money, either by subscription or otherways, as will be necessary for carrying into effect, which ever scheme shall be by them so chosen.

William Norvell is appointed Church Warden in the room of Chapman Austin who has resigned.

It is recommended to the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Talley, as soon as he shall have it in his powers, to return to the Church Wardens and Clerk of the Vestry, Alphabetical lists of the names of Subscribers, for paying him, his Clerk & Sexton, for their services, with the sum subscribed, in order to be laid before the Vestry.

Thos. Tinsley, Warden	Elk <sup>h</sup> . Talley, Min.
	Wm. O. Winston
	Wm. Pollard Jr.
	John Norvell
	Chap <sup>n</sup> . Austin
	J. Garland



At a Vestry appointed and held for Saint Paul's Parish at The Oaks on Saturday the  
**2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1789,**

Present

The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Elk<sup>h</sup>. Talley  
William O. Winston  
John Starke Jr.  
Wm. Norvell

Thos. Tinsley  
Jno. Garland  
Thos. Macon  
Chap<sup>n</sup>. Austin  
Jno. Norvell  
&  
Wm. Pollard Jr.

John Pendleton, Gentleman, is appointed to attend the next General Convention as a lay a Deputy from this Parish.

Bartt. Anderson, Gent., by letter resigned his seat in Vestry.

Chap<sup>n</sup>. Austin and Thomas Macon resigned their seat in Vestry.

William Anderson, Thomas White & Doc<sup>r</sup>. J. K. Read are appointed to fill up the vacancies in the Vestry of this Parish.

Any Parishioner may withdraw his subscription prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> Nov in any year for the succeeding years.

This Parish is laid off into Districts in the following manner

Elisha Meredith's, Company of Militia to form No.	1 District
Saml. Gransland's Company	2 <sup>nd</sup> District
David Whitlock's Company	3 District
Thomas White's Company	4 District
Thos. Tinsley's Company	5 District
William Anderson's Company	6 District
Henry Timberlake's Company	7 District
John Priddy's Company	8 District
William Norvell's Company	9 District

And by consent of the Vestry, the following Gentlemen are appointed to apply personally to the inhabitants of the Districts to get the best subscriptions in their Power, for the support of the Church. To wit

Colo. John Starke for	District No. 1
John K. Read for	District 2
John Starke J. & John Garland for	District 3
Thomas White for	District 4
Thos. Tinsley for	District 5
William O. Winston & Wm. Anderson for	District 6
John Garland for	District 7
Wm. Norvell, John Norvell & Thos. White for	District 8 & 9

Thomas Tinsley, Gentleman, is appointed to draw a Subscription papers for the Gentlemen appointed to get money subscribed for support of the Church.

The upper part of this Parish, being at a considerable distance from the Slash Church, it is agreed by the Vestry that the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Talley may attend one Sunday in three at the Ground Squirrel Meeting House after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November next, if sufficient encouragement is given him.

It is the opinion of this Vestry that Samuel Earnest shall have credit on his Bond, due the Parish, for repairs done to the lower Church.

John Starke Jr., Gentleman, is appointed to rent the land and house belonging to this Parish, whereon the foundation of the new Church was laid.

Elkh. Talley, Min.  
Jno. Garland  
John Starke Jr.  
Wm. Pollard Jr.  
Wm. O. Winston  
John Norvell

Hanover County to Wit

Agreeable to an Ordinance for regulating the appointment of Vestrys and Trustees, and for other Purposes, We, the Church Wardens of Saint Paul's Parish, have this **5<sup>th</sup> day of April, being Monday in Easter Week of 1790**, hold an Election of Vestrymen and Trustees for the said Parish, when Thomas Tinsley, William Norvell, William O. Winston, John Norvell, Thomas White, Wm. Pollard Jr., John Priddy, William Anderson, John Starke Jr., Joseph Pollard, William Tinsley, and Thomas Macon were elected. Certified under our hands, the day and year above mentioned.

Thos. Tinsley, Ch. Wdn.

Wm. Norvell, Ch. Wdn.

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At a meeting of the Vestry for St. Paul's Parish at The Oaks on Friday the **23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1790**,

Present

Thos. Tinsley

Wm. Norvell

Wm. O. Winston

Jno. Norvell

Tho<sup>s</sup>. White

John Priddy

Wm. Anderson

Jno. Starke Jr.

Joseph Pollard

William Tinsley

Thomas Macon

We, whose names are above mentioned, do agree to be conformable to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Thos. Tinsley

Wm. Norvell

Wm. O. Winston

John Norvell

Tho. White

John Priddy

Wm. Anderson

John Starke Jr.

Joseph Pollard

Wm. Tinsley

Thos. Macon

Thomas Tinsley & William Norvell are chosen Church Wardens.

Thomas White & William Norvel, Gentlemen, are chosen lay Deputies in the ensuing Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church to be held in Richmond the first Wednesday in May next.

Thomas Tinsley is appointed Clerk of this Vestry.

The Revd. Elkanah Talley's resignation and Acct. was this day laid before the Vestry, Resolved that the said Acct. is reasonable and ordered that the Wardens do pay the same as soon as they can collect as much money being £2..11..4.

The same order respecting Thomas Tinsley's Acct. being 36/.

The same D<sup>o</sup>. respecting Will<sup>m</sup>. Norvell's Acct. being 13/4.

Ordered, that the Clerk collect the proceedings of the last Vestry and record them.

Ordered, that the Wardens do publish in the Virginia Gazette that the Parish is vacant, and that the Vestry will proceed to a choice of a Minister on the third Thursday in July next.

