

Constitution and powers of the Committee.

Viz:

*At a Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday the 24th June 1802.*

*The Court having taken into consideration the appointment
of a Committee for Law Suits.*

Resolved,

*That M^r Bosanquet, M^r Boddington, M^r
Simcoe, M^r Maitland and M^r Smith be appointed a
Committee for Law Suits, for the purpose of managing
prosecutions in future; and giving such Directions as to
the retaining of Counsel, and preferring Indictments as
they may judge expedient; and to report from time to time
to the Court.*

*At a Court of Directors
the 10th May 1804.*

Resolved,

*That it be referred to the Committee of Law
Suits, to consider the state of the unpaid Bills and
Notes, and to make such Orders therein from time to
time, as they shall judge advisable; and to direct such
suit or suits to be instituted, as they may deem expedient:
in order to make such recoveries as the nature of the
respective Cases will admit.*

7th July 1802.

Committee for Law Suits
Present.

M^r. Deputy Governor. M^r. Boddington, M^r. Maitland
M^r. Bosanquet. M^r. Simeon, M^r. Smith

The Appointment of the Committee being
read. Viz:

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"and M^r. Smith, be appointed a Committee
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"prosecutions in future; and giving such
"directions as to the retaining of Counsel, and
"preferring Indictments, as they may judge
"expedient: and to report from time to time
"to the Court."

Resolved,

That this Committee do meet on
every Wednesday, at eleven o'clock precisely,
whenever the Business makes it necessary.

M^r. Kaye laid before the Committee
the following List of Persons, now in custody
under charges of Forgery on the Bank of England
Viz: "Lincolnshire." Robert Wells, - for
uttering two £5. forged Bank Notes to a
"M^r. Rayment of Stamford. One of the
Notes

Appointment of the
Committee read.

To meet on Wednesdays.

List of Persons under
charges of Forgery.

Robert Wells, for
uttering forged notes.

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"Notes was uttered personally by the prisoner,
"and the other by a Man of the name of
"Waterfield, who was employed by him."

M^r. Rave proposed to indict the prisoner
capitally; as from information received, respecting
other transactions, he appears to have been extensively
engaged in this circulation.

Ordered,

Wells to be indicted
capitally & M^r. Sery. Vaughan
be retained.

That the said Robert Wells be indicted
capitally; and that M^r. Sery. Vaughan, M^r. Clark,
and M^r. Whyte be retained as Counsel.

John Thompson
for uttering forged
Notes.

"Lincolnshire." John Thompson, - for
"uttering a £5. forged Bank Note to
"Thorpe Smith. Thompson gave several
"contradictory accounts of the Transaction;
"but at length confessed his connection with
"Robert Wells, and his associate John Hoare,
"and his being employed by them to put off
"forged Notes."

M^r. Rave proposed with the approbation
of the Judge, to try Thompson for having a forged
note in his possession; but in order to receive the
sanction of the Judge for the more lenient proceeding,
it will be requisite to prefer an Indictment also,
for uttering.)

Ordered,

To be proceeded ag^t.
on two Indictments &
M^r. Sery. Vaughan be
retained.

That the said John Thompson, be
proceeded against on two Indictments; the one
capitally, and the other for having a forged
Note in his possession; and that with the
concurrence of the Judge, he be tried upon the latter;
also

H. & A. Hunt. for
uttering forged Notes.

also that the same Counsel be retained, as in
the case of Wells.

"Salisbury. "Henry Hunt & Absolam Hunt,
for uttering £2 forged Notes at Snowden in
Wilts. They uttered three of these Notes, to
three different persons, in company, - two to
Shopkeepers upon buying trifling Articles,
and the other to a publican for their joint
Teckoning."

M^r. Rave proposed to try them jointly,
and to prefer 2 Indictments, - the one for the
utterance to one of the Shopkeepers, - and the
other for the utterance to the publican.

Ordered,

That the said Henry Hunt & Absolam
Hunt, be proceeded against on two Indictments;
and that M^r. Dallas, M^r. Gibbs M^r. Serj. Fraed,
and M^r. Dampier be retained as Counsel.

"Worcestersh. Thomas Peters, - for
"uttering a forged £5. Note. He totally
"denies the transaction, and says he was
"never at the place, where he is charged with
"uttering the Note."

M^r. Rave proposed to indict him capitally
for uttering the Note.

Ordered,

That the said Thomas Peters, be
indicted capitally; and that M^r. Plummer, M^r.
Manley and M^r. Puller, be retained as Counsel.

