

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN-AT-HAMPSTEAD

## REGISTERS AND RECORDS



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The sixth year of the reign of his present Majesty  
King George the fourth intituled "An Act to establish  
a Taxation of Books on private Bills in the House of  
Commons, and to prohibit the Sale of certain Offices  
under the Great Seal attending the House of  
Commons" to examine and take the Books and Expenses  
relating to the Transported Parcel Bills of last Session  
have reported to me the amount of the said Books  
and Expenses so far as they relate to the House of  
Commons. And I do hereby certify that the  
said Books and Expenses allowed in the said Report  
amount to the Sum of £1226-9-10 And I do further  
certify that the fees due in such Relation amount to  
the Sum of £20 Chargeable against Messrs Brookes  
& Co Surveyors, 15th Street, Bedford Row the said  
Application for the Satisfaction given under my hand  
the Nineteenth day of July 1820 Charles Matthews  
S. H. Speaker

The Clerk further reported that on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
of November last Messrs Brookes & Co had without  
my previous communications been had in Commence  
in Action in the Court of Kings Bench against the  
Trustees named in the Name of their Books to recover  
the said Sum of £1226-9-10 ~~so~~ ~~the~~ ~~Books~~ ~~had~~ ~~been~~ ~~certified~~  
~~and~~ ~~that~~ ~~under~~ ~~the~~ ~~old~~ ~~Act~~ ~~of~~ ~~17~~ ~~Geo~~ ~~4~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~Plaintiffs~~ ~~had~~ ~~since~~ ~~obtained~~  
a Rule nisi calling upon the Trustees to show  
Cause on or before the 21<sup>st</sup> of November Instant why  
Judgment should not be entered up for the said  
Sum of £1226-9-10 so certified by the Speaker.

The Clerk also stated that since the Commencement  
of the Action he had submitted a Case thereon to  
Council who were of opinion that the present Action  
was not maintainable and that the Court would  
not order Judgment to be entered up for the Sum  
so certified and the Clerk also reported that under

The advice of Counsel he had entered an Appearance  
and pleaded in Bar to the Action

A Letter from Messrs Brookes & Co had been sent under Cover to the  
Clerk and sealed up was then presented & read of  
which the following is a Copy - "Warrington Church  
"Act - Seal". Having heard nothing from your Clerk  
since the close of the late investigation by the Examiners  
of that part of the Charges for this Debt which related to  
the House of Commons only, and for which the Trustees  
are declared liable by the specific Certificate, we  
now write formally to state, that that Certificate made  
upon the Report of the Examiners, and duly signed, is in  
the following words "I do hereby certify that the said Books  
and Expenses allowed in the said Report amount to the  
Sum of £1226-9-10". In enquiring as we are now  
obliged to do, to whom and when we may apply for  
payment of this part of the Charges, we feel it also  
necessary to say, that the course adopted on the late taxation  
by your Orders, as it was expressly stated, has our unqualified  
objection. For what was that course? By your refusal to  
accept our offer, voluntarily, we were to refer the whole  
Rule to the most competent and most thoroughly  
experienced persons or persons in London whom you  
might yourselves have selected, you oblige us,  
either to plunge the Parish in Law by bringing  
Actions, or adopt the course suggested by some of  
your body, namely, that of applying to certain new  
Examiners, appointed under a very recent Act,  
which functionaries have, necessarily as yet had  
but little experience in their Office, and whose  
gentlemen adopt a certain new Rule about Solicitors  
Name, of which Rule nobody before heard, and which  
Rule, of itself, in its application to this Account  
tends materially to reduce some of the usual Charges.  
Of this Rule however, or its applications, we do

not complain in the slightest degree; because  
having adopted your suggestion, we must take the  
consequences, though we could not help smiling  
at the eagerness with which this reference was  
persisted in, (even after it was seen that it  
could not settle the whole bill,) as soon as its  
obvious tendency was ascertained - but what  
we do complain of, and never shall acquiesce in,  
is, that "reimbursement to us for business done  
and money actually paid to Counsel, by the direct  
Order of the Parochial Committee, should be refused,  
and strenuously opposed in the name of the whole  
Body & present Trustees, because it is stated that  
the New Body do not now approve of the conduct of the  
old Parochial Committee in these respects, or acquiesce  
in the expediency of these Orders and payments." It may  
be true Gentlemen that you think, or that an eminent  
man think when you so strenuously assert it, that  
these payments were not such as you would have  
made had you all been upon that Committee;  
though we utterly disbelieve and despise even  
that statement - But is it therefore just that we  
should pay these charges? assuredly not; yet your  
Bill, at least, seems to think, that, if the New Trustees  
so please, we are to be the victims of this discrepancy  
between your opinions and those of the Parochial  
Committee. Is that right? Objections were not  
spared even to the motions of one learned and respectable  
individual on that Committee, in ordering us to  
pay fees to a certain Counsel who was alleged to  
be his friend. We really think this a hyphenating  
mode of seeking to cut down a fair account, one  
that was offered again and again to be referred to  
any competent person, with hardly a claim to object  
with the respectable part of the Community of  
Manchester, whatever the present state of the Parish

