

a full committee
except
Mr Bowden

Wednesday 2^d Dec^r 1835

The following letter from
Mr Cockerell having been read,
viz:

2^d Dec. 1835,

Bank of England.

Sir,

Having at your desire
Yesterday considered the plan
of Mr Montreux's House at Bristol
and the Terms thereof, I beg
leave to say that the superficial
space about 22 1/2 Squares is
nearly the same as the premises
at present held at Bristol;
but I consider them in other
respects liable to many objections
for the purpose intended, as
far as one may judge from
the plans.

Mr Cockerell's
Report in
reference to
Property offered
to the Bank
at Bristol
Newcastle

The House is obviously
of ancient date & therefore probably
of insufficient party walls &c.
It is apparent that a great
part of the Front Wall as well
as

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The offered property
at Bristol
not considered
eligible by
Mr. Lockwell

as of the back have been cut
out and suspended on breppamies,
making it of course weak above
and the walls of the subdivisions
of the House have been cut away
and replaced with partitions
of slight construction which
carry all the upper part of
the House.

The Back Buildings are
also slight & intermixed with
other properties, & I
consider the neighbouring
Yard at the back highly
objectionable, not being part
of the premises - thus it is
evident that a very heavy
outlay would be required to
convert them to our uses.

I venture (from my
acquaintance with Bristol)
to doubt also the advantage
of the situation & I cannot
but think that premises
nearer

nearer ^{to} the centre of business
 might be obtained - as this
 search & enquiry would however
 take some time I beg leave to
 propose that I should correspond
 with a very respectable Man a
 Surveyor residing at Bristol
 formerly in my employ, under
 every proper caution - and I
 have no doubt that in the
 course of a week something
 might be pointed out which
 I would then visit with
 effect.

Eligibility of
 the Newcastle
 Property

With respect to the
 Newcastle Plans, I beg to say
 that they appear to me highly
 eligible, they cover nearly the
 same space which the present
 branch occupies about $23\frac{1}{2}$
 Squares, the large frontage
 affords great light suited to
 our purpose & it appears
 substantially built - If therefore
 the terms (which are not stated)

Should

should turn out to be reasonable.
I think the negotiation might
be made advantageous to the
Bank. and I have the honor to
be Sir

Your most obedient
servant

(signed) C. R. Lockyerell.

Jas. Pattison Esq,
Esq - Esq - Esq

at visit to the
Manchester branch
suggested -

P.S. from all I hear respecting
the Manchester Bank, I beg
to suggest that a visit to that
place in my way to Newcastle
might be advantageous.

C. R. C.

The committee approved
thereof, and Mr. Lockyerell
was authorised to visit
Manchester & Newcastle
without delay.

approved

16 Dec. 1835 Ordered,

That the said Bills be referred to the Comtee for the House & servants for payment.

The following Letters from Mr. Cockerell were also laid before the Comtee viz:

" Branch Bank
" Manchester
" 10 Dec. 1835

Letter from Mr. Cockerell relative to the capabilities of the Branch Bk Premises at Manchester &c.

" Dear Sir,
" I have been closely engaged these two days with Mr. Reid considering the capabilities of our Branch, & I have succeeded in satisfying my own mind that the present Premises will afford all the accommodation wanted without rebuilding, & at an expence not worth considering in the comparison
" I find your Scheme of uniting the private & public Entrances essential to the Scheme & perfectly acquiesced in by Mr. Reid as the best
" — the addition of the Staircase
" at

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"at the back throws in a space
 "of lights which will give
 "cheerfulness & abundant
 "convenience for all purposes
 "- especially the former (light)
 "is most striking, being
 "south & lofty - for I propose
 "to take in 2 stories in that
 "part.

"I find the Building sound
 "on the whole after a careful
 "survey of every part, tho' much
 "racked by the removal of
 "principal walls & other liberties
 "taken - But throughout it
 "wants repairs & must be
 "looked to.

"I will not now trouble
 "you with more remarks - I
 "purpose proceeding towards
 "Newcastle tomorrow - &c &c

"(Signed) C R Cockerell

"James Paterson Esq:
 "Governor. M.P.

From the same to the same.

"Newcastle

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"Dear Sir,

"The inclosed Letter from
 "Mr. Pope at Bristol[†] forwarded
 "to me here is so satisfactory
 "as

Letter
 from Mr. Cockerell
 relative to the
 Newcastle
 Branch
 † returned to Mr.
 Cockerell by the post.

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"as proving that a site may
"be had in the heart of the
"City that I thought you
"would like to see it - it
"speaks for itself, & I will
"not trouble you further on
"it now.

"I arrived here at 7 this
"morning & have been looking
"over the Town with Mr. Grote
"- the undertaking of Mess^{rs}
"Grainger is gigantic, & has
"I own appalled me by its
"boldness, the apparent hazard
"of its support & its outlay,
"which I consider cannot be
"estimated in the whole at
"much less than £600,000 -

"I have had a good deal of
"conversation with Jonathan
"Richardson of the firm of
"Backhouse, who are evidently
"interested parties - I have
"other means of information
"to consult & shall feel my
"way better tomorrow - I do
"not pretend to report to you
"to-day on this subject - all
"I see plainly confirms the
"objection to our position at
"present, & it is a joke with
"the Bankers here that we
"were so enough placed &
"out of their way

"I am &c
"(Signed) C. R. Cockerell"

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Wednesday 23rd Dec. 1835

The following Letter from Mr. Cockerell was laid before the Committee - viz:

" Bank of England
" 23 Dec. 1835

" Sir,

" In obedience to the Minute
" of the 2nd Inst., I passed the
" 14th, 15th & 16th Inst., at
" Newcastle, in order to survey
" the Houses proposed for the
" occupation of the Branch
" Bank, & their relative
" situations to the business
" quarters of the Town - assisted
" by the local knowledge &
" advice of Mr. Carr & Mr.
" Grote.

" You are well aware that the
" Banks of Newcastle (5 in number)
" are all in Dean Street & mostly
" sit, as described in red on the
" plan - & in the heart of the
" Town, a situation which no
" new operations can ever affect
" because it is central, & in the
" main traffic from the north
" to the South of England, & from
" the East to the West, the latter
" now greatly improving by the new
" road forming at the end of
" Collingwood St, & leading from
" Carlisle

Letter
from Mr. Cockerell
relative to his
Survey for new
Branch Bank
premises at
Newcastle.

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"Carlisle-Yark, & Exham &c
 "to the former also, by the
 "continuation of Dean Street,
 " & Mr. Grainger's operations
 " The situations offered
 " during my visit were those
 " already submitted to your
 " Committee - they are about
 " 400 yards (nearly a quarter
 " of a mile) north of this
 " position, & on a continued
 " acclivity which may be
 " said to increase that distance
 " - they are equally distant
 " with our actual Branch
 " from the other Banks &
 " from the central position
 " referred to - the Business
 " of the Town has not yet
 " extended so far, nor is it
 " likely that any other than
 " retail & whopping Establish^{ts}
 " will ever do so - they are
 " opposite to the new meat
 " & Vegetable market & not
 " in the great North & West
 " thoroughfare of the Town &
 " half a mile from the Quay
 " It was apparent from my
 " conversations with Mr. Nathan
 " Richardson the Managing
 " Partner of Backhouse's that
 " they

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"they were deeply engaged in
"this building speculation, & the
"fact is now fully confirmed
"- the urgency of those gentlemen
"therefore, for our removal is
"fully explained.

"This gigantic speculation
"(not less than £600,000) may
"ultimately succeed, but for
"that end we are to suppose
"the shop frontage of Newcastle
"& retail trade to be nearly
"doubled, or that the other
"parts of the town so employed
"must be transplanted to their
"new quarter - the parts on
"the plan, tinted red, describes
"the only houses yet executed,
"& should any check occur, the
"situations offered to us will
"be accessible only circuitously
"by Pilgrim St., or by the
"Cloth Market.

"Under this unfavorable
"impression I considered it my
"duty to enquire for sites nearer
"the centre of business & I beg
"to point out those marked
"A.B.C.D. as all of them at present
"attainable or likely to be so
"shortly - the more as Grainger's
"operations will leave these
"somewhat depreciated & stimulate
"competition & improvements elsewhere
" &

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"It cannot be doubted that
"a large choice will be
"opened to the Bank very
"shortly.

"In the accompanying paper
"I have delineated the plots
"A.B. in the Old Town & E.F.
"in the new to the same
"scale, with their probable
"cost affixed.

"In the Old Town that
"marked A is in my mind
"best suited.

"In the new that marked
"E is best suited from its
"vicinity to the centre, but
"Pilgrims St being on higher
"ground the back yard &
"windows will be much
"overlooked, & it is otherwise
"much crowded & confined.

"I have the honor &c
"(Signed) C R Cockerell

"James Pattison, Esq.
" &c. &c. &c."

The Agent of the Posts.

Posts: Branch Branch having inclosed a
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agent's Mansew: ill health of his Mansew:
from the dampness &c. of sleeping apart occasions by the dampness

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and closeness of his sleeping
 apartment, having already
 lost the services of one man
 from the same cause & the
 Porter now being attacked with
 symptoms of the complaint
 (Asthma). The Committee at the
 suggestion of the Governor,
 took into consideration,
 whether it would be
 advisable to erect additional
 rooms in the Attic of the
 Branch House, or, whether
 the object cannot be better
 attained by renting a room
 of the adjoining House, the
 Proprietor of which it is
 considered very probable would
 consent to part with one for
 the purpose. -

After hearing Mr Cockerell's
 account of the situation of the
 sleeping apartment in question,
 The

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Agent of the Port's
Branch to be allowed
£10 Ann: to find
a room for his
Man servant out
of the House.

The Committee were of opinion
that the object might be
attained without going to
any great expense, if the
Agent would arrange for
his Man servant to sleep
out of the House, for which
purpose the Committee would
allow ^{him} £10 Ann: to find
a room, and Mr. Cocherill
was authorised to acquaint
the Agent therewith. —

A full Committee
met
at Thornton

Wednesday 27 Jan 1836

The Proceedings of the
last Committee were read.

The Governor signed
an order to Mr. Cocherill
for £ 316. 13. 6 being his acc:
of commission, Clerk of
the Works &c. &c.

Commission on the Treasurers
 Bills from Midsummer to
 Mr Lockerell's Christmas 1835, amounting to
 account of £4241.9.7 @ 5% $\frac{1}{100}$ 212.1.6
 Commission Letters, parcels &c. 1.17.⁰⁰
 Clerk of works salary $\frac{1}{2}$ year 75.⁰⁰
 do. extra time 10 evenings } 26.15.⁰⁰
 @ 5% }
 do. one Sunday 1.⁰⁰
 £ 316.13.6

Full Committee

Wednesday 10 Feb 1836

Report of Mr Lockerell on the Manchester Premises
 A Report was read from Mr Lockerell, accompanied with a plan, in reference to the Manchester Branch Premises, as follows, viz:
 Bank of England
 10 Feb: 1836

Sir
 In obedience to the Minute of the 2^d Dec: I have visited the Manchester Branch Bank in order to consider whether a new Building could be erected on the present site

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Report on
Manchester
premises
continued

side offering increased
advantage to the Establishment.
2^{dy} whether it might be
better to build on a new site
3^{dy} whether the present Office
could be enlarged & suited
to the requirements of the
business.

First then I beg leave
to say that I do not think
that a much better plan
than the present one altered
as proposed, could be
placed on the ground.

Secondly, the only site
which offers is in Mosely
St. opposite the Union Club
House, Royal Institution &c.
Somewhat distant from
the line of business and
hitherto unbuilt upon.
The cost of the ground 620
yards is £12,400
the probable cost of
a new building &
fittings } £7,000
£19,400

from which the value of the present site & buildings would be deducted.

Thirdly I beg to say that an alteration of the present building might be easily effected according to the accompanying plans which will add more than $\frac{1}{3}$ to the present office

the present office contains	612	f. Superf.
proposed to be added	254	
making	866	

feet superficial.

I propose to remove the entrance making that to the House the Entrance to the Bank also, by which a handsome spacious flight of steps to the floor level is obtained externally, & internally all that space now occupied by the ascending steps is thrown into the office.

I propose to remove the
Stairs

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Report on
Manchester
Premises
continued

I propose to remove the Stairs leading to the upper part of the House to a Hall now dark & useless throwing the present Stair Case into the office, by which great space, & cheerfulness by a large South window will be obtained.

also to remove the Stairs to the Strong room, to the passage of the Agent's room, nearer his supervision, & to the Porter's Bed, & forming some defence against the neighbouring House from which at present a mine might be effected without its being perceived.

also to remove the Stairs to the basement to the front's offices, where they are more convenient.

It will be necessary to put new Sashes & Curtilines
to

to the north front of the office, now very ill lighted - to remove the present Entrance Door, & to plaster the ceiling of the basement under the office the Timbers of which are now exposed to accident by fire. The expence of the alterations by this arrangement will amount to £ 1650.

I beg leave further to state that by the proposed occupation of the Hall for the Stairs the Agent will lose a valuable Room now over it; which may easily be restored by building over the Pantry.

He is also desirous of increased accommodation for his family if possible, by raising the roof over the Kitchen & Bedrooms - the roof of those rooms now admitting the wet and wanting repair.

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Report on
the Manchester
Premises,
concluded

Alterations at
Manchester
to be carried
into effect

He has at present ten Bed
rooms, two of which are
very small; One is a
passage to a water closet.

The expence of raising
three rooms over the Kitchen
offices will be £385. —

and I have the honor to
remain Sir

Your most obed. Serv^t.

(Signed) C. R. Cockerell.

Resolved,

That the plan of
Alterations, as suggested by
Mr. Cockerell, be adopted,
with the exception of the
raising the roof over the
Kitchen Bed rooms: and
Mr. Cockerell was directed
to proceed with the same
forthwith.

The following account
of Mr. Cockerell's Commission
for works executed at the
Branches

Branches from Lady Day to
Annas last, was laid before
the Committee, and the Governor
signed an order for payment
thereof amounting to £ 375. 10. -
viz:

M^r. Lockyerell's
acc^t. of Honor^{ble}
for the
Branches

Portsmouth Branch	£ 11. 8. 3
Plymouth	15. 6. 11
Gloucester	32. - -
Leeds	295. 4. -
Liverpool	21. 10. 10
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	£ 375. 10. -

In reference to the proposed
improvement of the Old Jewry,
The Governor reported to the
Committee, that he had authorized
the Common Council of Coleman
St. wards to make offers for
the purchase of the Houses of
Messrs. Wright and Morris, as
if for themselves, and that
should they not agree as to
the Terms, they were empowered
to give legal notice for the
purchase of the same as
required

a treaty for
Houses at
the Corner
of the Old
Jewry, to be
effected by the
Common Council
of Coleman St.
wards, for
the Bank.