"Kent. "Daniel Anchor. for uttering
"forged £1 Notes at Canterbury."

M^r.

2 Indictments ag^t ^m
M^r. Dallas & Serj. Fraed?

Tho^s. Peters.
for uttering.

to be indicted capitally
M^r. Plummer & Serj. Fraed?

Daniel Anchor
for uttering

M^r Kays proposed to prefer Indictments against him on two of the Notes.

Ordered,

That the said Daniel Anchor be indicted accordingly: and that M^r Garrow, M^r Silvester, M^r Fielding, M^r Knowles and M^r Bosanquet, be retained as Counsel.

"Kent. "John Jones, - for uttering forged "£1 Notes at Canterbury. Four £2 forged "Notes were secreted by him in a Stable, - "part of the same Hand Bill they were "wrapped in, found in his pocket."

M^r Kays proposed to prefer two Indictments against him.

Ordered,

That the said John Jones be proceeded against accordingly: and that the same Counsel be retained as in the case of Daniel Anchor.

"Kent. "Matthew Power, - has been "concerned with Fennell for near 3 Years "in uttering forged Notes; one £5 forged "Note is brought home to him."

..... "Anna Power, Wife of the said "Matthew Power, has uttered a £5 forged Note "and altho' there is no doubt of her guilt, yet "she appears to have been acting under the "influence of her Husband."

M^r Kays proposed that Matthew Power should be capitally indicted; but that his Wife should not be proceeded against.

Ordered

D. Anchor to be indicted capitally & M^r Garrow & Co's ret.^d

John Jones for uttering.

2 Indictments ag^t him & M^r Garrow & Co's ret.^d

Matthew Power for uttering.

Anna Power d.^o but under the influence of her Husband.

M Power to be indicted
capitally & M. Garwood
res ret?

Ordered,

That Matthew Power be indicted
capitally; and that the abovementioned Counsel
be retained, as in the case of Anchor, and of Jones.

Ordered,

Anna Power to be
discharged.

That Anna Power be discharged.

M Power's application
for assistance.

Upon reading a Letter from
Matthew Power, requesting some Assistance
from the Bank.

Ordered,

M. Kaye to pay Counsel
for him.

That M. Kaye be empowered to
pay Counsel for him.

Philip Milward.
has plates in his
possession.

"Warwick. "Philip Milward, - for
"having plates for forged Bank Notes in
"his possession."

M. Kaye proposed to prefer two
Indictments against him.

Ordered,

2 Indict. ag. him
Sey. Waugham & res ret?

That the said Philip Milward
be indicted accordingly; and that the same Counsel
be retained as for Lincolnshire.

Henry Buckley
for uttering.

"Denbighsh. "Henry Buckley, - for
"uttering forged L^d. Notes at Ruthin."

M. Kaye proposed to indict him
capitally, he having been a great Offender.

Ordered,

to be indicted capitally
M. Manley & res ret?

That the said Henry Buckley be
capitally indicted; and that M. Manley,
M. Benyon and M. Winne be retained as
Counsel.

It

Custom of giving
Briefs to Mr. Piggott
Cons.

It appearing to this Committee, that it has been customary for some years past, to give Briefs to Mr. Piggott, as standing Counsel to the Bank, on all prosecutions carried on in the Country.

Determination thereon
referred to the Court

The Committee are of Opinion, that it will appear to the Court proper to continue the practice; but submit that Question to the determination of the Court.

28th July 1802.

Present.

Mr. Deputy Governor Mr. Maitland
Mr. Simeon Mr. Smith

Examinations &c. ag^t
John Green, and
Tho^s. Fearnis for
uttering.

Mr. Hays laid before the Committee the examinations and other Information obtained respecting the forged Bank Notes uttered by John Green and Thomas Fearnis at Wrexham Fair in March last.

Ordered,

to be prosecuted and
Mr. Manley & Co. ret.

That the said John Green and Thomas Fearnis be prosecuted for uttering the said Notes: and that Mr. Manley, Mr. Benyon and Mr. Wynne be employed as Counsel

John Hunt for
uttering.

Mr. Hays also laid before the Committee the examinations against John Hunt for uttering forged Bank Notes at Hereford.

Ordered,

to be indicted under the
late Act, having forged
Notes in possession.
Mr. Plummer & Co. to be
retained

That the said John Hunt be indicted under the late Act, for having forged
Notes

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Notes in his possession, knowing them to be forged; and that M^r. Plumer, M^r. Manley, and M^r. Puller be employed as Counsel.

