

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN-AT-HAMPSTEAD

REGISTERS AND RECORDS



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Resolved.

That Mr. Ditch the Organist be presented with Twenty Guineas for his Copy Right to the Book of Psalms published by him for the Use of the Church of Saint John Hampstead with Thanks to him for his attention in framing the same.

Adjourned to Sunday the 10 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 10 of February 1822.

Present

The Rev^d Mr. White (the Minister) in the Chair.
Charles Carterright Esquire
Charles Hatford Esquire
Thomas Staggard Esquire
Henry White Esquire
and
Mr. George Newen - Churchwarden.

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 on general Business.

The Churchwarden reported that Dischords had been given for taking down the Truss on the Front of the Church and the repairing and replacing of the same.

The Roof of the Church not having been yet examined Mr. Henry White was requested to examine the same and to Report his Opinion on the State thereof to the Trustees at their next general Meeting.

Adjourned to Sunday the 17 of March next, to meet in the Vestry Room precisely at One o'clock.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the
Church of Saint John Mansfield in the
County of Middlesex held in the Vestry Room
of such Church on Sunday the 17 of March
1822.

Present.

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

Charles Caskoight Esquire.

Charles Hoyle Esquire.

Thomas Sheppard Esquire.

Robert Watts Esquire.

Henry White Esquire

and

Mr. George Newen - Churchwarden.

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 on general Business.

At this Meeting Mr. Henry White Reported
that he had Examined the Roof of the Church
and that the South Side thereof was much decayed
and that the ^{Staples of the} whole of the Roof and other
Parts of the Church required some Repairs
and therefore it was

Ordered.

That Mr. Percy Popham (whose Duty it is
at present to keep the Roof in Repair) do make
such additional Repairs thereto as in the
Opinion of Mr. Henry White are now necessary.

Mr. Henry White also reported it as his Opinion
that within one Year the Roof should be again
examined for a general Repair.

Resolved.

That in future a general Meeting of the
Trustees be held on the seventh Sunday next after
the first Sunday from Lady Day and Michaelmas
Day in every Year.

Resolved.

That a Case be Drawn for the Opinion of Counsel
respecting the Legality of making a Church Rate
for Payment of Sacrament Wine Washing of Suflices
Coats for the use of the Church Salary to the
Organist and other incidental Expenses the Power
of enforcing the Payment thereof and the Persons
and Property liable to be rated thereto.

Adjourned to Sunday the 19 of May
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 19 of May 1822.

Present

George Collings Esquire. In the Chair -
Charles Cartwright Esquire
Charles Hoopd Esquire
Thomas Sheppard Esquire
Robert Watts Esquire
Henry Wake Esquire
and
Mr. George Newen. 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.

Resolved -

That at the future General Meetings of the
Trustees to be held on the seventh Sunday next after
Trinity Day and Michaelmas Day bearing a
Statement of the uncollected Rents of Dues be
laid before the Trustees.

That a Draft of the intended Case for the
Opinion of Counsel respecting a Church Rate for
the purposes mentioned in the Minutes of the
last Meeting be prepared by the Secretary and laid
before the Trustees at their next General Meeting.

Adjourned to Sunday the 9 of June 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 June 1822.

Present

The Rev^d. D. White (the Minister) in the Chair.
Charles Cartwright Esquire
Charles Hoopd Esquire
Thomas Roberts Esquire
Thomas Sheppard Esquire
Robert Watts Esquire
Henry White Esquire
Mr. George Newen
Mr. Benj. Griffin } Churchwardens.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and
Confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Adjournment
and to Notice duly given.

At this Meeting the Secretary laid before the
Trustees the Draft of the Case intended for the
Opinion of Counsel as mentioned in the Minutes
of the last Meeting, which Draft was read, but the
final Settlement thereof was postponed until Sunday
next when the Trustees will meet as a Committee at
the Committee Room to settle the same.

Resolved -

That in future a Statement of the Dues Rents be
laid before the Trustees on the Sundays preceding
Midsummer and Christmas in every Year.

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of Hampstead Church
held at the Vestry Room of the said Church on
Sunday Morning the 25th September 1823
pursuant to Notice.

Present

Eli^h. Cartwright Esq. In the Chair.
George Colledge Esquire
Robert Watts Esquire
The Steward Esquire
Henry White Esquire
Mr Benjamin Griffin - Churchwarden.

Resolved.