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The Committee approved thereof, and Mr Hoekerele was instructed in conformity therewith.

A full Comtee
except
Mr Thornton.

Quarterly Bills.

9 March 1836

The Proceedings of the last Comtee were read

The following Tradesmen's Bills were laid before the Comtee - viz:

1	W. Holder. Locksmith.	89	10
2	Burbidge & Co. Stone Mak.	7	10
3	W. Smith. Upholsterer	25	8
4	Thos. Weaver. Coke &c...	4	11
5	Thos. Martyn. Carpenter &c	324	15
6	Grundy & Son. Masons.	70	
7	H. & L. Lee. Bricklayers.	37	16
8	W. & J. Sharp. Staters...	-	18
9	W. Good. Plumber...	62	1
10	Robson & Co. Plasterers	47	
11	Wm. Water. Painter &c	85	15
12	Thwaiter & Reed. Door Spring Makers...	13	12
13	J. Pether. Window Clean	37	11
14	Edw. Jones. Box Makers	16	15
15	Geo. Bristol. Engine &c	4	11
16	W. B. Matthews. Lamp Makers	7	2
17	Rennie & Co. Steam Engine Makers	12	12
18	H. Whickels. Gas Fitter &c	3	18
19	Gas Company	40	7
20	E. L. Mitten. Rubbish Carters	24	6
		£ 920 6	

Resolved,

That the above Bills be referred to the Committee of the House & servants for payment.

Thursdayth 7 April 1836.

a full committee

Pursuant to the Minute of the 10 Feb. last. The Governor laid before the Committee the following letter from Mr. Cockerill viz:

Bank of England
6 April 1836.

Sir

I beg to inform you that this day the purchase of the late Mr. Wright's House Plant & general fixtures in the old Jewry has been completed, for the sum of £3110. and I remain Sir

(Signed) C. R. Cockerill

James Pattison Esq,

The Committee approved thereof

Reported
Purchase of
Mr Wright's
House, old
Jewry.

A full Comtee^t
 except
 Mr. Pole &
 Mr. Palmer

Chairs at
 Swansea ordered

Wednesday 13th April
 1836.

The Minutes of the last
 meeting were read.

Certain alterations and
 repairs being considered
 necessary in the Office and
 House at Swansea, the
 estimated expense of which
 is about £101, and Mr. Bokerell
 conceiving the same to be
 reasonable, The Committee
 agrees thereto. —

Wednesday 20th April 1836

A full Comtee^t
 except
 Mr. Mellish
 Mr. Palmer.

The following Letter from
 Mr. Bokerell having been read,
 viz:

Sir I beg leave to state that
 on a recent enquiry respecting
 the Drains Sewers in & about
 the Bank Buildings that we
 are not in possession of any
 plan shewing them. Nor have
 we

with the means of forming a plan without the assistance of the Surveyor of the Office of Sewers at Guildhall.

a plan of the Sewers & Drains in & about the Bank required.

I beg leave therefore to recommend that the Secretary be instructed to request of the Commissioners of Sewers a plan of the Sewers and Drains surrounding the Bank Building, as far as can be, within the Bank premises also. and I remain Sir Yr.

(signed) C. R. Cocherell

The commands of James Pattison Esq, Surveyor at Guildhall to be applied to for a plan. - also Sir John Soane

James Pattison Esq,
~~Surveyor at Guildhall~~

The Secretary was directed to write to the Commissioners agreeably to the foregoing recommendation; also to apply personally to Sir John Soane for any plan which he may have of the same.

27 April 1836

a full quorum
except
Mr. Palmer.

Wednesday 27 April
1836

The Minutes of the
last meeting were read.

Upon reading the
following letter from Mr.
Cockerell, viz:

Letter
from Mr. Cockerell
relative to the
Drains connected
with the Sewer
in Threadneedle St.

" Surveyors Office
" Bank of England
April 27 - 1836
Sir,
" The statement which I
" took leave to make to you
" last Wednesday respecting
" the access from the public
" Sewer in Threadneedle St
" to the East end of the
" area under the Bank park
" windows, having been fully
" confirmed by subsequent
" examination; I beg leave
" to recommend a simple
" remedy, which will be
" quite efficient & which
" I believe may be applied
" at a less cost than £50 -
" - namely by forming two
" Dip -

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Mr. Cockerell's
Letter contin'd.

"Dip-traps & cess-pools in the
"course of the Drain, the one
"to be placed in the passage
"under the Dividend pay Office,
"the other in the Garden at
"the West end of the Hall.

"On the subject of the new
"Branch Bank Premises at
"Newcastle on which you have
"desired my report, I beg leave
"to state, that Mr. Grote &
"Mr. Bar have coincided
"with my former recommendation

"(reported 23 Dec. last) of Mr.
"Renwick's Premises in
"Pilgrim St, as suited to the
"Establishment; - first for the
"situation as in a sufficiently
"leading thoroughfare, about 80
"yards from Ridley's Bank &
"about 300 yards from
"Lambton's Bank. - Secondly,
"as well lighted by the wide
"St in front & having a large
"open & declining space at
"back looking So. West

"These Premises contain
"about 1033 Square yards &
"would

he recommends
Premises for
the Newcastle
Branch

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W. Cockerell's
 Letter continued

"would probably be purchased
 "at about £3000
 "the rebuilding with
 "the aid of the old
 "materials, which
 "appears absolutely
 "necessary would be
 "about 3500

"making a Total. £6500

"In diminution of which
 "would be placed the value
 "of about 30 feet deep of the
 "Back premises, which might
 "be let for Shops, stabling or
 "other purposes, under the
 "Control of the Bank & with
 "a back way thro' & which
 "would pay a rent equivalent
 "to the interest on £500 —
 "reducing the cost of these
 "Premises complete to the
 "Bank to £6000

"The comparison of the
 "premises & Buildings
 "offered by Grainger shows
 "a great advantage in favor
 "of these. The various plots
 "contained from 370 to 400 sq
 "yards only, & the cost with
 "the Buildings on them
 "Complete

27 April 1836

Complete varied from £6000 to £7000 -

Mr. Cockerell's Letter contin^d

I could under these circumstances recommend to the Bank the offer of £3000 for Mr. Penwick's Premises - his last proposition having been £3400 -

Estimate of the expence of cleaning & painting the apartm^{ts} of Rooke (the Doves) & others.

In my report on the expence of the Cleaning & painting & papering of the undermentioned apartm^{ts} having been required, I beg leave to state that

- Mr. Rooke's apartm^{ts} accordg^{ly} a specification I have prepared will cost £54.10 -
- Mr. Hill's apartm^{ts} 34 -
- Mr. Thornton's do 33.10 -
- Mr. Tyrell's do 22 -
- General repairs in the above apartm^{ts} 10 -
- Making Total £154 -

and I remain - Sir
Your most obed^t & aff^l Servant
"C R Cockerell"

"James Paterson, Esq^r"
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Mr Cockerell
directed to form
2 Dip Traps +
Cess. Pools in
the Drain & Sewer

The Committee approved
the Suggestion of Mr Cockerell
as to the formation of Two
Dip-Traps and Cess-pools in
the course of the Drain, and
he received the necessary
Directions thereon - the
Remainder of his Report
was deferred for future
consideration -

A full Attendance
- except
Mr Pole and
Mr Palmer

at
Wednesday 4. May 1836

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read.

£3000 to be offered
for Premises
at Newcastle

The consideration of
Mr Cockerell's Report read
at the last meeting was
resumed, - when Mr
Cockerell was authorised
to offer the sum of £3000,
to include the fixtures, for
Mr Renwick's Premises in
Pilgrim St. Newcastle - also
to

apartments
of Doorkeepers
to be cleaned

to clean, paper & paint certain
apartments, as mentioned in
his Report.

th
Wednesday 25 May 1836.

The Committee of Treasury
recommended to the Court
of Directors to subscribe £100
towards the construction
of a Sewer in Threadneedle
Street, on the application of
the Merchant Sailors Company,
and Mr. Cockerell's Report that
it would more effectually
drain the Bank Premises.

Subscription
of £100 towards
a Sewer in
Threadneedle St.

a full Committee

th
Wednesday 1 June 1836

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read:-

The following Tradesmen's
Bills for the current Quarter
were laid before the Committee

viz:

1 June 1836

Tradesmen's
Bills

1	Thos ^d Martyn. Carpenter	20	1		
2	J Grundy & Son. Masons	39	2		
3	E Jones. Box maker	2	9		
4	H & J Lee. Bricklayers	60	4		
5	W & J Sharp. Plasterers	33	2		
6	J Sealrock. Fire Basket maker		5		
7	Wm Good. Plumber	26	4		
8	P Phillips. Lamp maker	19	10		
9	Robson & Co. Plasterers	50	2		
10	G & J Rennie. Engineers	85	9		
11	Wm Watson. Glazier & Co	45	6		
12	Geo Pether. Window cleaner	37	10		
13	Geo. Holder. Smith.	10	3	4	
14	Battam & Co. Paper hangers		13		
15	W & S Smith. Upholsterer	2	1	6	
16	Thwaites & Reed. Door Spring makers	8	1	2	
17	Gas Company.	40	7		
18	H Whiskels. Gas fitter	3	1	8	
19	H Bristow. Engine maker	29	7		
20	W Townhend. Gardener	11	11		
21	E Collyer. Blind maker	6	1	5	
22	W B Matthews. Joiner Box maker	2	1	2	
23	E & J th Milton. Rubbish carter & Co	26	6		
	Gloucester Branch				951 17
24	Thos ^d Carpenter. Carpenter				10
	Leeds				
25	Benj Russell. Carpenter				20 11
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Resolved,

That the above Bills be referred to the Committee for the House & Servants for payment

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The following Letter from
Mess^{rs} Sharpe & Field with
Mr. Bockerell's report thereon
having been read - viz:

"To J. Pattison, Esq: - Mr. P. Secy

"Governor of the Bank of
England.

"Sir,

"Circumstances having

"rendered it convenient to

"us to move at Christmas

"last our professional

"business from the House

"(No. 21 Old Seury) which we

"lately occupied & which we

"hold under a lease that has

"many years yet to run it

"was our intention immediately

"to have expended a considerable

"sum of money in the improvement

"& alterations of the premises,

"towards rendering it suitable

"to underlet as offices. But

"owing to its being included

"in the Act passed two Sessions

"ago for improving the approaches

"to London Bridge & we having

"been informed by the Common

"Council of the Ward that it

"was the intention of the Bank

"of England very shortly to

"become

Application
from Mess^{rs}
Sharpe & Field
relative to the
purchase, by the
Bank, of their
premises in the
Old Seury

1 June 1836

"become the purchasers of it
 "in order to take it down, we
 "have at their solicitation &
 "under repeated assurances
 "founded as they stated on a
 "distinct understanding with
 "the Bank that the
 "arrangement would shortly
 "be completed. From time to
 "time delayed our improvements
 "being unwilling to go to an
 "expense which must shortly
 "fall either on the City or
 "the Bank.

"We have waited under
 "this impression for six months
 "at a pecuniary loss to ourselves
 "in respect to rent, but as no
 "positive intimation is after
 "all given to us that the house
 "will be taken down we shall
 "certainly postpone our contemplated
 "arrangements no longer. We
 "should at present (to save trouble,
 "have no objection to give up
 "possession of the house upon
 "being paid for our furniture
 " & some slight improvements
 " we

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"we have made but if driven to
"the other alternative by the
"continued silence of the Bank
"we as well as our undertenants
"will have to claim a considerable
"Sum for outlay & good will
"costs of moving &c.

"we therefore beg respectfully
"to intimate to the Bank that
"unless an arrangement be
"immediately come to by which
"we may be assured that the
"house & lease will be taken
"off our hands with the trifling
"compensation we have mentioned
"by Midsummer day we shall
"at once proceed to act in
"such way as may appear most
"advisable for making the
"house source of profit to
"ourselves.

"we trust the Bank will
"consider that under the
"circumstances we are clearly
"entitled to request the favor
"of a positive reply stating
"what are its intentions & that
"the same should be given
"by this day week at the
"latest - we have the honor

"Thos D. Field"

"41 Bedford Row

27 May 1836.

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Mr. Cockerell's
report on the
application of
Messrs. Sharpe and
Field.

Mr. Cockerell's Report.

Bank of England

Sir June 1. 1836

In obedience to your
Command that I should
consider the value of the House
No. 21 in the Old Jewry (see
above No. 2*) held by Messrs.
Sharpe & Field on a lease
from Mr. Dickenson; - In
reference to your suggestion
as to the grounds of that
value in which I perfectly
concur, namely that the
value to the Bank & for
the purpose intended can
only be in the same ratio
with the adjoining premises
already purchased of Mr.
Wright; I beg leave to say
that I consider that value
to be £2688. — 9 being
£15. 12. 6³/₄ p. yard superficial,
the price given for Mr. Wright's
premises
The Premises (No. 3 tinted
lake) as far as I have yet
been able to ascertain are
held.

* This refers to a plan of the premises, which
accompanied Mr. Cockerell's Report.

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"held by Nicholson under a
"leave from the City of London
"renewable every 14 years on
"payment of a fine, & must
"form the subject of a separate
"report.

"I beg leave further to
"report to you, that on making
"further enquiries respecting
"the projected new sewer in
"Threadneedle St, to which the
"Comtee by a minute of the
"25th ult^o, resolved to subscribe
"one hundred pounds, I find
"that the former subscription
"of £100 of the Bank, referred
"to in Mr De Meles's letter as
"having taken place May 21. 1812
"for the same purpose & actually
"paid to Mr. Scardale then
"Secretary to the Merchant
"Taylor's Company; was never
"applied by the Company to the
"purpose therein specified - the
"sewer then projected not having
"been practicable on account of
"the difficulties in levels.

"I beg leave to give you the
"earliest information of this fact
"that the Comtee may deal
"with it as they may think
"proper

1 June 1936

"proper

"And I have the honor to be
de de

(Signed) C A Cockerell

"James Pattison Esq."
de de de.

