

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN-AT-HAMPSTEAD

REGISTERS AND RECORDS



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The Plan for the enlargement of the Church was examined and considered and some slight alterations having been suggested, Mr. Williams was requested to prepare a fresh plan embracing the alterations proposed.

Adjourned

R. H. Simpson

At a Meeting of the Vestry of the Church for the purpose of carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John, Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service holden at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse on Saturday the 23rd of February 1828 at half past Nine o'clock in the Forenoon

Present

Rev. R. H. Simpson, Rector & Second Curate in the Chair.
George F. Wren John Miles
Charles Hooper James Poulter, Churchwarden.

The Rev. R. H. Simpson was elected Chairman
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman

Mr. Williams attended the Meeting with a Plan for the enlargement of the Church at the West end embracing the alterations suggested at

the last Meeting, and he also presented another Plan which he recommended in preference for the enlargement of the Church at the East End

Mr. Williams's Letter to the Trustees in explanation of the plans was read by the Chairman and ordered to be entered in the Minutes as follows - 132 Regent Street Feb 22. 1828. Gentleman I have conformably to your instructions prepared a rough plan for the enlargement of Hampstead Church, similar in the general form to the Plan I had originally prepared, but differing in certain points, which have been altered, partly from suggestions made at your last Meeting on the 16th & partly from the improvements which have since occurred to me. The principal alteration from the first Plan, is in the arrangement of the Seats & Pews. The present Pews & Free Seats have been retained unaltered as far as the Cross aisle from the East End: West of the Cross aisle, as many Pews are added on each side of the centre aisle (which is continued to the present breadth) as make up the same number as there are at present, and the remaining space is appropriated to Free Seats. The most material point of alteration, is the diminished projection of the West Gallery, which in these Plans is not more than three feet & a half deeper (square width) than the present Gallery. The placing the Pulpit Desk in the centre of the Middle Aisle. This I have done on account of the unusually narrow space between the Columns forming the Nave, which when the Pulpit is on one side, brings the Preacher so near to the Gallery as to be extremely inconvenient, & prevents the Persons under the Gallery at the back from seeing him, which defect is increased by the lowness of the Ceiling of the Gallery - One of the Staircases at the East end of the Church is removed in this Plan, & the space given for a Vestry Room, communicating

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by folding Doors with the present Vestry, which
would then be a Robbing Room, & a separate entrance
to it from the Church obtained under the Stairs - also
a Water Closet. These are the principal points where
improvements have been made upon the former Plan;
which for convenience of reference are marked A.
The improved Plans are marked B and there
are a third set of Plans, accompanied by an Elevation
which are marked C. The Plans marked C
are formed upon the Idea of enlarging the Church
at the East End, instead of at the Western extremity;
which has hitherto been principally contemplated.
The only objection to this Plan is the supposed
expense, but three things should be considered on
that head. The present bad state of the Tower &
adjoining walls, which if it remain would render
some calling necessary to secure & restore it. The
superiority of the ground for foundations at the
East End, over that at the West, & consequent saving
in foundation work. The quantity of Bricks and
Materials that would be obtained from the present
Tower & Staircase Walls, all of which would be
employed again in its restoration. The advantages
which would be obtained to the Interior of the Church,
are too obvious to require being named, and certainly
the advantages would be equally great, a handsome
Front & Sides of the added Building would be painted
which might be covered with Roman Cement in
imitation of Stone & which would make a very good
finish with the old walls at the Transept, the projection
of which on each side would entirely conceal the Brick
Walls of the old Church from the Church Street & Town.
If the present proposed plan of continuing Church
Street through into High Street, should be carried
into execution, of which there seems a great probability,

Resolved

"the giving a handsome exterior to the Church in that
direction would become an object of greater importance
than it even is at the present moment. I have the
honour to remain Gentlemen Your most obedient
and very humble Servant - L. Williams - To the
Trustees appointed under the Hampshire Church
Act."

Resolved
That the Trustees do meet on Saturday the first
of March next at the past 9 o'clock in the forenoon
to reconsider the Resolution passed at a former
Meeting held on the 9th of February last to recommend
to the Vestry for adoption Mr Williams's Plan
for the enlargement of the Church at the West end,
and as to recommending in preference for
adoption the Plan now presented by Mr Williams
for an Enlargement at the East End.

Resolved

That Mr Williams be requested to prepare a
rough Estimate of the expence of the last mentioned
Plan.

Adjourned to Saturday the 1st
of March next to meet at the
Workhouse at half past 8 o'clock
in the forenoon.