That the Secretary to the Trustees do furnish
them with the Names of the Debtors under the
Management of the Trustees with the amounts of
the Debts they are separately let at and to whom
and what amount of Rent was due from each
individual on the 25th of March last and what
Sum if any has been since received up to that date.

Resolved.

That the Secretary do give Notice for a Meeting
of the Trustees to be held on Sunday the 9th Day of
September next, on which Day it is required that
the above Account be presented to the Trustees.

Adjourned.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of Hampstead Church
held at the Vestry Room of the said Church on Sunday
the 9th of November 1823.

Present

The Rev^d. Mr White the Minister In the Chair.
Charles Cartwright Esquire
Charles Stelfox Esquire
Thomas Roberts Esquire
Robert Watts Esquire.
Henry White Esquire.
Mr Benjamin Griffin - Churchwarden.
Mr Robert Cook - } Churchwarden.

The Minutes of last two Meetings were
secretly 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 the Secretary stated to the Trustees
that it had not been in his Power to prepare the
Statements required in the Declaration of the last
Meeting and requested further Time for such Statements
whereupon the Trustees postponed the same until
Sunday the 14th of December next.

Ordered.

That the Secretary do furnish the Treasurer with a
List of the Debtors at present unpaid and also a List of
the Applicants for Debts.

Adjourned to Sunday the 14th of December 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 14 of December 1823.

Present

The Reverend D^r White (the Minister) In the Chair.
Charles Cartwright Esquire.
Charles Hooper Esquire
Thomas Staggard Esquire
Robert White Esquire
Henry White Esquire
Mr Benjamin Griffin - Churchwarden -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Confirmed.

The 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.

In this Meeting the Secretary stated that in consequence of pressing occupations he had been prevented from preparing the Statements mentioned in the Minutes of the last two Meetings and tendered his Resignation as Secretary to the Trustees which was accepted and as appeared at this Meeting it was duly proposed that Mr William Masters Junior be appointed Secretary and Collector and he having at the request of the Trustees attended them at this Meeting and consented to accept such Office it was thereupon -

Resolved.

That Mr William Masters Junior be and he is hereby appointed Secretary and Collector to the Trustees, Adjourned to Sunday the 20 of December Instant, 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 25th of December 1823.

Present

The Reverend D^r White (the Minister) In the Chair.
Charles Cartwright Esquire.
Charles Hooper Esquire
Robert White Esquire
Henry White Esquire
Mr Benjamin Griffin } Churchwardens
Mr Robert Cook }

The Minutes of the Last Meeting were read and Confirmed.

Ordered -

That the late Secretary and Collector Mr Masters do within the course of One Week pay over the Balance at present in His Hands to the Treasurer; and further that all Books and papers relating to the Church Trust, in his possession be handed over to the present Secretary.

Resolved

That John Adams the Bandle, shall in future Receive One Guinea per Annum for his Trouble in Delivering Notices and for his Attendances. Adjourned to Sunday the 11th of January 1824, to Meet in the Vestry Room precisely at One o'clock.

A Meeting of the Trustees of Hampstead Church
held in the Vestry Room of said Church on Sunday
the 11 January 1824.

Present.

The Rev^d D^r White (the Minister) In the Chair.
Chas^r Eastwight Esquire
Chas^r Holford Esquire
Wm^t Wallis Esquire
Henry White Esquire
Thos^s Shepherd Esquire

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read
and Confirmed.

At this Meeting the Secretary stated he
had duly forwarded a copy of the Minutes of the last
Meeting to the late Secretary & W^m Masters, and he also
informed the Trustees he had left the following Per^{ts} from
Christmas 1823. viz^t No^s 30, 31, 34, 35, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

Ordered That the Secretary do apply to Mr^r Muckentosh
and Mr^r Masters to know by what Authority they
hold the per^{ts} by and w^{ch} without paying Rent for
the same.

And that the late Secretary do immediately forward
the per^{ts} with a Statement of all Monies paid by
him on Account of the Church Trust since his last
settlement with the Treasurer; and that his final
Account be produced on or before this Day fortnight.

W^{ch} the Collector paid the Treasurer One Hundred
and Nine pounds Nine Shillings.

Resolved That Henry White Esquire be Requested
to direct Mr^r M^r M^r to enquire particularly

The State of the Church and Quarters and Specify
such Repairs as may be necessary and the Amount
of the Expence Required to put it in Substantial Repair.

Adjourned to Sunday the 25th January 1823. to
Meet in the Vestry Room precisely at One O'clock.

