

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN-AT-HAMPSTEAD

## REGISTERS AND RECORDS



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*Minutes and Proceedings*  
*of*  
*The Trustees*

*Appointed for carrying into Execution*

*An Act passed in the Eighth year of*  
*the Reign of his Majesty King George the*  
*Fourth entitled*

*"An Act for providing the Inhabitants*  
*of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead*  
*in the County of Middlesex with increased*  
*accommodation for attending Divine*  
*Service."*

*Which received the Royal Assent*  
*on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of*  
*June 1827.*

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Trustees in virtue of their office  
appointed to carry into execution an Act  
passed in the 8<sup>th</sup> Year of the Reign of His  
Majesty King George the Fourth entitled  
"An Act for providing the Inhabitants of the  
Parish of Saint John Hampstead in the County  
of Middlesex with increased accommodation  
for attending Divine Service

Sir Thomas Moryen Wilson Baronet Bishop  
of the Diocese of the Church of Saint John  
Hampstead.

The Rev. Samuel White D. D. the Incumbent  
or Minister of the said Parish and Parish Church

The Rev. Walter Hutchinson Simpson  
the Assistant Licensed Curate of the said  
Parish.

James Peuller }  
James Smith } Churchwardens.

Trustees elected at a Vestry held at the  
Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse  
on Friday the Sixth of July 1827 to carry  
into Execution the above mentioned Act

Charles Bosanquet  
Edward Carlile  
George Ferrer } Geo. Ferrer

Richard Heathfield  
 John Hodgson  
 John Miles  
 John Smith (High Street)  
 Henry White  
 John Campbell Cameron  
 Thomas William Carr ——— *M. Carr*  
 William Edwin Garratt  
 James Hazzard  
 Charles Johnson  
 Thomas Sheppard  
 Robert Thorne  
 William Wilberforce  
 William Winfield  
 John Barrett  
 William Millard  
 James Peacher  
 George Dawson

Refused to act under such  
 a motion.

Trustees elected at a Vestry held at the  
 Committee Room in Stamphead Workhouse  
 on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> July 1827 in the room  
 and place of the deceased John Barrett, William  
 Millard James Peacher and George Dawson  
 to act together with the above mentioned  
 seventeen elected Trustees and the Trustees  
 appointed by the said Act in virtue of their  
 Office as the Trustees for carrying the said  
 Act into execution.

Thomas Cotton Longman  
 William Hale  
 William Baker  
 Thomas Farrer.

Trustees elected at a Vestry holden on Thursday the  
 10<sup>th</sup> of March 1830-31  
 Thomas Rhodes in the place of W. A. Garratt  
 resigned.

17 April 1830  
 being held in the place of John Smith Esq. &  
 J. L. Prudett Robert H. A. K.  
 W. G. H. Wm. H. H. H.  
 Jonathan Key Wm. Tate  
 Wm. Baker Wm. Baker  
 Wm. Dawson Thos. S. H. H.  
 J. Peacher

1827

2 Aug

At a Meeting of the Trustees for  
the purpose of carrying into execution  
an Act passed in the Eighth year of  
the Reign of His present Majesty  
King George the Fourth entitled  
"An Act for providing the Inhabitants  
of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead  
in the County of Middlesex with  
increased accommodation for attending  
"Divine Service" holden at the Communion  
Room in Stampshead Workhouse on Thursday  
the second day of August 1827 at half  
past eight o'clock in the Morning

### Present

Thomas William Carr Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Chair.  
Richard Heathfield  
John Miles  
John Campbell Cameron  
William Winfield  
Thomas Safford  
Thomas Socoler Longman

Thomas William Carr Esq<sup>r</sup> was elected  
Chairman.

Upon the Motion of Richard Heathfield Esquire  
seconded by William Winfield Esquire it was

Resolved unanimously

That Thomas Toller of Grays Inn in  
the County of Middlesex Gentleman be Clerk to the  
Trustees for the execution of this Act during pleasure  
and his appointment was thereupon made out in writing  
and

suggested by the Trustees and directed to be entered  
in the Minutes of this Meeting as follows

"We the undersigned Trustees for putting  
into execution an Act passed in the Eighth Year  
of the late King's present Majesty King George the  
Fourth entitled "An Act for providing the  
"Inhabitant of the Parish of Saint John Hamstead  
in the County of Middlesex" with increased accommodation  
"for attending Divine Service" do at this Public  
Meeting holden this Second day of August in the  
Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty seven  
at the Committee Room in Hamstead Workhouse  
pursuant to the said Act by this Writing under our  
Hands appoint during pleasure Thomas Toller  
of Great Mar in the County of Middlesex Gentleman  
to be Clerk to the Trustees for the Execution of the  
said Act according to the several Provisions and  
Enactments contained therein. Witness our hands  
this second day of August in the Year One thousand  
eight hundred and twenty seven.

