

Winders there have been sundry talse re- you ports circulated in Baltimore and other places, tak to the prejudice of the Church generally, and feel ourselves bound in behalf of the Church tee " and the official members (who is a slave body) ch Tey to injure the Charch and the christian char-, free

In accordance to our arrangements then, we it is ask in the first plade bow did this slave body the the answer in the first place, when there was any a coursention entled in the town of Cambridge of in the year of our Lord 1833, John Driver was ren ed Secretary, the question was asked by vote any whether they should base a Church or not; it to a wax answered to the chiractive by a unant-I mous vote that we should. And as the con- Ch venuou was composed both of free and slave, los the question arose who shorld go abead, build the the Church and take the contrete of it-deep a re-

long debate arost on both sides; John Brirer I moved that the Church should be built resting con on a modern three ment on this motion a long aca lo noitement an entitle pe un complement of se and siee and slaves; in necordance to thus soil for vers ther proceeded to appoint the collecters as Ta Hollower Schongen Jackson, (Proget) Madrauk Director (Fr) Dening Jenetor, (Fr)

and 9000 shingles in the need noor panging dist. advertise time and resemble describer than any or the y idection aroso there, was a meeting callerly and ... the arbolt than alas Kills who the like are along as antique doba driver's direct motion, that the Church should rest on a boxly of free of mehr this hour done lohn Driver process a I ded to see a body of free men to assist him to Carty out his views. He continued in this eta lost for 12 months -- his reffort was to get 6 a tree men to join lane, but fluding he failed in a this, he trued to cet & failure in this, he said if the could get a hearmen in the county to join

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the time the month and and build the Church, but and he had in this last effort also. Finding and the lie reflect in every offer the had M music he or he own cood will being mortified of damed discount to the out the countries the There's the street entry and the bus begrass with the common the greek and on plate en them the property and the plate our the frame which was so odd dollars -now they

all the frame, shingless and plank, they pro- m We seeded to build the Church; they raised it and to shiriting at this stage of affairs the slave en bolly of men limiting themselves \$18 in the ar-, w reac, called a meeting and concluded to give an Caurelaup to the old body of trustees (a se (body) -they go with the papers and ac- 21 e calls the tree body together, offered the chartely and all this mapers, promises pr ar demin but no on bloom work officer that there would be a poor a police

TO FRIENDS & THE PUBLIC GENERALLY.

At a special meeting called by W. S. Elsey and T. Fuller Jr., in behalf of Benjamin Jeniser; On motion of W. S.

John Driver, Free. | Elsey, S. St Clair was called to the chair and Thos. Fuller Jr. appointed as S. St Clair, | Secretary. sey, the meeting was o-Free. pened with prayer by J.

R. Nevit, J. Slater, J. Camper, G. Hyth, G. Griffin, S. Anthony,

W. S. Elsey, Slave. Driver. On montion of J. Cor-Inish, W. S. Elsey was Slave. | called to address the meel ting in relation to the cir-Accordingly W. S. Elsey meeting as follows: J. Thompson, " j myself highly gratified, and not a little honored, to be called upon to perbeen hailed with joy and delight by any member