Mr. Cockerell
authorised to
communicate
with Coleman St.
Ward, in reference
to Messrs. Sharpe
Field's application

unsafe state of the
Party wall at the
Birmingham Branch
Premises,
Reported

The Committee approved
Mr. Cockerell's suggestion as to
the principle of valuing the
abovementioned premises; &
he was authorised to communicate
with the Coleman St. Ward as
to the extent to which the Bank
is willing to proceed to effect
the contemplated improvement,
and referring Messrs. Sharpe &
Field to them in answer
to their Letter.

A representation from
Mr. Lindal having been made
to the Committee, that the
Party wall which separates
the Birmingham Branch premises
from the Union Inn Yard, is
in a very unsafe state. The
wall is 52 feet high & only 9 inches
thick

thick, and that about 25 feet from the ground the plaster on the inside is cracked to some extent, a line on the outside shewing great weakness in that part of the work,

The state of the Birmingham Premises referred to Mr. Cocherell was authorised to act therein as he may think requisite, and to investigate closely Mr. Chesshire's former repairs of the premises.

The Secretary's Residence &c. repaired &c. Mr. Cocherell having reported on the necessity of cleansing painting &c. the Residence of the Secretary, the same was ordered to be carried into effect. -

a full Committee

Wednesday 22 June
1836

The following letter from Mr. Cocherell was laid before the Committee, viz.

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Letter
from Mr. Cockerell
relative to the
Branch & Premises
at Birmingham

20 June 1836

"Birm^m"

"Dear Sir,

"I am happy to say
"that there is no imminent
"apprehension in the state of
"the Branch here, but some
"immediate & effectual
"remedies should be applied,
"which I shall have the
"pleasure to explain more
"particularly when I
"return

"I find that a partition
"was removed from the
"Drawing-room ceiling, by
"Mr. Nichols, which has
"entailed a great deal of
"mischief.

"I find from Mr. Spurrer
"(Mr. Freshfield's agent here)
"that Sir Isaac examined
"the Branch here previous
"to the purchase, & not Mr.
"Cheshire

"Some part of Mr. Cheshire's
"work has been well done
"but he is not quite clear of
"some blame as I shall
"explain

22 June 1836

"The Solicitor for the Fontine
 "is now in London & I could
 "learn nothing satisfactory
 "but the rent is £22 panno
 "& that about 20 years
 "purchase might obtain it
 "for the Bank. - but Mr.
 "Tindal will procure right
 "information

"I proceed to night to
 "Manchester & remain

"Dear Sir &c

(Signed) "E. R. Cockerell."

To J. Pattison Esq, M.P.

Manchester

A full Committee

except

Mr. De Grey Esq

& Mr. Pole.

Wednesday th 29 June 1836

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The following letter from Mr. Cockerell having been read viz:

"Bank of England

"29 June 1836

"Sir,

"In obedience to your desire
 "that I should consider the
 "value of the Leasehold Property
 "in Lottbury at the corner of

"the

Mr. Cockerell's
 Estimate of the
 Leasehold Property
 of Mr. Dickenson
 in the Old Sewry

29 June 1836

"the Old Jewry," held by Mr.
 "Nicholson of the City of
 "London, adjoining his
 "Freehold for which the
 "Bank have already made
 "an offer of £2600- I beg
 "leave to say that I consider
 "the value of that Leasehold
 "to be £844- making a Total
 "£3444 for the Freehold and
 "Leasehold properties of Mr.
 "Nicholson

"And I have the honor to be

Yours &c

"C R Cockerell"

"J. Pattison, Esq."

The Committee approved
 Mr Cockerell's to thereof, & Mr. Cockerell was
 authorised to communicate
 with the ward of Coleman
 Street, in reference
 to Mr. Nicholson's
 Property.

The Ground in
 Lothbury secured
 by Iron Rails, & at the
 south west Corner
 requested to be given

A letter was read from
 Mr. Woodthorpe Esq, stating the
 earnest wish of the Lord Mayor
 Aldermen & Common Council of
 the City of London, that the Bank

Bank would give up, for the use of the Public, that portion of ground in Lothbury, & at the North west corner of the Bank, secured by Iron Rails, - and a proposed answer thereto was also read and submitted to the consideration of the Court of Directors. -

Answer thereto, submitted to the Court.

6 July 1836.

6 July 1836

Quarterly Report to the Court

The following Quarterly Report was presented to the Court of Directors. viz:

The Committee of Building Report to the Court of Directors, that the Quarterly Bills amounting to £952.8.0 as under, were referred to the Committee for the House and Servants for payment, viz:

- For this House £951.17.-
- For the Branch at 10 -
- Gloucester
- Do. at Leeds — 20.11-

982.8.0

The Committee have also to report

6 July 1836 report, that a purchase has been effected of the late Mr Wright's House, Plant, & general fixtures, adjoining the National Debt office in the Old Sewry, for the Sum of £3110—

of full commission

Wednesday 13 July 1836

The following Letter from Henry Woodthorpe Esq having been read, viz:—

" Guildhall
 " Sir, 5th July 1836
 " I am directed by the
 " Court of Lord Mayor,
 " Aldermen, & Commoners of
 " the City of London in
 " Common Council assembled,
 " to acknowledge the receipt
 " of your Letter of the 30 day
 " of June last, in answer to
 " my Letter of the 23rd ulto,
 " & to inform you that the said
 " Court have no power to
 " effect the improvement in
 " Lethbury, but will be glad to
 " avail themselves of any
 " opportunity that may present
 " itself

Letter
 from Henry
 Woodthorpe
 Esq.

"itself of obtaining powers for
"that purpose

" I am also instructed to
"remind you that a promise
"was made on the part of the
"Governor & Company of the
"Bank to relinquish the
"ground in question as soon
"as the South end of Princes
"St. was widened, which has
"now been done

" I have the honor &c
"(Signed) Henry Woodthorpe

"John Knight, Esq
" &c &c &c."

The Secretary was desired
to refer Mr. Woodthorpe to a
Letter dated 22^o May 1834, in
reply to his of the 15th of the
same month, & to state that the
Directors of the Bank conceive
they have fulfilled that which
the minutes of the they promised therein *

*
the minutes of the
Court of Directors
14 July 1836.

A letter from Mr. Fockerell
was also read as follows, viz:

Sir, Bank of England
13 July 1836.

Having been desired by
a Resolution of the Building Committee
on

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on the 1. ¹⁴ ult^o to report upon
 the state of the Party wall as
 well as Mr. Cheshire's former
 repairs at the Branch of
 Birmingham. I am
 happy to say that I found
 on my visit no immediate
 danger, nor any which a
 timely attention may not
 remedy.

The Party Wall has yielded,
 being slight & of imperfect
 materials in some parts.
 the rebuilding would be
 attended with great objections
 and difficulties, & with
 properties & wood pilasters
 internally, cutting out the
 bad bricks & cementing externally
 the apprehensions will be
 removed in that part.

The failure in the ceiling
 of the Drawing Room is occasioned
 by a former removal of a very
 material partition & the slight
 indicated

indicates a weakness which must be remedied by fixing a truss in the attic story.

I do not find that the work put up by Mr. Cheshire is defective. The roof in a few years will require repair.

I left instructions for these works with the exception of the roof, subject to the approval of the Committee, and they can be begun immediately if approved.

Some painting & white washing is necessary partly occasioned by the proposed restorations.

The amount of the carpenters work will be together with the iron work & plastering
£ 95.

The Painting, white
washing &c. 60.

£ 155.

and I have the honor to be
Sir &c.

James Pattison Esq. (signed) G. R. Cockerell

The Committee approved thereof

A full Commisⁿ
except
W. Cole.

Wednesday 27th July 1836

The Minutes of the
last meeting were read,

The Governor signed an
Order to Mr. Cockerell, for
£212.4- being his account
for Commission, Clerk of the
Works &c. viz^t

Mr Cockerell's
account for
Commission &c.
ordered to be
paid. —

Commission on the Tradesmen's
Bills (London) from 1st Jan
1835 to Midsummer 1836,

amounting to £2029.17.7

@ 5% viz^t £101.9.10

Letters parcels &c. 6.14.2 108.4.0

Clerk of the Works,

Salary 1/2 at 1000 — 75.0.0

extra time, Evenings

110 @ 5/ea — 29.10.0

£212.4.0

The following Letter from
Mr. Cockerell having been
read, viz^t —

Sir

27 July 1836

W. Cockerell's
Estimate for the
Repair of the
Passages and
Lobbies

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Bank of England
" 26 July 1836

Sir,

" In obedience to your commands
" I have carefully examined the
" long passage from the Private
" Drawing Office down to the
" Entrance from Princes Street
" including the two Staircases
" right & left of the same, also
" that passage leading to the
" late Bank Note Office and
" Printing Office Staircase

" In this line there are three
" Lobbies, two of them very large
" viz. the Entrance to Court
" rooms, & that next Princes St

" There are also four very
" high Staircases - 1st To the
" Out Teller & Inspectors Offices
" - 2nd To Mr. Jones' or Paper
" Store Office 3rd To Sub-bankers
" Office (now Bank Note & Machine
" Offices) 4th To the Nightly
" Watch Sleeping rooms, one of
" which is now Mr. Dawtree's
" private room.

" To Repair the Walls & Ceiling,
" (which in some places are very
" bad) throughout & washing the
" same, Colouring the Walls down
" as low as our base & whitening
" the ceiling including the
" Scaffolding necessary for
" completing

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"completing the same, thoroughly
 "washing down the Stone Steps
 "in each Staircase as also the
 "Stone floor of passage all
 "complete will cost about
 "£320 —

"N.B. The Stoneworks in
 "passage (open to the waiting
 "room court) not included,
 "as it might make the
 "external masonry look dirty,
 "as it forms a part of the
 "same Architecture perhaps
 "better avoided

I remain Sir
 &c &c

(Signed) G R Cockerell

"James Pattison Esq:"

The Comtee approved thereof,
 & directed the same to be
 forthwith carried into effect

Wednesday 21st Sep. 1836

Present
Mr Governor
Mr Dep. Secy
Mr Mellish
Mr Pole
Mr Bowdler
Sir J. Reid

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The following Tradesmens Bills for the current Quarter were laid before the Committee viz.

Quarterly Bills

- 1 Tho. Martys, Carpenter £ 599. 19. -
- 2 J. Grundy & Son, Mason 38. 12. -
- 3 D^o D^o 15. 13. -
- 4 H. & J. Lee, Bricklayer 68. 10. -
- 5 D^o D^o 16. 11. -
- 6 Jas. Brown, D^o 13. 9. -
- 7 Wm. Good, Plumber 181. 5. -
- 8 Robson & Stall, Plasterers 295. 11. -
- 9 Wm. Watson, Glazier & Painter 121. 10. -
- 10 Wm. & J. Sharp, Stater 4. 14. -
- 11 M. North B^o 34. 6. -
- 12 Geo. Holder Locksmith & 133. -
- 13 D^o Smith 53. 16. -
- 14 D. H. Bailely D^o 40. 7. -
- 15 S. & J. Rennie, Engineers 108. 9. -
- 16 J. Bristow, Enginemaker 5. 15. -
- 17 J. Pether, Window Cleaner 37. 10. -
- 18 Thwaites & Reed, Door Spring } 2. 18. -
- 19 H. H. Smith, Upholsterer } 20. -
- 20 Gaslight Company 40. 7. -
- 21 H. Whichelo, Gas filler 3. 14. -
- 22 Eliz. Milton, Rabbish taster 31. 10. -
- 23 C. Collyer, Slipemaker 7. 19. -
- 24 Sam. Ridley, Floor cloth Mangle } 2. -

£ 1934. 15. -

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Resolved, That the said Bills
be referred to the Committee for
the House & Servants for payment

The following letter from
Messrs. Freshfield & Son, was
laid before the Committee, viz:

New Bank Buildings
31 Aug: 1836.

Letter from
Messrs. Freshfield
on the completion
of the purchase
of Wright's premises

Sir, We beg to report to you
that the purchase from Mr.
Robert Wright of the premises
in the Old Jewry lately occupied
by Mr. Charles Wright was
completed on the 24th Instant
when the purchase money &
Interest mentioned in our
letter to you of the 16th Instant
amounting to £3130. 14. 8 was
paid.

We have sent the key to
Mr. Cooperell but the Title deeds
we retain for the present to
enable us to present the Petition
to the Court of Chancery for an
Assignment.

assignment of the Term mentioned
in our letter of the 18th Inst.

We have the honor to be
Sir

Your very faithful & obedient
Freshfield Son.

To the Governor of
The Bank of England }

Wednesday 12 Oct 1836.

A full Committee
except
Mr. Hibbert.

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read.

The following letter from
Mr. Cockerell having been
read, viz:

Bank of England

12 Oct: 1836

Sir,

In obedience to your
desire that I should report
on the negotiations respecting
the intended change of position
of the Branch Bank of
Newcastle, I beg leave to say
that the offer of £3000 for
Renwick's premises in Pilgrim
Street

Mr. Cockerell's
report relative to
Premises at
Newcastle

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The Bank's offer
for Remwick's
Premises declined

The Bank
recommended to
accede to an
offer made by
Mr. Grainger

" which I was authorised to
" make by a minute of the
" 4th May last, was declined.
" Since which a correspondence
" has been held with Mr.
" Grainger thro' Mr. Grote for
" the more desirable position
" of the New Street, and an
" offer has at length been
" made by Mr. Grainger to
" execute the accompanying
" plan & sell the ground
" (being 450 yards superficial)
" for the sum of £6700—
" and I beg to say that I
" can recommend this offer
" to the Bank, first as a
" position now subject to
" little or no risk, the
" adjoining premises being
" let, & the next house being
" taken for a Bank—secondly,
" as below the value of the
" ground, established by the
" best judges & the price
" obtained in many instances,
" & at a low rate of Building
" — advantages

"-advantages offered by the
 "Builder in consideration of
 "the respectability which
 "the establishment of the
 "Branch Bank of England
 "would give to his speculations
 "in that quarter.

"The accompanying rough
 "sketch will show the
 "disposition of the plan,
 "giving a Bank fully two
 "thirds larger than the
 "actual Bank, with Agents
 "room & accommodations
 "for the family on the same
 "scale with the present.