J. W. Carr Chairman  
Thos. Sheppard  
Wm. Winfield  
Thos. S. Longman  
J. C. Cameron  
R. Heathcote  
Edm. Miles "

Ordered

Form  
of  
Notice

That in all Notices to be given to the  
Trustees of future Meetings every such Notice  
do state the chief object or objects of each Meeting  
adding the words "and upon other matters."

The Appointment of a Treasurer to the Trustees  
having been taken into consideration it appeared  
that the Act directed that the Treasurer should not  
be allowed any Salary and that the Trustees should  
take such sufficient Security from the Treasurer  
for the due execution of his Office as they should think  
proper and it was thereupon

Resolved

That it does not appear that the Appointment  
of Treasurer without a Salary could with propriety  
be proposed to any person with the condition that  
he should give any Security, and that to  
obviate the difficulty involved in that consideration  
it is expedient that all moneys to be received under  
the Trust should be lodged in the hands of a Banker  
in the joint names of the Treasurer when appointed  
and of five of the Trustees and that such moneys  
should be paid by the Banker on Checks under the  
joint signatures of the Treasurer and any two such  
Trustees countersigned by the Clerk, and which measure  
it is conceived would be sufficient security in that behalf

Resolved

That the persons to be appointed the Treasurer  
and five Trustees under the above Resolution be  
taken into consideration at the next Meeting

Adjourned to Thursday next the  
7<sup>th</sup> of August to meet at the  
Committee Room in Hamstead  
Workhouse at 9 o'clock in the  
Morning precisely

J. W. Carr  
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of carrying into execution an Act passed in the 8<sup>th</sup> Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King George the 4<sup>th</sup> entitled "An Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of St John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service" holden at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1827 at 9 o'clock in the Morning.

Present

- Thomas William Carr Esquire in the Chair.
- Thomas Carter
- John Miles
- William Winfield
- John Campbell Cameron
- Robert Walks

Thomas William Carr Esquire was elected Chairman.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved

That the consideration of the appointment of a Treasurer be deferred to a future Meeting.

Resolved

That the Clerk do apply to the Trustees lately acting under certain Articles of Agreement relative to the Parish Church and refer to in the above mentioned Act for an account of all sums of money received and paid by such

Trustees since the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1825 and that the Stocks standing in their names be sold out and the proceeds together with the balance in their hands be paid to Messrs. Cooks to an Account entitled "Charles Bonquet Edward Carle and George Freer Esquires Trustees of the Hampstead Church Act" and that the Accounts so to be rendered by such late Trustees be subject to the auditing of the Trustees appointed to carry the said Act into execution.

Resolved

That the Clerk do apply for an account of the Costs and expenses of soliciting the said Act.

That the Clerk do receive all Plans Estimates and Proposals offered for repairing altering or rebuilding the Church or relative thereto.

Adjourned to Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1827 to meet at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse at 9 o'clock in the Morning precisely.

J. White



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At a Meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of carrying into Execution an Act passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King George the 4<sup>th</sup> entitled "An Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampshire with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service" holden at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1827 at Nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Present

Thomas Sheppard Esquire  
Rev. Ralph Hutchinson Simpson  
Henry White Esquire

A sufficient number of Trustees to constitute a Meeting not having attended within half an hour after the time appointed for this Meeting the Trustees present.

Adjourned to Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November next to meet at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse at 9 o'clock in the forenoon precisely.