J. White.

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1 March

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church for the purposes of carrying into execution the before mentioned Act. holden at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse on Saturday the first of March 1828 at half past six o'clock in the Evening

Present

- Rev. P. White the Minister in the Chair
- Mr. Thos. Maysen Parson of the Rectory
- Rev. W. M. Simpson Assistant Licensed Curate
- Thomas Sheppard Esq
- Edward Curlic
- John Miles
- W. N. Longman
- George Frier
- Chas. Hooper
- Rev. Watts
- Henry White

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

Mr. Williams attended the Meeting with his Plan for enlarging the Church at the East End by which 600 additional seats will be provided and he reported that calculating the foundations of the proposed Enlargement to require the same depth as the present Foundations of the Tower & walls at the East End of the present Church he was of opinion that the Plan now presented including the repairs of the roof and of painting & altering the interior of the present building might be executed for the sum of £3000.

Resolved

That Mr. Williams's Plan now presented for enlarging the Church at the East End be preferred to his Plan for Enlargement at the

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West End which at a Meeting held on the 9th of February last was agreed to be recommended to the Vestry for adoption

Sir Thomas Maysen Parson the Patron of the Rectory and the Rev. P. White the Incumbent of the Church being present signified their approbation of Mr. Williams's new Plan subject to such minor alterations thereto as may hereafter be agreed upon.

Resolved

That such Plan be submitted to the Lord Bishop of London for his approbation and that the Rev. P. White accompanied by Mr. Williams be requested to attend his Lordship thereon

That a Meeting of the Trustees be held on Thursday next the 5th Instant to receive the Lord Bishop of London's Answer and to consider what Statement should be submitted with the Plan to the Vestry

Resolved

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That a Vestry be convened on Tuesday the 18th Instant in order that Mr. Williams's new Plan may be submitted to the Parishioners for their approbation

The Report of Messrs. Horner & Cameron upon the reference made to them respecting the Bill of Costs of Messrs. Brooker, Graws & Co for soliciting the Act was presented and read, and ordered to be entered as follows -

"We have examined the Account of Messrs. Brooker, Graws & Co for soliciting the Act of Parliament relative to Hampstead Church, not with a view of entering into a minute statement of it, but of stating our opinion whether taken altogether it was on the face of it such an account

as we could recommend should be discharged
 without further investigation. In the absence
 of all information in regard to the authority
 and instructions given to Mr. Brooks, June
 1828 as well as originally, as from time to time
 during the progress of the Bill, and also to the
 nature extent and necessity of the business actually
 done, we have found ourselves unable to recommend
 the Trustees to discharge the account, and we are
 therefore of opinion that it is the duty of the Trustees
 to resort to the mode of settlement provided by the
 6th Geo. 4. Cap. 123. and 7th & 8th Geo. 4. Cap. 65.
 which provides a ready method for ascertaining
 all sum & accounts due and expenses. - *Stamstead*
 29th February 1828. - J. C. Cameron - Secy. -

Adjourned to Saturday next the 8th
 instant to meet at the Court Room
 at half past 9 o'clock in the forenoon
 J. White

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 28 March

At a Meeting of the Trustees for the
 purpose of carrying into execution
 the before mentioned Act holden at the
 Committee Room in *Stamstead Workhouse*
 on Saturday the 8th March 1828 at
 half past 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

Present

Rev. Dr. White the Minister in the Chair
 Rev. R. H. Simpson - Assistant Licensed Curate
 J. W. Carr Esq. Charles Stoddard
 George Harris John Miles
 Henry White William Wilberforce

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

The Rev. Dr. White reported that in pursuance
 of the Resolution passed at the last Meeting he
 had attended the Lord Bishop of London with Mr.
 Williams's Plan for enlarging the Church at the
 East End. that the Lordship had signified his
 approbation of such Plan and had authorized
 him to communicate that fact to the Trustees.

A Letter from Mr. Williams entering fully
 into the details of his New Plan was presented
 and read and ordered to be entered as follows -
 132 Regent Street - Gentleman - Agreeably to the
 Instructions which I received from you on the 23rd
 February, and the further instructions given me
 at your last Meeting on the first March last, I
 have prepared a set of Plans Elevations & Sections
 of a Design for altering and enlarging the Danish
 Church of *Stamstead*, by an addition at the East End
 together with an Estimate of the expense of the same
 The alteration is proposed to consist in

Taking down the present Tower, Staircases,
 Staircase walls, and East wall of the Church, and
 adding a Transsept to the Church by feet in width
 by which the length of the Church will be increased
 20 feet besides a recess 4 feet deep for the Altar.
 Over the Transsept is a semi circular wood ceiling
 of the same form as the ceiling of the present Nave.
 Each extremity of the Transsept is terminated by a
 large semi circular window. In front of the
 Transsept are a new Tower, considerably higher than
 the present, and two new Staircases with Stone steps,
 and within them are added a water closet, and an
 enclosed passage leading from the Church to the Vestry.