may seem to suggest - to the contrary. With future  
matters we have however no present concern. We  
have now made our final protest against the course  
pursued, and shall only request to be paid when the  
money reported due will be paid. We are Gentlemen  
"Your obed<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>. Brothrs James & Coopers 29 Edm<sup>rd</sup>  
Bedford Row - 19 Aug 1820. O. S. When we delivered  
our account, we understood that the Printers Bill  
therein mentioned included all charges by him relating  
to the Act, but it did not include his charge for  
printing the 500 Copies of the Act, amounting to  
£42-5-6, which we have since paid - To the  
Trustees of Manchester Church."

Upon this letter having been read the Clerk  
requested permission to state what actually took  
place before the Examined upon the Question but the  
Trustees were of opinion that such statement on  
his part was unnecessary.

The Clerk then presented the only subsequent  
correspondence which had taken place between  
himself and Messrs Brothrs & Co of which the following  
is a copy - "6 George Inn Square - Manchester  
Church Act - Gentlemen Yesterday was the day  
appointed for the Meeting of the Trustees but a  
sufficient number did not attend to constitute  
a Meeting - Another Meeting will be convened  
in the early part of next week and I would suggest  
the expediency of my being furnished in the  
interim with the particulars of any further claim  
which you may propose making for Costs in  
soliciting the Act over and above the sum stated  
in the Speakers Certificate, in order that the whole  
matter may be introduced at once to the notice  
of the Trustees. I am Gentlemen your most obed<sup>t</sup>  
"Wm Toller Messrs Brothrs James & Coopers"

"Hampstead Church Act - Sir In answer to  
your letter dated yesterday, we have to remark  
that we have already communicated to the Trustees  
through your means the particulars of all our  
claims in respect to this Act, and also our  
objections to the way in which those claims have  
been met, and therefore we consider the whole  
subject as sufficiently before the Trustees at  
the present moment - We are, Sir, Your Obedt.  
Servt. Brooks, Gurn & Cooper - 29 John St.  
Bedford Row 16. October 1828. The Teller's Copy"

It was moved by Mr. Farrer and seconded  
by Mr. Hare and resolved accordingly

That the Clerk be instructed to show Cause  
under the advice of Mr. Starkie (the Counsel  
already consulted) against the Rule nisi  
for Judgment obtained by Messrs. Brooks, Gurn  
and Cooper in the Action brought by them against  
the Trustees and that a Meeting be convened  
as soon as practicable after the Court shall have  
given their Decision thereon.

Adjourned

R. H. Simpson  
Chairman

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13 Jan

At a General Quarterly Meeting of  
the Trustees for the purpose of carrying  
into execution the before mentioned  
Act holden at the Committee Rooms  
in Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday  
the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 1829. at Eight  
o'clock in the Evening.

Present

Rev. R. H. Simpson (Pastor) Licensed Preacher in the Chair  
Thomas Sheppard  
J. C. Emerson  
C. A. Stelfox  
Wm. Farrer  
Rich. Southfield  
George Bore  
Edw. Condie  
John Lewis  
Miss Hamilton } Trustees

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

This Meeting was convened by order of the  
Minister for the purpose of holding the General  
Quarterly Meeting directed by the Act, and also  
specially to consider the Resolution passed at the  
last Meeting relative to the Action brought by  
Messrs. Brooks, Gurn & Cooper against the Trustees  
Letters from Mr. W. Starkie of Strand Street and  
Mr. Masters of High Street in answer to an  
application made to them by the Clerk for a  
Statement of their claims to the free use of two  
Pews in the Church were presented and read of  
which Letters the following are Copies - "Gampden"  
"Dec. 22<sup>d</sup> 1828 - Sir, According to your wish to  
be furnished with a Statement of my Claims to

"a free Pew in the South aisle of the Parish Church  
of Hampstead, my claim, which now for the first  
time has been questioned; I do not enter on the  
grounds of the subscription given by the family  
towards building the said Church for which  
subscription the family was to prefer a free  
Pew as long as any of them remained in the Parish.  
"I as the representative shall consider my  
right as perfectly established until the Trustees  
point out the contrary. The above statement  
I shall be much obliged to you to lay before them  
at the next meeting from your obedient servant  
J. Macintosh - M<sup>r</sup>. T<sup>r</sup> Clerk to the Trustees  
of the Church."