J. White

At a Meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of carrying into execution an Act passed in the 8<sup>th</sup> Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King George the 4<sup>th</sup> entitled "An Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampshire in the County of Middlesex with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service" holden at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 1827 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

Present

The Rev. J. White - The Minister in the Chair.  
The Rev. Ralph Hutchinson Simpson  
Henry White  
John Miles  
F. M. Longman.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman

Adjourned to Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of December next to meet at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

J. White

20 Nov



At a Meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of carrying into Execution an Act passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King George the Fourth entitled "An Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. John's, Southampton in the County of Middlesex with increased accommodation for a Morning Divine Service" holden at the Captain's Room in Southampton Workhouse on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 1827 at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon

Present

The Rev. F. White the Minister in the Chair.  
The Rev. R. H. Simpson - Assistant Licentiate  
The Rev. W. Carr Esq. Edw. Corlett  
The Rev. Sheppard John Miles  
Henry White. J. S. Doctor (Churchwarden)

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved by the Chairman.

The Clerk reported that in pursuance of the Resolution made at a Meeting of the Trustees on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August last he had written to the late Trustees of the Church for an account of all sums of money received and paid by them since the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1825 - and that in answer thereto he had received a Letter from Henry White Esq. their Treasurer of which the following is a Copy - "Southampton 20. Dec. 1827 Sir. At the last Meeting of the Trustees of the Church appointed under the late Act of Parliament, I understood a Resolution was passed, that the balance remaining in the

hands of the late Trustees should forthwith be paid into the Banking House of Messrs. Galt & Co. I believe I have now discharged all Claims up to Midsummer last - I am ready and desirous of paying over the balance of £107.0.11 remaining in my hands, as their Treasurer, whenever my Assent is required.

The £400 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Cent Consols is in the name of Robt. White Esq. as Treasurer in a joint account with others - I am Sir your obed. Servt. Henry White."

Resolved - That the Trustees do meet on Wednesday next the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for ten o'clock precisely relative to the execution of the accounts of the late Trustees and for the purpose of appointing a Treasurer, and upon general business.

Resolved - That the Clerk be directed to collect the half year's Poor Rates due Michaelmas last and to pay thereout to the Royal Exchange Assurance Company the sum of £10.3.0 the year's premium & duty upon the Policy for insuring the Church from Fire due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December Instant.

Resolved - That the plan of the Church belonging to the Trustees be lithographed and the Illustrated Impressions thereof to be distributed with such other particulars respecting the Church as may be found necessary in order to obtain the opinion of Surveyors as to the best means of acquiring increased accommodation within the walls of the present Church.

Ordered

That the Clerk do repeat his application for an account of the Costs & Expenses of soliciting the Act.

Adjourned to Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of December Instant to meet at the Committee Room in Hampton Workhouse at 1/2 past Nine o'clock in the forenoon

S. White

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At a Meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of carrying into execution an Act passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King George the Fourth intituled "An Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Baptised in the County of Middlesex with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service" holden at the Committee Room in Hampton Workhouse on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of December 1827 at 1/2 past Nine o'clock in the forenoon

Present

The Rev. S. White the Minister in the Chair  
The Rev. A. M. Simpson Vicar of St. Andrew's Church  
Charles Rowland Esq. Chas. Rogers Esq.  
Thomas W. Wilson Esq. Mr. Farrar Esq.  
George Hoare Esq. Henry White Esq.  
John Wilson Esquire and  
Edward Carleton Esq. Mr. J. Poulter - Secretary

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

Design No. 1  
West Green  
George Hoare  
John Wilson  
Design No. 2  
West Green  
George Hoare  
John Wilson  
Resolved -  
That it appears to the Trustees by the

Mr. New & Logg Architects in the Oldphi attended this Meeting with two different Plans for the enlargement of the Church and afterwards left the same for the inspection and consideration of the Trustees and the Clerk was desired to procure a Portfolio for the preservation of such Plans and of any others which may hereafter be presented to the consideration of the Trustees.

Report of Mr. Morley and from the opinion of Mr. Henry White that the expense of repairing the present Church and of making the necessary alterations in the Pews in order to provide the number of free sittings required by the Act would amount to the sum of £2000 or thereabouts.

The Trustees having resolved upon the expediency of ascertaining the extent of accommodation in which the Lord Bishop of London will require to be provided in the Church, his Lordship's consent to any plan for the enlargement or alteration of the Church being expressly required by the Act Charles Doctonnet Esquire undertook to communicate with his Lordship upon the subject & to report the result at a future Meeting.

Resolved

That Robert Willoughby Esq. be and he is hereby appointed Treasurer to the Trustees that an account be opened forthwith by the Trustees with Messrs. Coak & Co. Bankers.

That the signature of the Chairman at any Meeting of the Trustees be sufficient authority to the Treasurer to sign Cheques or Receipts for Money.

