

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN-AT-HAMPSTEAD

REGISTERS AND RECORDS



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*At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of
Saint John Humpstead in the County of Middlesex
held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday
the 11 Day of August 1816.*

Present

The Rev. Dr. White (The Minister) in the Chair -

James Abel Esquire

George Collinge Esquire

Thomas Haggard Esquire

Robert Walk Esquire

Henry White Esquire

and

Mr William Greening. Churchwarden -

*The Minutes of the last Meeting were read
and Confirmed -*

*This Meeting was held pursuant to Adjournment -
to Notice published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday
last and on this Day and to Notice sent to the respective
Trustees on General Baringen -*

*At this Meeting the Trustees proceeded to take
into Consideration the Appointment of some competent
Person to officiate as Sexton at the Church at a Salary
to be stipulated for that purpose and the Duties of such
Office not being defined nor the Fees or Emoluments -
thereof ascertained it was thereupon -*

Resolved -

*That a Committee be appointed to recommend
some Person or Persons competent to officiate as Sexton
at the Church. to define the Duties and ascertain the Fees
or Emoluments of such Office to stipulate for or recommend
the proper Salary to be allowed for the same and to
inquire into all other particulars relating thereto. That
George Collinge Esquire, Henry White Esquire and The Rev.
Doctor White, together with the two Churchwardens Do -*

*Mr Richard Harped and Mr William Greening be
and they are hereby appointed such Committee and that
such Committee do make their Report to the Trustees
on such respective Matters at a Meeting to be called
for the purpose -*

*At this Meeting it was reported to the Trustees that
Locks had been placed on the Doors of some of the
Trust Dews by the Holders thereof and that such Doors
were usually kept locked not only while such Holders
continued in the Parish but also during the Absence
of the Family from the Parish and thereupon it was*

Resolved -

*That no Lock be permitted to be placed or
kept on the Door of any of the Trust Dews and where
any Locks are now so placed that the Secretary
do send Notice to the Holders of such Dews
requesting them to desist from Locking up the same
in future and that the Secretary do Communicate to
all Persons who shall hereafter take any Dew belonging
to the Trustees that the same will not be permitted
to be kept locked on any Account whatsoever -*

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of
Saint John Baptized in the County of Middlesex
held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday
the 23rd Day of August 1816.

Present

George Collinge Esquire. In the Chair.
James Noel Esquire.
James Colthorpe Esquire.
Robert W. Esquire.
and
Henry White Esquire.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were
read and confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice
published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday
last and on this Day and to Notice sent to the
Trustees in general Business and to receive the
Report of the Committee respecting the appointment
of a competent Person to officiate as Sexton at
the Church.

At this Meeting the Proceedings of such Committee
were read and a Copy of the same ordered to be
entered among the Minutes of this Meeting as the
Report of such Committee of which Proceeding the
Minutes is such Copy viz. — "At a Meeting of
the Committee nominated by the Trustees of the Church
of Saint John Baptized in the County of Middlesex held in
the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 13th of August
1816. Present The Rev. Dr. W. in the Chair. George
Collinge Esq. Henry White Esq. and Mr. William Spence
Churchwarden. The Committee proceeded to define the
Duties of the Person intended to be appointed to officiate as
Sexton at the Church as follows viz. "To attend the
Church during Divine Services both Morning and Evening

every Sunday and also on Christmas Day Good Friday East Daye
and thanksgiving Daye to attend the Minister in the Church
Duty on each of those Daye both in the Church and the Vestry
To superintend the New Officers and occasionally to act as
such To provide under the Direction of the Church Wardens
Candles for Lighting the Church, also Bread and wine and
other necessaries for the Communion and Water for Baptism
and to see that the bells ringe particularly discharge their Duty
on the before mentioned Daye To give Notice to the Clerk and
Churchwarden of all Deaths and Burials. To attend all Burials
To superintend and Direct the opening of all Vault and Graves
and also the making of all New Vault and Graves and also
all Works that may be necessary to be done in the Church Yard
to prevent all Nuisances and Uncongenious thereon and to be care
That bye Lawes and all Cattle of Cattle are kept out of the same
Adjourned to Wednesday next the 13th Instant to meet in the
Committee Room at the Workhouse precisely at half past
Nine o'clock in the Evening"