A spacious porch completes the East Elevation,
 which reaches forward in front of the Tower, affording
 a useful shelter and convenient covered communication
 between the entrances on each side the Tower. Two
 new Entrances with Porches to them, are added on
 the North & South sides, to allow the more convenient
 entrance and departure of the Congregation, and those
 being nearly in the centre of the Vestry of the Church,
 the different parts of the Church may be more conveniently
 approached, and the Congregation less disturbed by
 persons going to their Seats after the commencement
 of the Service. Another Entrance is added to the
 Vestry at the West End, by means of two flights of
 Stone Steps, which is intended for the use of such of the
 Inhabitant, as live Westward of the Church, and also
 for the Church Children whose Seats are on each side
 the organ. Internally, the Pews &c. of the present
 Church are not intended to be altered, except that
 the space now occupied by the Pulpit &c. will be
 enclosed with Pews. In the new part of the Building
 the Two Seats are placed on each side the Pulpit
 and in the Arms of the Transsept; and in the Gallery

they are added at the back of Transsept, but elevated
 so that the persons sitting in them may see over
 those who sit in the Pews in front of them. All Free
 Seats as well on the Ground Floor as in the Gallery,
 are to be made convenient with backs and kneeling
 boards, so as to be adapted for the use of the most
 respectable persons. The additional Accommodation
 obtained by this plan will be as follows

	The present Church.	The added Part.	The New Church.
In Pews	620 Persons	200 Persons	820 Persons
Free Seats	232 3/4	500 3/4	733 1/2
Children	200 3/4	"	200 3/4
Total	1052 3/4	700 3/4	1753 1/2

The addition is proposed to be executed in Brick covered
 with Roman Cement, the coping of the Walls and plinths
 to be of Stone.

The Roof of the present Church is very defective
 and will require to be raised, the Rafters taken off,
 and the purlins which have not been made strong
 enough, turned and shatted. I am of opinion that the
 whole of these works, including the new Painting and
 coloring the Walls Ceilings and woodwork &c. of all
 the Interior of the old Building as well as the new
 addition and including the Coping of the Roof, may
 be executed for the sum of £5000. In this
 Estimate the Foundations of the Walls are calculated
 as being of the same depth as the present. Foundations
 of the Tower and Walls at the East End, so that if on
 account of Paves or other Causes now unknown, a
 greater depth should be found necessary, the expense
 of it will have to be added to the amount above stated.
 This however could not be any considerable addition,
 since the extra depth would only be partial, & would
 require merely an addition of Brickwork. I
 recommend that the work should be performed by
 Contract

Contract, and as there will probably in that case be a competition among Builders, it is very likely that Tenders may be obtained, to do it at a lower price than is here estimated.

"In order to prevent the possibility of any further expenditure than is here contemplated and to insure the completion of the work for the sum contracted for, Mr. Parke's offering should for the execution of the works, should be required to give security for the due and complete performance of them according to a specification and working Drawings to be supplied for that purpose, and the business should be conducted in every respect in the manner practised by His Majesty's Commissioners for building Churches, which from repeated trials has been found very effectual in preventing disappointments. I have the honor to be Dear Sir your most obedient and most humble servant Lewis Callaway - To the Trustees of Hampstead Church."

The Trustees took into consideration and finally agreed upon the Proposal to be submitted with the Plans to the Vestry and Mr. Callaway having reported that his Plans & Executions would be ready for inspection on Thursday next it was

Ordered

That Notice be given in the Church & Churchyard on Sunday next that the Plans & Executions to be submitted to the Vestry together with the Proposal of the Trustees would be laid upon the Table of the Committee Room on Thursday next for the inspection & perusal of the Inhabitants upon that & each subsequent day until the Meeting of the Vestry.

At this Meeting Mr. Greening attended with

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a Model of the present Church containing also an additional Gallery by which means the hundred additional Seatings were proposed to be provided without enlarging the Walls of the Church, but there being no estimate of the Expence of erecting such additional Gallery Mr. Greening was requested to prepare one at the Request of the Trustees it being stated to them by Mr. Greening that such Costs would amount to £5.