A Meeting of the Trustees of Hampstead Church
held in the Vestry Room of the said Church on Sunday
the 25th January 1825.

Present.

The Rev^d D^r White (the Minister) In the Chair.
Wm^t Wallis Esquire
Charles Holford Esquire
Charles Eastwight Esquire
Henry White Esquire
Mr^r Benjamin Griffin } Churchwardens.
Mr^r Robert Cook }

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and
Confirmed.

At this Meeting the Secretary stated
he had written to Mr^r Muckentosh to know by what
Authority she held the per^{ts} w^{ch} without paying Rent for
but had not received any Answer to such Letter and
he further stated he had also forwarded a Copy of the
Minutes of the last Meeting to Mr^r Masters from whom he
had received the following Letter viz^t I have recd
the Copy of the Order of the Trustees of the Church read on the 11th
Inst requiring to know by what Authority the per^{ts} w^{ch} is held
without paying Rent for the same; His Answer I beg to
state that I conceive all my Children have a Right to such
per^{ts}, because John Jones was a Subscriber under the Deed
dated the 24 June 1744 and by his Will gave this per^{ts}
for the Use of all such of his Nephews and Nieces as should

Repair to the Church, at all Times and for ever, and I think the true Construction of the Trust Deed will authorize the Claim of my present Children to the Pew by without paying for the same, the Deed and the Will must be taken together and the true Construction will justify the Claim, I am Dear &c
Yours very Affectionately Will Masters, Adm^r of St^o M^o Masters Jun^r
Secretary to the Trustees of Hampstead Church. The foregoing letter was Dated the 24th January 1824.

The Collector paid the Treasurer Eighty two pounds.
The Resolution of the last Meeting being Read Henry White Esq^r Stated it had been out of the Power of Mr^r Marling to Survey the Church and Make the Specifications Required by the Trustees at their last Meeting. The Trustees thereupon Agreed to wait six Weeks for the Information Requested of Mr^r Marling.

Adjourned to Sunday the 8th February 1824
to Meet in the Vestry Room precisely at One o'clock.

Sunday 8th February 1824.

The Trustees Meet and Adjourned to the 22nd day 1824. There not being five Trustees present, no Chair was not taken.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of Hampstead Church held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the 22nd February 1824.

Present

Mr^r Rob^t D^r White (the Minister) In the Chair
Rob^t Watts Esquire
Chas^r Holford Esquire
Henry White Esquire
Mr^r Benjamin Griffin } Churchwardens
Mr^r Robert Cook }

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 25th of January 1824 were read and Confirmed.

At this Meeting the Secretary stated he had seen Mr^r Mackintosh on the subject of the Pew No^o 78 and that she stated to have had the Father had Claimed the Pew from having Married the Wife of Mr^r Ambidge who was an Original Subscriber, and that she had Claimed the Pew on her Fathers Decease.

The Secretary also informed the Trustees that the Treasurer had Write to Germain Savie Esq^r Claiming an Arrear to the Amount of £ 32..12..6 to which no Answer had been Received, but that to the Application to Bundry Davenport Esq^r Claiming an Arrear of £ 22..1..0 an Answer had been sent to Chas^r Cartwright Esq^r which was then read for the Information of the Trustees.

The Secretary further Informed the Trustees that R^o C Ware Esq^r had Returned to this Parish and had become a Parson thereof Upon which Information the Trustees desired that he might be summoned at all their future Meetings.

Resolved At this Meeting that Mr^r Master's Ser^o not having produced his Accounts agreeably to the Resolution of the Trustees of the 11th of January 1824 has excited their Astonishment and that therefore he be again requested to furnish the same without any further Delay.

Resolved That at the Next Meeting of the Trustees it be Submitted to their Consideration, whether the Trustees shall further Continue to discharge various Bills which it is presumed should be paid by the Parish.

Henry White Esq^r was produced the Statement of Mr^r Marling as to the Repair of the Church of which the following is a Copy
Hampstead Church.

Having received objections from the Trustees of the Church to examine the state and Condition of the whole as to the necessary reparations wanting and having carefully Surveyed and Maturely considered the same he gave to

Report

That upon examination the Walls of the Tower and East front & evidently appear there are several material settlements and defects, and it is found upon inspection of the foundation the Tower is built upon fir-planks about three inches thick the partial decay of which is in my opinion the cause of the said settlements and defects.

The most substantial and effectual mode will be to rebuild that part of the Church upon a proper and secure foundation.