At a Meeting of the Committee nominated by the Trustees
of the Church of Saint John Baptized in the County of Middlesex
held in the Committee Room at the Workhouse on Thursday the
13th of August 1816. Present The Rev. Dr. White. In the Chair.
George Collinge Esquire Henry White Esquire Mr. Richard Walford
and Mr. William Spence Churchwarden. The Committee
proceeded to ascertain the Fees or Emoluments of the Person
intended to be appointed to officiate as Sexton at the Church
and at the instant appearing that such Fees or Emoluments
both from the Old and the New Ground were not more than was
sufficient to satisfy such Person for the Labour to be performed
in such Grounds and at appearing to the Committee that the Fund
of the Church was inadequate to the Payment of such Person for
the whole of the Duties mentioned in the Minutes of the last
Committee Meeting and that no other Fund appeared to the
Committee applicable and adequate to the Payment thereof, the
Committee therefore recommended that the Duties of the Person
to be appointed be confined to the Church only as follows viz.

"To attend the Church during Divine Service both Morning and
Evening every Sunday and also on Christmas Day Good Friday
Fast Days and Thanksgiving Days - to attend the Ministers in his
Church Duty on each of those Days both in the Church and the Rectory
to superintend the Poor-Schools and occasionally to act as such
and to see that the School-Boys punctually discharge his Duty
in the before mentioned Days - What the Salary to be appointed
for such Duties he allows a Salary not exceeding Fifty Pounds
Giltren & Allowance for the Performance thereof - and that
the Committee do meet on Thursday the 22^d Instant at Ten
o'clock in the Evening precisely at the usual meeting place
to see and advise upon the same as Candidates for the Office -
That the Secretary do give notice of each of the Meetings
by causing the same to be read in the Church and Chapel
Dues and thereby communicate to each of them that their
Duties to be performed and the Salary to be allowed may be
known by applying to the Secretary - That the usual Notice
be given for a General Meeting of the Trustees on Sunday the
28th of August Instant precisely at One o'clock in the Afternoon
to receive the Report of the Committee - I departed to
London on the 22^d Instant to meet in the Committee
Room at the usual meeting place at Ten o'clock in the Evening.

"The Members of the Committee nominated by the
Trustees of the Church of Saint John Baptist in the County
of Middlesex had in the Committee Room at the usual meeting
place on Thursday the 22^d of August last - Present George Colborne
Esquire in the Chair - Mr. Henry D. White - Henry White Esq^r
Mr. Richard Lawford and Mr. William Gressons Christchurch.
The Committee proceeded to see and examine each of them as
and offered themselves as Candidates to officiate as Rector of
the Church in the Duties and at the Salary mentioned in the
Minutes of the last Committee Meeting - of which Deacons
and Communicants the following are the Particulars Vizt -
Francis Clements aged 50 - Walter Currier - Lewis Cook
of Highgate - Ben Parshimon and not examined - Thomas Hunt
with able and willing and can give adequate Security if required