"Hampstead 1 January 1829 - Sir. In reply to  
your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> last, relative to the Pew  
No. 69, I beg to refer you to my late Father's  
letter to the Trustees on the subject, as entered  
in the Minutes of the Trustees, and trust the  
same will now as it did then satisfy them  
of the correctness of my claim. I am Sir your  
obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> J. Macintosh - T<sup>r</sup> Clerk to  
the Trustees of the Church."

Resolved

"That the Clerk do refer to Mr. Macintosh  
and Mr. Macintosh that the claims set up by them  
to the two Pews in their respective occupations  
cannot be admitted by the Trustees but that  
liberty will be given to them to continue the  
use of such Pews until the Repairs of the Church  
take place"

"Bills for half years Salary to the Organist  
Pew Officers & Sexton and for repairs & other  
and other Disbursements for the Church -  
amounting together to £57-10-10 were  
presented and ordered for payment."

"The Resolution passed at the last meeting  
desiring the Clerk to show Cause against the  
Rule for Payment obtained by Mr. Broder  
Grave and Cooper in Michaelmas Term last  
in the action brought by them against the Trustees  
was read and taken into consideration but  
no Resolution was founded thereon."

Adjourned sine die.

J. H. Simpson.



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10 Feb

A special 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 10<sup>th</sup> of February 1829 at eight o'clock in the evening.

Present

- Rev. R. Simpson A.M. Licensed Curate in the Church
- Thomas Shepard
- Thomas Turner
- J. C. Cameron
- Henry White
- John Livock
- Rev. Hamilton

Churchwardens.

Rev. R. Simpson was elected Chairman.

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

This Meeting was convened by order of five Trustees relative to the action pending in the Court of Kings Bench between Messrs. Dicks, Francis & Cooper and the Trustees of the said Act.

A Letter from Messrs. Dicks, Francis & Cooper with an account enclosed of which the following are respective Copies were presented & read.

"We having been induced to discontinue the proceedings against you, as well to the Trustees of the Hampstead Church Act, and understanding that the Trustees are desirous of a more particular reply to your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> of October last, we have sent the enclosed account. We need scarcely add, that if contrary to our present expectation, we are constrained to resort to a legal remedy, we reserve the right to establish a claim to the whole £350 in part liquidation of the sum which we contend for reasons partly stated at the foot of the account, have been unjustly struck out of our bills,

and which, as we have there said, deserve the attention of the Trustees on the amicable settlement of our account. We are, Sir, Your obed<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>. Thomas Francis & Cooper 29 John St. Bedford Row 30. Aug 1829. Thomas Fisher Esquire Clerk to the Trustees of Hampstead Church Act.

The Trustees of Hampstead Church in Acc<sup>t</sup> with Messrs Francis & Cooper for  
 Do Account Rendered by the Trustees of the Church of St. Andrew's } £ 1226.7.10  
 By Cash of Parochial Committee - 350.0.0  
 Balance - 1289.16.8

Settled for carrying through the Bill of the House of Commons } 67.10.10  
 The Cash paid to the Trustees } 200.2.0  
 Charged in former Accounts } 12.5.6  
 To further claims as below stated. } 21.10.6  
 £ 1579.16.8

We claim to be allowed to retain out of the sum of £350 received of the Parochial Committee a sufficient sum to reimburse us the fees paid out of pocket, and for other business transacted by their agents & Order, and which have been allowed or disallowed on the late taxation. We submit also to the Trustees that we ought in common fairness to be allowed the difference between the undercharges made by us, and the sum admitted by the Commissioners to be justly chargeable. The total of the above claims on a moderate computation is the above mentioned sum of £261.10.6. In considering the above claims we beg the Trustees especially to bear in mind that while our Moderation was held to preclude us from the allowance of those undercharges, our other fair charges for a multitude of important attendances we made early and late & throughout the day occasionally extending to a late hour of the night, were altogether disallowed merely because through extreme application to obviate the necessity of commencing de novo on the conclusion of the

Session such business was performed within 24 hours, and we were allowed instead the sum of Two Guineas a Sum paid to an Attorney for merely waiting for the trial of his Cause at the expense such fee was incurred by newly constituted examiners to be the proper remuneration for a days service however important & laborious for which however it must appear extremely inadequate especially in a case like the present, involving a variety of conflicting interests and impeded not only by some of the parties engaged therein, but directly opposed by a section of the Parishioners and in which the paymaster out of pocket to the Parliamentary Agent and Printer alone to say nothing of fees to Counsel and other large expenses, amount to £540 and upwards.