Ordered, that the Wardens do collect all the money due this Vestry, in the most speedy manner possible, and that they collect the money bequeathed by Matthew Welman, dec'd., and put it out upon interest upon good security.

Ordered, that John Norvell, Thomas White, John Starke Jr., William Anderson & Thomas Macon, Gent., do examine the lower Church and report to the next Vestry whether they conceive it can be repaired, and how much money it will take for the purpose.

Ordered, that the Wardens endeavors to collect five pounds by the meeting of the Convention in May next, agreeable to the requisition of the Standing Committee.

Thos. Tinsley, Ch. Wdn.  
Wm. Norvell, Ch. Wdn.

Wm. O. Winston  
John Norvell  
Tho. White  
John Priddy  
Wm. Anderson  
John Starke Jr.  
Joseph Pollard  
Wm. Tinsley  
Thos. Macon

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At a meeting of the Vestry for Saint Paul's Parish at the Court House on Monday the **6<sup>th</sup> September 1790,**

Present, Gentlemen Vestrymen

Wm. O. Winston

John Norvell

Jno. Priddy

William Norvell

Thos. Tinsley

William Tinsley

William Pollard

Mr. William Williams, a Student of Divinity of the University of William & Mary, having offered to conduct and superintend a Free School in this Parish, the Vestry, unanimously agree to forward such a benevolent institution. And that they will set on foot subscriptions to raise contributions for that purpose.

Resolved, that the Vestry do accept the offer of the said Mr. Williams to preach in the said Parish, and if they should be satisfied with his Morals, conduct, conversation and Preaching, and prove agreeable to the Parishioner & Vestry, and induct him in the Parish when he gets ordained, that then they will set on foot subscriptions to make him compensation for his services.

Thos. Tinsley, Ch. Wdn.

Wm. Norvell, Ch. Wdn.

Wm. O. Winston

John Norvell

John Priddy

William Pollard Jr.

Wm. Tinsley

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At a meeting of Vestry for Saint Paul's Parish at the Court House on Thursday the **23<sup>rd</sup> of Sept 1790,**

Present, Vestrymen

William O. Winston

Joseph Pollard

William Pollard

William Anderson

William Tinsley

Thos. Tinsley

It appears to the Vestry, from a Notice in the Papers, that a Petition will be presented to the next Assembly for the appropriation of a sum of money belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church, contrary to the sense of the Vestry, and the rights of the Church, Resolved therefore, that the Wardens & William Pollard, draw Petitions in opposition thereto, and furnish each Vestryman with a Copy in order to obtain subscribers.

A Proposition for erecting a free School in Saint Paul's Parish, being offered by Mr. Williams and the Vestry having the highest sense of such a benevolent institution, have agreed to a plan of Mr. William Pollard's which is ordered to be recorded, and the Clerk is directed to draw up subscriptions agreeable thereto.

John Starke Jr., William Pollard Jr., William Norvell & William O. Winston, Gentlemen, are chosen trustees for conducting and managing the free School.

Thos. Tinsley, Warden

Wm. O. Winston

Wm. Norvell, Warden

Wm. Anderson

Joseph Pollard

Thos. Tinsley

Wm. Pollard Jr.

We, the subscribers, being deeply impressed with the unhappy situation of the poor who are unable to school their children, and sensible of the great advantage that would arise, as well to the Community at large, as to such poor children if they could be educated and brought up in a Christian deportment, do hereby promise and agree that, We will pay to the collector appointed, or to be appointed, by the Minister and Vestry of the Episcopal Church of Saint Paul's Parish, or their successors, the sums affixed to our names, for the express purpose of schooling the poor children of this said Parish, whose parents are unable to do

it, which money is to be applied solely for the purpose aforesaid, under the rules and regulations following.

1<sup>st</sup> The said Vestry, or their successors, shall annually appoint four of their own body, who together with the Minister, shall be Trustees, of which body the said Minister shall be President. The Trustees shall continue in office one year if the Vestry themselves continue in office so long, and in case the Vestry do not continue in office so long, then as long as the Vestry shall continue.

2<sup>nd</sup> The Office or business of the Trustees shall be a tax and the money arising from this subscription, in such manner as the Vestry shall direct, and to examine into the conduct of the teacher or teachers employed. And to report to the Vestry yearly, or oftner if required, how they have executed their trust.

3<sup>rd</sup> The Trustees shall be the Judges of, and determine who are proper objects of the County, but in case any dissatisfaction arises, an appeal may be had to the Vestry.

4<sup>th</sup> The Minister for the proper governance and discipline of the said children shall make such laws as are necessary, consistent with the Doctrine & discipline of the P. Episcopal Church, which laws the Teachers shall enforce & the children obey.

5<sup>th</sup> The Scholars are to be taught to read & write, and arithmetick, as far as the rule of three.

For the satisfaction of subscribers, or any of them, they or either of them, shall, and may have a right to demand, a fair statement, how and in what manner the money raised hereby is expended, and in case of misapplication, the said Vestry, or trustees shall be amenable to the subscribers. The money subscribed is to be paid on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March next, but no subscriber shall be bound to pay his subscription until the sum of 50 pounds shall be subscribed.