That Messrs. Coak be desired to answer all Drafts signed by any one or more of the Trustees countersigned by Mr. Thomas Tetter and by Robert Willoughby Esquire.

Ordered

That the Clerk do communicate to Mr. Willoughby the foregoing Resolution.

Resolved

That the Pew N<sup>o</sup> 27 in the West Gallery containing great & back sittings now in his own occupation be allotted to the Rev. B. H.

Simpson the Assistant Licensed Curate of the Church for the use of himself and his family from Michaelmas 1827.

Resolved

That a Committee consisting of Messrs. Carr, Thore & Miles be appointed to examine the accounts of the late Trustees of the Church and to report thereon at the next Meeting.

Ordered

That the Clerk do pay out of the Money in his hands the sum of £2.13.6 the Cost of Lithographing the Plan of the Church.

Adjourned to Monday next the 31<sup>st</sup> of December to meet at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse at 1/2 past 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

M. Carr.

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31 Dec  
At a Meeting of the Trustees for  
the purpose of carrying into execution  
the before mentioned Act for providing  
the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. John  
Hampstead with increased accommodation  
for attending Divine Service holden at  
the Committee Room in Hampstead Church  
on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1827 at 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
past Nine o'clock in the Forenoon.

Present -

F. W. Carr Esq. in the Chair

Charles Desaugnet John Miles

Charles Hafford J. C. Cameron

William Wilberforce William Ashfield

Thomas Warner

Edward Corrie Mr. Parker - Churchwarden

Thomas William Carr Esq. was elected Chairman.  
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read  
and signed by the Chairman.

Mr. Desaugnet reported that he had not  
communicated with the Bishop of London  
as proposed at the last Meeting owing to  
his Lordship's absence from Town.

The Committee appointed at the last  
Meeting to examine the accounts of the late  
Trustees reported that they had in part  
audited the account but were not yet prepared  
to make a final report thereon, and that they  
had ascertained that the only stock belonging  
to the Trust consisted of two sums of £300  
and £100 - sp. C. Consols standing in the  
joint Names of the Dec<sup>r</sup> F. White and of  
Robert Walks Esquire.

Resolved

That Mr. White and Mr. Walks be authorized  
and required to sell out such Stock and to pay  
the Produce thereof after deducting expences  
of Sale to Mr. Senay White the Treasurer of  
the late Trustees.

Resolved

That a Meeting of the Trustees be convened  
for Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of January at half past  
9 o'clock in the Forenoon for Ten o'clock precisely  
to consider and determine what additional  
accommodation is necessary and proper to be  
provided in the Church for the purposes of  
the Act and by what means the same can  
be provided. (and for the purpose of holding  
the quarterly Meeting directed by the Act.)

Resolved

Salaries to  
or garnish  
& here  
opened  
That the Clerk be directed to pay out of the  
Monies in his hands the balance due to the  
Organist and Pic Opener and other small  
expences as allowed by the late Trustees.

Adjourned to Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>  
of January 1828 to meet at the  
Committee Room in Hampstead  
Workhouse at 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> past Nine o'clock  
in the Forenoon.

F. White

An adjourned and general Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. John Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Services holden at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 1820 at 1/2 past Nine o'clock in the Forenoon.

Present -

- Rev. D. White the Minister in the Chair  
 W. Carr Esq. William Colclough  
 George Ware John Miles  
 Charles Tolford St. Smith Churchwarden

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman

The Bill of the Duke of Devon's Grant and Deed for soliciting the Act & relative thereto was presented at this Meeting and it was thereupon

Resolved upon the Motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Carr -

That Mr. Farrer & Mr. Cameron be requested to examine such Bill and to report their opinion whether it is a just & fair Bill and liable to any & what deduction and that the Clergy do attend them and give his assistance as occasion may require.

A Letter from Mr. W. Garratt Esq. stating that he found it impracticable to attend to the Duties of a Trustee and therefore resigning

132, Regent Street, Jan. 12, 1828.

GENTLEMEN,

HAVING been invited last year to make a plan and estimate for the proposed enlargement of your Church, in aid of the labours of the Committee then sitting pursuant to the resolution of a Vestry of the Parish, relative to the subject; and having been informed that an Act of Parliament has since passed, under which you have been appointed Trustees for providing the required increase of accommodation; I beg leave to submit those plans to your consideration, accompanied by a few observations on the different modes of proceeding which may be adopted, and by some additional plans illustrative of those observations.