for the Discharge of his Duty - and if appointed will not act as
Deacon or School-Boys - nor be employed in Grave-Digging or other
of the Boys when acting as Rector and will Conduct himself with
Sobriety and Cleanliness fitting the Situation - Thomas Brown
proposed - but whether he has any one been him attended the
Committee - Abel Collins aged 52 - Lives in the Town of Green
Yard - is a Surgeon - and after seeing and examining the Deacons
so attending and offering themselves for the said Office and also
upon taking the same and give the Duties of such Office into
Consideration it was Resolved
That it be recommended to the Trustees that the Deacons
to be employed to officiate as Rector, be appointed every week
Christchurch next -
That the Committee recommend Thomas Hunt as the
Deacon to be appointed, he engaging to act and Conduct
himself in the manner specified in his application -
That in case the said Thomas Hunt is appointed and
is thereby rendered incompetent to act as Deacon - that he
will use his Endeavour to instruct Richardson
in the Office of Deacon - Adjourned - I have signed
each of the above-mentioned Resolutions to the Committee
that said Resolutions had offered himself as one of the Candidates
for the said Office and been in Attendance during
the whole of the Meeting but by some mistake his Attendance was
not been made known to the Committee before the foregoing
Proceedings and Adjournment had taken place - In afternoon
appeared before the Members of the Committee and was informed of
what had been done and of the Duties of the Office - he is aged 56 - has
a Wife and Three Children - Lives a Servant Two Years with Mr.
Main - Nine Years with Mr. Longman and Three Years since
with Mr. Tucker at London - has been in the said out of Place
a considerable Time - Now employed occasionally as a Teacher
thinks himself competent for the Situation and is willing to
accept it - and thereupon it was
Resolved - That the Consideration of such Report and Appointment be
postponed until the next General Meeting -
Adjourned to Sunday the 29th of September next to meet in the
Usual Room precisely at One o'clock -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 3^d of September 1816.

Present

The Rev^d Dr White (the Minister) In the Chair.
George Bellings Esquire
Thomas Sheppard Esquire
Robert Watts Esquire
and
Henry White Esquire.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to adjournment and to Notice sent to the Trustees on general Business and notice to the Appointment of a competent Person to officiate as Sexton at the Church.

Resolved - That the Committee appointed at the general Meeting held on the 11th of August last be continued and that the Recommendation of such competent Person be referred back to the same Committee. The one who is or has been a Tradesman residing in the Parish. be considered as most eligible. That the Person to be recommended is to be considered as the Superintendent of the Poor Offices and as Verger of the Church. That the Duties of his Office be communicated to him by the Secretary and that the Committee do make their Report to the Trustees at their next general Meeting.

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 19th of January 1817.

Present

The Rev^d Dr White (the Minister) In the Chair.
James Abel Esquire
Sir J. Cockerill Esquire
Chas. Hoopes Esquire
John Watts Esquire
Robert Watts Esquire
Thomas Wilson Esquire
Henry White Esquire
and
William Greening Churchwarden.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday last and on this Day and to Notice sent to the Trustees on general Business.

John Watts Esquire the Treasurer to the Trustees produced his Account which was examined and passed whereby it appeared that the Balance of Cash remaining in his Hands amounted to the Sum of £

Resolved - That the Salary to the Bell Ringer appointed in pursuance of the Resolution of the Trustees passed at their general Meeting held on the 21st of July 1816 do commence from Michaelmas last and that Andrew Richardson who from that Time has acted as such Bell Ringer be continued in that Office.

At this Meeting it was Reported by the Committee appointed or continued at the last general Meeting that

M^r Thomas Brown of this Parish had been considered... by them as a fit and proper Person to be employed as Superintendent of the Poor Officers and as Organ of the Church and thereupon he was approved of as such by the Trustees at this Meeting, but the Funds of the Trustees being deemed inadequate as well as inappropriate to the Payment of his Salary it was -

Resolved - That the Appointment of such a Person be at present postponed.

At this Meeting a Claim was made by Thomas Wilson Esquire of the Sum of £150 being about one Moiety of the Expences incurred by him in and about the building of a New Wall on the East Side of the Church Yard as a Fence thereto (which Claim was at a Vestry held on the 19 of July 1800 considered as reasonable and to be within the Intention of the last two Trust Deeds) and upon taking the same into Consideration it was -

Resolved - That the Determination on such Claim be postponed until the next General Meeting.