At a Vestry appointed and held at The Oaks on Monday the **2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1791**,  
Present

John Starke Jr.  
Wm. O. Winston  
John Norvell  
Wm. Tinsley

William Anderson  
Wm. Pollard  
&  
Thos. Tinsley

The Vestry proceeded to the Choice of a Vestryman in the room of Joseph Pollard, Gent., removed when John Garland, Gent., was chosen

We do agree to be conformable to the Doctrine, discipline & worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

William Pollard Jr.  
J. Garland

Thomas Tinsley & John Garland, Gent., are chosen lay Deputies in the ensuing Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church to be held in Richmond.

It is the opinion of the Vestry that all the property belonging to the Church in this Parish should be stated in the Vestry Book and that the Clerk should, agreeable to the requisition of the Standing Committee, report the same to the Convention with its particular situation.

The Church Wardens are directed to pay Maj. John Starke the sum of Nine Pounds, Seventeen & /<sup>00</sup> as soon as they can collect as much money, it appearing that he has been obliged to pay that sum, on Acct. of two Suits instituted by Richd. Chapman & himself former Warden against the preceding Vestry.

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[This note is inserted into the book.]

It is the sense of the Vestry that 12 Dollars should be raised, agreeable to the requisition of the Standing Committee, to be forwarded by the Lay deputies.

Wm. O. Winston, Gent., has contributed two dollars, which is to be refunded him, when collected.

William Pollard Jr., Gent., has contributed one Dollar to be refunded as last.

William Anderson as last.

A Copy Thos. Tinsley, Clk.

[This second note is inserted into the book.]

\$12 to be raised requisition of Stang. Comm. & the money add<sup>d</sup>. to be refunded.

At a Vestry held at The Oaks on Monday the **2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1791.**

Thomas White's Acct. as a lay deputy in the last Convention of the Church was laid before the Vestry, and deemed reasonable.

Ordered, that the Wardens do pay the same (being one pound, four shillings) as soon as they can collect as much.

William O. Winston, Gentleman, has contributed two Dollars which is to be refunded him when collected. Returned.

William Pollard Jr., Gent., has contributed one Dollar to be refunded as last. Ret<sup>d</sup>.

William Anderson as last Six Shillings. Ret<sup>d</sup>.

William Tinsley, Gent., is appointed Clerk for the purpose of giving the lay Deputies a testimonial of their being regularly appointed.

Thomas Tinsley, Ch. Warden

Wm. O. Winston

John Norvell

William Pollard Jr.

Wm. Anderson

John Starke

Wm. Tinsley

J. Garland

At a meeting of the Vestry for Saint Paul's Parish at the Court House on Thursday the **3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1792.**

Present

Thomas White

William Anderson

Wm. Tinsley

Jno. Garland

Jno. Priddy

Wm. Norvell

William Pollard

John Garland

&

Thos. Tinsley

The Vestry proceeded to the choice of lay deputies in the present Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, when John Pendleton & William Norvell, Gentlemen, were chosen.

Meriwether Jones, Gentleman, is chosen a Vestryman in the room of Thos. Macon who has failed to attend agreeable to an ordinance of Convention.

In conformity of the Protestant Episcopal Church, it is ordered that the Ordinances and Canons be transcribed in the Vestry Book.

William Norvell's Acct. as a lay deputy, for his necessary expenses in attending the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church as lay deputy in May 1790, being twenty four Shillings, is considered as reasonable, it is therefore ordered that the same shall be paid him out of the first money that can be collected belonging to the Church.

Resolved, that it be recommended to the lay Deputies to invite a Minister into the Parish who, if found agreeable to the Parishioners & Vestry, maybe assured of being inducted.

Thos. Tinsley

Wm. Norvell

Tho. White

John Priddy

Wm. Pollard

Wm. Tinsley Jr.

**An Ordinance for regulating the appointment of Vestries and Trustees, and for other purposes.**

Whereas, an Act of General Assembly which was passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty four, intituled "An act for incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Church" hath been repealed by an act of the last Session; in consequence of which it is supposed that the several powers of Government, and the discipline in the said Church are returned to the members at large, and in order to exercise those powers, the members of the said Church in their several parishes have elected two deputies to represent them in a Convention to be held in the City of Richmond, on the sixteenth day of May one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, with full powers to deliberate upon, form and establish such regulations as they should judge to be necessary and proper for the Government, discipline and worship of the said Church, and the care and direction of the social property; in order to effect which purposes it is judged necessary, that vestries should forthwith be elected in each Parish.

Be it therefore ordained by the Deputies so appointed, and now met in Convention at the time and place prefixed, that the Church Wardens and Vestrymen in the several parishes within this Commonwealth, who were elected into office in conformity to an act of General Assembly passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty four, intituled "An act for incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Church," be and are hereby declared and acknowledged as trustees for the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church until a new election shall take place, and to hold the property both real and personal belonging to the Church, for their use and benefit, subject to such regulations as shall be made from time to time by the Convention of Deputies elected by the members of said Church.

And be it further ordered that as soon as may be, after notice of this Ordinance, the late Church Wardens, or any two other reputable inhabitants (being members of the Protestant Episcopal Church) in each Parish, do call together at some convenient time and place, by notice duly given all the free holders and house keepers in such Parish who are members of the said Church, and contribute to the support thereof, then and there to elect twelve of the most able and discreet men of their Society to be a Vestry for such parish, and the trustees of their property: to continue in office until the Monday in Easter Week

in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and on that day if fair, otherwise the next day which is so, there shall be a new election of Vestrymen; and such elections shall continue to be made triennially on the Easter Monday if fair, or the next fair day, until the Convention shall otherwise direct; intermediate vacancies occasioned by death, removal or resignation, to be filled by the remaining Vestrymen, and those so chosen to act until the period of the next general election. Every Vestryman, before he acts in office, shall subscribe in Vestry to be conformable to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Each Vestry at their first meeting after their election, shall choose two of their members to be Church Wardens, who shall superindend the next general election of Vestrymen; judge of the qualifications of voters, and certify the names of the persons chosen. They shall be considered as the acting part of Vestry, and shall see that the orders and resolutions of the Vestry be carried into execution.