"And I have the honor &c

(Signed) G R Bockerell "

Resolved,

That Mr Bockerell be
 authorised to treat with Mr
 Grainger for the purchase of
 the above mentioned ground
 & the erection of a suitable
 Building thereon for the
 purpose of a Branch B^k for the sum of

Mr Bockerell
 authorised to
 treat with Mr
 Grainger.

of £6700— At the same time
Mr. Cocherell was directed
to endeavor to procure the
same for £6500—

A full Committee
except
Mr. Herbert

Wednesday 19 Oct 1836

The Minutes of the
last meeting were read—

The following letter
from Mr. Cocherell was also
read, viz^h.

"Bank 19 Oct: 1836

"Sir,

"I beg leave to report
"that in obedience to the
"Minute of last Wednesday,
"that I should treat with
"Mr. Grainger for the site
" & building of the Branch
"Bank in Dean St, Newcastle,
"already offered by him; I
"wrote to that effect & have
"received the accompanying
"answer, stating that he
"accepts

Mr. Cocherell's
offer to Mr.
Grainger

19 Oct: 1836

"accepts the offer I thought
 "it prudent to make in two
 "forms, namely £6300- for
 "the site & building of the
 "Bank exclusive of the
 "Stabling, kitchen &c, in the
 "yard, or, as the Directors
 "might think fit, £6500-
 "inclusive of the Stabling
 "Kitchen, &c, in the yard.

" If this offer is now
 "approved I will proceed to
 "adjust the details of the
 "Plan & with the advice of
 "Messrs Freshfield conclude
 "the agreement.

and I have the honor &c

" (Signed) G R Cockerell
 "James Pattison, Esq.
 "&c &c.

Resolved,

That Mr. Cockerell be
 empowered to finally arrange
 with Mr. Grainger for the site
 & building of the Branch
 Bank at Newcastle, as
 recommended by him; & with
 the advice of Messrs Freshfield

&

agreed to.

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London, to conclude the agreement, also to proceed to adjust the details of his Plan to be laid before the Governors for their approbation

Mr. Governor
Mr. Dep. Gov.
Mr. Bowden
Mr. Drew
Sir In. Reid

Wednesday nd 2^d Nov: 1836

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Proposition from
the London Assurance
Co. referred to Mr.
Cockerell.

On reading a Letter from J. C. Powell, Esq. Governor of the London Assurance Company, in reference to the Houses, the Property of the Bank, between the Sun Fire Office & the Royal Exchange

The Committee are of opinion that it is desirable to entertain the proposition of the London Assurance Company, & the Letter is referred to Mr. Cockerell to report thereon

A Letter was read from Mr. Cockerell in reference to the late
Fire

2 Nov: 1836

Fire in the Printing Office - as
was also one from Mr Braidwood
Superintendent of the London Fire
Engine Establishment - viz:

From Mr Bockerell.

" Sir, " 2 Nov: 1836
Bank of England

Letter from Mr
Bockerell relative
to the late Fire
in the Printing
Offices

" I have investigated the causes
which have probably occasioned the
alarming occurrence which took
place on Monday night in one of
the new Printing Offices

" It appears that about the 19th
Aug: a fire place was removed
from the East side of a division
wall to the West side. - in making
Chimney openings it is usual to
form a timber arch 4 inches
thick under the hearth - this was
omitted by the workmen, & instead,
a double course of tiling & cement
2 inches thick, & a hearth of iron
^{1/2 in} 3/5 by 2: 8 & one inch thick,
making 3 inches only between the
surface & the Timber - large
fires have been kept up during the
last month to air the room, & it
is most probable that this heat
communicating thro' the 3 inches
of iron tiling & cement has kept
the

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2 Nov: 1836

also, the Plans
for the new
Branch premises
at Newcastle

" the wood in an inflammable state
" at length igniting, & happily
" discovered in time

" I have only to add the deep
" concern of all parties implicated,
" & to say that there is no reason
" to remove the fire place if
" properly re-insolated.

" I beg to lay before the
" Comtee of Building this day
" the plans for the New Branch
" Bank at Newcastle, according
" to Mr Grainger's proposition laid
" before the Comtee on the 19th
" ult^o

" The ground plot of our present
" premises contains 644 yards superf^l

" The ground plot of 452 D^o
" of the new

" The increase of accommodation
" to the Bank & House are however
" greatly increased - the present
" Bank contains 462 feet Superfl^l
" The new Bank 816 D^o

" The House besides the usual
" accommodation of Offices, Dining
" & Drawing Rooms, contains 4
" additional Bed rooms

" & I have the honor to
(Signed) C R Cockerell
" James Pattison, Esq."

2 Nov: 1836

From Mr. Braidwood

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" 68 Watling Street

" Sir,

2 Nov: 1836

Letter from Mr. Braidwood relative to the late Fire.

" In consequence of the desire
" you expressed yesterday - I beg
" leave to state as my opinion,
" that the fire which took place in
" the printing Office of the Bank
" of England, on the night of the
" 31st ult^o, originated from the
" heat of the fire in the stove,
" descending to the timber placed
" under the hearth

" I have the honor &c

" (Signed) James Braidwood

" Supt^r of the London Fire

" Engine Establishment

Mr. Cockerell directed to observe due caution in the construction of fire places.

Whereupon Mr. Cockerell was directed to take care that for the future, due precaution is observed in preventing all risks from the construction of hearths & fire places, as he is considered responsible for the same.

The plans for the Newcastle Branch approved.

With reference to the Plan exhibited by Mr. Cockerell for the Branch at Newcastle proposed to

2 Nov. 1836

to be erected by Mr. Grainger for
the Bank of England,

The Committee approved thereof
& Mr. Bockerell was directed to
see to the same being carried into
effect forthwith

Mr. Governor

" Dep. Secy

" Mellish

" Mr. Bowen

" Druce &

" Palmer.

Wednesday 9 Nov^r
1836

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read.

The following letter from
Mr. Powell & a Report thereon
from Mr. Bockerell, were also
read, viz: -

" London Assurance House

Birchin Lane

20 Oct. 1836

Sir,

Proposition from
the London Assur^{ce}
for the purchase
of a plot of the
Bank Buildings

" It has been intimated to
the Directors of this Corporation
that the Plot of Building
which lies between the Royal
Exchange & the Sun Fire office
the property of the Bank of
" England

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"England may probably soon be
"open to an Offer from a new
"Tenant

" In that case the Corporation
" of London Assurance would
" be desirous of treating either
" for the purchase of the Freehold
" or as Tenants for a Term of
" years.

" This I have been requested
" to make known to the Corporation
" of the Bank of England, & shall
" be ready to attend to any
" communication upon the subject
" they may think proper to make

" I am, Sir

" your most Obedt. Servt.

" Mr. Clark Powell

" Esq. Lond. Assurance

" La. Pattison Esq. Bank.

Bank of England

" Sir,

Nov. 9. 1836

" I have been requested to
" offer my opinion on a proposition
" from Mr. Powell on the part
" of the Corporation of the London
" Assurance Company, to take
" on lease at the expiration of
" the existing terms or previous
" thereto,

Mr. Cockerell's
report thereon

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"Hereto, or to purchase as the
"Bank may please, all that
"plot of the Bank Buildings
"now held by Messrs. Campbell,
"Grubb, Battye, & the London
"& Greydon Railway Company

"It can not be doubted that
"this position in the City,
"isolated, & so well lighted all
"round, renders it the most
"valuable plot in the whole
"Commercial world. nor I
"think can it be doubted that
"the actual rents are much too
"low in the present times

"Those rents (set, I presume,
"by my predecessor) have been
"lowered from 1833 when they
"were £720 p. Ann. to £500
"their actual amount - and
"Mr. Battye makes an improved
"rent by the letting of his first
"floor, & yet leaves the two
"upper floors unoccupied

"I beg to offer an opinion
"which I think will be
"supported by the experience of
"the surrounding property, that
"as

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"as a general principle it is
 "more profitable to sub-divide
 "a property of this description
 "as at present, than to place
 "it all in one hand or Company
 "— How far it is more politic
 "to have various responsible
 "Tenants, or one only with all
 "liabilities of a great Company
 "I am less able to judge than
 "the Committee

" But considering that such
 "a Plot is nowhere to be found
 "in this neighbourhood & that
 "improved rents might be derived
 "from the actual Tenants, I
 "think a great advance should
 "be demanded on the present
 "Rental should the Committee
 "think proper to entertain the
 "proposition of the London
 "Assurance Comp^y — what that
 "advance should be precisely I
 "am not able to say at this
 "moment but I suppose about
 "30% Cent.

" I beg to remark on that
 "Property, that the repairs are
 "scarcely sufficiently done by
 "Mess^{rs}

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"Mess^{rs} Campbell & Grubb, who
"hold Leases, & that Mr
"Battye's House held at Will
"is in a neglected state
"I am in the course of an
"examination throughout the
"Buildings of this Establishment
"in order to ascertain our
"liabilities to Fire, & shall
"beg leave to report on the
"subject in a few days
" & I have the honor to
" be R Bockerell."
"James Pattison Esq:"

The consideration of the
above, was deferred.

a full Committee

Wednesday 7th Dec^r 1836.

The Minutes of the
last meeting were read.

Upon reading the following
Report from Mr Bockerell, viz:

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Mr. Cockerell's
Report relative
to the necessity
of precautions
against Fire.

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" Bank of England

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" Sir,

" I have surveyed the premises
" & offices of this Establishment
" & anxiously considered them
" with reference to the calamitous
" accidents by Fire. — generally, I
" find that all precautions have
" been taken which are necessary,
" more especially in buildings of so
" combustible a nature; & which
" neither time nor expense have
" permitted to render fire proof. —
" and it appears that no security
" can be relied on so much as the
" vigilant regulations of the
" nightly watch

" Under the Bank Stock and
" Console Offices there is a great
" accumulation of old materials of
" a very combustible nature &
" which the vicinity of a Stove in
" daily use renders somewhat
" dangerous. — these materials should
" be disposed of in part, others
" arranged for future use, & the
" entrance to the Stove from the
" vestibule in Bartholomew Lane,
" should be fenced off with a thin
" brick wall at a small expense
" — lanterns only should be used.

" The

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" The Stoves, Chimney pieces,
 " hearths, & Guards in the
 " Accountants' Discount Offices, &
 " General Cash Book, & Inspectors'
 " Offices require to be repaired &
 " reset

" The Engines, & the Porters
 " might be more expert & efficient
 " if a more complete exercise of
 " them were ordered at the
 " monthly examinations; & if
 " water were played against the
 " architectural Fronts in the several
 " Courts, a great advantage to
 " the effect would accrue - as
 " may be remarked at St. Mary's
 " Woolnoth, Lombard St, where
 " this practice has been in use
 " for many years.

" A very efficient & portable
 " Engine in great use at Manchester,
 " Liverpool, & other places, has
 " been strongly recommended to
 " me, as applicable to the upper
 " Offices & parapets of the Bank
 " where the present Engines
 " cannot be transported

" I shall continue my
 " observations with reference to
 " this alarming subject & beg
 " leave

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"leave to report to you on all
"occasions which may seem to
"require it"

& I have the honor &c

(Signed) C. R. Cockerell

"James Pattison, Esq"

The Commee directed

That Mr Cockerell's report
be acted upon, the expence of the
Fire Engine, suggested by him,
being previously reported to The
Governors.

a full Commee

Wednesday 14 Dec^r
1836

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read -

Tradesmen's
Bills.

The following Tradesmen's
Bills for the Current Quarter
were laid before the Commee
viz:

No 1

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114 Dec: 1836

1	Thos Martyr. Carpenter &c.	584	9
2	J Gundry Son. Mason...	42	13
3	A & J Lee. Bricklayers.....	56	10
4	Wm Good. Plumber.....	102	1
5	W Watson. Glazier &c...	145	5
6	J Petter. Window Cleaner	37	10
7	Robson & Co. Plasterers....	499	6
8	Geo. Holder. Smith &c...	253	19
9	Burbridge & Co. Stove makers	7	17
10	H L Cooper. Upholsterer..	71	7
11	R & E Kemp. Copper Smiths..	140	9
12	Thwaites & Co. Door Spring makers	1	0
13	W H Smith. Upholsterer...	33	13
14	E Collyer. Blind maker...	42	7
15	J Bristow. Engine maker..	9	17
16	Gas Company.....	40	7
17	A Whickels. Gas fitter....	43	4
18	North & Co. Staters.....	84	18
19	Kottzappel & Co. Tool makers	49	4
20	Battam & Co. Paper hangers...	21	10
21	W B Matthews. Lamp maker.	4	16
22	E Jones.... Box maker.....	10	12
23	Eliz th Mutton. Rubbish Carter	31	

£2314 2

Branch Branch

24	Robins & Co. Freightage of Iron Shutters	4	2
25	A Smith. Smith.....	107	
26	D Bellhouse. Builder...	1519	5

Resolved,

£3944 9

That the said Bills be referred to the Committee for the House & Servants for payment.

2d. Report
to the Court

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28 Dec: 1836

Quarterly Report -

The Committee Report to
the Court of Directors, that the
Tradesmen's Bills for the Quarter,
amounting to £3944.9. - as
under, were referred to the
Committee for the House and
Servants for payment, viz:

For this House . . . £2314.2. -
For the Manchester
Branch in alterations
and repairs . . . 1630.7. -
£ 3944.9. -

The Committee have also to
Report, that they have agreed
with Mr. Krainger of Newcastle,
for the site and erection of a
Building for the Branch Bank,
in lieu of the present Premises,
for £6300, agreeable to a plan
of Mr. Lockereell. -

a full committee
except
Mr Bowser
Mr Palmer.

4 Jan: 1837.

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read.

The following Report from
Mr Cockerell having been read
viz:

Bank of England
4 Jan: 1837.

Sir

I beg leave to report that
I have obtained four offers for
the 40 Old Printing Presses, now
in the Store cellars, from
Manufacturers, namely

Mr Cockerell's
Report, on
offers for some
old Printing
Presses

Maplestone £100

Tilanders ----- 95

Mallair ----- 20 and Mr

Morris who has offered £3
each, for those which are perfect,
but it appears that a great part
of these have been upwards of
40 Years in use, in wood, - now
superseded by Iron frames, &
otherwise worm eaten & imperfect.
I can therefore recommend
Maplestone's offer as advantageous

and

and it is desirable to remove them since the combustible materials in these cellars cannot be taken out till then, for want of space.