That upon further consideration of the expense attending such rebuilding and works it may be thought to be more expensive than the Trustees will approve and therefore another plan may be adopted which is submitted for consideration that is To take down the defective East and West walls of both Steeple-towers and rebuild same in such a manner as not to have any bonded connection with the Towers except on the inside thereof, the said towers to settle from time to time as the planks decay and which in all probability will be the case. but this plan is not so effectual as the one first proposed.

It now appears there is a small settlement at the South West corner of the Church which probably has been occasioned by the drain from the drain water pipe being defective and to which I recommend immediate attention.

That upon further examination it appears the Roof will require to be raised and the lead gutters changed and also to provide convenient boxes to secure the gutters which have too long a bearing and some of the principal Timber will require to be made good.

That upon further examination it appears the floor and ground joists in the body of the Church are in a defective state and will require to be raised and made good as also the paving to the chancel. We recommend when the tower are raised that a better arrangement of the walls be taken into consideration.

That upon further consideration it will be necessary to provide ventilation in the ceiling of the Church and proper Casements to the Windows of the most approved principles which are submitted for consideration as also the best mode of warming the Church and providing a Water closet.

That independent of the foregoing a general repair to the Church and to the interior tower with white washing painting &c.

To the Trustees of
Hampstead Church

Edw^d Hawley
Surveyor
Dated Feb^y 6th 1824.

Upon the Reading of the foregoing Report Henry White Esq^r stated that agreeable to the Directions of Mr Hawley he had opened the Drain at the South West corner of the Church and suggested the propriety of having Iron pipes substituted for such Drain.

Adjourned to Monday the 1st Day of March next to Meet at the Workhouse at Nine O'clock precisely, on which Day the Trustees are to be summoned specially to attend.

Monday 1st March 1824. There being only Three Trustees present The Chair was not taken. The Trustees therefore adjourned to Sunday the 14th March 1824 to Meet in the Vestry Room at one O'clock in the afternoon.

A Meeting of the Trustees of Hampstead Church held in the Vestry Room of the said Church on Thursday the 14th of March 1824

Present

The R^{td} White (the Minister) In the Chair
Chas^r Cartwright Esq^r
Geo: Collings Esq^r
Chas^r Hoiford Esq^r
Henry White Esq^r
Rob^t Walls Esq^r
Mr Griffen } Churchwardens
Mr Cook }

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Sunday the 22nd February 1824 were read and Confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Bills now produced be paid by the Treasurer.

That the Collector do demand only three Guineas of B Tavernport Esq^r being the amount of Arrears acknowledged to be owing by him.

The Secretary produced a general statement of the late Collector's Mr Masters Account, and the same was read by C Eastonright Esq^r.

And The Collector paid the Treasurer One Hundred Thirty Pounds.

Adjourned to Sunday the 28th Day of March Next to Meet in the Vestry Room precisely at One O'clock.

A Meeting of the Trustees of Hampstead Church held in the Vestry Room of said Church on Sunday 28th March 1824

Present

Wm^l Holford Esq^r (Moderator)
Wm^l Eastonright Esq^r
Geo: Goddings Esq^r
Henry White Esq^r
Mr W. Griffin } Churchwardens
Mr R. Cook }

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to adjournment.

Wm^l Eastonright Treasurer to the Trustees produced his account which was examined and passed by which it appears the Balance remaining in his hands is £. 207. 12. 0 -

Resolved That at the next Meeting it be taken into consideration whether the Repairs of the Church be to be commenced in the present year or Deferred.

Resolved That at the next Meeting the Trustees do consider the propriety of continuing to pay various sums which they have lately been called upon to Discharge.

Resolved That at the next Meeting the Trustees do examine the Case prepared for Counsel by their late Secretary Mr Masters Senior.

Ordered That the Collector do purchase a Tin Box wherein the Books, Deeds, and papers belonging to the Trustees may be Deposited.

Adjourned to Sunday the 11th Day of April 1824 to Meet in the Vestry Room at One O'clock precisely.

A Meeting of the Trustees of Hampstead Church held in the Vestry Room of the said Church on Sunday the 11th day of April 1824

Present

The Rev^d Mr White (the Minister to the Church)
The Hon^{ble} Esq^r
Rob^t Walls Esq^r
Geo^l Holford Esq^r
Henry White Esq^r
Mr W. Griffin } Churchwardens
Mr R. Cook }

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

This Meeting was held pursuant to adjournment.

Resolved That the repairs of the Church be postponed for the present year.