There appear to me to be three modes by which your object might be obtained. 1st. By taking down the West end of the present Church, and adding 28 feet to its length. Taking down all the present pews and seats, and remodelling them on a better plan, and adding another gallery for the Charity Children. Thus an increased accommodation for 524 persons might be obtained, in the following proportions :-

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Persons in pews              | 714   |
| Open seats                   | 622   |
| Children                     | 200   |
|                              | <hr/> |
| Number in the present Church | 1576  |
|                              | <hr/> |
| Additional seats obtained    | 524   |

The manner in which this is proposed to be accomplished is shewn in my plans before submitted; and I am still of opinion that this alteration might be executed and completed, including new painting and beautifying the interior of the Church,

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| For the sum of  | £4000 |
| To this must be added the repairs of the roof, tower, &c. |       |
| estimated at  | 1000  |
|   | <hr/> |
| Total   | £5000 |

2d. But this plan having been considered by many as open to objection, on account of the great length that the Church would then have, in proportion to its breadth, and of the interruption of the sound occasioned by the pillars, and vaulting ceiling, which would, it is supposed, make the Minister's voice to be imperfectly heard at the extremity of the building; it has been suggested that the pulling down the present Church, and building another, would be a more eligible mode of proceeding, for the following reasons:—first, that it would more effectually answer the end proposed of increasing the accommodation, without risk of part of the congregation being unable to hear the Minister, and would admit a much better arrangement of pews and free sittings. Second, that it would make a more strong and more durable building than could be expected by adding to the present Church, independently of the consideration of the tower, which has given way, and would require to be secured if it remains standing; and, thirdly, it would be the means of having an edifice more characteristic and worthy the purpose for which it is designed, more ornamental to the town, and more creditable to its inhabitants.

The plan and elevation which I wish to submit for this mode of proceeding, is of a Church which would contain 1650 persons; 784 in pews, and 866 in free sittings, including children\*.

The coping string, courses, mouldings, jaumbs, cills, and projections of every kind, would be executed in stone, and the plain parts in Roman cement; which, if properly done, and with the material of the best quality, would be, in the situation I have described, equally durable with the best stone, as I could satisfactorily prove, by pointing out buildings done in this way, which are of many years standing, and do not shew any sign of decay. The reason why cement has fallen into disrepute, is the modern practice of using it in buildings erected for speculation, and, therefore, executed in the cheapest and consequently worst manner, both as regards the cementing and the walls on which it is laid.

This Church might be erected for the sum of 10,000l., including all expenses; which amount might be raised in the following manner. The materials of the present Church would, it is fair to conclude from the appearance of the building, be worth - - - - - £2500  
The Society for rebuilding and enlarging Churches and Chapels would perhaps contribute - - - - - 1000  
£3500  
And there would remain to be raised by loan, or rates, or voluntary contributions - - - - - 6500  
Total - - - - - £10,000

3d. The third plan I would propose to the Trustees, is the building an entirely new Chapel in that part of the Parish which is considered (next to the town) as the most populous and most in want of Church accommodation; such as Kilburn, or Southend, and Pond Street, or upon the heath, at the top of High Street. For this purpose, I have given a design consisting of plans, sections, elevations, and a perspective view of a Chapel calculated to hold nearly 800 persons on the ground floor, and 114 children in a gallery at the West end; and thus divided:

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Persons in pews - - - - - | 491        |
| Do. free seats - - - - -  | 295 } 409  |
| Children do. - - - - -    | 114 }      |
|                           | <u>900</u> |

It is so arranged that a gallery for 300 persons might be added, in case an increase of population should hereafter render more accommodation necessary.

The exterior of the design would, of course, be liable to alteration, depending on the situation of the ground intended for the site.

The cost of the Chapel, supposing it to be built conformably to the rules observed by his Majesty's Commissioners, in the Churches and Chapels to which they contribute, would be, according to a detailed estimate, and including every expense - - - - - £6250

A gallery for 300 persons (if it should be required) - - - - - 500

Total - - - - - £6750

\* This plan is made expressly for the present purpose. The elevation is that of a Church I am about to begin, under his Majesty's Commissioners, in Staffordshire.