Resolved

That Mr. Greening's Model produced at this Meeting be left upon the Table of the Committee Room accompanied with his proposed Estimate of the Expence of erecting the same for the inspection of the Parishioners.

The Trustees having agreed to refer the Bill of Costs delivered by Messrs. Brookes Crane & Cooper for soliciting the Act to Mr. Le Blanc the Master of the High Bench it was

Ordered

That the Clerk do communicate the desire of the Trustees to Messrs. Brookes & Co. and in the event of their agreeing to such reference that the Clerk do take the necessary steps for carrying the same into effect.

The Clerk reported that he had received for Pew Books due to him and the sum of £137.7.9 and that he had paid thereout for various to the Organist, Pew Openers, Sackets & Candles for other Disbursements, Teachers salaries were paid the sum of £62.8.6 leaving a balance in his hand of £74.19.3.

Ordered

That such Balance be paid into the Banking House of Messrs. Coakley & Co. to the account of the Trustees.

Geo. Freere Adjoined sine die.

At a General Quarterly Meeting of
the Trustees for the purpose of carrying
into execution the before mentioned Act
convened by the direction of the Minister
and holden at the Committee Room in
Hampstead Workhouse on Friday the
eleventh of April 1828 at half past
Nine o'clock in the forenoon

Present

Rev. R. M. Simpson Assistant Secy & Clerk
John Miles
George Fere

A sufficient number of Trustees to form a
quorum not having attended within half an
hour after the time appointed the Trustees present

Adjourned to Saturday the 19th
of April 1828 to meet at the
Workhouse at half past Nine
o'clock in the forenoon.

Geo. Fere

At a Meeting of the Trustees for the
purpose of carrying into execution the
before mentioned Act holden at the
Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse
on Saturday the 19th of April 1828
at half past Nine o'clock in the forenoon

Present

Rev. R. Hutchinson, Simpson, Assistant Secy & Clerk
Charles Hoford
John Miles
Henry White

A sufficient number of Trustees to form
a Quorum not having attended within
half an hour of the time appointed the Trustees
present

Adjourned to Saturday the
17th of May next to meet at the
Workhouse at half past Nine
o'clock in the forenoon.

Geo. Fere

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At a Meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of carrying into execution the before mentioned Act holden at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse on Saturday the 17th of May 1820 at half past five o'clock in the forenoon.

Present,

- George Trere Esquire in the Chair
- Rev. W. H. Simpson Assistant Licensed Curate
- John Miles
- Charles Hooper
- Henry White
- William Wilberforce

George Trere Esquire was elected Chairman. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

A Letter from Messrs Brooks, Game & Cooper in answer to the proposal made to them of referring their Bill of Costs to Mr Le Blanc was presented and read of which the following is a Copy.

Sir, Had our Bill of Costs been for proceeding in the Court of King's Bench, instead of for soliciting an Act of Parliament, we should not have hesitated in giving our consent to its being referred to Mr Le Blanc, the Master of that Court, as proposed by your letter of this morning. But as it is notorious that he is not accustomed to charge for Parliamentary Business, and as we have his own authority for so saying, we must express our preference for any respectable professional person accustomed to Parliamentary Business, as before suggested by us in our letter of the 5th ult. We are Sir, your obed. Serv^{ts} Brooks, Game & Cooper

29 John St. Bedford Row - 12. March 1820 - To Thomas Toller Esq. Clerk to the Trustees of the Hampstead Church.

Resolved -

That the Trustees do adhere to their proposal of referring to Mr Le Blanc the Bill of Costs of Messrs Brooks, Game & Cooper for soliciting the Act, and in the event of their refusing to accept such proposal that Mr Le Blanc be requested to tax their Bill of Costs and that the Clerk do communicate this Resolution to Messrs Brooks & Co.

A Copy of the Minutes of Vestry holden on the 10th March last was presented by the Vestry Clerk and read and ordered to be Entered.

At a Vestry held in the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse in the Parish of Saint John, Hampstead in the County of Middlesex on Tuesday the 10th of March 1820 - Present - The Rev. F. Wick in the Chair & 157 Parishioners - The Notice for calling this Vestry was read of which the following is a Copy - Parish of St. John Hampstead - Notice is hereby given that a Vestry will be holden at the Committee Room in the Workhouse on Tuesday the 10th of March instant at five o'clock in the forenoon for having first three powers to receive a plan for repairing and enlarging the present Church together with a plan & location of the proposed works and an estimate of the expense thereof to be submitted for the approbation of the Vestry by the Trustees appointed to carry into execution an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament 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." And also to elect a new Trustee for the purposes of the said Act being a Member of the Church of England

and rated or liable to be rated to the relief of
the Poor of this Parish for or at the rate of forty
Pounds or upwards in the Room of a Trustee who
has resigned. Dated the 2^d day of March 1020.