Resolved That the Case now produced and read be forthwith laid before D^r Imbrey and Mr Tendall by Mr Masters.

Adjourned to Sunday the 9th Day of May 1824 to Meet in the Vestry Room precisely at one o'clock.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of Hampstead Church
held in the Vestry Room of such, on Sunday the
9th Day of May 1824

Present

The Reverend D^r White (the Minister)
Charles Cartwright Esq^r
Robert Walls Esq^r

This Meeting was held pursuant to adjournment, but
there being only three Trustees present the Chair was not
taken.

Adjourned to Sunday the 30th of May 1824 to meet in
the Vestry Room precisely at One O'clock.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of Hampstead Church
held in the Vestry of the said Church on Sunday the
30th Day of May 1824

Present

Charles Cartwright Esq^r
Thomas Sheppard Esq^r
Henry White Esq^r

The Collector paid the Treasurer One
Hundred Pounds.

The Case for the Opinion of D^r Swabey
and Mr Sindall not having been moved by
either of those Gentlemen, The Trustees
Adjourned to Sunday the 27th Day of June 1824 to
Meet in the Vestry Room precisely at One O'clock -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of Hampstead Church
held in the Vestry Room of such Church on
Sunday the 27th Day of June 1824

Present

The Rev^d D^r White (the Minister in the Chair)
Thomas Sheppard Esq^r
Charles Keppel Esq^r
Robert Walls Esq^r

Henry White Esq^r

Mr James Fowler Churchwarden

The Minutes of the last three Meetings were read
and Confirmed.

Resolved That the Pews No 11, 13, 16, 17, 18 and Teller G
be taken down, and that benches be placed in their
Room, for the more effectually obtaining accommodation
of free seats, and that a plan be prepared and laid
before the Trustees at their next Meeting before such
work is begun.

That it appearing to the Trustees by the statement of
John Adams that some years back he had collected
New Rent for five years without any Remuneration for
the same; Upon taking the same into consideration the
Trustees

Resolved That the said John Adams be Remunerated with the
sum of Ten Guineas, and that he pay over to the Collector
any balance of New Rents at present in his hands.

The Trustees then proceeded to the reading
of the two Cases, as prepared for counsell with their
answers to the same as follows viz^t

Case (for opinion of D^r Swabey.)

Respecting the three Deeds or Instruments for a
Subscription and the raising of Money for the Rebuilding
of Hampstead Church and the Appointment of
Trustees Copies of which Instruments are herewith left

The first Deed is By this Deed it is declared - that when the sum of £3000 is
dated the 26th June 1744 raised by the means and in the manner therein mentioned that

"There shall be a Meeting of the said Subscribers (of such
Public Notice shall be given in the Church) at which Meeting
Twelve of the said Subscribers who have contributed not less
than £20 a Piece being Freeholders or Copyholders and
Inhabitants in the said Parishes and professors of not less
than £20 a year in their own Right shall be chosen by a
Majority of the Subscribers then present who with the
Minister & Churchwardens for the time being shall be

"Trustees for building & strengthening the taking down the present and building
and finishing the said New Church who shall be called with full power
from the said Subscribers, seven or a Majority of them for that purpose
and to make Contracts and Agreements with Workmen and others as
shall be then adjudged necessary.

And by the same Deed or Instrument it is also declared
that whenever the said Trustees shall be reduced to seven, including to
the Minister and Churchwardens for the time being the said surviving seven
or the Majority of them shall within two months after the said number of 15 are
reduced to 7 nominate and appoint from time to time 8 new Trustees qualified as
aforesaid to be added & make up the number of 15. And the said new Trustees shall
as well as all other transactions concerning the said New Church shall be
entered from time to time in a Book kept for that purpose and signed by a
Majority of the said Trustees then present.

And by the same Deed or Instrument it is declared or agreed in
the manner following vizt. "And it is agreed that all the Money to arise by letting
any of the said Pews shall from time to time be employed for and towards the
repairs of the said New intended Church, and the Chancel thereof together
with any other Monies that shall be raised by any other means for that
purpose and in the meantime till the said Money shall be raised, the
same shall be employed in any Government Securities by the said
Trustees.