Resolved

That the Clerk do inform Messrs Brookes, Crane & Coopers that the Trustees cannot make any communication to them whilst the present action continues, but that if it be discontinued he is instructed to make a communication to them provided they engage to receive the same without prejudice to any question as to the liability of the Trustees to the payment of the whole or any part of Messrs Brookes & Coopers demands contained in the above account.

That upon Messrs Brookes & Coopers according to such Terms the Clerk be instructed to state to them that the Trustees have no authority to enter upon the subject of any Costs & Expenses respecting those of obtaining the Act & incidental thereto, and that so far as concerns the Costs & Expenses of soliciting the Act thro' the House of Commons both parties are precluded from discussion by the Speakers Certificate and therefore that the

amount mentioned in such Certificate together with the Costs & Expenses of passing the Act thro' the House of Lords & the Printers subsequent Bill stated to have been omitted in the account first rendered constitute the whole claim to which the Trustees consistently with their Duty or authority can attend

That the Trustees being responsible to the Vestry & being compelled to submit to them their accounts would not feel justified in applying the Funds in hand towards payment of any part of Messrs Brookes & Coopers demands without authority of Vestry, but that with a view to a Settlement ~~that~~ the Trustees will recommend to the Vestry to allow the payment of £1000. 9. 10 as the balance due upon the Speakers said Certificate for the Costs & Expenses of soliciting the Act thro' the House of Commons after deducting the sum of £ 350 paid on account thereof by former Trustees previous to the passing of the Act, and also to allow the payment of <sup>which is due to</sup> the Printer said omitted account for the Costs & Expenses of soliciting the Act thro' the House of Lords & incidental thereto such two mentioned Sums making together £700. 6. 2 to be in full of all demands for obtaining the Act and relative thereto and that such demands will be made at the next Vestry which shall be convened at the request of the Trustees for the purposes of the Act.

Adjourned to Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 1829 to meet at the Workhouse at Eight o'clock in the Evening.

M. H. Simpson

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24 Feb

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 Stamps Road Workhouse on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 1829 at eight o'clock in the evening.

Present

- |                    |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Rev. P. H. Simpson | Warranted Curate in the Choir |
| Richard Northfield | Edw. Conitt                   |
| George Store       | Edw. Lovock                   |
| Charles Holford    | Wm. Holford                   |
| Henry White        | Wm. 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 the first part of the Resolution passed at the last Meeting had been communicated to Messrs Brooks, Crane & Cooper who had since discussed their objection against the Trustees, but that in consequence of Messrs Brooks & Co. not having sent the undertaking required the latter part of the Resolution had not yet been made known to them

Resolved upon the Motion of Mr Northfield, seconded by Mr Store

That it is necessary to proceed to the immediate repair of the Church and also to carry into effect the provisions of the Act so far at least as is positively required by the Terms thereof

Resolved That Mr. Williams be requested to prepare a detailed Specification of the whole repairs necessary

to be done to the Church in its present state including Painting and Whitewashing

A Plan by Mr. Salvin Architect for enlarging the Western Wall of the Church, & deepening the interior by which 100 additional sittings would be obtained was presented together with a Report of Mr. Salvin respecting the repairs of the Church

Mr. Holford gave notice that at the next Meeting he should submit for adoption a Plan for extending the Western walls of the Church about 14 feet in order thereby to provide increased accommodation in 300 sittings without diminishing the present number of seated sittings

Ordered

That in the circulars for the next Meeting the Clergy do request the particular attendance of all the Trustees

Adjourned to Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March next to meet at the Workhouse at eight o'clock in the evening

P. H. Simpson



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6 mar

An adjourned Meeting of the Trustees of the Church for the purpose of carrying into execution the before mentioned Act holden at the Court Room in Hampton Workhouse on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1759 at eight o'clock in the Evening

Present

- |                             |                                  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Rev. A. M. Simpson          | Assistant Licensed Curate in the |
| T. White                    | J. C. Emerson                    |
| Charles Belford             | S. M. Longman                    |
| Edward Parille              | Thos. Parrier                    |
| Nich <sup>l</sup> Mathfield | +                                |
| George Fiere                | Churchwarden                     |

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

The Clerk reported that since the last Meeting he had communicated to Messrs Jacobs Crane & Cooper the whole of the Resolution passed on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February last Messrs Jacobs & Co. having previously consented to receive such communication without prejudice to the Trustees

Ordered

That the Clerk do apply to Messrs Jacobs Crane & Cooper in order to ascertain if they concurred in the proposed arrangement for effecting a settlement of their account and if so to request them to exhibit for the inspection of the Trustees the several Bills for Printing charged in such account

A detailed specification of the repairs of the Church prepared by Mr. Dulliamy pursuant to the Order of the Board was presented and read.