At this Meeting Michael Turner Esquire who is come to reside in this Parish made a Claim to a Fee in the Church which had been allotted to John Turner Esquire deceased as an original Subscriber and requested a Copy of the Trust Deed provided his Claim should be considered as insufficient and thereupon it was -

Resolved - That the Claim made by the said Michael Turner appears to the Trustees to be insufficient inasmuch as he does not appear to be a Claimant within the Description of Persons mentioned in the Subscription Deed and the Secretary was ordered at the request of the said Mich^l Turner and at his Expence to furnish him with an Extract of so much of such Deed as related to the Claim made by him -

Adjourned to Sunday the 9 of February next, to meet in the Vestry Room precisely at One o'Clock -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of -
Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex
held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday -
the 9 of February 1817 -

Present.

George Collings Esquire. In the Chair -
Charles Carhought Esquire
Charles Stelfox Esquire
Thomas Sheppard Esquire
Robert Wicks Esquire
Henry White Esquire
and
M^r Will^m Greening... Churchwarden -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Confirmed -

This Meeting was held pursuant to Adjournment - to Notice published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday last and on this Day and to Notice sent to the Trustees on general Business -

At this Meeting the Trustees again took into Consideration the Claim of Thomas Wilson Esquire - respecting the Expences incurred by him in building the Fence Wall on the East Side of the Church Yard and thereupon it was -

Resolved - That such Claim be allowed and that the Treasurer do pay to the said Thomas Wilson the Sum of £150 as a reasonable Compensation towards such Expences - and that such Sum of £150 or so much thereof as shall be necessary be paid by Sale of a competent part of the Bank Annuities now belonging to the Trustees -

At this Meeting it was reported by the Secretary that in pursuance of the Resolution of the Trustees -

passed at their last General Meeting he had furnished Michael Turner Esquire at his request with an Extract of so much of the Subscription Deed as related to the Allotment of Pews to the Lord of the Manor, the Minister of the Parish and the Subscribers of £20 or upwards and that the said Michael Turner had requested a copy of the Whole of the Deed so as to enable him to ascertain the prescribed Authorities of the Trustees, but inasmuch as such Deed contained no additional Matter or Information respecting the Claim of any Subscriber or those claiming under such Subscriber it was

Resolved

That the Secretary do communicate to the said Michael Turner that his further Request cannot be complied with and that the Secretary do also inform him that his Name will be Entered for a Trust Pew and he will be recommended at the first Opportunity of the Trustees.

Adjourned

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 13th Day of July 1817.

Present

The Rev^d. Mr. White (the Minister) In the Chair.
Charles Holford Esquire.
Thomas Roberts Esquire
Thomas Sheppard Esquire
John Watts Esquire
Robert Watts Esquire.
Mr. William Greening
and
Mr. Samuel Muddish } Churchwardens.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday last and on this Day and to Notice sent to the Trustees relative to an Application from the Organist.

At this Meeting a Letter from Mr Henry Craggs the Organist was laid before the Trustees and read and a Copy thereof Ordered to be Entered among the Minutes of this Meeting, of which Letter the following is such Copy Viz: "24 South Street Manchester Square. Sir - Having been requested by you to give an Answer in Writing to your Communication from the Trustees of Hampstead Church, respecting the Increase of Duty required by them, of Attendance during the Week for the purpose of Instructing the Children in Singing; as I cannot suppose it to be the Intention of the Trustees that I should have this additional Trouble without an adequate Remuneration, I have no Hesitation in stating my Willingness to comply

"with their Wishes, should that not be their Intention as it
"would be attended with considerable Expence and Loss of
"Time in Justice to myself I shall be under the Necessity
"of requesting them to accept my Resignation. I have the
"Honor to be Sir, your very Obedient Servant Henry Gragg
"8. May 1817. The Rev.^d Mr. White - And upon reading such
"Letters and upon a general Representation made to the
"Trustees that the Children had not been instructed in
"Singing by the Organist agreeably to his original
"Engagement and the Trustees being of Opinion that the
"present Salary was adequate to the Performance of all
"the Duties required of the Organist it was -

Resolved -

That no Increase be made to such Salary
and that the Trustees do accept the Resignation of the
said Henry Gragg as such Organist but to continue
his Salary until Michaelmas next and that any
Organist to be elected in future will be expected to
instruct the Children in Singing one Hour at least in
every Week.