Of this amount, it is very likely the Commissioners would contribute about 3100l., which would leave to be raised by the Parish about - - - - - £3150  
To this must be added the repairs of the roof, tower, and front of the present Church, supposed to amount to - - - - - 1000  
And the remodelling the pews, painting, &c. all the interior - - - - - 1000  
Enclosing the site, approaches, &c. supposed to be - - - - - 300  
£5450

With regard to the respective merits of the three modes here proposed, there cannot, I think, be a question but that either the second or third would be the most effective; and the difference in the cost of each is not very considerable.

The decision between the second and third plans must chiefly depend upon the question, whether the additional accommodation is most wanted in the town or in some other part of the parish.

I have inclosed the printed forms used by His Majesty's Commissioners for building new Churches, and also those of the Society for rebuilding and enlarging. It should be observed that the Commissioners for building new Churches will not contribute to the rebuilding of any Churches or Chapels already erected. And although there is every probability that the Society for rebuilding and enlarging Churches and Chapels would contribute liberally, in proportion to their means, to the rebuilding Hampstead Church when so considerable an outlay would have to be made, yet it is not to be expected they will contribute any thing to the enlargement and repair of the present Church, as from the respectability of the town, and the small amount of the expense, it would not be a case that would seem to have an urgent claim to their assistance.

If a new Chapel should be determined on, there is every reason to expect that His Majesty's Commissioners would contribute about one half of the expense; but the site, the inclosing it, and, if new roads and approaches to it are necessary, the making them must be paid for by the parish; and the manner in which a minister is to be paid for the separate congregation, must also be arranged.

Although the subject of the quantity of Church accommodation required at Hampstead, is not one on which I can be expected to be so well informed as yourselves, it may perhaps be permitted me to state what has been thought necessary, in other places, where new Churches and Chapels have been built.

One fourth of a population is, I believe, considered the least that should be provided with Church-room; and many applications for aid to erect new Churches have been made and complied with in places where the existing Church accommodation amounted already to one fifth. It is not merely the number of sittings which is considered, but the question depends also upon the proportion of the existing accommodation that is left unappropriated for free-seats. Hence proprietary Chapels are not taken into account, because the seats in them are under the control of the proprietors, and also because their permanency cannot be calculated upon.

I should therefore think, that in the parish of Hampstead, the population of which is calculated at 8000 persons, there certainly ought not to be less Church accommodation than for 2000 persons, of which between one half and one third should be in free-sittings. The present Church contains seats for 1050 persons, and of these 200 are for the charity children, and 232 only are free; but then these free-seats are of so inferior a kind, both in their form and situation, that many of the respectable poor would object to going to them; whereas the free-seats in the



Commissioners' Churches have all the real convenience of pews, and are often used by persons of great respectability.

If then my previous remarks be correct, it will appear that the least quantity of additional Church accommodation that should be provided at Hampstead would be for from 900 to 1000 persons, which can only be done by an additional Church or Chapel.

I should rather say that it would be best accomplished in that manner; for, although the Church might be rebuilt on a scale to contain 2000 persons, yet in a building of such great extent, there are few voices capable of being heard in every part; so that although such a Church might be built, the object intended might fail of being accomplished. In the design intended for the Chapel which I have submitted, if 80 pew-sittings were changed to free-sittings, the numbers would be—In pews 411, free-sittings 395, children 114—Total 920.

It has been observed, I understand, as a ground of objection to an additional Chapel, that it would require another Minister; but I need not suggest to you, in reply to this objection, that such a population as yours must require the labour of at least two Ministers, and that where a Chapel is built, provision is usually made for the officiating Minister from the pew-rents; and if, then, the proposed new Chapel contains 400 sittings in pews, let at £1 each per annum, these rents would produce a respectable income, in proportion to the duty to be performed.

Whatever plan is determined on, whether one of these now submitted, or any other, I would take the liberty of recommending to the Trustees, the having contracts and agreements made and settled for the building, or the repairing, previously to the commencement of any work; and to pursue the same system as is followed by His Majesty's Commissioners for building new Churches, which is so complete and thoroughly digested, and proved by repeated trials, that it will ensure the parish from any danger of the works not being performed for the price, and in the manner agreed upon, and thus prevent disappointment, dissatisfaction, and delay. It is on the experience I have had in working on this system, that I presume to offer my plans to your notice\*. If any additional information be required that I can give, I shall be happy to wait upon you for that purpose; and should you wish it, I will enter more particularly, and in detail, into the second plan, for the rebuilding the present Church, by proceeding to ascertain the value of the old materials, and probable amount that the Society would contribute to the work.