I beg leave further to report that I have this morning attended the working of the Fire engines and practice of the Porters — and I beg to remark that the Engine in the Printing Office Court is

on the working of the Fire Engines by the Porters.

By no means adequate to that important position, admitting only six men to work it and throwing but a small stream, while the other 5 Engines are worked ^{by} from 10 to 16 men, & throw the water with great power. The expense of a new

a New Engine to be bought for the Printing Office Court

and proper Engine for the Printing Office Court would be about £50. — It would be desirable to lengthen the present handles of the several Engines to enable more hands to work them. & to make some small improvements in

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4 Jan 1837.

M. Cockerell's
Report continues
on a deficiency
in the Supply
of Water

Sweeping the
Chimneys of the
Bank by the
Machine,
recomend.

in the nozzles of the Hoses.

The supply of water from the
New River Company has always
been feeble on the Princes St.
side, very apparent in the working
of the Engines, & long complained
of in the Printing Office, the
explanation of the Inspector of
the Company is that the
Princes Street main supplies
a large District, & suggests as
a remedy the using the main
in Lothbury, which we find
very abundantly supplies—

In the sweeping of Chimnies
I beg leave to report that
experiments have been made
to ascertain the comparative
advantages of the employment
of the Machine & the usual
practice by Boys— the Machine
used in 5 flues previously
swept by Boys brought down
4 1/2 Quarts of Soot— the Boys
employed

employed in flues previously
 swept by the Machine produced 19
 quarts. the advantages of the
 Machine are therefore obvious,
 and I beg leave to recommend it
 accordingly. It has the
 Director of the Machine is employed
 in 32 public Establishments.

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 Your most obedient &
 my humble servant
 (Signed) C. R. Fockerell

James Pattison Esq
 & - - & - - &

Resolved,

That the Recommendations
 contained in the foregoing Report
 be adopted, and carried into
 effect by Mr. Fockerell.

Wednesday 15 Feb 1837

a full Committee

The Minutes of the last
 meeting were read. -

at the Recommendation of the
 Governor

Governor it was
Resolved,

add: Accommod
to be afforded
to the Chief
Cashier in
his Residence

That additional
accommodation be afforded
to the Chief Cashier in his
residence at the Bank;
and that apartments be
provided for the Meadboro
Keeper in another part
of the Building, Mr Mackenell
having shown the practicability
of the same by plans
exhibited to the Committee.
And the Governor was
requested to give the
necessary directions thereon

A full Committee

th
Wednesday 8 March
1837

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read —

The following Tradesmen's
Bills for the current Quarter
were laid before the Committee
viz —

8 Mar 1837

Tradesmen's
Bills.

1	Tho ^o Martyr, Carpenter &c....	390	9
2	Jane Grundy & Son. Masons.	48	14
3	J & Lee. Bricklayers.....	82	4
4	Wm Good.. Plumber.....	54	7
5	Wm Watson. Painter &c....	51	12
6	Robson & Co. Plasterers.....	66	4
7	Geo. Holder. Locksmith &c	132	3
8	J Todd.... Smith.....	17	9
9	North & Co. Slaters.....	30	7
10	J Pether.. Window Cleaner.	37	12
11	E Jones... Box Maker.....	13	16
12	Thwaiter & Reed. Door Spring Makers.	9	13
13	R & E Kipp. Copper Smiths....	15	5
14	J Bristow.. Engine Maker..	24	14
15	Crowley & Co. Chair Maker &c	2	12
16	Gas Company.....	41	11
17	H Whiskels.. Gas fitter...	24	18
18	J & W. Sutton. Rope Maker	6	
19	J Donovan... Cooper.....	3	
20	J Ridley. Floor Cloth Mart.	8	16
21	J Walker... Pavement.....	1	5
22	Eliz th Milton. Rubbish Cartes	37	16

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Birmingham

23	J Broadbent } Painter &c }	£82	11
24	Greave & Son. Builders.	113	4

Leeds.

25	J Wood Painter &c.	£	19
26	Blackburn & Co. Masons &c	2	4
27	B Woolley. Bricklayers	19	11

£1319 1

Resolved.

8 Mar. 1837

Resolved,

That the foregoing Bills be referred to the Committee for the House & sent to for payment.

a full Committee.

th
Tuesday 14 March 1837.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read —

The following accounts of Commission, of M. Hockerell the Architect, were ordered payment, viz.

London
Commission, on the
Tradesmen's Bills from
Mids^r to Aug^r 1836 amt:
£4433. 4. 11 @ 5% £221. 13. 3
Letters &c. 1. 4. 9 222. 18. —
Clerk of the works
1/2 year's salary . . . 75. —
Extra time 103 hours } 25. 15. —
 @ 5% }
one whole night . . . 15. — 101. 10. —
£ 324. 8. —

Branches

Branches.

Manchester, as an account	196.4.11 1/2
Newcastle	31.13.6
Gloster	10.
Seeds	1. 6 1/2
	<hr/>
	£ 229 " 9 " -

Tuesday 28 March 1837.

of full nominal
except
W. Pole.

The Minutes of the
last meeting were read

The Governors laid before
the Committee a letter from
Mr. Green the Chairman of
the Bank of Birmingham,
offering the refusal of most
eligible premises for a Branch
Bank at Birmingham. they are situated in
Bennell's Hill, a broad open
Street, near the Post Office, - the
Office of the Banking Company, &
the most commercial parts of
the Town - the Premises were
built in 1833, and are held at
a ground rent of £ 71 per Ann.

for

28 March 1837

Premises
offered to the
Bank, at
Birmingham

⁺ these Papers & Plans
were all returned
to Mr Turner of
the Branch Banks
Office. The letter
of Mr Greene was
delivered to Mr.
Locke. -

for a term of 90 Years. They
have been valued by Mr. Pleins
a Builder at £5400, but it
is probable that £4600
would not be refused - a plan
of the Basement, Ground floor,
Elevation, was laid before the
Committee, also a Map of the
Town, shewing the relative
position of the Premises. -

The Grounds upon which the
agent recommends a removal
of the Branch were stated
to be, that the present Bank
is so dark as to require lamps
during the greater part of the
Day, & the Office is altogether
so confined, that the Clerks are
continually incommoding each
other. - The building generally is
of a slight description, & requires
continual repair - From
the improved value of property
in Birmingham, it is hoped
that

that the House in Union Street
may be disposed of without
material sacrifice—

The Committee having
given the same due consideration,
Resolved,

Mr. Cockerell
to survey &
report thereon

That the Governor be
empowered to send Mr. Cockerell
to Birmingham to survey
the abovesaid premises,
and to report thereon to this
Committee.

31 March 1837

Mr. Todd's offer
for the Furnace
to be accepted

Mr. Cockerell having
reported that he had received
two Tenders for the stove
burning Furnace, which he
could recommend, viz:

Mr. Holder £118

Mr. Todd £107.

The Deputy Governor desired
that Mr. Todd's offer for
constructing the same, be
accepted by Mr. Cockerell—

a full Committee.

Wednesday 12. April 1837

The Minutes of the last meeting were read —

The following Report of Mr. Bockerell, having been read, &c. —

" Bank of England

" Sir, " 11 April 1837

" According to the Minutes of

" the Committee of Treasury of

" the 28th ult^o; " that I should

" visit & report upon the Premises

" of the Bank of Birmingham "

" I beg leave to say that I did

" examine them on the 6th & 7th Inst^o;

" — I consider the position highly

" advantageous from its vicinity

" to the Town Hall, the Post Office

" the principal Banks, the High

" Street, & from its being in the

" best quarter of Birmingham. —

" — it is, with the surrounding

" neighbouring property, protected by

" a special legal provision against

" the nuisances of Steam Engines

" manufactories & Gas works

" The

Mr. Bockerell's
Report on the
Premises offered
to the Bank at
Birm^m

12 April 1837

" The Premises consisting of Office,
 " residence & 3 Stall Stable & Coach
 " House, contain - 4666 Superfl. feet
 " Our present Branch } 5450 Sq.
 " Premises contain

" But altho' the former are less
 " by nearly $\frac{1}{5}^{\text{th}}$ of Superfl. space
 " they are in fact much more roomy
 " & commodious from the compactness
 " of their arrangement, so that the
 " Office & Agents' rooms contain
 " 1714 Superfl. feet

" the present only - 1141.
 " thus adding one half to our
 " present accommodation - the
 " residence also contains 3 more
 " apartments for the family

" The Building was erected 4
 " years ago at the cost of about
 " £5300, & may be considered
 " substantial according to the mode
 " of building at Birmingham.

" The Drawing Room fire place
 " is defectively placed, being on a
 " wood floor, & must be altered; -
 " the Office Stove heated by hot
 " water is inefficient; some additional
 " securities in iron bars &c, & some
 " fittings & minor accommodations
 " which will cost 6 to £700 - will
 " be wanted "

" I

12 April 1837

" I have reason to think that
 " all circumstances considered
 " an offer of £4600— might be
 " accepted; & on such terms I
 " can recommend the purchase as
 " advantageous.

" On the subject of the present
 " Branch I beg leave to add that
 " the Bank new building immediately
 " opposite has darkened the office,
 " in the centre of which, & as is at
 " all times necessary— the distance
 " of the Agents, the liability to
 " intrusion from the neighbouring
 " Library, & other objections to the
 " quarter & building itself, are
 " already well known to the Commr.

" & I have the honor &c

" (Signed) " G. R. Bockerell "

" J. Curtis Esq.

" Governor of the
 " Bank of England. "

Resolved

That Mr Tindal (the Agent)
 be authorised to purchase the
 Premises belonging to the
 Bank

Bank of Birmingham, at a price not exceeding £4500 - but to endeavour to obtain the same for 4000 Guineas.

26 April 1837

A full Committee

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

An application was received from Mr. Grubb to be allowed to transfer his lease of the Bank Coffee House to Mr. Moxon of 69 Old Broad Street, the Bank confirming the first term of 14 Years of the said lease, but the Committee declined to accede thereto.

Mr. Grubb's application declined

Wednesday 17th May 1837

A full Committee

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The

17 May 1837.

The following letter from
Joseph Gibbins Esq, having
been read, viz:

"Birmingham
16 May 1837.
To Mr J. Tindal Esq
"Bank of England Branch
Birmingham.

"Esteemed Friend

The Premises
of the Bank
of Birmingham
to be bought
at £5000

"I submitted to our Board
of directors, your offer of £4600
for the premises occupied by
the Bank of Birmingham,
including the fixtures & fittings
up: - they desire me to say,
they cannot entertain this offer,
nor any thing less than
£5000: this sum they have
consented to take from you,
provided they have your reply
in course of a few days - the
prevailing opinion of the
Bank ^{was}, that they may make
a much better price of the
Premises; considering its
commanding frontage, &
increasing

increasing valuable situation.

I remain &c
(Signed) Joseph Gibbins

Resolved,

That the Agent, Mr.
Tindal, be authorised to give
£5000 for the said premises.

Wednesday 24 May 1837

a full Committee
except
Mr. Pole.

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read.

The Governor having
laid before the Committee the
following letter from Mr. S. H.
Cockerell, Esq.

Mr. Cockerell's
Report in reference
to a Proposal
from the London
Assurance Comp.

Bank of England
24 May 1837.

Sir,

The London Assurance
Company having renewed their
proposition to the Bank Directors
to take on Lease the whole Island
except comprising the Houses held
by Messrs. Campbell, Batty, Erubb,
the London & Weydon Railway Comp.
now

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now held on an aggregate Rent
of £580 p. Ann: -,

I beg leave first to refer to
my report of the 9th Nov: last
as to the peculiar Value of that
Property, - and secondly to offer
my opinion that the London
Assurance Company should pay
200 Guineas p. Ann: for a Lease
of 25 to 45 Years, under the
usual Covenants, & to submit
their proposed alterations for
approval.

I consider this Rent
moderate, assuming that
the Directors do not insist
on an extreme Rent, which
would be rated much higher,
and I have the honor to be
Yours
(signed) C. R. Cocherell.

J. A. Curtis Esq,
Governor -

Mr Cocherell
to put himself
in communication
with the London
Assurance Comp^y:

Ordered,

That Mr Cocherell
put himself in communication
with the London Assurance
Company in reference to their
proposal

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proposal for the above mentioned
premises on Lease —

—th
Wednesday 7 June 1837.

a full Committee
except
Mr Palmer

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read —

The following Tradesmen's Bills
for the current Quarter were laid
before the Committee — viz:

1	Thos Martyn. Carpenter &c.	36	4	2
2	J Grundy & Son. Masons.	38	15	
3	A & J Lee. Bricklayers...	84	15	
4	Wm Good... Plumber...	12	4	
5	North & Co... Platers...	13	1	
6	Robson & Co. Plasterers...	29	3	
7	Wm Watson. Painter &c...	32	18	
8	Todd & Son. Smiths &c...	196	16	
9	G Holder. Locksmith &c	79	2	
10	R & E Kepp. Coppermiths...	54		
11	J Bristol. Engine maker	19	3	
12	Thwaiter & Reed. Spring maker	9	5	
13	W A Smith. Lptolsterer...	25	1	
14	J Pether... Window Cleaner	37	10	
15	Gas Company...	41	11	
16	A Whickelo... Gas Fitter...	7	2	
17	E Jones... Box maker...	2	8	
18	C Collyer. Blind maker...	1	17	
19	W B Mathews. Lamp maker	2	9	
20	Elizabeth Milton. Rubbish Cart	24		
21	Josh Glass. Chimney Sweeper	23	5	
22	Gouverneur & Co. Stationers...	103	18	
	Gloucester Branch	1314	1	
23	W Rees... Carpenter &c...	15	10	
				£1329 11

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Resolved,

That the above Bill be referred to the Committee for the House & Servants for payment.

a full Committee
except
W. Cole.

