

Prince Georges Countys to Levy on the Taxables of Prince Georges Parish the Sum of One Hundred and ninety two thousand pounds of Tobacco for Building a New Brick Church to stand in the same place where the old Church now stands, and agreed that Simon Nicholls have the Liberty of Building a small Gallery at the East End of Rock creek Chaple and that all Private Gallerys which are to be built be furnished by the first day June next—

Also agreed that Thomas Nicholls have the Liberty of Building a small Gallery at the east end of Rock creek Chaple . . . .

Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> 1769

This day the vestry met Present the Rev.<sup>d</sup> M.<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Williamson Rector James Burnes John Clagett & Samuel West Vestrymen and it was this day Resolved in Vestry that instead of Petitioning for one hundred and ninety-two thousand pounds of Tobacco they Now agree to Petition for one hundred and twenty eight thousand pounds of Tob. it being equal to eight Hundred pounds Currency for Building a Church in the same place where the old Church now stands it agreeing most with the Sentiments of the Parishioners as Thomas Nicholls appeared and gave fresh security for the Completing the work which he Contracted for on the seventh day of June 1768 and the vestry agreed that he should have orders for the Ballance of his money being ninety three pounds and Ordered that Simon Nicholls give him Orders.

Tuesday June 13.<sup>th</sup> 1769

This day the vestry met Present the Rev.<sup>d</sup> M.<sup>r</sup> Alex.<sup>r</sup> Williamson Rector John Clagett Edward Villers Harbin Samuel West James Burnes and Samuel Turner Vestrymen James White and Burch Chesher Church Wardens. . . .

And it is this day agreed on by the Vestry that Samuel West and Samuel Turner are appointed to Review some defects which appear to be in Rock creek Chapple frame and order such amendments as to them shall [seem] meet as also that Thomas Nicholls keep an Exact acc.<sup>t</sup> of the same which is to be laid before the vestry and it is this day Resolved in vestry that they hereafter meet at R. creek Chapple at all times when the Act of Assembly do not Require their meeting at the Mother Church.

As also the vestry signed a petition to be Presented to the next General Assembly praying for One hundred and Twenty eight thousand pounds of Tob. to Build a new Church in the Same place where the old Church now stands with stone or Brick

*[Editor's Note: Although the petition from Prince Georges parish was presented to both houses of the assembly the request made therein was never enacted into law (see pp. 7, 42, 66)*

*Better luck attended a petition from Queen Anne parish, in Prince Georges County, for a new church (pp. 20, 80, 188, 194, 272, 285,*