The second Deed is dated the 26th of August 1777
This Deed recites the first Instrument and after giving power to the Trustees
to borrow Money on the Pews in order that the Church may be finished provides
following "Evertheless it is agreed that in the execution & entire Payment
of the Money to be borrowed as aforesaid and also until full payment of such
Annuity or Annuities as shall be granted by the said Trustees in the name
aforesaid they the said Trustees and the Trustees for the time being shall and
every best liberty to lay out and apply any Money to arise by the letting
of the said Pews and seats not exceeding the whole the sum of six Pounds
per Annum in the Repair of the said Church and Chancel any thing
herein or in the said Writing or Instrument of Subscription contained to the
contrary thereof notwithstanding Evertheless it is the true Intent and
Meaning thereof that after Payment of the Principal Monies to be
borrowed as aforesaid and the Interest thereof and full Satisfaction and
clearing of such Annuity or Annuities as shall be granted as aforesaid
and subject thereto the Money arising by letting the said Pews or

"Seats shall be laid out and employed in and about repairing the said
Church and Chancel & Church yard fences according to the true Intent
and Meaning of the said writing or Instrument of Subscription.

The third Deed is dated the 1st of March 1756
This Deed recites the two preceding Instruments and it also recites other
Instruments in which Monies had been borrowed and Annuities granted
and after giving power to the Trustees to borrow more Money on the
Pews it is declared as follows vizt. "Evertheless it is the true Intent
and Meaning of these Presents that after Payment of the principal
Money so to be borrowed as aforesaid and the Interest thereof and full
Satisfaction and clearing of such Annuity or Annuities as shall be
granted as aforesaid and subject thereto the Money arising by letting the
said Pews or seats shall be laid out and employed in and about
repairing the said Church and Chancel & Church yard fences &
according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said writings or
Instruments of Subscription.

From time to time when the Trustees have been reduced to seven
(including the Minister & Churchwardens) the surviving Trustees have
nominated & appointed others so as to make up 15 Trustees in the whole and
such new Trustees have in general been qualified in the manner
expressed in the first Instrument but in a few Instances Trustees
have (perhaps inadvertently) been nominated and appointed not so
qualified, but as the principal Purpose for which such Trustees
were first appointed namely the rebuilding of the Church have
long since been accomplished it is the wish of the Trustees to be
advised on the following Question vizt.

Question the First: { Does it still continue necessary for Future Trustees to be
qualified in the same manner as the first Trustees were
Answer thereto { I am of Opinion that the same qualification
is required for future Trustees as for those who were first appointed.

From about the year 1773 to about the year 1806 the Churchwardens were in
the practice of paying for Bread and Sacrament Wine, for New
Supplies - for Cleaning the Communion Plate - for Malt & Hopbacks
- Bell Ropes and Visitation fees and made such Payments out of the
Charitable Donations. but from about the year 1806 the Visitation fees
(they considered as Parochial Fees) have been charged to the Parish and
the other Fees vizt for Bread and Sacrament Wine, and Supplies, washing.

Clearing the Communion Plate, Matting, Ropes and other incidental Expenses have been paid by the Trustees of the Church out of the Poor Rents and such Trustees have also paid the Organist, Poor Openers Goals, Repairs of the Church, the Clock & and also for Black Cloth when the Church has been hung on any solemn Occasion, but strong Aversion arising in the Minds of the Trustees here for they are justified under the recited Trust Deeds in Making such Payments out of the Poor Rents it has been agreed by them to have the present Case stated for the Opinion of Counsel thereon, and that the following Question should be submitted for such Opinion vizt

Question the Second

Are the Trustees justified in paying out of such Poor Rents for Bread and Sacrament Wine, New Surplices and washing - Clearing the Communion Plate - Matting - Ropes - the Organist - Poor Openers Goals, Repairs of the Church - the Clock - Black Cloth and other incidental Expenses or any and which of them.

I can readily see why the Parishioners at large should object to the being charged with any Item of expense incident to the Church, the Occupation of which has at last since its rebuilding seemingly become exclusive and quasi proprietary. The Vestation Fees are probably paid by the Churchwardens as parochial Officers, who must be sworn, altho' no payment should be due on account of the Church itself, with the peculiar History of which I am not acquainted - It is indeed stated that from 1775 to 1806 the Churchwardens were in the practice of paying for Bread and Sacrament Wine, for New Surplices for washing and mending Surplices, for Clearing the Communion Plate, for Matting and Hacksacks & Bell Ropes also, and made such payment out of the Charitable Donations; but the Nature of those Donations is not explained so as to enable me to say how far the same may have been duly applied for those purposes or not - I presume also that with the above exceptions, the remaining Items, as Poor Openers, Coal, Clock, Organist, Black Cloth and other incidental Expenses which [except the Organist in those parishes where his salary may happen to be defrayed by subscription] are charges usually provided for by a Church Rate, have been paid by the Trustees together with the expense of the repairs of the Church, which is specifically directed by the Deeds (particularly as considering the same to fall within the usual provisions of a Rate for that purpose) and if this Aid should be withdrawn, I am not aware how those Expenses are to be raised in future, unless through additional Powers to be given to the Trustees, in that behalf and which I think they may justifiably require.