of the meeting; not only because they are better qualified for the task than myself, but because there s a hidden treasure to be found while prosecuting he duty. The object of this meeting is in its. naure worthy, (I am sure,) and will meet the approlation, and at the same time will solicit your feelngs and patronage in behalf of the subject of our future deliberation. The object for which we have called you together this evening, is one that is admirably calculated to call into action all the what is the object of this meeting? It is to devise and adopt a plan or some measure, to assist Brother Jeniser in accomplishing this great and noble undertaking, namely: the purchasing of his liberty.-Again, we have met to make an effort, (and brethren I call upon you to make a strong effort,) for acknowledged among us and that he is deprived of the emancipation of our brother, who is about pur- the blessings that accrue from liberty, and liable to chasing that of all blessings, liberty. That blesing hardships and inconveniences which are incident for which the revolutionary sires pledged their hon- to a life of servitude. And whereas we being or and property; and upon the altar of their coun- convened together have deliberately and duly contry, laid down their lives. The cause was a mag- sidered his case as it now stands, and his relation nanimous one. The same cause produces the same to the M. E. Church, as a local Preacher, do agree effect. The cause was Liberty. But Madison, and believe that his freedom will add much to his Jefferson, and a Hancock could not effect this noble own happiness, and the welfare of his family and undertaking alone: neither can our brother effect the church generally. Therefore resolved that we this great undertaking and march out, in his de- as friends and brethren do sympathize with him, in clining age, with this mountain of three hundred and under his afflictions. Resolved that we advise dollars upon his shoulders, without our co-opera- him to make every honorable and christian effort tion, and some effort on the part of the church. to free himself from a state of Slavery & servitude, Therefore I hope that you will exert an uncommon resolved that we feel ourselves bound as brethren effort upon this occasion. And I again call upon to assist him so far as it lays in our power, in eveyou to come up to his assistance, and I would re- ry legal and honorable effort that he may make, to mark here gentlemen, that he with the rest of us as raise three hundred dollars, to purchase his freea slavebody of Trustees, have suffered materially, dom. Resolved that we bring his case before the both at home and abroad from misrepresented state- church and his friends in Dorchester County, and ments as it regards the pecuniary matter of our solicit their patronage in his behalf. Resolved that Church. And I rejoice that you are all here this we do think and esteem him, Worthy of any assisday to ratify or disprove these statements. We tance that may be rendered him by the church, know that distant friends have to take these state- and his friends generally in said county. Resolvments as they are given to them. But you will ed that we feel ourselves free to recommend him have an opportunity to confirm, or disprove them to any branch of the M. E. Church abroad, that he as they are represented to us. The brother has may visit to solicit their aid. Resolved, that we do acquired some property it is true, but when he ac- cordially and heartily recommend him to the offiquired it he was a slave, as now; therefore in pur- cial brethren, and Church generally in the city of chasing this property and in giving the deed, it Baltimore. Resolved, that the proceedings and placed the property beyond his reach as a slave; resolutions of this meeting be printed and several but as a slave he has bought a House and Lot, and copies be presented to Brother Jenifer for his own had them deeded to his wife and two children; the satisfaction or any use he may see proper to make wife cannot dispose of the property for his benefit, of them. because at her death it belongs to the children, the After the foregoing preamble and resolutions were children cannot dispose of the property because read and adopted, brother Jenifer arose and thus they are minors and their mother yet lives. Now returned his thanks: Brethren, my feelings I am what use is the property to him in this case. It is unable to express. I feel myself under a renewed also true that he has a Carriage, Horse and cart, but obligation to you; an obligation that will exercise these are the old man's crutches upon which he is an influence over my conduct towards you, so long to lean, or rather walk with this load of three hun- as life shall last; and as a token of that, I now return

known to us all, it is well known abroad, in a word he is the sampson of our church. I have feebly performed the task assigned me by this honorable meeting; I have endeavored to select from the great mass of materials a few for your consideration, resting assured that you will give every point a due consideration, in your future deliberations. To have gone into detail would have required more time than we have to spare; and to On motion of W. S. Elhave accompanied each particular with full explanation, would have extended our remarks further than we desire. We have gone into simple facts without comment. We therefore submit the case member; believing that in the M. E. Church, and among our people, there is a sufficiencey of christian benevolence laying dorment, but if aroused would exert an influence in his case as extensive as its char-

After W. S. Elsey took his seat, T. Fuller Jr. of-A. Driver, Free. manner, addressed the fered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, Our friend and brother, B. Jenifer has been among us for many years, and has stood in a high and respectable relation to the M. E. Church, filling many and various offices and stations, with credit to himself, and signal benefit to the church; and thereby evincing a long and protracted life of usefulness in this part of the Vineyard, where his Lord and Master has appointed him his labor.

And whereas, the laws of this State do give and Call grant to one man the person and property of another, and in virtue of the law, B. Jeniser has been held in bondage all his life by the late Josiah Bayly, and that he, Josiah Bayly is now dead, and in his last will and testament, he left our friend Jenifer in bondage to one of the heirs of his Estate, and thereby subjecting him to a life of servitude which will only end with his existence, and as a change of owners will in all probability curtail his priviledge, and subject him to hardships, and inconveniences, which he has hitherto been a stranger.

And whereas his usefulness has been and is still

dred dollars to his Mistress, take them away and you my thanks which have their origin in the bothe must fall. As it relates to his utility, it is well tom of my heart.

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