M^r. Kaye acquainted the Committee, that in consequence of a Letter received from Matthew Flower, (ordered at the last Court-mee to be indicted capitally) imploring the merciful interposition of the Bank, in directing him to be prosecuted under the late Act, for having forged Notes in his possession, - instead of capitally for uttering; The Governor and Committee ^{of Treasury} had directed him to comply therewith.

approved of.

The Committee approved thereof.

M^r. Kaye reports that Dovey & Co. have endeavoured to suborn a witness.

M^r. Kaye also acquainted the Committee that two persons of the name of Dovey and Washbrooke, had been endeavouring to suborn the principal Evidence against Thomas Peters, (ordered to be capitally indicted,) and submitted to the Committee the propriety of proceeding against one or both of them.

not to be proceeded ag^t at present.

The Committee were of Opinion, they should not be proceeded against at present.

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Wednesday 11th August 1802.

*Mr Winter reports, that
H. & A. Hunt had been
tried & acquitted.*

*Mr Winter stated to the Deputy Governor. -
That Henry Hunt and Absalom Hunt were
arraigned and tried at the Assizes held at
Salisbury; and after a trial of 7 Hours, were
acquitted. They called, as Evidence, John
Carpenter and John Pickett, who swore,
that they were present at Blandford Fair
a few days before the Notes in question
were uttered, and saw the Prisoner Henry
Hunt receive in payment for a Horse, from
a Stranger, 9 or 10 two pound Notes; which
the Prisoners alledged, were the Notes uttered
by them. Several respectable persons, gave
them a good character.*

*..... Matt.^o Power
tried & sentenced to
14 Years Transportation*

*Mr Winter also stated - That Matthew
Power, indicted at Maidstone for uttering
a £5 Note at Canterbury, pleaded Guilty,
to the Indictment for having forged Notes in
Custody, and was sentenced to 14 Years Transportation.*

*..... Dan.^o Anchor &
John Jones tried &
convicted.*

*- That Daniel Anchor & John Jones,
also Indicted for uttering forged Notes at
Canterbury, were Tried and Convicted.*

*Report respecting
M. A. Evans admitted
an Evidence ag^t Power*

*That Mary Ann Evans, who
was admitted an Evidence against Power
has been confined for the purpose of giving
Evidence, for the last five Months; that
she*

she has conducted herself with propriety; and is now set at liberty, having only 10/6 in her possession. -

Friday the 4th March 1803.

Present.

M^r Deputy Governor, M^r Maitland & M^r Smith

M^r Kays report of the case of M Lappage & W^m Grainger.

M^r Kays reported to the Committee, the case of Mary Lappage, and William Grainger, apprehended at Birmingham, for selling forged Bank Notes of £1. £2. and £5. Value.

S^r of Tho^s Morley.

Also the case of Thomas Morley, apprehended at Birmingham for a similar Offence.

Ordered,

To be indicted &c.

That a joint Indictment be preferred against Mary Lappage, and William Grainger, on each description of Note: and that Indictments be preferred against Thomas Morley in like manner

Ordered,

usual Counsel ret^d.

That the usual Counsel on the Midland Circuit be retained.

Case of John Pheasant reported.

M^r Kays also reported to the Committee, the case of John Pheasant, apprehended at Hereford for uttering a forged £10 Bank Note & £5. d.

Ordered.

to be indicted

That the said John Pheasant, be indicted for having forged Notes in his possession: and that M^r Plumer, M^r Manley & M^r Puller be retained as Counsel.

M^r Plumer & Co ret^d.

" At a Court of Directors
the 31st March 1803.

The following Gentlemen were
appointed to compose, the Committee for Law
Suits. Viz:

M^r. Bosanquet. M^r. Simcon and.
M^r. Boddington. M^r. Olive M^r. Smith.

Thursday the 5th May 1803.
Committee for Law Suits.
Present.

M^r. Bosanquet M^r. Olive
M^r. Boddington. M^r. Smith.

John pheasant. tried
acquitted.

A Letter was read from M^r. Kaye, dated
from Hereford, 17th March 1803, stating that John
pheasant, was tried on that day, for having
forged Bank Notes in his possession, knowing
them to be forged, and after a discussion of
four Hours, the Jury acquitted him.

prosecution of M^r. Aslett
cont.

The Committee conferred with M^r. Kaye
on the case of M^r. Aslett, and the mode of prosecuting
him.