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of
Saint John Hampstead in the County of -
Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such
Church on Sunday the 23^d Day of November 1817.

Present

The Rev.^d Mr. White (the Minister) In the Chair -
George Collings Esquire
Charles Cartwright Esquire
Charles Holford Esquire
Thomas Roberts Esquire
John Watts Esquire
Robert Watts Esquire
Thomas Wilson Esquire
Rich^d. Cumberland Esquire
Henry White Esquire
and
Mr. Samuel Muddock. Churchwarden -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read
and confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice published
in the Church and Chapel on Sunday last and on this
Day and to Notice sent to the Trustees to Audit the
Treasurers Account and for choosing an Organist in the
Room of Mr. Gragg who has resigned -

Resolved -

That the Auditing of the Treasurers Account be
postponed until the next general Meeting.

The following Gentlemen having offered themselves as
Candidates for the Office of Organist Viz.

Mr. Peter Thomas Napier of Manor Place Malwush

Mr. Pina of

Mr. Gatty of

and Mr. P. A. Smith of Hampstead -

The Trustees proceeded to take such offers into Consideration and it having been duly moved and seconded that the offer of Mr. Smith should be accepted it was thereupon -

Resolved -

That Mr. R. A. Smith be Elected Organist in the Room of Mr. Craggs on the usual Terms and agreeably to the Minutes of the last General Meeting and at the usual Salary... and it was

Ordered -

That a Copy of Mr. Smith's offer be entered among the Minutes of this Meeting and of which offer the following is such Copy viz - "Holywell Hall - Nov: 22. 1817.

"To the Trustees of Hampstead Church - Gentlemen Having -
"declared myself a Candidate for the Situation of Organist
"of Hampstead Church, to each Gentleman of the Church
"Trust, I now beg leave to report that declaration, and
"to offer a few Observations relative to the duties of that
"Office, which I presume myself to perform, should I be so
"fortunate as to be chosen to succeed the late Organist
"- I conceive it to be Gentlemen, one of the principal
"duties of an Organist to instruct the Children in the
"proper Method of Singing the Plain Psalm Tunes;
"which is compulsory, not only teaching them the faithful
"adherence to the Tune or Air, but also the proper
"pronunciation & expression of the words, which is but
"too often, utterly neglected. - To carry this into
"effect it would be advisable to select about twelve of the
"Girls & the same number of Boys, in the first instance,
"to give them a true idea of the part they are to do,
"that when they are perfect, or at least have made some
"progress, they may be considered as leaders to the rest -
"- This being done, which I will readily undertake to do
"if I may command their attendance twice a week, the
"Boys one day & the Girls another (until they are brought
"into proper training, when once a week will do) the
"remaining Children may be added by degrees, by three
"four or five at a time, until all join in the substance

"service of offering up their praises to the present Deity -
"- The Congregation would then, I think I may be allowed
"to say, have pleasure in listening to and perhaps in joining
"with voice in the plain Psalm Tune, & thus would the
"Church of God become a glorious one, wherein all the
"assembled people might rejoice, being animated by
"the same Spirit, the Spirit of God, of love & sacred
"harmony - I beg leave further to observe that should
"it be the wish of the Gentlemen of the Church Trust to have
"the Responses to the Commandments chanted, & Morning
"& Evening Hymn performed or any other addition or
"alteration in the present mode of conducting the Choral
"part of the Church Service, I shall be most happy to make
"every effort in my power towards the accomplishment
"of their almost wishes - I have the honor to be Gentlemen
"Your most Obedient & humble Servant (R. A. Smith)

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I adjourned to Sunday the 14 of December next
to meet in the Vestry Room precisely at One o'clock.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the
Church of Saint John Hampstead in the
County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room
of such Church on Sunday the 14th of December
1817.