It was then moved and seconded that the
Vestry do adjourn from the Committee Room to
the Dinner Room of such Workhouse whether the
Vestry adjourned accordingly. — A Statement
from the Trustees was then read and ordered to
be entered in these Minutes — Vide Report.

It was thereupon moved by Thomas A. Carr
Esq; and seconded by George Peter Esq; were

That the Plan for the enlargement of the Church
proposed by the Majority of the Trustees & offered
by Mr. Valliamy be adopted. — An Amendment
was then moved by Mr. Wilberforce Esq; and seconded

by J. Miles Esq; That the Vestry considers the
Plan for enlarging the Church as communicated
by the Trustees to be very undesirable, expensive

and unnecessary every useful object being attainable
by a judicious alteration of the interior of the
Church as it now stands. The amendment

being put & the votes being scrutinized there
were 179 for and 33 against it. The amendment

was then declared carried. — The Vestry taking
into consideration the Resignation of Mr. A. Garratt
Esq; from a Letter received Samuel Cour Esquire

proposed Thomas Rhodes Esq; to be a Trustee for
the purposes of the said Act in the Room of Mr. A.
Garratt Esq; so resigning as aforesaid such

proposition was seconded by Mr. Wilberforce &
the same being put was carried unanimously.

Thanks to the Sec. Chairman were then voted
unanimously. — Thanks were similarly voted
to Mr. Wilberforce Esq; and Thanks were similarly
voted to T. A. Carr Esq;

Resolved

Mr. Moore having left the Chair the Rev. A. H.
Simpson was elected Chairman in his place.

That any of the Trustees who may have
plans to propose for executing the Trusts of the
Act be requested to produce the same for
consideration at the next Meeting in order that
no further delay may take place in executing
the Act.

Adjourned to Tuesday the 2^d Instant
to meet at the Workhouse at Nine
o'clock in the forenoon.

Wm. Huppard

Statement of the Trustees read at the Vestry
of the 10th March 1020.

The Trustees under the Act of Parliament
for providing the Inhabitants of this Parish
with increased accommodation for attending
Divine Service have had several Plans submitted
to them for obtaining an additional number of
Sittings by means of an enlargement of the present
Church; and after due consideration the majority
of the Trustees present have agreed to recommend
for adoption the plan presented to them by Mr.
Valliamy of Regent Street Architects for enlarging
the Church at the East End by which Six Hundred
and eight Sittings of which four hundred and eight
are to be free, may be provided over and above the
number of Sittings contained in the present Church.
This Plan has been submitted according to the
directions of the Act, to the Lord Bishop of London,
to Sir Thomas Murray Wilson Bart. the Patron of the
Advowson, and to the Rev. Dr. White the Incumbent;

Wm. Valliamy

who have respectfully signified their approbation of it, and the same is now laid before the Vestry for the approbation of the Parishioners.

The details of this Plan are fully entered into and an estimate of the expence embracing the repairs of the present Church is also stated in the following Letter which has been addressed to the Trustees by Mr. Williams. — (Letter entered in the Minutes of a Meeting of the Trustees of the 8th March last.)

The Trustees have to add that since they came to a determination to recommend the adoption of the above Plan a Model has been presented to their consideration by Mr. Greening of Hampstead in which 600 additional sittings are proposed to be provided without any enlargement of the Church by the erection of an additional Gallery and the Trustees have thought proper to leave such Model together with Mr. Greening's Estimate of the expence upon the Table for the inspection of the Parishioners.

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meeting

At a Meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of carrying into Execution the before mentioned Act holden at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the 27th of May 1820 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

Present

Thomas Sheppard Esq. in the Chair
Rev. A. H. Empson Assistant Licensor Curate
Charles Colford
Henry White
John Leach — Churchwarden.