Resolved

That it be referred to a Committee to examine the same and to confer with Mr. Dulliamy thereon with full power to cause such further examinations to be made into the state of the Church as they may deem necessary and to report thereon to the Board and that such Committee do consist of Mr. Belford, Mr. White and the two Churchwardens

It having been intimated to the Board that the Minister & Patron severally objected to the Plan for enlarging the Church fourteen feet at the West end, Mr. Belford withdrew six Muttons of which notice had been given at the last Meeting

Resolved

upon the Motion of Mr. Parrier seconded by Mr. Parrier That Mr. Dulliamy be instructed to report his opinion upon the most eligible Plan for providing the number of free Seats in the present Church required by the Act

Adjourned sine die

J. White

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24 March

At a Special Meeting of the Trustees convened by order of the Churchwardens for the purpose of carrying into execution the before mentioned Act holden at the Communion Room in Hampstead Churchhouse on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 1829 at 1/2 past 9 o'clock in the forenoon

Present

- Rev. J. White the Minister in the Chair
- Rev. R. H. Simpson - Deacon
- Charles Hoiferd
- J. C. Cameron
- Thomas Sheppard
- Henry White
- George Thorne
- The Curate
- Wm. Looch - Churchwarden

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

The following Letter from Messrs Brooks & Co. & Co. was presented and read -

"Hampstead Church, Feb. 21. Although we regret that the recommendation proposed by the resolution of the Trustees of the 10<sup>th</sup> ult. should have been somewhat extended, yet for the purpose of completing an amicable arrangement we beg to express our concurrence therein, hoping that the Trustees will submit it to the Vestry as early as may be convenient, that part, at least, of the funds which they have now in hand, may be applied towards liquidation of an account so long standing. We are, Sir, Dear very obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> Brothrs James & Co. per 29 John St. Bedford Row, 12<sup>th</sup> March 1829 - Thomas Miller Esq. Clerk to the Hampstead Church Trustees"

A Letter from William Wilberforce, Junior Esquire expressing his determination to resign

his Office of Justice under the Act was presented & read.

Mr William Wilberforce Report

The Curate appointed at the last Meeting presented a further Report of Mr Vulliamy upon the state of the Church Tower.

The following are Copies of Mr Vulliamy's detailed Specification of the Repairs of the Church presented at the last Meeting and of his further Report presented at this Meeting

Specification of the several Works necessary to be done for the repairing and reinstating Hampstead Church.

Observations

Specification

The Roof is covered with green Westmorland slates hung to oak Laths by wood pins partly pointed inside.

The Lathing of the Roof must be stripped & sorted and afterwards relaid with as much new of the best Green Westmorland Slate as may be necessary to recover the Roof, the small stuff of the old to be rejected & the new to be in larger courses than the present and to be laid at the lower ends of Rafters the bottom course not less than 2 1/2" 6" wide and diminishing in proportion. The whole put on with 1/2" of this

The Gutters badly laid and have been soldered in a great many places.

The Lead of the Gutters to be taken up recent and relaid with as much new as may be necessary. The Lead of Gutters when relaid to weigh not less than 8 lb to the Foot - The Gutters to have a fall of 2 Inches in every ten feet and 3/4" drips and to be nowhere narrower than 12 In.

Flashings to Gutter of 5 lb lead 6 In wide.

Lead to Ridge 22 In wide 6 lb to the Foot & bound to the Wall with lead headed nails.

### Observations.

The woodwork covering of present Lead pipes is rotten, but will not be removed to Iron Pipes.

The Timbers of the Roof are very large and sound they are framed together on a very bad principle and are in many places down at the joinings, but it is very probable this may have been the original fault in execution.

From the irregularity of the Parlours, and the Rafters being framed into them instead of laying upon them, they have sagged very much in each Bay.

There is no ridge piece but the tops of the Rafters are halved together from which cause the upper division of the Rafters have given way more than the other. In consequence the Bridge Walk is crooked from one end to the other.

### Specification

The Lead down pipes to be taken away by the Contractor and Iron Pipes of the same Diameter fixed in their places with proper head & shoes of Iron Lead Socket &c. &c.

The Rafters must either be squared out where sunk or if it can be done must be taken out and turned the round side upwards, this can at all events be done with the upper ends of Rafters next the ridge and a new ridge 12 in. by 1 1/2 must be fixed in long lengths upon the top of the Rafter Rafters & the ends of Rafters made very fast to it with long spikes & a 3 in. Bridge Bolt must be fixed above it with proper Screws.

The Tanks under parlours must be drawn up tight or wood put & new ones added if necessary in any part.