Present

The Rev^d D. White (the Minister) in the Chair.
Charles Hoopwood Esquire
John Watts Esquire
Robert Watts Esquire
and
Henry White Esquire

The Minutes of the last Meeting were
read and Confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Adjournment
and to notice published in the Church and Chapel
on Sunday last and on this Day and to notice sent
to the Trustees to audit the Account of the Treasurer
and on General Business.

John Watts Esquire the Treasurer to the Trustees
produced his Account which was audited Examined
and Passed whereby it appeared that the Balance of
of Cash remaining in his Hands amounted to
the Sum of £

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church
of Saint John Hampstead in the County of
Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such
Church on Sunday the 20th of December 1818.

Present

The Rev^d D. White (the Minister) in the Chair.
Charles Cartwright Esquire.
George Collings Esquire.
Charles Hoopwood Esquire.
Thomas Shepard Esquire.
and
Henry White Esquire -

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice
published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday
last and on this Day and to notice sent to the Trustees
on General Business.

Resolved -
That the Account of the Treasurer be audited
at the next General Meeting.

Adjourned to Sunday the 10th of January next
to meet in the Vestry Room precisely at One
o'Clock.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of
Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex
held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday
the 10th Day of January 1819

Present

The Rev^d Mr. White (The Minister) In the Chair.

Charles Cartwright Esquire.
George Collings Esquire.
Charles Moffatt Esquire.
Thomas Ingham Esquire.
John Watts Esquire.
and
Henry White Esquire.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read
and confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Adjournment and to
Notice published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday last and
on this Day and to Notice sent to the Trustees to Audit the
Account of the Treasurer and on general Business.

John Watts Esquire the Treasurer to the Trustees produced
his Account which was examined and Passed whereby it
appeared that the Balance of Cash remaining in his Hands
on the 25th of December last amounted to the Sum of £37.16.6.

It having been represented to the Trustees at this
Meeting that Mr. Willis the Organist had made some
allowances to the Organ Blower for his additional
Attendances and the present Salary of the Organist having
been taken into Consideration it was

Resolved.

That from Christmas last the Salary of the
Organist be increased from £26 of Annam to £42
of Annam and that the Organist do pay the Organ
Blower for his Attendance on all Occasions.

The Trustees being much satisfied with Mr. Willis

Attention to the Children under his Instruction and he
having been at some Expence in Rewards and
otherwise as an Emulation to such Children it
was

Resolved.

That Mr. Faith be remunerated with the Sum of
Six Pounds in Addition to his Salary of £36 for the
Year ending at Christmas last.

At this Meeting John Watts Esquire the Treasurer
to the Trustees communicated his Desire of resigning
such Office and requested the Trustees to appoint
another Treasurer in his Stead but the Determination
of the Trustees thereon was postponed until the next
General Meeting.

Adjourned to Sunday the 14th of February
next to meet in the Vestry Room precisely
at one o'clock.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 14 Day of February 1819.

Present

Charles Cartwright Esquire In the Chair.
George Collins Esquire
Charles Stoford Esquire
Thomas Sheppard Esquire
John Watts Esquire
Henry White Esquire
Mr Samuel Muddock } Churchwardens.
Mr William Herdson }

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Adjournment and so Notice published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday last and on this Day and so Notice sent to the Trustees to audit the final Accounts of the Treasurer, also relative to the Resignation of John Watts Esquire as Treasurer to the Trustees the Appointment of another Treasurer in his stead and on General Business.