The Vestries respectively, with the Minister, where there is one, shall hold and enjoy all Glebes, lands, Churches, Books, Plate, and other property now belonging or hereafter accruing to the said Church, as trustees for the benefit of the society, and may improve or demise the lands during the vacancy of a minister, but may not demise lands allowed for the ministers habitation or use, when they have one, without his consent. They may also use, improve, or dispose of all personal property, and the produce, rents and profits of lands (not appropriated for the minister) belonging to the Church, for the benefit of the Society, in erecting or repairing Churches, Glebe Houses or otherwise, and may make such rules and orders for managing the temporal affairs and concerns of the Church, within their respective parishes, as they shall think most conducive to its rules for government and discipline, or other spiritual purposes, as shall be directed by this or any future Convention. They shall have the sole power of directing the payment the payment [sic] of money belonging to the Church within their respective parishes, and of appointing a Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector when they think necessary. All of which proceedings shall be fairly entered in a book to be kept for that purpose.

A meeting of the body (to be called by the minister, or if he be absent, or in case of a vacancy, by the Church Wardens, or by a Church Warden, if but one within the Parish, or by any two Vestrymen, if there be no minister or Church Warden) shall be had as often as is necessary, the minister to have a vote equal to, and not greater than a Vestryman in all questions except for the demise of the Glebe lands

assigned for his residence or use, in which he shall have a negative. Seven members shall be sufficient to constitute a meeting, and all questions shall be decided by a majority of those present.

Future Conventions shall consist of two Deputies from each parish, of whom the minister shall be one, if there be a Minister, the other a layman to be annually chosen by the Vestry, who shall choose another where there is no minister in the parish: And twenty five Deputies thus qualified and appointed shall be a Convention.

Conventions shall regulate all the religious concerns of the Church, its doctrines, discipline, and worship and institute such rules and regulations as they may judge necessary for the good government thereof, and the same revoke and alter at their pleasure.

### **An Ordinance to amend the foregoing Ordinance**

Be it ordained by the Clergy and Lay Deputies of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Convention, that in case of neglect or refusal of any Minister of a Parish to call a meeting of the Vestry, when required to do so by two or more Vestrymen, the Church Wardens, or Church Warden, if but one within the Parish, or any of two Vestrymen, if there be no Church Warden, may call a meeting.

## **An Ordinance to amend further the original Ordinance.**

Be it ordered by the Clergy and Lay Deputies of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Convention, that in any Parishes which have neglected to elect Vestries and Trustees, agreeably to the "Ordinance for regulating the appointment of Vestries and Trustees and for other purposes" or which shall hereafter neglect to make such election, the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church within such Parishes may at any time afterward within six months elect Vestries and Trustees, in the manner directed by the aforesaid ordinance. And in all cases where elections have not been held, or shall not be held, at the period fixed by the said Ordinance for the general elections, the former Vestries and Trustees shall continue to act until a future Convention shall take some further order in the matter. Provided nevertheless that where any Parish, which had failed to elect Vestrymen and Trustees at the time appointed by the said ordinance for a general election, bath since elected the same, such election is hereby declared to be voided.

If any person elected a Vestryman and Trustee shall neglect or refuse to attend two successive meetings of the body, having had due notice thereof, he may be considered as having vacated his office, and the remaining Vestrymen and Trustees may elect into his place some other able and discreet man of their Society.

In case of the nonattendance of the Church Wardens at an election of Vestrymen and Trustees in any Parish, the Minister, or if he be absent, or if there be no Minister in the Parish, any two Vestryman, or if there be no Vestrymen present, any two reputable inhabitants of the Parish, who are members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, may be appointed to superintend the election.

No sale of such property as is of the nature of principal or stock, belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church in any Parish, shall be made without the consent of the Convention.

Any Ordinance, or part of an Ordinance which is contrary to this ordinance, is hereby declared null and of no effect.



## CANONS

- I. Conventions shall be holden annually on the first Thursday in May, provided nevertheless, that if a sufficient number of members to form a Convention shall not attend on the said day any five then assembled shall have power to adjourn.
- II. A person shall preside in Convention with the name of President, who shall always be a Bishop, when there is one properly consecrated and settled in the Church, till which time a President shall be appointed by the Convention out of their own body; if more than one Bishop is found necessary in the Church they shall preside alternately.
- III. A Secretary shall be appointed by the Convention, who shall continue in office during good behaviour, who shall keep a record of their resolves and proceedings, and have the records in his custody so long as he shall continue in office.
- IV. Standing rules shall be established for the preservation of decorum, and the orderly management of business.
- V. All questions, whether they relate to the order, Government, Discipline, Doctrine, or Worship of this Church, or to any other matter which is properly before the Convention shall be determined by a majority of votes.
- VI. At all future Conventions each member (whether Minister or layman) shall previous to his admission, produce a testimonial of his being regularly appointed, which testimonial shall be signed by one or both of the Church wardens, or by the Clerk of the respective Vestries.
- VII. All the ordinances and other proceedings of the Convention shall be attested by the Secretary.