The Roof will be covered with such sort of Bark as 3 inches wide fixed at a proper distance apart to receive the Slaters with proper Ridge Boards & Lap Boards tilting false &c.

Some Stones of Coping that are cracked must be replaced with new, to correspond & of the same description of Stone properly cramp'd, the same well painted & run with lead

The Stone Steps, Landing Carls, &c. at the West Entrance to be taken up & replaced in their proper places & where broken made good with New Stone of the same kind.

New Portland Stone Carls to be made to the old Flare on each side of the Church & the present Gratings let into the same.

The Steps at East Entrance to be taken up & replaced by New Stone, whatever Stone is sound & fit may be used again, New Iron Gratings to be fixed in the same.

All the New Stone work or that which is replaced, must be properly cramp'd and run with Lead, All Carriage must be painted.

Any other Stone work that may be found defective must be made good & the whole must be well cleared with sand and water & a brush, but not the surface taken off.

Generally in a good state the Bricklayers & Masons work throughout appears to have been very well executed.

The West Wall is in excellent condition.

Generally speaking in very good substantial repair.

The inside of all the Parapets, Brick & Stone work, to be well pointed where necessary.

### Interior

The Entablature between the Columns of the Nave and the Altar Piece which has been damaged down by the sinking

Observations.

Specifications

of the Tower must be cut away, & the plastering made good, & plain moulded bands run in place of the Enablature.

The Rafter & ornaments & Mouldings which in many parts of the Church are broken, must be carefully made good & restored, & if necessary any missing part must be moulded, & cast to replace them.

The Cornices & other plastering where loose in the Tower must be taken down, restored & all cracks and defective places made good & places cut out where necessary to make sound work.

The whole of the Plastering Walls & Ceiling to be well scraped & washed, defects made good, cracks stopped & washed twice with strongly sized Colour, drab or Stone, or other least not exceeding common Colour, & the Mouldings & Enrichments picked out & gilded.

All the Wood & Iron work must be well scraped & washed or sanded down & stoped with putty & painted 3 times in Oil & finished Stone or drab Colour except those Pews that are lined with Cloth.

Observations.

Specifications

The Pew fronts & Gallery front painted in imitation of Oak & twice varnished with the best Copal varnish.

The Pew Doors to be varnished with Stained Varnish.

The outside of Doors & Frames & window Frames down Pipes & any other outside Wood or Iron work to be painted four Oils & finished either by sanding in imitation of Stone or by graining & varnishing.

All the interior Doors to be grained & varnished as before described.

All the Columns with their Caps & Bases to be painted 3 Oils & sanded in imitation of Stone this applies to those of the Altar Piece also.

The Pedestals of the Columns of the Altar Screen are also to be painted and sanded in imitation of Stone.

The Panels in the Altar Screen on which the words of the Communion Service are written are to be scraped, rubbed & properly prepared & then painted 3 Oils & finished in brown or some approved Colour & the words written in gold Letters & back staid.

The top of the Pews is very uneven the Floor having in several places sunk from an inch to an Inch

All the Pew Doors in Gallery & down stairs which have sunk must be unhung the hanging & lock styles placed & if necessary proceed the hinges packed out & the hung so as to make the Capping even.

## Observations

and half, one of the smaller Columns that support the West Gallery has sunk half an Inch, but these partial Settlements which have arisen probably from the sinking Vault under the Church after it was built are more unprofitable than injurious. The only project made of removing them would be by taking up the paving & Floor in those parts that are sunk & wedging up the Sillings so as to bring the Floor all level & then replacing the Stone.

## Specifications

The Wood Lining to some of the Windows is displaced & loose. The panes cracked & mouldings broken they must all be taken out refitted & fixed in their proper situations & generally all the Woodwork of the East Linings against Walls & Partials of Columns, the Doors, & Vault Linings Sijels, Architraves & all joiners work in & about the Chapel must be carefully examined. Such parts as are removed from their places, that are loose or improperly fixed must be taken down refitted and fixed if necessary.

The Plinth & Surbase & other Wood work about & of the Altar Screen must be all properly fixed & secured & made good where wanting.

The ends of Gallery Stairs to be made good where defective. The Joists & Landings taken up the Joists & Trusses, squared out where wanting to make them level & the Boards relaid & made good.

All the Woodwork in the several Entrances to be reinstituted where defective.

The Draining of the Niche Entrances & Arches to be taken up & repaired (S.S. The joints worked square thro' & not undercut.) & relaid with as much Mortar of the same description as will be necessary to make it good.

## Observations

The Steps & paving to Altar to be also repaired in like manner.

## Specifications

### The Tower

The Spire upon the Tower must have the old Copper stripped off & be recovered with new Copper weighing 16 Oz to the Foot properly lapped & jointed.