Wednesday 14 June
1837

The Minutes of the last meeting were read -

The following Letter from Messrs. Freshfield Hon. having been read, viz:

New Bank Buildings
13 June 1837

Sir,

Report on Title
of
Premises
purchased at
Birmingham

We beg to report that we have received from the Solicitors of the Birmingham Bank, an abstract of the Title to the premises purchased by the Bank for their Branch. It appears that the property is held under a lease from the Inge family for a term of years, of which 94 were unexpired at Lady Day last, at a ground rent

Part of £71. - The Sellers have no means of exhibiting the title of the parties granting the lease, but we are informed that the Title is well known to be free from any objection, and we recommend that the investigation should be dispensed with. -

We have the honor to be
(signed) Freshfield Hon
To the Governor of
The Bank of England. }

The Committee agreed to the above recommendation

Wednesday 21st June 1837

a full Committee

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Insalubrity of the

Portsmouth

Premises, taken

The Governors laid before the Committee the undermentioned Report from Mr. Beckerell relative into consideration to certain freehold premises on which it is estimated that a new Branch might be erected at
Portsmouth

21 June 1837

Portsmouth at a cost of £4300.

The grounds on which a removal is considered necessary are, that the present premises are determinable at the option of the Bank, Lady Day 1841, and require annually a considerable outlay for repairs, - and that they are so damp and confined that the health of the Agent & the Porter have both suffered in consequence.

consideration of
the
Premises at
Portsmouth
continued

M^r. Lower who audited the accounts of the Branch in October last, reported as follows
"I have examined the House
"and think it a wretched one.
"It appears to me damp &
"unwholesome in the extreme,
"so much so as to endanger the
"health of the inmates. The
"Bank notes in the Treasury have
"even contracted a smell of
"dampness"

M^r.

21 June 1837

Bank of England

Sir,

June 14 - 1837

" In obedience to your desire I
 " have corresponded with Mr
 " Greatnam on the Premises at
 " Portsmouth, suggested by Mr
 " MacCarthy as suited to the
 " Branch Bank, & I have to
 " report they appear to me desirable
 " in situation, being nearly opposite
 " the present Branch, & reasonable
 " in cost, being Freehold and
 " 7758 feet Superf. with a House
 " & Stable & 2 Tenements for the
 " Sum of £1800 - I am unable
 " to say to what extent the House
 " or materials may be convertible,
 " but a total rebuilding appear
 " to me necessary at the expense
 " probably of £2500 - upon these
 " data the proposed rent would
 " be less than that of the actual
 " Branch, thus

M^r Cockerell's
 Report in
 favor of Premises
 at Potts:
 offered to the
 Bank -

Cost

21 June 1837

"Cost of the Premises	}	£63—
£1000 - @ 3 1/2 pft		
"D ^o of the Buildg	}	125—
£2500 @ 5 pft		
		<u>£188—</u>

"Rent of the actual Branch	£70—	}	190—
"Average expenses stated by Mr. McCarthy	70—		
"Servants accommodated	10—		
"Emptying cesspools	40—		
			<u>190—</u>

Continuation
of Mr. Lockersell's
Report on
Premises at
Ports^o offered to
the Bank

" On the other side I have
" drawn to the same scale the
" proposed ground & buildings
" on them; containing 7758 feet
" superficial; - together with
" the actual Branch containing
" 1291 feet Superfl. - These
" Premises being the smallest
" of the Branches of the Bank
" of England, have been a constant
" subject of complaint, not only
" from the want of space, but
" the damp to which the basement
" floor is subject from want
" of Sewers in the Town.

" It will be remembered by
" the Committee of Treasury, that
" the

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"the establishment of this &
"the Plymouth Branches was
"considered in a measure
"experimental; but at the
"same time so urgent; that in
"3 months from orders given to
"me these Branches were
"purchased, fitted up with all
"alterations & necessary accommo-
"dations & occupied — it was
"for this reason that the
"Portsmouth lease was made
"determinable at 7-11- or 21
"years, three of which are
"expired

"I have considered it my
"duty to oppose every expense &
"alteration suggested by the
"agent in advising with him
"on the remedies to the
"inconveniences complained of
"— at the same time that I
"am bound to admit them as
"irremediable under the
"circumstances of increasing
"business & a large family
"— if the change is thought
"desirable I think we should
"have no difficulty in finding
"a

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a Tenant for the remaining
Term

and I have the honor to

(Signed) C. D. Cockerell

The Premises at
"Ports" offered to
the Bank to be
purchased

"Sir Isaac Reid, Bart,
&c &c &c."

The Committee agreed that
the premises mentioned in
the foregoing letter be purchased
for the Bank —

On reading a letter from
Mr. W^m Grubb of the Bank
Coffee House dated 20th Inst^s,
requesting to know the
Bank's determination of the Bank on
his application to be allowed
to transfer the lease of his
House, the Bank confirming
the first 14 Years thereof,
The Secretary was desired to
acquaint Mr Grubb, that the
Bank cannot consent to his
application —

Wednesday 5 July 1837

a full possession⁴
except
Mr. Pattison

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read -

The following Report from
Mr. Bockerell having been
read, viz^h:

"Sir, Cambridge July 4
1837

"I beg leave to report on the
"defective state of the staling
"over the Court & Committee

"Rooms, arising from the entire
"decay of the Westmoreland
"staling, as well as of the
"lead work in great measure

"- I am apprehensive that on
"occasions of heavy rains or
"snow the greatest danger to
"the Timbers & ceiling may
"arise from the admission of
"wet in great quantity - the
"present season is propitious &
"the necessary repairs ought
"not to be delayed longer than
"the convenience of the Court
"may require

Mr. Bockerell
reports the necessity
of repairing the Roof
of the Court and
Committee rooms

5 July 1837

" I find that the Parapets
 " will also require some repair,
 " many of the Battlements being
 " in a dangerous state

" I have reason to believe
 " the repair of the staling will
 " cost about — £65 —

" Exchanging the old lead 80 —

" Repairing the Battlements } 85 —
 " & Parapet

£230 —

" Waiting the honor of your
 " Commands I remain &c

(Signed) C R Cockerell

" J. A. Curtis, Esq:

" Governor

" of the Bank of England "

Ordered,

ordered to be
 proceeded with
 immediately

That Mr Cockerell be
 directed to repair the Roof of
 the Court & Courtroom
 forthwith.

The following Report was
 made to the Court of Directors,
 viz:

5 July 1837

The Committee of Building
Report to The Court of Directors

That they referred to the
Committee for the House and
Servants for payment the
undermentioned Tradesmen's
Bills amounting to £1329¹¹—
viz:

For the House... £1314¹—

" the Gloucester ² Branch } 15¹⁰—

An opportunity having occurred
for the removal of the Branch
Bank at Birmingham to a
more desirable situation in all
respects, The Committee have
embraced the offer of the Bank
of Birm^m to purchase their
premises for the Sum of £5000—,
to include the fixtures & fittings
up of the same

At the Portsmouth Branch,
the health of the Agent & his
Family having been materially
affected by the damp & confined
situation of the premises, which
are

5 July 1837.

are Leasehold & terminable in 1841, & require a considerable annual outlay in repairs, — a negotiation has been commenced for the purchase of some freehold property for the sum of £1000 — immediately opposite the present house, & which, in the opinion of the Agent & Mr. Cockerell, is very desirable in point of situation for the business of the Branch Bank. — the estimated expence of the building thereof will be about £2500 —

The Comtee have also to report, that the Roof of the Court & Comtee rooms, having been found to be in a very dilapidated state they have directed Mr. Cockerell to cause the same to be repaired forthwith

to
Bank 5th July 1837.

26 July 1837 The Governor signed an order for the payment of £5000 for the purchase at Birmingham - viz:

New Bank Buildings

Sir, 24 July 1837

We beg to report that the Assignment of the Lease of The Bank's new premises at Birmingham has been duly executed & placed in our hands, and we therefore recommend that Mr. Tindal be instructed to pay the purchase money £5000, to John Greene of Edgbaston in the County of Warwick, Gent: & Edward Lewis of Handsworth in the County of Stafford, Gent: on payment of which he will receive possession of the premises, together with the original Lease assigned to the Company.

We are &c

(Signed) Freshfield & Bone

To The Governor of the Bank of Eng^d

Wednesday 9 Aug: 1837

a full committee
except
Mr. Mellish

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Deputy
Corney's
Application

An application from Mr. Deputy Corney of Broad Street Ward, for the Bank's subscription towards the construction of a sewer, was laid before the Committee - who postponed the consideration of the same, for further information from Mr. Lockerell thereon -

a full committee
except
Mr. Mellish
Mr. Cole
Mr. Palmer.

Wednesday 16 Aug: 1837

The Minutes of the last meeting were read. —

The consideration of the above application from Mr. Deputy Corney was resumed, and again postponed

Wednesday

Wednesday 6 Sep. 1837

Removal of
Coach House &
Stables at the
Birmingham
Branch to a
new plot of
ground to be
purchased for
that purpose

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The Deputy Governor having referred to the Committee a Report from the Agent at Birmingham, that an eligible opportunity is now afforded for removing the Coach House Stables attached to the new premises on Bennett's Hill which very much darken the same, to a vacant plot of ground in the rear of the Branch, at a cost of about £240 & an annual Rent of £6.2/- for the plot of ground, -

The Committee agreed to the removal of the Coach House Stables, & purchase of the ground above mentioned

The consideration of Mr. Deputy Cooney's application for the Bank's Subscription towards a
Common

Subscription
of £200 towards
a Common
Sewer in
Bartholomew
Lane.

Common Sewer in Bartholomew
Lane, was resumed, - and
Mr. Cocherell having stated
that no danger to the foundation
walls of the Bank is to be
apprehended, by the proposed
plan for constructing the
said Sewer, - The Committee
recommended to the Court
of Directors to subscribe the
Sum of £200 towards the
expense thereof. -

A full Committee
except
Mr. Pole &
Mr. Pattison

Wednesday 13th Sep^r
1837

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read. -

The following Tradesmen
Bills for the Current Quarter
were laid before the Committee
viz:

No.

	17 Sep 1837	No: 1	Thomas Martyr, Carpenter	379	5	"
		2	J. Grundy Son, Plumber	74	4	"
		3	J. & H. Lee, Bricklayers	145	18	"
		4	W. Good, Plumber	238	10	"
		5	North 16: Staters	84	2	"
		6	Robson 16: Plasterers	59	10	"
		7	W ^m . Watson, Slazier	387		"
		8	J. Holder, Locksmith	102	18	"
		9	J. Todd Son, Smith & Stove makers	226	4	"
The Quarterly Bills of the Tradesmen.		10	Hottgappfeld 16: Stove makers	14	2	"
		11	Burbidge 16: Stove maker &c.		15	"
		12	J. Pether, window cleaner	37	10	"
		13	J. Bristow Engineer	53	19	"
		14	W. J. Tulley, Fire	85	3	"
		15	Thwaites & Keed, Clock makers	37	16	"
		16	Gas company	41	11	"
		17	H. Whichelo, Gas fitter	3	18	"
		18	C. Collyer, Blind maker	2	12	"
		19	W. H. Smith, Upholsterer	12	14	"
		20	Oliz: Milton Rubbish porter	27	17	"
		21	Jos. Glegg, Chimney sweepers	7		"
				2022	8	"

Resolved,

That the said Bills be referred to the Committee for the House Servants for payment.

20 Sep. 1837.

Payment for
The
Newcastle
Branch Premises

Agreeably to the Recommendation in the undermentioned letter, and pursuant to the minute of this Committee of the 2nd Nov^r last, The Governor signed an order for the payment of £5747.15.1 to Mr. J. C. Turner Principal of the Branch Bank Office, to be transmitted to the agent at the Newcastle Branch for payment to Mr. Crainger viz:

New Bank Buildings
19 Sep. 1837.

Sir, It was arranged by Mr. Cockerell that upon Mr. Crainger's executing to the Bank a conveyance of the Branch Bank at Newcastle upon Tyne, and

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also signing an agreement to complete the works by the 1st Nov^r: next, the Bank should pay the £2832 the price of the Land and £2915.15.1 the value of the works which were done up to the 22^d: July last, making together £5747.15.1

The conveyance and agreement have been duly executed, and we enclose an order from Mr. Crainger requesting that the £5747.15.1 may be paid to the Bank of England to the credit of the Northumberland Durham District Bank on Mr. Crainger's account.

We beg to recommend that you should obtain the Governor's order for payment of the money & remit it accordingly.

M^r.

M^r. Ervinger makes an appeal to the Bank for some allowance for Interest, but he leaves this point to M^r. Lockett to whom we have communicated M^r. Ervinger's application. We are Sir &c
(Signed) Freshfield Son

This letter
delivered up
to M^r. Turner

M^r. Turner
Branch Bank Office.

A full Comtee
except
M^r. Cole.

Wednesday 27th Sep. 1837

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

M^r. McCarthy's
application for
the Rent of stables
disapproved

An application having been referred to this Comtee from M^r. McCarthy the Agent at the Portsmouth Branch, for permission to rent a Stable at the expense of \$20 p Ann. - The Comtee disapproved thereof.

Present
 Mr. Governor
 Mr. Mellish
 Mr. Bowden
 Mr. Palmer
 Mr. Pattison

Wednesday 18 Oct^r
 1837

The Minutes of the last meeting were read -

The London Assurance Company express a wish to purchase certain property -

declined by the Bank -

On reading a letter from the London Assurance Corporation, requesting to know the terms upon which the Bank would be willing to sell the property, consisting of the Bank Office House, and the Houses occupied by Messrs. Battye, J. Campbell & Co. and the London & Croydon Railway Company, - it was agreed by the Committee to decline selling the freehold of the said Property - but to offer them on lease to the London Assurance Company -

The following Report from Mr. Cockerell having been read, and Plans connected therewith laid before the Committee
 viz:

Bank Oct 13. 1837.

Sir,

With reference to my Report of the 14th June last recommending a piece of ground as eligible for the situation of a Branch Bank at Portsmouth, and having reced your order on the 21st June to purchase the same,

I beg leave to say that the Mr. Bokerill's purchase has been made for the sum of £1600, & the conveyance on the purchase is now completing.

Report on the purchase of property at Portsmouth, and his plans for a rebuilding, agreed to.

Having visited the premises on the 28th August with a view to examine more particularly the buildings thereon, I found as was expected, that they were totally inadequate to the purpose, being dilapidated & of a mean character. They have been accordingly pulled down and sold by public auction for the clear sum of £160. 11. 8.

The ground being now ready for building, I have after much consideration & conferring with Mr. Carthy on the subject,

18 Oct. 1837

Mr. Lockereell's
Report
on the purchase
at Ports. - This
plan for a
Re-building
agreed to.

having had your approbation
of the Outline of the Design,
I beg leave now to offer the
detail plans for the consideration
of yourself & the Building Committee.