- VIII. The Clergy of the several neighbouring Parishes, not less than three nor more than ten, shall assemble in Presbytery annually on some Sunday in April, and at other times, if required thereto, at some convenient place in the District. One in each District shall be appointed by the Convention to preside at their meetings with the title of visitor who shall name the place and time of meetings; shall annually visit each Parish in his district, shall attend to and inspect the morals and conduct of the Clergy, shall see that the Canons and rules of the Church are observed and practiced; shall admonish and reprove privately those Clergymen who are negligent, or act in an unbecoming manner, and shall report yearly to the Bishop, if there be one, or if there be no Bishop, to the next Convention the state of each Parish in his District, noting down the offenders and their offences. It shall be the business of the Presbytery when thus assembled to instruct and examine candidates for Holy Orders within their respective Districts, to prescribe to them a thesis or text, and give them proper directions for composing a discourse on the same; and it shall be the duty of every candidate for Holy Orders to make application to the Presbytery of the District within which he resides for such instruction and examination.
- IX. The Clergy who shall Minister in this Church shall be the three orders of Bishops, Priests and Deacons.
- X. Every person hereafter to officiate in this Church as a Bishop shall be nominated by the Convention, and having received Episcopal consecration, before he enters on his office shall subscribe to conform to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia; and no person shall be received into this Church as a Bishop until he shall have completed the thirtieth year of his age.

- XI. As we conceive the office of Bishop, according to the true Apostolic institution differs in nothing from that of other ministers of Gods word except in the power of ordination and confirmation, and the sights of superintending the conduct of the Clergy, and if precedency in ecclesiastical assemblies that office shall be accordingly so exercised in this Church; and every Bishop after his promotion to the Episcopal order shall continue to hold a Parish and to do the duty of a Parish Minister, except when he is necessarily employed in the discharge of his Episcopal office.
- XII. No Bishop shall inflict any censure upon or exercise any power over the Clergy, under his inspection, other than he is allowed to do by the laws and institutions of this Church made in Convention.
- XIII. [No?] Priest or Minister shall hereafter be received into any Parish within the Commonwealth unless he first produce to the Vestry sufficient testimonials of his having taken the oath of allegiance to this Commonwealth, and subscribe to be conformable to the Doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, nor till he shall have entered into a contract in writing with the Vestry or Trustees of the Society within such Parish, by which it shall be stipulated and declared that he holds the appointment subject to removal upon the determinations of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State, provided that any person who hath been ordained by a Bishop of the Church of Rome may also be received as a Minister, who shall produce satisfactory testimonials respecting his ordination, morals, and conduct, renounce the errors of that Church, take the [space] and subscribe as aforesaid.
- XIV. No Minister shall hereafter be received into a Parish who does not first produce to the Vestry satisfactory testimonials of his

moral conduct and conversation, from the person or persons appointed by the Convention to enquire into such matters, and grant such testimonials.

- XV. The right of presentation or appointing Ministers in the Parishes shall continue in the Vestries, and each Vestry shall choose its own Minister.
- XVI. Every person to be ordained Priest or Deacon, by any Bishop of this Church, shall produce testimonials of his good morals and orderly conduct from the Clergy assembled in their district where he for some time resided, and from the Vestry of the Parish where he last lived, provided there be in the District a sufficient number of Clergymen to form a Presbytery; otherwise a testimonial from the Minister and Vestry of his Parish, or from the Vestry alone if the Parish is vacant, shall be deemed sufficient: Provided also, the candidate is not and [sic] inhabitant of some other State, and intended to Minister in some Parish or congregation in a neighbouring State. No Person shall be ordained until due examination had by the Bishop and two Priests.
- XVII. No person shall be admitted to Priest's Orders until he shall have completed the twenty fourth year of his age, and is assured of the willingness of some Parish or congregation to receive him as their Minister, to be certified under the hands of the Church wardens, and attested by the Clerk of the Vestry.
- XVIII. Every person who shall be admitted either to Priest's or Deacon's Orders, shall be ordained according to the form prescribed in the book of common Prayer.
- XIX. No person shall be ordained Deacon until he shall have completed the twenty first year of his age.

- XX. No person, having Deacons orders only, shall be allowed to hold a Parish, but a Deacon may, during a vacancy, officiate in a Parish if chosen by the Vestry to do so, he shall preach the Gospel, and Baptize, he may assist in administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, but not consecrate the elements, he may solemnize marriages, and shall attend to the situation and circumstances of the poor when it may be necessary.
- XXI. A person may be ordained a Deacon though he shall have no assurance of being called to Minister in a Parish or congregation, provided his testimonials and qualifications are satisfactory.
- XXII. A Deacon may Minister as a probationer or missionary under the direction of the Convention, or the Bishop.
- XXIII. The Parish Clerk shall be appointed by the Minister and Vestry and displaced by them whenever his services are not satisfactory to the people, whenever he shall neglect his duty, or otherwise misbehave himself.
- XXIV. Sextons shall be appointed by the Vestries and dismissed by them when they think proper.
- XXV. Bishops shall be amenable to the Convention, who shall be a Court to try them, from which there shall be no appeal; on all such occasions a President, who shall be a Bishop, shall be chosen by the Convention to sit as judge, and they shall also appoint a Clerk to the Court.
- XXVI. All accusations against a Bishop, as such, shall come from the Vestries, but no accusation against a Bishop shall be received unless three Vestries join in the complaint, all complaints against a Bishop shall be lodged with such persons as may be appointed to call a Convention, and a Copy of the charge or charges to be brought against him shall be communicated to him in writing at

least two months before the trial; Council may be employed on both sides, and none but *viva voce* evidence shall be admitted.