Thomas Sheppard Esq. was elected Chairman

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

The Clerk reported that he had communicated to Messrs. Brooks, Green & Cooper the Resolution passed at the last Meeting respecting their Bill of Costs and that he had received the following Letter in answer thereto but that he had not yet been served with a Notice to attend the Execution of their Costs as suggested. — "Hampstead Church Trustees. Sir — We beg to say that, not having heard from you in reply to our Letter of the 12th of March, we gave instructions to our Parliamentary Agent a fortnight ago for getting our account taxed by the proper legal authority pursuant to the suggestion of those Trustees to whom the account was referred, and you will be duly served with notice. We are, Sir, your Obedt. Servts. Brooks, Green & Cooper. 29 John St. Dr. Stephens Row 17. May 1820. To Thomas Toller Esq. Clerk to the Trustees of Hampstead Church."

Mr. Greening for executing the Trusts of the Act were appointed at this Meeting according to the request made by Resolution at the last Meeting.

Adjourned to Saturday the 14th of June to meet at the Workhouse at Nine o'clock in the forenoon for half past Nine precisely.

W. Hutchinson Simpson

At a Meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of arranging into Execution the before mentioned Act holden at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse on Saturday the 14th of June 1820 at Nine o'clock in the Forenoon

Present

Mr. W. Simpson - Mr. Leonard Clarke in the Chair
Chas. Hooper Esq.
Henry White
John Miles
J. C. Cameron

14 June
The Rev. W. H. Simpson was elected Chairman.
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.
The Clerk reported that since the last Meeting he had been served with a Notice to attend the Committee appointed by the Speaker of the House of Commons to take so much of Mr. Deedes Grant & Coates's Bill for soliciting the Act as related to the House of Commons, that he had attended them accordingly on the 3rd of June instants when the Bill was laid in front of them. That since such attendance he had received the following Letter from Mr. Deedes the Clerk to such

Committee enclosing some further Observations of the Committee upon Mr. Deedes's Bill - Clause of Commons 7th June 1820 - Sir - I am directed by the Committee to send you the enclosed and to say that if you have no objection to their place you will agree with Mr. Deedes for some day (not Saturday) next week at 12 o'clock for further conversation, when the day is fixed I will thank you to acquaint me thereof - I am Sir your very Obedt. Servt. W. G. Rose - Fuller Esq. directs to George Inn Square - H^o of Commons 7th June

The following is a Copy of the Enclosure contained in the above Letter - "Hampstead Church Bill - In taking a general view of the Charges made by Mr. Deedes, the Committee find it difficult or impossible in many Cases to decide what allowances ought to be allowed, but an obvious limitation may be imposed in many instances by allowing to the amount of £2-2-0 in the day for the personal Service of Mr. Deedes - The Copies of Papers for the use of the Committee of Five, appear to have been improperly multiplied to the extent of Five, as if the Committee were so unorganised Employers, instead of persons acting in Charities; for which legislative purpose no more than two fair Copies one for the Committee, one for the Comtee, can be allowed; unless where any special necessity for a greater number of Copies can be shown. - The printed Bill as brought into the House of Commons is remarkably simple, consisting almost entirely of the usual Clauses; in the progress of it, several Clauses of a more special nature appear to have been under discussion; but the repeated Revisions and numerous Copies are more than can reasonably be allowed - See the 10 Clauses and count the number of Copies of them charged by Mr. Deedes. Upon the Speciality of these Clauses must also depend the Allowance of any payment to Sir J. E. Tomlins and other learned persons who appear as additional Counsel, or Parliamentary

Advisers of a very expensive description; and in
recognition of the professional knowledge, skill & time.
Some few of the Charges appear to belong to the House of Lords
and of none to be allowed (by consent of the opposite party)
it would be felt to exhibit the Bill of Charges incurred
in the House of Lords, to prevent duplicate charges.
The Bill as presented for the House of Lords would
include in communication for us such of the additional
Charges as were admissible into the House of Commons
Bills - The Charges proposed, but not insisted, should
be exhibited in MS. with the Folios counted and
marked on the margin.

The Clerk further reported that in answer to his
note to Messrs. Brookes & Co. requesting to know if they
had any communication to make in consequence
of the above Letter, and if not to appoint a day for
proceeding with the Petition before the Examiners, he
had received the following Letter. - "Hampstead Church
Act - Sir - On the other side we send you a Copy of a
Letter which we have received from the House of Lords,
in answer to an application made by us to Mr. Crompton
pursuant to the Act of 4 & 5 George II. Cap. 34, to tax
so much of our account for soliciting the Hampstead Church
Act as relates to that House. As it thus appears to
be impossible to settle the account in the manner
suggested by the Sub-Committee of Trustees to whom it
was referred, and on whose suggestion we have proceeded,
and as it further appears, from your objections before
the Examiners, that the Authority of the Parochial Committee
appointed by the Vestry to conduct the Bill is denied
by the Trustees, it is impossible for us to proceed further
with the Petition until it is determined whether or not
such Authority is to be recognized. In consequence of
the Examiners having suggested a Compromise, as well
as of the Letter from the House of Lords, we beg to respect
our offer to leave the whole matter to any respectable