I consider that the Cost
of the Building complete will
not exceed £3000 to which
will be added the cost of the
Fixtures, which may probably
amount to £500. -

It seems desirable both by
Mr. M. Farby's recommendation
and all experience, that one
or more of the most respectable
Builders of Portsmouth should
compete with the Banks
Tradesmen who are very anxious
to perform the work. -

I have the honor to be
(signed) G. Lockereell.

J. A. Curtis, Esq,

& - - -

The Committee agreed
thereto. -

Bank, Wednesday
1 Nov: 1837.

a full Committee

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The following letter from
Mr. Lawrence Esq. having been
read, viz:

London Assurance
House
Birkenlane

25 Oct: 1837

Sir, Your letter of the 19th inst.

stating the willingness of the
Governor and Directors of the Bank
of England to grant to the
Corporation of the London Assurance
a lease of the Premises on the
East Side of Bank Street, at an
annual Rent of eight hundred
Quineas, has been submitted to
the Court of Directors of the London
Assurance, and I am desired
to acquaint you that they decline
entering into any negotiation
except for the purchase of the
freehold. I am, Sir &c

John Knight
Secretary
Bank of England.

John Lawrence Esq.

Resolved

London
Assurance Corp^{rs}

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1 Nov: 1837.

a Lease for 99
Years offered to
the London
Assurance Corp^y:

Resolved,

That the application
for a Purchase of the said Property
be declined - but the Committee
would not object to granting
a Lease thereof to the London
Assurance Corporation for a
term of 99 Years, with restrictive
clauses, at an annual Rent
of 800 Guineas.

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23 Nov: 1837.

Purchase money
for the Portsm^o.
Property, paid

Agreeably to the recom-
mendation in the undermentioned
letter, and pursuant to the
Minute of this Committee of
21st June last, The Governor
signed an order for £1608.0/-
to Mr. Turner principal of
the Branch Bank Office,
to be transmitted to the Agent
at the Portsmouth Branch
for payment to Mess^{rs} Stacey
Harker the vendors - viz:

New Bank Building
20 Nov. 1837.

Sir,

We beg to acquaint you that
the purchase deed of the piece
of ground at Portsmouth has
been duly signed & forwarded
to us, and have now to beg
that you will direct the
agent at the Branch Bank
to pay the sum of £1608.8/-
being the amount of purchase
money and interest, to the
joint legatee of Messrs Andrew
Nance & Edward (as per the terms

We are Sir &
(Signed) Freshfield Row

5 Dec^r 1837.

a full committee
except
Mr. Cole &
Mr. Pattison.

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read.

The following Tradesmen's
Bills for the current quarter
were laid before the committee

viz:

6 Dec. 1837

N^o

- 1 Tho: Martyr, Carpenter £ 373.2.-
- 2 J. Grundy Hon. Masons 91.2.-
- 3 J. H. Lee, Bricklayers 69.12.-
- 4 W. Good, Plumber 15.7.-
- 5 Wm: Watson Glazier & Painter 106.1.-
- 6 W. Robson H^o: Plasterers 59.2.-
- 7 Mess: North H^o: Stainers 123.14.-
- 8 Rev: Holder, Smith & Co - 108.1.-
- 9 J. Todd H^o: do - 139.13.-
- 10 J. Bristow, Engineer⁴ 9.9.-
- 11 Sam: Ridley Floor Cloth
Manufactures } 19.6.-
- 12 Whitfield H^o: Lampmakers 39.14.-
- 13 C. Collyer, Blind maker 14.13.-
- 14 Gas Company - 41.11.-
- 15 H. Whitchelo, Gas fitter 3.18.-
- 16 W. H. Smith, Upholsterer 5.16.-
- 17 Thwaites Reid, Lock
Makers 9.14.-
- 18 J. Pether Window Cleaner 37.10.-
- 19 Chis: Milton Rubbish Cart 23.12.-
- 20 C. Jones Boxmaker - 10.13.-
- 21 J. Stapp, Chimney Sweeper 8.9.-

£1309.19.-

Gloucester

The
Hadesmens
Quarterly Bills

Gloucester Branch

22 Thomas Carpenter, Carpenter & 18. 4. -

Manchester Branch

23 Fairs & Bailie Ventilator
makers } 6. 11. -

Leeds Branch

24 B. Woolley, Bricklayer 2. 8. -

25 Wilsonsons, Brassmongers 2. 15. -

26 B. Russell, Carpenter & 2. 11. -

13. 14. -

Resolved,

That the foregoing Bills
be referred to the Committee for
the House Servants for
payment.

The following letter was
also laid before the Committee
viz:

Letter from
The London
Assurance Comp.

London Assurance
House
23rd Nov: 1837.

Sir, I am desired to inform
you, that your letter of the 2nd Inst.
stating the willingness of the
Bank of England to grant to
the London Assurance a lease

of

243th

9. Dec 1837

of the Premises on the East Side of Bank Street for 99 Years with restrictive clauses at an annual Rent of 800 Guineas has been under the consideration of the Court of Directors, who decline proceeding further in the Negotiation except for the purchase of the freehold.

I am Sir &c -

(Signed) John Lawrence Secy.

^{to} John Knight
Secy. Bank of England.

A full command

Wednesday 17 Jan 1838.

The Governor acquainted the Committee that on the day subsequent to the late Fire at the Royal Exchange, he had rec^d an application from Mr. Wm. Lamb of the Bank Office House in the following Terms viz:

"To the Hon^{ble} Governor, Secy.
Governor and Directors of the
Bank of England.

"Hon^{ble} Gentlemen,

"From the lamentable Circumstances
of

"of the destruction of the Royal Exchange
 "I am desirous of letting my Coffee
 "Room to Mess^{rs}: Sutton Sons & Gribble,
 "also for the present my one pass
 "Room to Mess^{rs}: G. Palmer & Co. with
 "your Honorable Court's permission.
 "The Parties are desirous to know
 "as soon as possible whether
 "they can have it or not - I shall
 "continue to reside and occupy the
 "House as usual with the exception
 "of looking for my coaches -

Mr Crabb's
 application to
 be allowed to
 use a part
 of the Bank
 Coffee House,

"Hon^{ble}: Gentlemen
 "I beg to subscribe myself
 "Yours most obed^t: Hble Serv^t
 (signed) W^m: Crabb

Bank Coffee House,
 Jan 22 - 1838.

agreed to

and that in reply the Governor
 had stated to Mr Crabb, that he
 had no objection to his application
 but that it must be subject to one
 month's notice for the respective
 parties to quit the same -

The Committee approved
 thereof.

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Mr Dep Kov.
Mr. Mellish
Mr. Pole
Mr. Bowden
& Mr. Pattison

Wednesday 31 Jan
1838

The Minutes of the last meeting were read —

The undermentioned acc^{ts} of Mr. Cockerell for Commission, Clerk of the Works &c were ordered payment, viz^t

London.

Mr. Cockerell's Commission on the Tradesmen's Bills from Midsummer to Janas 1837 amounting to
£3807.7.6 @ 5% = £190.7.4
orders to be paid.

Clerk of the Works
Salary 1/2 a Year — £75—

Extra time 95^{1/2} d^{ns}
@ 7 23.15—

7 whole nights
@ 15/ 5.5—

1 Sunday — 105—

Letters parcels &c. — 1.14.1
£297.1.5

Branches

Leeds on Bills £36.9.6 1.10.5

Notter " 33.14.4 1.13.9

Birmingham, 195.15.6 9.15.9

Manchester 8.11.1 8.8

£13.12.5

N.B. The orders signed by the Dep. Kov: for the above were given to Mr. [unclear] for Mr. Cockerell.

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 Wednesday 7 March
 1838.

a full Commsmt
 except
 W. Mellish

The following Tradesmens Bills
 were laid before the Commsmt, viz

- 1 Tho. Martyr, Carpenter - £438. 1.
- 2 J. Grundy Son, Masons, - 40. -
- 3 J. & H. Lee, Bricklayers - 43. 2.
- 4 Wm. Good, Plumber - 13. 2.
- 5 Wm. Watson, Glazier & Painter 57. 2.
- 6 Messrs. Northall & Co. Stainers - 51. 11.
- 7 Robson & Co. Plasterers - 53. 19.
- 8 Rev. Holder, Smith & Co. - 58. 2.
- 9 J. Todd Son, Dr. - 157. -
- 10 J. Pether Window Glasser 37. 12.
- 11 Burbidge & Co. Stone masons 3. -
- 12 J. Hough & Co. do - 10. -
- 13 Thwaites & Co. Spring makers 17. -
- 14 J. Bristow. Engine maker 16. 19.
- 15 Gas Company - 59. 12.
- 16 H. whichelo Gas fitter 142. 9.
- 17 W. & H. Smith, Upholsters 33. 5.
- 18 J. W. Fulton Engine
 Coopers makers 21. 17.
- 19 Tho. Fox, upholsterer - 9. -
- 20 Messrs. Battam & Co.
 Paperhangers 1. 11.
- 21 C. Jones, Box maker - 14. 19.
- 22 Tho. Weston, Charcoal 6. 15.

The
 Tradesmens
 Quarterly Bills

Carried forward 1326. 5.

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7 March 1838

Boat over £ 1386.5-

- 23 Whitfield lb: Lampmakers 58.9-
 - 24 C. Milton. Rubbish Cart 29.3-
 - 25 Joseph Gluff, Chimney Sweep 22.2-
- £ 1495.19-

Leeds, Branch.

- 26 Russell. Carpenter - 7-
 - 27 Wors. Blackburn Co. Masons } 1.5-
 - 28 B. Woolley, Bricklayer - 17-
 - 29 J. Ramsden, Plumber 1.13-
 - 30 J. Blanchard, Plasterer 8.9-
 - 31 Jos. Wood, Painter 8.19-
 - 32 Windell lb: Paperhang 19.1-
 - 33 Nelson lb: Ironmonger 1.3-
- £ 48.7-

Resolved, That the foregoing Bills be referred to the Comrs for the House Servants for payment -

27 March 1838

The following Quarterly Report was made to the Court of Directors - viz.

The

The Committee of Building
 have to report to the Court of
 Directors, that in consequence
 of the destruction of the Royal
 Exchange by fire, permission
 has been granted to M^r. Pratt
 lessee of the Bank Coffee House
 to underlet a part of the same
 to Mess^{rs}. Sutton Sons Bribble
 and Mess^{rs}. Rev. Palmer & Co., -
 subject to the said Parties
 quitting, on each receiving
 a month's notice -

The
 Quarterly Report
 to
 the Court

The undermentioned
 Tradesmen's Bills have been
 referred to the Committee for
 the House and Servants for
 payment. viz.

For this House, for the Current Quarter . . .	£ 1495.19.
For the Leeds Branch	47.7.
	<hr/>
	£ 1544.6.

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29 March 1838.

Payments on
acct. of the New
Ports' Branch

13. Mr. Cockerell's
Letter to the Dep.
Gov. with the
orders for payment,
were delivered
up to Mr. Turner

On the recommendation of
Mr. Cockerell, an order was
signed by the Deputy Governor
for the payment of £500
to Mr. J. B. Turner to be transmitted
to the Portsmouth Branch for
payment to Mr. Bandy on
account of works executed by
him in building the New
Branch Bank at Portsmouth

at
16 May 1838.

on the recommendation
of Mr. Cockerell, a further order
was signed by the Dep. Governor
for the payment of £700
for the above mentioned purpose

Tuesday ^{the} 26 June 1838

Mr. Governor
Mr. Dep. Governor
Mr. Palmer
Mr. Pattison
Mr. Purcher

The following Building Bills
were laid before the Committee
viz:

1 Thomas Martin, Carpenter 586.4-
2 J. Grandy Hors. Masons 14.12-
Carri? forward 650.2-

Brought up ²⁵⁰ 650. 2.

- 3 H. & J. Lee, Bricklayers, 53. 12.
 - 4 Wm. Good, Plumber 112. 17.
 - 5 S. W. Holder, Smiths &c 58. 2.
 - 6 Wm. Watson, Glazier, Painter 28. 8.
 - 7 J. Peter, Window Cleaner 37. 10.
 - 8 North 16th. Staters 93. 6.
 - 9 J. Todd & Son, Smiths &c 259. 18.
 - 10 Sam. Cole, Decorator 70. 19.
 - 11 Robson 16th. Plasterers 35. 16.
 - 12 J. Bristow, Engine maker 10. 7.
 - 13 Shewater 16th. Blockmakers 15. 7.
 - 14 W. H. Smith, Upholsterer 28. 18.
 - 15 Gas Company 43. 5.
 - 16 H. Whichelo, Gasfitter, 3. 18.
 - 17 Whitfield 16th. Lampmaker 2.
 - 18 J. Collyer, Blind maker 2. 19.
 - 19 E. Milton, Rubbish Porter 29. 5.
 - 20 Joseph Glass, Chimney Sweeper } 22. 19.
- £ 65. 8.

The Tradesmens Bells

Birmingham Branch

- 1 Wm. Watson, Painter &c 351. 6.
 - 2 Radcliff & Co. Engravers 6. 1.
 - 3 Fox 16th. Wire workers 1. 4.
 - 4 J. Clewin, Builder 78. 4.
 - 5 W. B. 1047. 16.
 - 6 Joseph Talbot, Locksmith, 67. 1.
 - 7 John Roderick, Paper Hanger 55. —
 - 8 Smith & Hawkes, Capers 219. 7.
- Carr. forward £ 1825. 19.

26 June 1838 Birmingham Branch of 12
Brought over 1825. 19.

N ^o . 9. J. Plewins, Builder	23. 17.
10 Birmingham East Co.	17. 13.
11 W ^m Summers, Stove Maker	500.
12 R. W. Winfield, Brass Foundry	10. 19.
13 A Lodge, Stone Mason	16. 4.
14 Ash & Morris, Brasiers	12. 13.
15 Pro ^s Jones Sons, Iron Foundry	12. 17.
16 J. Apletree, Upholsterer	31. 2.
	<u>£ 2051. 14.</u>

With reference to the foregoing Bills for the Birmingham Branch the Committee having referred to their Minutes, observed that Mr. Cockerell had stated the probable expense would be about £940 he was therefore desired to give an explanation as to the great excess in the Amount over his Estimate, which having done in a written Report, the same with the Bills were referred to the Committee for the House Accounts — and the

the following Report thereon
was made to the Court of Directors
viz.