XXVII. Disorderly, scandalous, and immoral conduct, neglect of duty, a disregard to the rules and Canons of the Church, or taking a bribe to grant either ordination or a recommendation for a vacant Parish, shall be considered as offences in a Bishop, for which he may be brought to trial, on his being convicted of any of these, he shall be reprov'd, suspended, or dismissed at the discretion of the Court.

XXVIII. Courts shall be instituted to examine into the Complaint exhibited against Ministers or Deacons, which Courts shall be composed of one Clergyman and one Vestryman from each Parish excepted to which the Minister belongs. The appointment of Vestrymen shall be by lot, and the visitor of the District, unless he shall be the accused, he shall preside as Judge, and in that case, the older Clergyman in order shall be the Judge: Provided nevertheless, that where the number of settled Clergymen in the District be less than two, the visitor shall call for a Clergyman from a neighbouring district; and moreover, if, when the Court assembles, the number of Vestrymen shall be found to exceed the number of Clergymen present, so many Vestrymen shall be withdrawn, by lot, as shall be necessary to equalize the number of the two orders.

Any number of members, not less than three, two of whom shall be Clergymen, shall be sufficient to constitute in Court.

On conviction of a Minister, the Court shall proceed to six pass sentence, which shall be none other than reproof, on suspension and in all cases where the offence shall be thought to deserve suspension, the Court shall without delay report the facts and state the evidence to the Bishop, or until a Bishop shall be consecrated for the Church in this State, to the Chairman of the Standing(?) committee, who, with the Standing committee, on three fourths of the same, shall be and are hereby constituted

appointed a Court, in the last resort; to by the offender, and who if they do not acquit him, shall either confirm the sentence of the examining Court, or pass such other sentence as a majority of them shall think the offence deserves, which shall either be reproof, dismissal, or degradation.

XXIX. Complaints against a Minister shall be received from the Vestry of the Parish where the Minister officiates, and from no other person or persons whatever, they shall be signed by a majority of a Vestry, without which no complaint shall be received: They shall be signed to the Visitor of the District, in which the accused Minister resides, or where there is no Visitor, or if the Visitor be the person accused, to a Member of the Presbytery in the said District who shall forthwith, appoint a convenient a convenient [sic] time and place for the trial; and take care that the members who are to compose the Court shall have \_\_\_(?) information thereof.

In every complaint, the offence or offences shall be stated; and the Minister shall be furnished with a copy of the charges brought against him, and with notice of his intended trial; at least one month before the trial: *viva voce* evidence only shall be admitted, and that upon oath, and Counsel [sic] may be employed on both sides.

The Visitor, or person to whom the complaint shall be made, shall cite the accused person before the appointed Court; which shall (unless the person accused is prevented from attending by sickness) proceed to the trial, examine the testimony against the offender, and take the depositions of the witnesses.

XXX. No Vestryman shall sit on the examination of a Minister belonging to the Parish where such Vestryman resides, the examination shall be held in the Parish where the accused Minister officiates, and at a place to be appointed by the Vestry,

the Judges shall appoint a Clerk occasionally for such examinations.

- XXXI. Disorderly, scandalous, and immoral conduct, neglect of duty, a disregard to the rules and Canons of the Church, or taking a bribe to recommend either for ordination or Parish, are to be considered as among the offences for which a Minister, whether benefitted or not, may be brought to trial.

Complaints against who has never been inducted into a Parish, as having been inducted shall have vacated the same, shall be received from the Minister as is herein after directed, or from the Vestry of the Parish where the offence is said to have been committed. They shall be signed by the Minister of such Parish and four of his Vestry at least, or by a majority of the Vestry where the Minister is not included as a complaintant, which no complaint shall be received; and all other proceedings shall be the same as for the trial of a beneficed Minister, except that the Parish whereon the offence is alleged to have been committed shall be considered as the Parish where the offending Minister resides: Provided always that where the visitor or his Vestry make the complaint, the next oldest Minister in the District shall act in the place of such visitor, and the Court shall have the same power to pronounce sentence as against the beneficed Minister.

- XXXII. Deacons behaving in a scandalous, disorderly, or immoral manner or who neglect the duty they have undertaken, shall on full and satisfactory proof, be suspended or silenced by the Bishop until the sense of the Convention be known, and the salary accruing during the suspension of a Minister or Deacon, who is afterwards found guilty, shall go to the Vestry for the use of the Church.

- XXXIII. Bishops shall visit the different Parishes under their inspection once in three years at least, of which visitation, the Clergy or



Church warden shall have timely notice in their visitation they shall confirm such as choose to receive confirmation, they shall inspect the state of the Parishes, and the conduct of the Clergy, who shall give them what information they can respecting such ecclesiastical matters as they may choose to be informed of.

- XXXIV. Bishops shall hold ordinations at such times and places as they may judge necessary and convenient.
- XXXV. Bishops after every visitation, shall report the state of the Church in the different Parishes, to the Convention.
- XXXVI. No minister or Bishop shall be allowed to hold more than one Parish at the same time. Nevertheless, a Minister may if called thereto by the Vestry, preach in a neighbouring Parish or Parishes during a vacancy in such Parish or Parishes, and may receive a compensation for his services, provided he has the consent of his own Vestry, and shall not neglect the duties of his Parish.
- XXXVII. Every Minister shall reside within his Parish, unless a majority of his Vestry shall agree to dispense with his residence, and at no time, leave it for more than one Month(?) without the consent of the said Vestry.
- XXXVIII. Ministers shall at their Churches and other convenient places instruct children and such ignorant persons as may require it, in their Catechism, and the principles of the Christian religion as maintained by this Church; provided this duty may be dispensed with, during the isolement winter months. They shall also explain the nature of confirmation, and instruct and prepare their Parishioners for it.
- XXXIX. Minsters and Deacons shall wear a surplice during the time of Prayer at Public worship, in places where they are provided, shall

wear gowns when they preach, where they conveniently can, and shall at all times wear apparel suited to the gravity of their profession.