The Boarding & Timbers where decayed must be made good.

The Ceiling of Clock Room in Tower must be repaired & whitened.

The Brickwork to be made good under windows of Ringing Floor.

The Ceiling of S. repaired, stopped & whitened.

The Ceiling of Vestry & Walls to be made good washed & stipt & coloured as described for the Church.

The Spinking to be made good to Floor & any of the Woodwork to be repaired where necessary.

All the Woodwork in Vestry to be scraped, stipt & painted 3 times in Oil, drab or common Colour. The Doors grained, varnished & varnished twice.

The Tower to be under pinned & made perfectly secure.

The Brickwork of External Wall to be then taken down between the Crack occasioned by the Settlement & the Tower Chaves cut



## Observations

## Specification

In the Tower & the Brickwork rebuilt.  
& worked into the Chases which must  
be kept leaving the Tower free  
to settle again.

The Opening & other Stone work Doors  
Window Frames & Glass inside  
Rebuilding the etc. to better good.

## Further Report

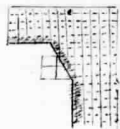
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The ground inside the Tower under the  
Floor of Vestry having been excavated & cleared  
away I proceeded to examine the state of the  
Foundations of the Tower in the presence of the  
Rev. J. White, the Rev. A. H. Simpson, & Messrs  
Esquire Henry White Esquire & the two Architects

The manner in which the Foundation has  
been executed appears precisely the same from  
the survey on the inside as it did from the outside  
viz. that the walls of the Tower are built upon  
two courses of 3 Inch deal planks one crossing  
the other in opposite directions the bottom  
course resting upon the Soil (which is a loamy  
Clay) without Piles or Sleepers and the Brickwork  
built upon the upper course.

The Planking does not appear to have extended

any wider than the thickness of the walls at bottom  
except at the canted angles and from these it  
projects square into the Tower thus



There are no projecting footings on the inside  
of the Tower any more than on the outside, with the  
exception of One set off of a Quarter of a Brick in  
projection about 2 feet above the bottom of the  
Brickwork.

The Bricks in the lower part of the walls  
are soft and appear to have been of an inferior  
quality originally.

The deal planks especially the upper course  
is so completely decayed as to leave a cavity of  
from 3 to 5 In. high and from 6 to 10 inches deep  
all round under the walls. Beyond this & at about  
the center of the wall the wood appears to be left  
decayed and sustains the weight of the Tower, it  
is however considerably compressed and in some  
parts the black remains of wood are jammed  
tight into the clay on which they laid. Judging  
from the trial previously made on the outside  
of the wall, the general width of the supporting  
part of the substructure, that is the remains  
of the planking, is less than 2 feet; the wood  
at the angles appears to be less decayed at present  
than in the other parts, probably from its being  
greater in width & therefore a larger mass, for  
as before observed it is towards the outer and  
inner faces of the walls, in the other parts, that  
the wood appears to have first failed & is now  
the most decayed.

The wood wherever it continues to retain

any consistency is full of water and spongy that which is least decayed appears to be beneath.

Altho' the Plank is decayed all round it is rather more so on the West side (that towards the Church) and on the South side, than on the other two sides, in the former it is generally wet to all appearance and a black Clay soil resembling very compact Mud supplies its place, this however is only towards the exterior as some portions of partially undecayed Wood must remain in the centre of the Wall to sustain its height, yet in those parts the centre is proportionally softer as it admitted of an Iron bar being pushed upwards of 3 feet under the Mould.

An Examination by looking in the Stair Case & the Ringing Cell corresponded with the observations on the part of the foundation where the Plank was most decayed, the Floor was out of level from East to West  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an Inch the side nearest the Church being lowest and from North to South  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an Inch the South side being the lowest.

This was all the Examination that could be made and the conclusion that appears to me to be the result of that Examination, after maturely considering the Circumstances is that the Tower should either be underpinned or taken down.

That it might be underpinned and made secure I have not the least doubt but of the Extent of that operation I cannot give a probable Guess, for in Order that less risk should attend the Execution greater Precautions should be taken & more Expence bestowed upon it.

The popular Opinion that the whole of the Wood will decay and when gone that the Tower will sink quietly down upon the solid Earth still retaining its proper situation with merely the loss of a little pile height, is too conjectural & unworkmanlike for me to join in it. Unprofessional Men may give colder opinions than professional, because no loss of Reputation will follow if they prove unfounded & imprudent, and an Individual may incur riches to make experiments when he is responsible for the result to himself alone. - But an Architect or Builder must not recommend the Trusting to chance and Circumstances when he is consulted on subjects in which not only his own Character but the safety of the Public is concerned.