Answer thereto

Question the Third

And if they are not so justified can a Church Rate be legally made for Payment of any and which of such Expenses.

Answer thereto

Under the Circs before observed upon I do not think that any of the beforementioned Expenses can legally be made the subject of a Church Rate, which would be in the nature of an Assessment upon the Parishioners at large or its payment be enforced.

Question the Fourth

And if a Church Rate can be legally made by what Means will the Parish have the Power to Enforce the Payment thereof, and the Persons and Property liable to be rated thereto

Answer thereto

Ans^r above

But while the Trustees of the Church receive the Poor Rents and the Parishioners at large derive no advantage therefrom unless they pay the Trustees for the Occupancy thereof it is rather expected that some Opposition may be made by the Parishioners to any Church Rate whatever

Question the Fifth

The Trustees are therefore desirous of knowing whether any of the Payments or Expenses following vizt For Bread and Sacrament Wine - New Surplices and washing the same - Clearing the Communion Plate - Matting for the Church - Ropes - the Organist - Poor Openers Vestation fees - Goals for the Church - keeping the Church Clock Repaired and regulated - Black Cloth for hanging the Church - Ropes - Cloths - Books for the Minister and other incidental Expenses or any and which of such Payments or Expenses can be legally charged on the Poor Rates of this Parish.

Answer thereto - To charge the same on the Poor Rates would be still more exceptionable

Signed M Inverby
Doctors Commons
May 31. 1824

In Case every respect similar to the foregoing one, was laid before A E Fordall Esq^r who has answered the same in the following Manner vizt

Answer to Question First

I am of Opinion that it is still necessary for future Trustees to be qualified in the same manner as the former Trustees were, although some of the Objects, and indeed the principal Objects of the Original Trust have been carried into effect, yet others, and particularly those which relate to the keeping the Church in Repair, still remain; and whilst any of the Trusts are still remaining to be executed, the qualifiⁿ of the Trustees cannot be altered from the Original Constitution of the first deed

Answer to Question the Second. The Trustees are not in strictness justified in laying out the Pew Rents for any of the purposes above enumerated, except the purpose of repairing the Church; for the latter purpose only is expressed in the Deeds under which they are appointed, and they cannot properly lay out the money in any other way than they are directed by the Trust Deed. But although in strictness they are not so justified it appears to me that they cannot incur any blame in appropriating the surplus Rents, after the repairs are performed to all or any of the Expenses above enumerated. The Expenses of the repairs of the Church, and the several other expenses before specified do in point of law fall upon the Parishioners at large, and are in ordinary cases provided for out of a Church Rate. But if there is in this Parish, a fund arising from the Pew Rents which is appropriated to the repair of the Church in the first instance, and the surplus altogether reappropriated, I cannot see any ground likely to arise to the Trustees, in applying such surplus to the satisfying those other expenses which usually fall upon the Church Rate. And on the other hand if the Trustees refuse to make such application and compel the Churchwardens to raise a Church Rate, the parishioners at large may institute an Inquiry by what right the Trustees receive the Pew Rents at all. For the pews of a Church do belong to the parishioners at large, subject to the disposition of the Ordinary, as to the placing the inhabitants in them; and I should feel considerable doubt whether the parishioners could by any agreement in 1744 bind their successors so as to raise a beneficial fund from the Rents of the pews which was not to be applied to the general Expenses of the Church. It may be Matter of discretion therefore to come to some understanding with the Churchwardens as to the appropriation of the Surplus Rents, rather than to stand upon the strict and literal direction of the Deed.

Answer to Question the Third. I think a Church Rate might be legally made for the Payment of the several expenses above enumerated, the same being expenses which do usually fall upon the Parishioners at large, and which are paid out of the Church Rate. ^{whether it will be prudent to compel the Churchwardens to raise such Rate under the Circumstances of this Case, is a question I have already adverted to.}

Answer to Question the Fourth. If a Church Rate is made, it will be enforced upon all the Inhabitants and parishioners according to their ability either in respect to their Lands or their goods and if it becomes necessary to enforce it, it must be by proceedings in the Ecclesiastical Court.