- XL. Ministers and Deacons may encourage people to assemble together in small societies at convenient times for their edification, and may visit, superintend, and instruct such societies at their meetings, provided they do not do it, to the encouragement of idleness, or the injury of private families.
  - XLI. Ministers officiating in this Church whether Bishops, Priests, or Deacons shall Preach once at least on every Lords day, and at other stated seasons, unless prevented by some sufficient cause, they may at their discretion preach also at other times, when opportunities shall offer of edifying the Church. Bishops and Priests shall administer the Sacrament at least four times in the year at each Church, or place of worship in their respective Parishes, and shall visit the sick when called on for that purpose.
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At a meeting Vestry for Saint Paul's Parish at Hanover Court House on Thursday  
the **2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1793,**

Present

William Pollard  
Wm. O. Winston  
Thomas White  
John Garland

William Tinsley  
John Priddy  
&  
Thomas Tinsley

John Garland and William Tinsley, Gentlemen, are appointed lay Deputies to represent the said Parish in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal [Church] in Richmond.

Ordered that the Church Wardens give Public Notice that an election of Vestryman will be holden on Whitsun Monday (it being neglected to be held on Easter Monday last) at Benjamin Thomson Ordinary agreeable to an Ordinance intituled "An Ordinance to amend further the original Ordinance."

Thos. Tinsley, Ch. Warden  
William Pollard, Ch. Warden

William O. Winston  
Tho. White  
J. Garland  
Wm. Tinsley  
John Priddy

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Hanover County to Wit

Agreeable to an Ordinance of Convention intituled ““An Ordinance to amend further the original Ordinance,” We the Church Wardens of Saint Pauls Parish have this **20<sup>th</sup> day of May [1793]** being Whitsun Monday, hold an election of Vestrymen and Trustees for the said Parish at Benjamin Thomson’s Tavern, when Thomas Tinsley, William Pollard, William Tinsley, Merewether Jones, Barttelot Anderson, John Bowe, William O. Winston, John Starke Jr., John Garland, William Trueheart, Jno. Carter Littlepage and John Priddy were elected to continue in Office until the Monday in Easter week in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety six. Certified under our hands the day and year mentioned above.

Thos. Tinsley  
William Pollard

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At a meeting of the Vestry for Saint Pauls Parish at Hanover Court House on Thursday the **1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1794,**

Present

Vestrymen

Thomas Tinsley

William Pollard

William Tinsley

Barttelot Anderson

John Bowe

William O. Winston

John Starke Jr.

John Garland

We, the above named, do promise to be conformable to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State.

Thos. Tinsley

Wm. O. Winston

J. Garland

Wm. Tinsley

John Starke Sen.

John Bowe

Bartt. Anderson

William Pollard

Thos. Tinsley and Jno. Garland are chosen lay Deputies to represent this Parish in the ensuing Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church to commence on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant in the City of Richmond.

Thos. Tinsley and Wm. Pollard are chosen Church Wardens.

Thomas Tinsley, Ch. Warden

Wm. Pollard, Ch. Warden

Wm. Tinsley

Bartt. Anderson

John Bowe

Wm. O. Winston

J. Garland

John Starke Sen.

At a meeting of Vestry for Saint Pauls Parish at Capt. Crutchfields Tavern (formerly Thomsons) on Saturday the **30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1796,**

Present

Vestrymen

John Starke

William Tinsley

William W. Winston

Barttelot Anderson

John Priddy

&

Thomas Tinsley

Thomas Tinsley & John Bowe are chosen lay Deputies to represent this Parish in the ensuing Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church to commence on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May next.

Ordered that the Church Wardens give Public notice that an election of Vestrymen will be holden on Whitsun Monday (it being neglected to be held on Easter Monday last) at Capt. Crutchfields Tavern (formerly Thomsons) agreeably to an Ordinance intituled "An Ordinance to amend further the original Ordinance."

It is requested that the present lay Deputies should enquire what years have been paid for by this Parish since the repeal of the Act intituled "An act for incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Church" and also the arrearages due from the said Parish.

Thos. Tinsley, Warden

John Bowe

John Starke Sen.

Wm. Tinsley

Wm. W. Winston

Bartt. Anderson

John Priddy

Hanover County to Wit

Agreeably to an ordinance of Convention entitled "An Ordinance to amend further the original Ordinance," We, being Vestrymen of St. Pauls Parish, have this **25<sup>th</sup> day of May '96**, being Whitsun Monday, held an election of Vestrymen and Trustees for the said Parish at Capt. Crutchfields Tavern when William Tinsley, Thomas Starke, Thomas Tinsley, John Starke, Peter Crutchfield, William O. Winston, John Bowe, William Pollard, John Priddy, John Russell, Thomas White and John Carter Littlepage were elected to continue in office until Monday in Easter Week in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

Certified under our hands this day and year above mentioned.

Thos. Tinsley  
John Starke Sen.