Upon the Representation of M^r. Kaye, that
M^r. Garrow has been offered a Retainer for M^r. Aslett.
Resolved,

M^r. Garrow to be retained
by a

That M^r. Kaye be empowered to
retain M^r. Garrow, and to pay him One hundred
Guineas, for his Attendance at the Old Bailey on the
Trial of Robert Aslett.

Adjourned.

Adjourned till such time as M^r Kaye is prepared with such communication as will render it necessary for the Secretary to summon the Committee.

Thursday the 12th May 1803

Present

M^r Deputy Governor, M^r Boddington, M^r Clive.
M^r Rosanquet, M^r Simon, M^r Smith.

Report resp. of the case of M^r Aslett.

M^r Kaye reported his proceedings on the case of M^r Aslett, that they had been submitted to Counsel; and that a consultation had been held thereon.

A Consultation with the Counsel to be obtained at the Bank.

The Committee were of Opinion, that a further consultation would be adviseable, and M^r Kaye was desired to endeavour to obtain the attendance of the Counsel at the Bank, on as early a day as possible.

The Court of Directors having this day, Ordered,

Mess^{rs} Winter & Co^{rs} Bill referred to the Committee

"That Mess^{rs} Winter & Kaye's Bill for Law Charges amounting to £2500, 10, 11. for the ^{last} half year be referred to the consideration of the Committee appointed the 7th April last, for the conduct of Law Suits &c. and that they be requested to report their Opinion thereon."

And the Committee having considered the same,

Opinion thereon

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court, as the opinion of this Committee, that the said Bill be paid.

Adjourned.

Wednesday the 18th May 1803.
Committee for Law Suits &c.
Present.

M^r Deputy Governor, M^r Roddington, M^r Olive
M^r Bosanquet, M^r Simeon, M^r Smith,
also M^r Ald^r Watson & M^r Dorrien, and divers
other Directors.

Consultation held.

A Consultation was held with M^r
Garron, M^r Giles, M^r Knowles and M^r Kaye.
The several Books relating to Cheque
Bills were laid before them, - the mode of
receiving and delivering them out explained,
and such other Information was communicated,
as to enable them to proceed on the case of M^r
Aslett.

M^r Fielding not present.

M^r Fielding was not able to attend, altho'
retained.

Adjourned
Thursday the 9th June 1803
Present.

M^r Governor. M^r Bosanquet and
M^r Dep: Governor. M^r Simeon M^r Smith

10. Indictments preferred
vs. ag^t Rob^t Aslett.

M^r Kaye reported, that under the advice
of the Counsel employed by the Bank in the
prosecution against Robert Aslett, 10 Indictments
had been preferred and found against him. Viz:
3 Indictments for embezzling Cheque Bills on the
26th Feb^r 1803.
3 Indictments for stealing the same Bills.
2 Indictments for embezzling Cheque Bills on the
9th of April 1803.
2 Indictments for stealing the same Bills.

That

Mr. Aslett's Trial
postponed & cause
thereof.

That previous to the Trial it had been discovered, that the Exchequer Bills had been signed in the name of the Auditor of the Exchequer without the authority prescribed by the Acts of Parliament, having been previously given to the person, by whom the Bills were signed. That this Irregularity having been communicated by the person who signed the Bills to the prisoner's Solicitor, a proposition was made by the prisoner's Counsel, on the day appointed for the Trial, that the prisoner should submit to a conviction for stealing Exchequer Bills, the Capital part of the Indictment being waived.

That this proposition being made at the moment, the Trial was commencing, the Deputy Governor, Mr. Darell & Mr. Ald^r. Watson, were consulted, who thought it would be advisable to postpone the trial in order to prevent a public Alarm, on account of the Irregularity in the issuing of the Exchequer Bills, and their Sentiments were approved by the Counsel for the Bank, and the Trial was accordingly postponed, leaving the Bank at liberty to accede to, or reject the proposal made by the prisoner's Counsel, as upon consideration should appear advisable.

proposition from
his Counsel rejected.

That upon a subsequent consultation with the counsel for the prosecution on the 7th instant, the Counsel advised the proposition made on behalf of the prisoner to be rejected; and that he should be brought to Trial upon the Indictments already found.

Resolved,

That it is the opinion of this Committee,
that,

This Trial to be
proceeded on.

that it would not be fit, or proper, for the Bank
to enter into any terms, or compromise whatever,
with the prisoner; and that the prosecution
ought to proceed, and the Law take its course:
and that it be recommended to the Court of
Directors to accede thereto.

report of a paragraph
in the Morn. Herald
resp. g him.