professional man acquainted with Parliamentary Law,
or we are ready to entertain any fair offer from the Trustees
with the view of preventing a course of expensive and
multiplied litigation, which appears to be otherwise
unavoidable, but to which nothing but very illiberal
treatment on the part of the Trustees shall compel us to
recourse. We are Sir, your obed^t. Serv^t. Brookes, Green &
Cooper - 29 John St. Decided Row - 11th June 1820
To Mr. Toller Esq. Clerk to the Trustees &c
Copy of a Letter to Messrs. Brookes, Green & Cooper
House of Lords June 6th 1820 - Gentlemen - I am
pleased by Mr. Crompton to inform you, that, as
you appear to have acted as Solicitors in the signing
of the Act mentioned in your Letter, he does not feel
authorized in directing the taxation of the Act - your
obedient servant John West Esq."

The Clerk stated that there was nothing in his
objections before the Examiners to authorize the conclusion
drawn in the above Letter as to the disavowal by the
Trustees of the Authority of the Parochial Committee.

Resolved

That it is the opinion of the Trustees that the course
adopted by Messrs. Brookes, Green & Cooper for obtaining a
settlement of their account should now be pursued as far
as the same is practicable, and that the Clerk do take the
necessary steps to proceed with the Petition before the Examiners
appointed by the Vestry in case of the neglect or refusal of
Messrs. Brookes & Co. to continue the same.

Adjourned to Tuesday the Eighth
of July next to meet at the North House
at 4 o'clock in the forenoon for half
past nine precisely.

B. H. Simpson

At a General Quarterly Meeting of
the Trustees for the purpose of carrying
into execution the before mentioned
Act holden at the Committee Room
in Hampstead North House on Tuesday
the Eighth of July 1828 at Nine
o'clock in the forenoon

Present

Rev. R. H. Simpson West. Licensed Curate in the Church
Richard Southfield
John Miles
Charles Hojford
J. C. Cameron
Henry White
John Livock, Churchwarden

The Rev. R. H. Simpson was elected Chairman
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and
signed by the Chairman

The Clerk reported that he had communicated
to Messrs. Brocks, Gurne & Cooper on the 17th of June
last the substance of the Resolution passed at the
last Meeting and that in consequence of his not
having received Notice of another appointment for
proceeding with the Petition before the Examiners
appointed by the Speaker of the House of Commons
he had written on the 27th of June last to Messrs. Brocks
& Co. requesting to be informed whether or not it was
their intention to fix a day for that purpose, and
that no answer having been returned to such letter
he had applied by Letter on the 11th of July Instant
to the Speaker of the House of Commons requesting
that the Petition might be continued but to which
application no answer had as yet been
received

Ordered

That the Clerk do shortly renew his application
to the Speaker of the House of Commons

Resolved

That the Clerk do address a Letter to Mr. Collins
representing that it appears to the Trustees that the
double Dow N^o. 8. in the Middle Circle, rented by her
cannot with propriety be continued in her Tenancy
as from Messrs. Gurne last upon the Grounds that
Mr. Collins do not now occupy the Dowaid that
some of the beds of the Dowaid are subjected to
much inconvenience from the want of that
particular description of Dow and that it be proposed
to Mr. Collins to remove for her should she desire
it a single Dow N^o. 4. 75. in the North side Circle

Payment was ordered to be made by the
Chairman of the half years Salaries due to the
Organist Dow Gurne & Co. and of other Bills
amounting in the whole to £91. 17. 0

The Treasurers Account of receipts and
payments from the time of his appointment
was then examined pursuant to Notice whereby
it appeared that after allowing for the said
£91. 17. 0 there was a balance in hand of £2530. 3. 0

Resolved

That such Account be passed and allowed and
that a Copy thereof be submitted to the next Meeting.