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At a meeting of the Vestry for Saint Pauls Parish, Hanover County, at Capt. Crutchfields Tavern on Saturday the **18 of November 1797**,

Present

Thomas Starke

John Bowe

Thomas Tinsley

William Pollard

John Starke

John Priddy

Peter Crutchfield

&

John Russell

Vestrymen

We, the undersigned, being chosen Vestrymen of St. Pauls, do promise to be conformable to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State.

Thos. Starke

Thos. Tinsley

John Starke Sen.

Bartt. Anderson

John Bowe

John Priddy

William Pollard

Jno. Russell

Thomas Tinsley and William Pollard are chosen Church Wardens of St. Pauls Parish.

Thomas Tinsley and John Bowe are chosen lay deputies to represent his parish in the ensuing Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church to be held in the City of Richmond on the first Wednesday in next month.

Thomas Tinsley is appointed Clerk of this Vestry.

John Starke and Thomas Tinsley are appointed to view and examine the lower Church in this County and if, in their opinion, the House can be kept up and preserved by props(?), that they proceed to have it done, but in case they find it cannot, that they report to the next Vestry.



Thos. Tinsley, Warden  
William Pollard, Warden

Thos. Starke  
John Starke Sen.  
Bartt. Anderson  
John Bowe  
John Priddy  
Jno. Russell

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At a meeting of the Vestry for St. Pauls Parish, Hanover County, at James H. Lynch's Tavern on Monday the **6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1799,**

Present

Thomas Starke

John Russell

John Starke

John C. Littlepage

Peter Crutchfield

&

John Bowe

Thomas Tinsley

Ordered that the Church Wardens take proper measure for the recovery of the money due the Protestant E. Church from Paul Thilman's est. for which a Judgment was obtained in Hanover County Court agt. Wm. Macon, a Security for the sd. Thilman and upon which an appeal was taken and which sd. Judgment was reversed by the District Court. Upon this occasion, it is advised that the best Counsel should be employed as the cause is of great importance. They also are directed to take proper steps for the recovery of all money due the Parish from every person whatever.

John Bowe and Thomas Tinsley are chosen lay Deputies to represent this Parish in the ensuing Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church tomorrow.

I, John C. Littlepage, do promise to be conformable to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State.

J. C. Littlepage

T. Starke

Thos. Tinsley, Ch. Warden

John Starke Sen.

Peter Crutchfield

John Bowe

Jno. Russell

J. C. Littlepage

At a meeting of Vestry for Saint Pauls Parish, Hanover County, at The Oaks on Monday the **5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1800,**

Present

William Tinsley  
Peter Crutchfield  
Wm. O. Winston

John Bowe  
John Priddy  
John Russell  
&  
Thos. Tinsley

I, William Tinsley, do promise to be conformable to the Doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episc'l. Church in the United States of America and to the orders and canons of the said Church in this State.

William Tinsley

Thomas Tinsley and John Bowe are chosen lay Deps. to represent this Parish in the ensuing Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church to be held tomorrow in Richmond.

Samuel Scherer is chosen as Vestryman in the room of John Starke Sen., deceased.

The Vestry, having received information that Wm. Richardson has been selling the most valuable timbers of the lower Church, ordered that Thomas Starke and Thomas Tinsley make enquiry into the business and, if the fact shall be so found, that they put an immediate stop to it, and for the damage already sustained the Wardens, upon it being reported to them, as directed should they conceive a recovered could be had, to institute a suit against the sd. Richardson or any other person or persons concerned. They are also requested to take measures for the preservation of all the remains of the Church that are of any value and to report to the next Vestry.

Thomas Starke is requested to rent out the land at the place belonging to the new Church, that is, if he can obtain any rent for it and also to make inquiry if there is any rent now due and report to the Wardens as the same may be collected.

The Vestry being informed that several people have been carrying away the Bricks from the foundation or wall of the new Church belonging to this Parish, ordered that Thomas Starke and Samuel Richardson do make enquiry into the same and report to the Wardens as they may recover the money for the same. The Vestry further advise (finding the Bricks liable to be carried away by whoever pleases) that the sd. Starke and Richardson, or either of them, do make sale of the remaining Bricks upon the best terms they can and that the Wardens collect the money for the same.

Ordered that the Wardens do take the most speedy measures for the recovery of all monies due the Parish, their attention is particularly requested to the suit agst. Macon.

Ordered that Thomas Tinsley as Warden, out of any money in his hands belonging to the Church, do pay the annual contribution of fifteen Dollars for the use of the Church, to the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Doc<sup>r</sup>. Jno. Buchanan, Treasurer of the Convention.

Thos. Tinsley

Wm. O. Winston

John Bowe

Peter Crutchfield

Wm. Tinsley

John Priddy

Jno. Russell

At a meeting of Vestry for Saint Pauls Parish at Hanover Court House on  
Wednesday the **28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1802,**

Present

William Tinsley  
Thomas White  
Tho. Starke  
Wm. W. Winston

Jno. Bowe  
Wm. Pollard  
Peter Crutchfield  
&  
Thos. Tinsley

John Bowe and Thomas Tinsley are chosen lay deputies to the next Convention of  
the Protestant Episcopal Church to be held in the City of Richmond in May next.

William Pollard this day resigned as a Vestryman.

Adjourned to meet at the Oaks the last Saturday in May next.

Thos. Tinsley, C. Warden

Wm. Tinsley  
Wm. O. Winston  
John Bowe  
J. Starke  
Tho. White  
P. Crutchfield

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