I would beg leave to request the favour of you not to permit my plans to be seen by any persons unconnected with the management of the business, and when done with, to be so good to have them returned to me.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient,

And very humble Servant,

LEWIS VULLIAMY.

To the Trustees appointed under }  
the Hampstead Church Act. }

\* There are two small views inclosed of buildings now in progress, for which I am employed by the Commissioners.

The Office was presented at this Meeting & read  
The Trustees proceeded to discuss the  
subject proposed for the consideration of this  
Meeting and the Clerk produced a plan for the  
enlargement of the Church and also designs  
for a new Chancel and Chapel which had been  
sent to him by Mr. Culliamy of Regent  
Street Architect accompanied with a Letter  
addressed to the Trustees upon the subject  
thereof which was read and ordered to be  
entered in the Minutes (See a printed Copy  
annexed) and the Clerk was directed to get  
the Letter printed for the use of the Trustees.

Resolved

That the Clerk do communicate to Mr.  
Culliamy the thanks of the Trustees for  
the very valuable information with which  
he has furnished them.

That the further consideration of the  
subject under these parts be deferred to  
the next Meeting.

Adjourned to Saturday next the  
19th of January to meet at the  
Committee Room in Hampstead  
Workhouse at half past Nine  
& O'Clock in the forenoon.

J. White



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19 Jan  
At a Meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of carrying into Execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. John Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service holden at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 1820 at half past Six o'clock in the forenoon.

Present

Rev. Mr. White the Minister in the Choir  
Rev. R. H. Simpson (Assistant Licensed Curate)  
W. M. Carr  
George Moore  
Charles Hogford  
John Miles  
Robert Math  
Henry White  
J. C. Cameron  
W. Wilberforce.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the late Trustees postponed their report in consequence of the Stocks standing in the Names of two of the late Trustees not having been sold out.

The Trustees entered upon the subject of the accommodation necessary to be provided for the purposes of the Act.

Mr. Hogford presented a Plan prepared by Mr. Greening for a new arrangement of the Seats in the present Church and for a small enlargement on the West side by which 1300 sittings or thereabouts might be obtained of which about 750 would be free sittings.

Resolved-

That Mr. Greening be requested to report at the next Meeting what number of Seats can in his opinion be obtained by a new arrangement in the Seats of the present Church without any enlargement of it stating the description of Seats and making one half or more free Seats and also what number of additional Seats might be obtained by the Enlargement suggested by him (one half or more being free Seats) together with Estimates of the Expence of such new arrangement and Enlargement.

Adjourned to Saturday next the 26<sup>th</sup> of January Instant to meet at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse at half past Six o'clock in the forenoon.

The Arrangement Ch<sup>r</sup>

At a Meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. John, Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service holden at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 1828 at half past Nine o'Clock in the Forenoon.

Present

Charles Desanquet Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Chair  
 Rev<sup>d</sup> J. White the Minister  
 Rev<sup>d</sup> B. H. Simpson Assistant-Licensed Preacher  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Carr Esq<sup>r</sup> J. C. Cameron  
 George Thorne W<sup>m</sup> Wilberforce  
 Charles Holford Thomas Warner  
 John Miles and  
 Henry White W. Tucker Churchwarden

Charles Desanquet Esq<sup>r</sup> was elected Chairman  
 The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the late Trustees of the Church lately acting under certain Articles of Agreement now declared void reported that they had examined the account of the receipts and payments of the said Trustees since the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1825 and that the balance in the hands of Mr. White the late Treasurer including the proceeds of 4000 Stock lately sold out amounted to the sum of £117. 12. 9.

Resolved

That Mr. White be authorized and required to pay such balance of £117. 12. 9 into the hands of Messrs. Coules & Co Bankers to the account of the present Trustees.

Mr. Holford produced an improved plan prepared by Mr. Greening for enlarging the Church by taking down the West End Wall adding about 42 feet to the length with two Hair-Crests to the Galleries and for a new arrangement of some of the Pews by which means there would be obtained

|            |      |
|------------|------|
| Free Seats | 649  |
| Pews       | 651  |
|            | 1300 |

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| Total of the present seats | 1052 |
| Additional seats           | 248  |

And which plan Mr. Greening considered upon a Rough Estimate might be executed for the sum of £2492. 3. 6 or thereabouts exclusive of the painting and of the general repairs of the Church.