The general Idea of the manner or process of underpinning would be to lay horizontal pieces of Timber under the string courses all round the Tower with Wood Shown into the Murens taking chocks of whole timber from these forming with the horizon an angle of from 25 to 30 degrees extending one beyond the other footed upon very strong double Templates of hard Oak well secured & supported by double Oak wedges when these are applied & made perfectly secure to the four sides of the Tower the ground must be excavated all round to the bottom removing the Altar Steps Columns &c and the Stair Case & the Stair Case Floor.

A better opinion could than be formed than at present if the best mode of proceeding to underpin but probably it would be best a space of about 2 feet wide would be cleared

through under the Wall in the centre of one of the sides, the bad earth removed and the bottom levelled, the soft bricks of the Tower over which also be removed. Brickwork laid in courses and spreading at least one foot wider each way than the thickness of the walls of the Tower would be built up to within 9 In. of the bottom of Tower a piece of 4 inch Galvanize lead upon the New Brickwork in Courses another piece laid upon that and bedded up to the under side of Tower with Cement between these two pieces of Stone Iron Wedges made near by parallel would be driven one upon the other from the opposite sides of the Wall at the same time. This operation would be repeated all round till the whole was completed. Lewis Vulliamy.

To be added to the enclosed report that the weight of the Tower is - according to the above Wood Floor with Framework be 6.30 Tons 10 Cwt. which makes upon every square Foot of its Base a weight of 2 Tons 11 Cwt.

It is to be observed that from various Experiments that the Soil of Hampstead is extremely variable & uncertain changing often & suddenly from Sand to Clay & from Clay to Loam, and therefore not to be depended upon for sustaining a great weight. Lewis Vulliamy.

That Mr. Woodcock of Russell Square, Architect be requested to examine the Church Tower and to report his opinion thereon forthwith

That the Clerk do write to Mr. Vulliamy requesting him to delay for the present the preparation of any Plan for providing the

requisite number of Free Sittings

Mr. Moore gave Notice that at the next Meeting he should move to rescind so much of the Resolution passed at a Meeting holden on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February last as precluded the Trustees from advancing out of the Funds in hand a part of the Loan due to Mr. Charles Crane & Co. for soliciting the Act without Authority of Meeting.

Adjourned sine die.  
The Trustees

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At a Special Meeting of the Trustees convened by order of the Churchwardens for the purpose of carrying into execution the before mentioned Act, holden at the Committee Room in Hampden Park House on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 1829 at half past 9 in the Forenoon.

Present

- Thomas Shepard Beare in the Chair
- J. C. Cameron Charles Keble
- George Freese Thomas Fuller
- Henry White Wm<sup>r</sup> Hamilton Churchwarden

Thomas Shepard Beare was elected Chairman. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

A Report upon the state of the Church prepared by Mr Handwich pursuant to the Resolution of the last Meeting was presented and read of which the following is a Copy — "Report June 1<sup>st</sup> April 1829 - Sir - (According to the desire of the Trustees of Hampden Church communicated to me in your Letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> March I have examined the Tower of the Church which I found to be built upon a Foundation of soft Planking and upon a sandy Soil very porous and wet. The Planking has completely perished and in consequence the Tower has sunk bodily about 2 1/2 inches causing fractures and Settlement in the Eastern external walls and in the interior walls of the Church which have been united with it - There is also a fracture on the South side of the Tower extending over the Arch of the first Story from the examination I made I found the Tower in itself perpendicular and

it appears to have sunk very regularly, the horizontal points or angles of the Church from North to South are perfectly level. The external walls of the Church from that part of their Foundations which I had opened was not placed upon any Planking but upon the natural Soil and the Foundation of the Tower was about fifteen inches below them. It is quite practicable to remove the decayed Planking from underneath the Tower and I am of opinion the best mode of remedying the defect will be by York Stone Landings severally inserted under the Foundation firmly wedged in and run with Cement with some additional Brickwork and forming a broad base for the Tower to rest on as can be obtained - This is the most likely method to prevent any further sinking of the Tower and consequently any future Settlement in those walls which are bonded into it. A work of this kind is always attended with difficulty and from the wet porous nature of the Soil on which the Tower rests must involve in this instance some degree of uncertainty both as to expense and security, as the fractures in the external and internal walls have produced a very disagreeable appearance in the Church, the Trustees may probably think it necessary to cause these Walls to be so effectually repaired as to remove the present apparent defects. Under these circumstances I would take the liberty of suggesting whether it might not be advisable for the Trustees to consider at what additional expense the enlargement of the Church, which I understand has been long under consideration might be effected by taking down the Tower and extending the body of the Church as far Eastward as may be required and then rebuilding