John Watts Esquire the Treasurer produced his final Account which was examined and passed whereby it appeared that the Balance of Cash remaining in his Hands amounted to £113:12:0 and the said John Watts having at the last Meeting comman called his desire of vacating the office of Treasurer it was

Resolved That his Resignation be accepted and that the Thanks of the Trustees be given to him for his long Services and great Attention to the Interest of the Trustees.

Resolved That Esq: Cartwright Esq: be and he is hereby appointed Treasurer to the Trustees in the stead of the said John Watts & thereupon the said Balance of £113:12:0 was paid by the said John Watts to the said Charles Cartwright.

Adjourned.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 16 Day of January 1820.

Present

The Rev: D. White (The Minister) In the Chair.
Charles Cartwright Esquire.
Charles Stoford Esquire.
Robert Watts Esquire.
Henry White Esquire.
and
Mr William Herdson - Churchwarden.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday last and on this Day and so Notice sent to the Trustees.

Ordered.

That the Secretary do communicate to John Watts Esq: the late Treasurer to the Trustees the Vote of Thanks resolved at the last General Meeting.

At this Meeting the Treasurer produced to the Trustees several Bills of the Tradesmen for Sundries in and about or relative to the Church and Church-yard which were examined and some of them appeared to be of an unnecessary or extravagant Nature and incurred without the Sanction of the Trustees, but on taking the same into Consideration it was

Resolved.

That on the present occasion so much of such Bills as relate to the Church and Church-yard be discharged, but that in future no similar Bills be paid by the Trustees or out of the Trust Funds unless such Expenses shall be incurred by order or with the Sanction of the Trustees or their Treasurer.

At this Meeting a Complaint was made against Archibald Richardson the Bell Ringer for neglect of Duty and therefore it was -

Resolved -

That he be removed from such Office from this Day but that his Salary be continued to Lady Day next.

Resolved -

That James Wilson be appointed Bell Ringer at the stipulated Salary of Three Quinias from this Day.

At this Meeting a Letter from the Revble. Mr. Geo. Selwin Curate was laid before the Trustees, which having been read, a Copy thereof was ordered to be entered among the Minutes of this Meeting, of which the following is such Copy Viz - "Vesdy Morning 17 September 1789 - Gentlemen, although the warm weather of the present year, may probably be past, I cannot refrain from calling your Attention to the many Sainlings in the Church this Morning owing to the want of Ventilation in a Building, happily so well occupied by a full Congregation - allow me also to state that your Ministers almost always, during four Months at least in the year shut Themselves in the Vestry when they come out between the parts of Divine Service - The want of Air may be easily remedied, by making the Windows open obliquely, as in most of the large Churches in London and the Isles are guarded by ledges of Glass so as to save those near, from any current of Air while it is thrown up towards the Roof where the Vapours hang - I am very sure our Neighbour Mr. Henry White would visit the Church of St. Martin, the Fields, and that a small Expence would make ours equally free from oppressive heat without incommoding any of us. Truly the Health and Conform of our Parish ought no longer to suffer for any pecuniary Considerations or thought of Scandal attending the Alteration which a week might complete - I must apologize for bringing another request before you which I laid before the last Vestry Meeting; the absolute Necessity of Prizes in our old Church-yard, distant from each other. The Two Officers might keep Keys for Tomates; the Beadle for the Men, Every Sunday and

every Prayer Day, such Conveniences are wanted by those coming from a Distance: more especially by Women coming to return Thanks after Childbirth - I have, and have had a large Family of my own, therefore no false Shame shall prevent these Suggestions being laid before you: which I have long been anxious to do for the public Benefit - I am completing the first half year of my Curacy and being myself often in the Church and Vestry five Hours at a Time on various Duties, I behold more Misery and Distress from these Inconveniencies than yourselves would conceive - My Letter being explanatory, is naturally longer than I could wish to trouble you with - Whether my Applications succeed or fail I have Satisfaction in doing my Duty as one of the Ministers of your Church and as much in subscribing myself - Gentlemen - your faithful Servant, E. J. Turner - Curate - The Trustees of Stampsstead Church" - and upon taking such Applications into Consideration it was -

Resolved -

That the Determination thereon be postponed and that Henry White be requested to ascertain the Expence of altering the Windows in the Manner proposed, and also the Expence of making a Water Cloot in or near the South-East Corner of the Church with a Drain from the same and that he be requested to make his Report thereon to the Trustees at their next General Meeting.