Answer to Question the Fifth. I am of Opinion that no one of the Expenses above enumerated can by Law be charged upon, or satisfied out of the Poor Rates of the Parish.

Signed N^o E Tindal

Innet Temple - 3 June 1824

Two Bills for the Repair of the down at the South-west Corner as recommended by Mr Stanley being produced the Trustees Requested the Treasurer to discharge the same.

Adjourned to Sunday the Eleventh Day of July 1824. to Meet in the Vestry Room precisely at One O'Clock.

A Meeting of The Trustees of Hampstead Church held in the Vestry Room of the said Church on Sunday the 11th day of July 1824

Present.

Charles Cartwright Esq^r / In the Chair

George Collings Esq^r

The Reverend Dr White

Thomas Sheppard Esq^r

Charles Woolford Esq^r

Robert Watts Esq^r

Henry White Esq^r

Mr Pitt Cook

Mr James Puller

} Churchwardens

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Confirmed

This Meeting was held pursuant to Adjournment.

At this Meeting the Collector stated he had received Fifteen Guineas from John Adams being the balance of Pew Rent in his hands.

The Collector also informed ^{the Trustees} that Mary Ashman one of the Pew Openers had died since their last Meeting and that at the Recommendation of the Reverend Dr White a Mr Appleton had officiated in her stead, who upon being called before the Trustees they were pleased to appoint the said Mr Appleton

to be a Pew Opened in the Room of the said Henry Ashman Deceased.

Several Bills being produced the Treasurer was requested to Discharge the same.

Charles Hoelford Esq^r now produced the plan of the alterations intended with regard to the Seats, No 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Resolved That the Resolution of the last Meeting for taking down the Seats No 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 be Rescinded.

Resolved That in future the Business they were to meet upon should be stated in the Circular sent by the Secretary and that no other Matter should be Decided on at such a Meeting.

The Reverend Dr White and Charles Cartwright Esq^r having called the Attention of this Meeting to the Sum of Money collected by the present Collector amounting to £393.0.0 and which sum was in Arrear and uncollected at the Time of his Appointment the Trustees

Resolved Unanimously, That he be remunerated with the Sum of Fifteen Guineas.

Adjourned.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of Hampstead Church held in the Vestry of such Church on Sunday the 13th Day of March 1825.

Present

Thomas Sheppard Esq^r In the Chair

Charles Hoelford Esq^r

Robert Watts Esq^r

Henry White Esq^r

Mr Robert Cook

Mr James Poulter } 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 a Proposition made by Benj Cole Esq^r as to the Expediency of Building a Wall at the Southern Extremity of the Church Yard.

The following Letter from Benj Cole Esq^r being produced at this Meeting was read viz^t "To the Trustees of the Church Gen^l I beg to call your attention to the deplorable state of the fence on the South side of the Church Yard and which was blown down by the storm in November last, it appears to me necessary to have a new fence put up, as the present is in quite a decayed state. I am not certain as to whom the fence belongs, but have understood that on former occasions the expense has been borne equally between the Trustees & the proprietor of the premises. I should therefore be glad to be guided by your instructions on the present occasion. I remain gen^l yr^s Affectionately Benjamin Cole, Fegmel 12th March 1825.

The Trustees then read the following Letter from the Rev^d Dr White also produced at this Meeting Addressed to the Gentlemen, The Trustees of Hampstead Church Dr White is extremely concerned that he is prevented by confinement to his Bed from attending the Meeting of the Trustees on Sunday the 13th March (which he much regrets being on a Sunday) because he considers it peculiarly his Duty to attend with the Churchwardens. He begs first to observe that the freehold of the Church Yard & being in the Stream Court and his Successors he is bound to maintain (what he is sure Mr Cole would desire should be maintained) the strict demarcation of the Boundaries of the Church Yard. Secondly he is persuaded that his Co. Trustees will be with himself most anxious to prevent the least violation of decency in respect to the remains of the dead who lie there buried. These preliminaries being attended to Dr White being fully sensible of Mr Cole liberal intentions towards the parish readily consents as far he is interested to the completion of Mr Cole's wishes in his Building the Wall proposed Montague Grove 12th March 1825.

The Trustees accompanied by Mr Cole proceeded to the Inspection of the fence at the Southern Extremity of the Church Yard and after examining the same and considering the foregoing Letters and reports stated