Mr. Greening not having reported as required at the last Meeting as to the number of seats to be obtained by a new arrangement of the present sittings without any enlargement of the walls was called in & asked to the Board that the additional seats to be so procured would not exceed 30 in number.

It was moved by Mr. Holford and seconded by Mr. Miles that Mr. Greening's Plan for the enlargement of the Church produced at this Meeting be adopted by the Trustees.

Mr. Wilberforce moved by way of Amendment and Mr. Miles seconded that no

enlargement of the external walls of the Church is desirable at present" which amendment was put and lost, and the original motion being then put by the Chairman it was moved by W. Carr and seconded by W. White in amendment "that it is advisable that the Church be enlarged by an extension of 28 feet" which last mentioned amendment was put and carried and the original motion was lost.

Resolved

4 votes  
That Mr. Dosanquet be requested to communicate with Messrs. Valliamy, Cressy, & New & Long in order to obtain from them all necessary particulars respecting the three Plans for the enlargement of the Church submitted by these Gentlemen to the consideration of the Trustees and to report thereon to the next Meeting.

Adjourned to Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February next to meet at the Committee Room in Stampstead Workhouse at half past Nine o'clock in the Forenoon.

W. Dosanquet

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9 Feb

At a Meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of carrying into Execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. John Stampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service holden at the Committee Room in Stampstead Workhouse on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1820 at half past Nine in the Forenoon

Present

Charles Dosanquet Esq. in the Chair  
Charles Hooper  
Rev. R. H. Simpson (Assistant Licentiate Curate)  
John Miles George Fiere  
William Wilberforce  
Henry White Mr. Butler Churchwarden

Charles Dosanquet Esq. was elected Chairman  
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

Mr. Dosanquet having made a very full and satisfactory Report on the subject of the Plans referred to him at the last Meeting  
Resolved upon the motion of Mr. Fiere seconded by Mr. Wilberforce

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr. Dosanquet for the trouble and attention bestowed by him on the subject

Resolved upon the motion of Mr. Fiere seconded by Mr. Butler

That Mr. Valliamy's Plan for the enlargement of the Church be recommended to

The Vestry for adoption subject to a reconsideration of the minor details.

That the Trustees do meet on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February instant to settle definitely the Plan to be so proposed to Vestry and that a Meeting be convened in the mean time for the purpose of considering the plan - that Mr. Williams be requested to fix the time for such Meeting & to attend the same and that he be also requested previously to examine the ground for the foundation of the proposed enlargement.

A Letter from Messrs Brooks, Crane & Cooper respecting their Bill delivered to the Trustees for soliciting the Act was read at this Meeting and ordered to be entered as follows - "Hampstead Church Act - Sec. It may possibly assist the Trustees in executing this Act if you will oblige me by informing them at their next Meeting that in case the Account already rendered by us for soliciting the Act should give rise to any difficulty, either from the amount of it - or materially increased as that amount necessarily is by the opposition made to the measure, or for any other reason, we are quite willing to leave the amount to any respectable professional person accustomed to Val. & Surveyors services and wholly unconnected with the Parish in any way, and that we shall be perfectly satisfied with his decision, never having had the least desire to burden the Parish unnecessarily. I am Sir your Obedt Servt. Wm Crane (for Brooks, Self & Cooper) 29 John St Bedford Row - 8<sup>th</sup> Feby. 1820. To Mr. Toller Esq. Clerk to the Trustees under the Hampstead Church Act.

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Adjourned to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of February instant to meet at the Workhouse at half past 9 o'clock in the Forenoon.

J. White

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church for the purpose of carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Parish with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service holden at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 1820 at 1/2 past 9 o'clock in the Forenoon

Present

Rev. J. White the Minister in the Chair  
Rev. R. H. Simpson Assistant Licensed Curate  
Charles Bousquet Esq  
Henry White  
Edward Carleton

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman

This Meeting of which due Notice had been given by the Clerk was convened by Order of the Trustees present at the last Meeting for the purpose of considering Mr. Williams' Plan for the enlargement of the Church

Mr. Williams being present reported that he had viewed the ground for the foundation of the proposed enlargement and that from the enquiries which he had made he was of opinion that 13 feet would be the depth of ground required for the foundation.

Williams plan &c