Adjourned to Sunday the 13 of February next to meet in the Vestry Room, precisely at one o'clock -

A Meeting of the Trustees of the Church
of Saint John Hampstead in the County of ...
Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such Church
on Sunday the 13th Day of February 1820.

Present

The Rev. Dr. White (the Minister) in the Chair.
Charles Cartwright Esquire
Charles Hodgkin Esquire
Robert Watts Esquire
and
Henry White Esquire.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were
read and confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Adjournment
and to Notice published in the Church and Chapel on
Sunday last and on this Day and to Notice sent to the
Trustees to audit the Account of the Treasurer and
on other Business.

At this Meeting it was stated by the Secretary
that pursuant to the Order given at the last general
Meeting he had communicated to John Watts Esquire
the late Treasurer to the Trustees the Vote of Thanks
to him which had been given at the general Meeting
held on the 14th of February 1817 and the Secretary
said before the Trustees a Letter from the late
Treasurer thereon; which having been read a Copy
thereof was ordered to be entered among the Minutes
of this Meeting, of which the following is such Copy.
viz. "Sir, I received your Letter of the 29th 1817
communicating to me the Thanks of the Trustees of
the Church for my Conduct during the Time I was
their Treasurer; I beg you will give my best respects
to the Trustees and Thanks for the Honour they have
done me. I am Sir, your most Obedt. Servt. John Watts Church
New-Tab. 10. 1820. Mr. Masters. New End".

At this Meeting Charles Cartwright Esquire the Treasurer
to the Trustees produced his Account which was
examined and passed and thereby it appeared that the
Balance of Cash remaining in his Hands amounted
to the Sum of £12:1:11.

Resolved.

That the two End Windows of the Church in the
Gallery be altered so as to ventilate the Church in
the Manner proposed at the last general Meeting.

At this Meeting it was proposed by Henry White
Esquire that the Expence of making a Water-Closet
and a Drain thereon in the manner requested at the
last general Meeting would be about £45 but the
Determination thereon was postponed.

Adjourned.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 21st Day of October 1821.

Present.

Charles Carthewright Esquire. In the Chair.
Charles Hojford Esquire
Thomas Roberts Esquire
and
Robert Watts Esquire.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice published in the Church on Sunday last, and on this Day on General Business.

At this Meeting the Collector of the Poor Rates stated to the Trustees that in consequence of many Parochial and other Matters he had been prevented from collecting the Poor Rates in due Time, but communicated to the Meeting he had made such Arrangements as would enable him in future to collect such Rates with more care and regularity.

Adjourned to Sunday the 2^d of December next, to meet in the Vestry Room precisely at one o'clock.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 9th Day of December 1821.

Present.

The Rev. D^r White (the Minister) In the Chair.
Charles Carthewright Esquire
Charles Hojford Esquire
Thomas Hojford Esquire
Robert Watts Esquire
Henry White Esquire
and
Mr. George Nixon. Churchwarden.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice published in the Church and Chapel on Sunday last and on this Day and to Notice sent to the Trustees on General Business.

At this Meeting Charles Carthewright Esquire the Treasurer to the Trustees produced his Account which was examined and passed and thereby it appeared that the Balance of Cash remaining in his Hands amounted to the Sum of £ 97. 10. 9.

Resolved.

That Mr. Henry White be requested to examine the Roof of the Church and to make his Report on the State thereof at the next General Meeting of the Trustees.

Ordered.

That the Cases on the Front of the Church be taken down repaired and replaced and that the Churchwardens be requested to give the necessary Directions for the doing thereof.