14. Report
to the Court

The Committee of Building have
to report to the Court of Directors,
that the undermentioned
Tradesmens Bills have been
referred to the Committee for the
House & Servants for payment, viz.

For this House ----- £ 1665. 0. 0

For the Birmingham
Branch } 2051. 4. 0

£ 3716. 12. 0

The Amount of the above Bills
for the Birmingham Branch
having greatly exceeded the
estimates, Mr. Cocherell was
required to make an explanatory
Report thereon & which was
forwarded to the Committee for the
House & Servants with the Bills
in question

12 July 1838.

a further
Payment on acct.
of the Ports:
Branch premises

On the recommendation
of Mr. Cockerell, an order was
signed by the Dep. Governor for
a further payment of £500
to Mr. J. C. Turner to be transmitted
to the Portsmouth Branch for
Mr. Henty, on account of works
executed by him in building
the New Branch at Portsmouth

a full summe^t
except
Mr. Fox

Wednesday 18 July 1838.

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read —

Mr Cockerell's
account of
Commission
(London)

The undermentioned accounts
of Mr. Cockerell were laid
before the Committee, & were
ordered payment viz:—

London
Commission on Bills from Christmas
1837 to Mid. S. 1838. £3366. 17. 4. 1/2
Letters parcels &c. 2. 8. 6
1835. April. Surveying, valuing &
reporting upon Mr. Wright's
Premises in the old Jersey &
purchase of the same £3110 @ 100th 31. 2. —
call forward 201. 17. 4

Book up - £201.17.14

Clerk of the Works

Salary 1/2 a Year £75.-

extra time 1/9

Evenings @ 5/each 17.5-

20 whole nights @ 15/each 15.-

5 Sundays - 5.- 112.5.-

£314.2.14

Branches

M^r. Lockersell's
Account of
Commission
(Branches)

Leeds Branch, Commission
on Bills amounting to

£48.10.7 @ 5 % £2.2.10

Birmingham

April 4 Travelling, time & expenses
to & from Birmingham,

Surveying, Reporting &c. 17.14.-

12 Commission on Purchase of
the Bank of Birmingham

£5000 @ 1 % 50.-

D^o. on Bills as Abstract 206b. 10.10

Deduct Bills not reported
to the Building Committee

or Governors, exceeding
the Surveyor's estimate

of probable repairs

Commission @ 5 % 1299.14.7. 64.19.8

June 6 Travelling, time & expenses
to & from Birmingham,

Surveying, Reporting &c. 15.12.-

Clerk of Works, travelling

expenses to & from Birmingham 3.6.-

£151.11.8

18 July 1838.

The following letters from
 Mr. McCarthy Agent at Portsmouth,
 and Mr. Chesell, having been
 read and considered, viz:

Portsmouth Branch

July 10. 1838.

My Dear Sir,

Letter from the
 Agent at Ports:
 recommends the
 purchase of
 old Property at
 Portsmouth

I have this instant been
 again put in possession of the
 ultimatum of the Parties respecting
 the price of the back premises,
 also the expense of erecting a stable,
 I now beg to subjoin the result of
 my enquiries—

The Contractor for the new
 Branch has offered and will
 give \$100 for the old materials
 now on the back premises, &
 agrees to erect a stable, making
 use of such part of the said old
 materials as the Clerk of Works
 might approve of, which would
 answer my purpose for about
 \$150 = Thus the Bank by the
 purchase would make a most
 valuable addition to its property, &
 remove Tenements alike objectionable
 to the respectability & security of its
 establishment

Establishment for the small sum
of £550 viz:

Cost of back premises	£500
do. of stable	150
	<hr/> 650
Deduct old materials on the premises	100
	<hr/> £550

There are other considerations which might weigh with the Governors, but as you request a brief report & further considering that Mr. Cockerell is fully alive to the advantage of acquiring the Premises in question, I will not dwell further; he has inspected the ground & will no doubt be better able *vis à voce* to satisfy the Governors as to the importance of the subject.

You ask if a wall could not be raised to shut out from view the back premises, no doubt such could be done, but I submit the evil would still remain - It appears to me considering the great responsibility of my charge that nothing short of the destruction of the Tenements would effectually guard against apprehension
unavoidably

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19 July 1838.

Mr. Cocherell's
Report on the
Ports: Agent's
Letter

unavoidably entertained towards
inmates of such disreputable
Buildings. (Signed) C. M. Carthy.

Mr. Cocherell's letter

Bank 13 June 1838.

Sir I beg leave to say that in my
recent visit to Portsmouth I
examined the Tenements at the
back of our new Premises; the
purchase of which has been so
frequently urged by the Agent
Mr. M. Carthy.

Those Tenements are
occupied by lodgers of the
lowest description, & the windows
at the back overlook the
Garden & Residence of the Agent.

The separation being by a low
wall only, and Penney Street
allowing a free escape from
those Tenements, it is obvious
that there is danger to the Bank
establishment from such a
Neighbourhood — If purchased
by the Bank, the Tenancy might
be

be contorted, also a way to the back of our premises would be obtained, either for the admission of Treasures, or, in case of Fire, or for other purposes. Moreover the possession of the whole plot from High Street to Penny Street would render the Bank property complete, & much more available for any future adaptation in case of Sale.

I learn from Mr. Atterbury that the proprietor asks £550 for the purchase, but would probably accept £500 and that Mr. Henry the Contractor for our new Building is ready to give £100 for the materials, if it should be thought advisable to pull them down.

and I have the honor to be

(Signed) C. R. Lockesell

J. A. Curtis Esq

the property to be purchased & converted into Tenements

Resolved, That the aforesaid Premises be purchased at a price not exceeding £500 - and, that Mr. Lockesell be directed to report on their condition

18 July 1838.

M^r. Elsey's
 Recommendation
 for an add^l.
 Supply of Water
 at the Elster
 Branch. &
 M^r. Lockersell's
 Report thereon

into respectable Tenements, for
 the more effectual protection
 of the Branch Bank, in lieu
 of erecting Stables. —

The Governor having referred
 to this Committee, a recommendation
 from M^r. Elsey that an increased
 supply of water be laid on without
 delay from the main pipe to
 the Elster Branch premises,
 in consequence of a fire having
 occurred on the night of the 16th
 Inst. within 4 doors of the same,
 & the following Report thereon
 from M^r. Lockersell having been
 read, was —

Bank of England,
 July 19th 1838.

Sir,

M^r. Elsey's letter of the
 14th Inst. from Elster, recommending
 some improvements in our
 Premises there with reference
 first to their security against fire,
 secondly to their inconvenience
 for

for the residents, having been referred to me for my Report thereon, by your desire, I beg leave to state,

That I have considered Mr. Elsey's Propositions both as regards their use, & their cost, & I have no scruple in recommending their adoption.

The supply of water to the City of Gloucester announced in my Report of the 26th Aug: 1835 has been completed, & a supply from the main may now be very easily effected, & the accident which has just occurred points out the necessity of such a precaution - the advantage to the residence also by such supply, both for their comfort & for the clearing of the drains & sewers is also very considerable.

The replacing the wooden Tubs continually decaying, by a permanent Tank is also very desirable.

The

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18 July 1838.

Mr. Olsey's
Recommendation
agreed to

The expense of the whole by
tender of a respectable Tradesman
at Chester is £145. — and
I have the honor to be of —
(signed) C. R. Lockrell

J. A. Martin Esq
L. - - - - -

Resolved.

That Mr. Olsey's Recommendation
be agreed to. —

A Hall Committee

Wednesday 1st Aug: 1838

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read.

A Report of Mr. Lockrell
proposed Ar- on proposed new Arrangements
rangements in in the Bill Office, and In Tellers'
the Bill Office & Office in the Hall &c. with a plan
In Tellers' Office and estimate, — together with a
in the Hall Minute of the Committee of Inspection
deferred for a Week for the Drawing Office recommending
the enlargement of the Bill Office
were laid before the Committee.

The consideration thereof was
deferred for a Week.

15 Aug: 1838

Wednesday 15th August 1838

A full Committee
except Mr. Pole
Mr. Bowden
Mr. Porcher

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read.

The following Report of
Mr. Cockerell was then considered.

viz:

" Bank of England
" Aug^r 1. 1838

" Sir

" According to your desire
" I have arranged the new Desks
" & fittings required by the Chief
" Cashier in the Bill Office, marked
" in the accompanying Plan in
" red Ink. —

" I have also arranged the new
" Tables for Tellers in the south
" side of the Hall, as so marked
" in red Ink. —

" It has been proposed also to
" make a new Top to the Teller's
" old Table on the North side
" of the Hall.

" The cost of these works in the
" usual materials & fashion,
" with Drawers, cupboards, furniture,
" & fixed complete will amount
" to about £485.

" and

Mr. Cockerell's
report on proposed
arrangements
in the Bill Office
and Tellers'
Office in the Hall

with an Estimate
of the cost.

15th Aug: 1838

"and I remain Sir

"your most obed^t"humble Serv^t

(signed) "C. R. Cockerell"

"Sir John R. Reid &c. &c."

Minute of the
Drawing Office
Committee re-
commending the
enlargement of the
Bill Office

A Minute of the Committee
of Inspection of the Drawing Office
dated 31st July 1838. recommending
to the Governor and Committee
of Building, to give directions for
the enlargement of the Bill Office.
was also read. —

The Governor then stated
to the Committee that since the
last meeting he had looked into
the plan for the proposed alte-
rations, and had been informed
by Mr Cockerell, that by using
some of the old Materials now
in the Bank, he should be enabled
to make a reduction in the
estimated Cost to the amount
of about Fifty eight pounds.

The Governor Reports
that a diminution
of the cost may be
effected to the amount
of £58. —

The Plan approved

and
to be carried into
effect.

The Committee approved
of the new Arrangements as de-
scribed in the foregoing Report, and
Resolved,
That Mr Cockerell be
directed to carry the same into effect

Present
a full committee
except
Mr Palmer

Wednesday 5 Sep. 1838

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

alterations
ordered at the
Liverpool Branch

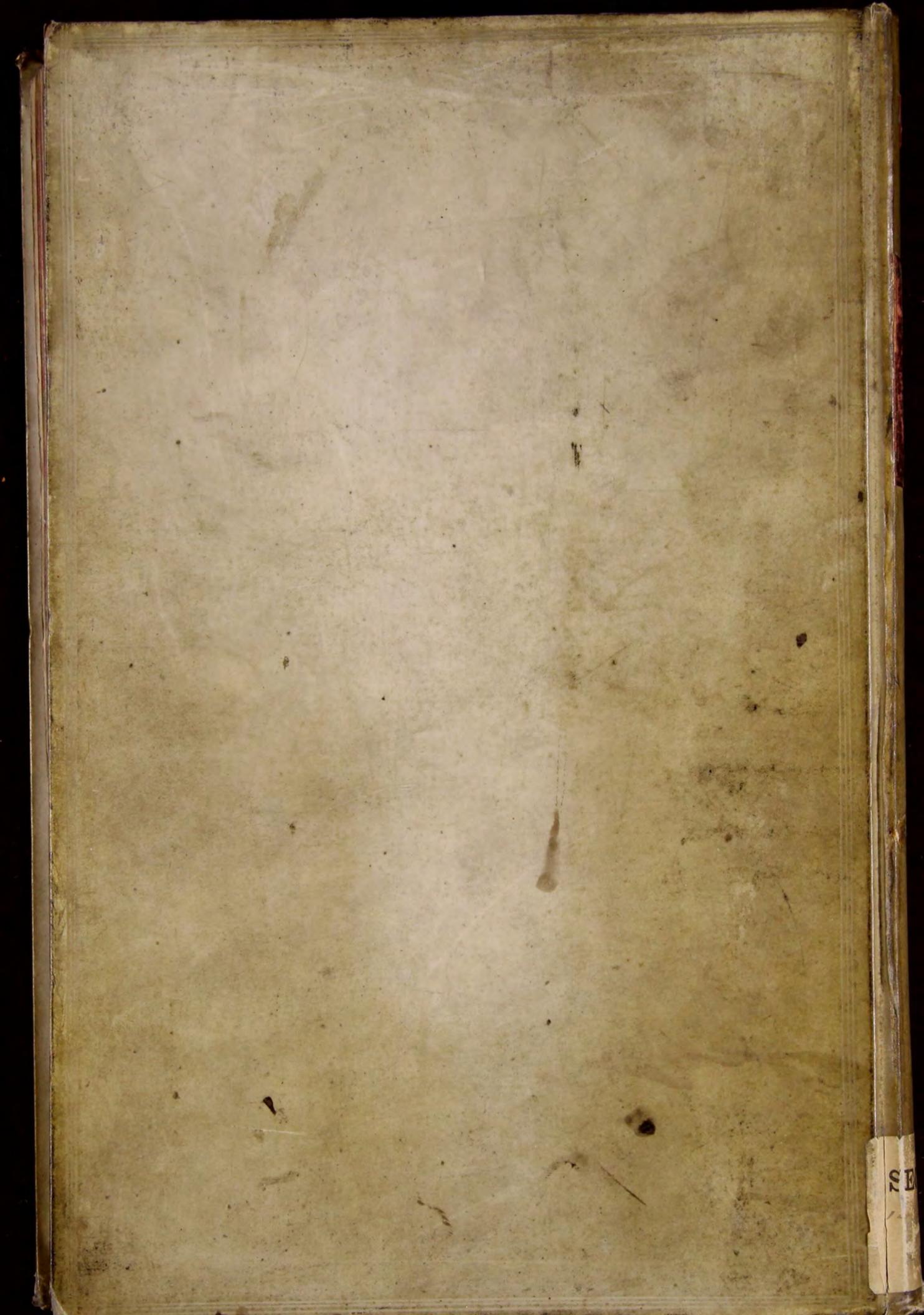
The Committee for Branch Banks having recommended certain alterations to be made in the entrance to the Branch Bank premises at Liverpool, the same were authorised to be carried into effect.

11 Sep. 1838

£600 paid
on acc^t of
Ports^o Premises

On the recommendation of Mr Cockerell, an order was signed by the Deputy Governor for a further payment of £600 to be transmitted to the Portsmouth Branch for Messrs. Henny & Son on account of works executed by them in building the Branch Bank premises at Portsmouth.

See New Book



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