J. White

Adjourned sine die

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12 Aug

At a Special Meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of carrying into execution the before mentioned Act helden at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the 12th of August 1828 at half past Nine o'clock in the forenoon

Present -
Rev. D. White the Minister in the Church
Charles Holford
John Miles
J. C. Cameron
John Liddock } Churchwardens.
Wm. Hamilton

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

This Meeting was convened by order of the Rev. D. White to adopt measures for ascertaining the security of the Church Tower and the Trustees having the same into consideration; found that under the direction of the late Trustees the Tower of the Church had been examined in February 1824 by Mr. Mowley's Surveyor who had reported that the Tower was built upon piles which rendered it secure and that the sinking of the Tower was owing to the gradual decay of the Fir planks placed between the crutchwork and the piles upon which the Tower would ultimately rest. And the Trustees now present being of opinion there was no ground for supposing the Tower had become more insecure since the examination thereof made by Mr. Mowley considered it unnecessary to obtain at present any further advice thereon.

A Letter was presented and read at this Meeting from J. W. Carr Esquire asking his determination to resign the Office of Trustee

Surveyor by Mowley

which he had found unable to discharge in consequence of his official engagements.

Adjourned ~~to~~ Tuesday the 14th October next to meet at the Workhouse at half past 9 o'clock in the Forenoon precisely.

R. L. Simpson

At a General Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of carrying into execution the before mentioned Act helden at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the 14th October 1828 at half past Nine o'clock in the forenoon

Present -
Rev. A. H. Simpson (just deceased) Church
Charles Holford
Henry White
Thomas Turner.

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 Wednesday the 22^d of October Instant to meet at the Workhouse at half past Nine o'clock in the Forenoon precisely.

R. L. Simpson

An adjourned Meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of carrying into execution the before mentioned Act held at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse on Wednesday the 22^d of October 1820 at half past Six o'clock in the Forenoon.

Present

Rev. R. W. Simpson Assistant Licensed Curate
Thomas Horner

A sufficient number of Trustees to constitute a Meeting for putting the Act into execution not having attended within half an hour after the time appointed the Trustees present,

Adjourned to Saturday the 8th of November 1820 to meet at the Workhouse at half past Six o'clock in the Forenoon.

R. W. Simpson

An adjourned Meeting of the Trustees of the Church for the purpose of carrying into execution the before mentioned Act held at the Committee Room in Hampstead Workhouse on Saturday the 2th of November 1820 at half past Six o'clock in the Forenoon.

Present

Rev. R. W. Simpson Assistant Licensed Curate
Henry White
John Leitch - Churchwarden

A sufficient number of Trustees to constitute a Meeting for putting the Act into execution not having attended within half an hour after the time appointed the Trustees present,

Adjourned to Saturday the 15th of November 1820 to meet at the Workhouse at half past Six o'clock in the Forenoon.

R. W. Simpson

At an adjourned Meeting of the
Trustees of the Church for the purpose
of carrying into execution the before
mentioned Act - holden at the Committee
Room in Hampstead Workhouse on
Wednesday the 13th of November 1828
at half past five o'clock in the evening

Present

Rev. P. H. Simpson (Minister) Licensed Curate,
Richard Northfield,
Henry White,
Alex. Hamilton - Churchwarden.

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

Adjourned to Wednesday next the
19th Instant to meet at the Workhouse
at eight o'clock in the evening.

P. H. Simpson.

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At an adjourned Meeting of the Trustees
of the Church for the purpose of carrying
into execution the before mentioned Act -
holden at the Committee Room in Hampstead
Workhouse on Wednesday the 19th of
November 1828 at eight o'clock in the evening.

Present

Rev. P. H. Simpson (Minister) Licensed Curate in the Chair,
Samuel Hoare
Thomas Farrar
Henry White
J. C. Cameron
Edward Carleton
Rev. R. Northfield

John Lincoln } Churchwarden
Alex. Hamilton }

Rev. P. H. Simpson was elected Chairman
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and
signed by the Chairman

The Clerk reported that since the last General
Meeting Messrs. Brocks, Gurne & Cooper had obtained
from the Speaker of the House of Commons an Order
under 6th Geo. IV. c. 123. referring so much of their
Bills of Costs for soliciting the Act as related to the
House of Commons to the Examination of John Richman
and William Ley Esquires Clerks Assistant of the House
of Commons, and that in pursuance of an Order under
the hands of such Examiners served upon him for
that purpose he (the Clerk) had attended the
Examination of such Costs and had since obtained a
Copy of the Examiners Certificate founded upon the
Report made by the Examiners of which Certificate
the following is a Copy - "Attest John Richman
Esquire Clerk Assistant of the House of Commons and
William Ley Esquire Second Clerk Assistant of the
House of Commons, who were duly authorized and
constituted by me in pursuance of an Act passed in