W. Kaye laid before the Committee a
paragraph in the Morning Herald of Yesterday
respecting the situation of W. Aslett, and the
postponement of his Trial.

Resolved,

Directions to Mr Kaye
thereon.

That W. Kaye be directed to apply to
the printer of the paper for the name of the
Author, and that he do report thereon tomorrow
to this Committee.

Adjourned to tomorrow one o'clock.

10th June 1803.

Present.

Mr. Bosanquet, Mr. Simeon & Mr. Smith

The proceedings of the last Committee were
read.

Mr. Kaye's report on
the same.

W. Kaye reported that he had used all
the diligence in his power, to obtain from the printer,
and publisher of the Morning Herald, the name
of the Author of the Letter in that paper of
Wednesday the 8th instant, signed Mercator Anglius.

That he had seen the publisher, who had
promised to give him an answer in the course of this
Morning, but that it had not ^{yet} been received.

W. Kaye

Further directions to
Mr. Kaye.

Mr. Kaye was desired to continue his
Inquiries, and to report the result thereof to the
Secretary of this Committee.

Adjourned to Wednesday next at one o'clock.

Wednesday the 15th June 1803.

Present.

Mr. Deputy Governor. Mr. Boddington, and
Mr. Bosanquet, Mr. Simeon, Mr. Smith.

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

The Secretary laid before the Committee
a Letter from Mr. Kaye, stating,

His report thereon.

"That he had had another Interview with the
"Publisher of the Morning Herald, who say'd, that
"the Editor had received the Letter, from a correspondent,
"that if there was anything incorrect in it, he
"was ready to publish any necessary correction,
"but did not consider himself called upon to go
"further and declined giving the name of the
"Author, and also of the Editor.

Notes
being
taken

It appears, that the printer is Hugh Brown;
The publisher, Thomas Glaslington. the proprietors
are, The Rev.^d Henry Bate Dudley, and John Walter
of Millman place, Bedford Row.

Another Letter noticed

Another Letter having appeared in the Morning
Herald of the 13th instant, of the same tendency as
that of the 8th instant,

Resolved,

Mr. Piggott's Opinion
to be taken on them.

That Mr. Kaye be requested to obtain the
Opinion of Mr. Piggott, whether the above publications
in the Morning Herald contain matter for which
the

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the Printer and Publisher are liable to be
criminally prosecuted? And, whether under
all the circumstances of the case, he is of
opinion, that the Governor and Directors are
called upon to prosecute?

And in case Mr. Piggott should be of
opinion, that the Bank is called upon to
prosecute; that the case with his opinion, be
submitted to the Court of Directors tomorrow.
Adjourned.

Wednesday the 13th July 1803.

Present.

Mr. Dep. Governor, Mr. Boddington & Mr. Simeon.

The proceedings of the last Committee
were read.

Mr. Rave reported, that the Indictments
against Robert Aylett, were brought on to be tried
at the Old Bailey, on Friday the 8th instant: and
after the case was opened by the Counsel for the
prosecution, the Counsel for the prisoner objected
to the validity of the Exchequer Bills, on the ground
of their having been signed by a Clerk in the name
of the Auditor of the Exchequer, without his having
the Authority required by the Acts of Parliament
under which the Bills were issued. - That the
Judges were of Opinion, that the Exchequer Bills
were invalid; and on that ground directed the
prisoner to be acquitted on all the Indictments
found against him.

That

Report of Mr. Aylett
being brought to trial
acquitted.

Robt. Aslett detained

That immediately after the Acquittal, the Prisoner was detained by Civil process at the Suit of the Bank, to answer for the Money paid to redeem the Exchequer Bills he had embarked; and pledged ^{with} various persons.

Report resp. of William Harben.

Mr. Kaye laid before the Committee the examination of William Harben, committed to Winchester Jail, for uttering a forged £5. and £10. Bank Note.

Also the examination of David Roberts.

Also the examination of David Roberts apprehended at Gloucester for uttering 5. Forged £2. Bank Notes.

Ordered,

Harben to be prosecuted.
L^a.

That William Harben be prosecuted for having forged Bank Notes in his possession; and that the usual Counsel on the Western Circuit be retained.

Ordered,

Roberts to be indicted capitally. L^a.

That David Roberts be indicted capitally; and that the usual Counsel on the Oxford Circuit be retained.

Friday the 15th July 1803.

Present.

M^r Dep. Governor. M^r Simon & M^r Smith.
M^r Bosanquet. M^r Olive also M^r Manning.

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

Upon taking into consideration, the following Resolution of the Court of Directors of the 14th instant. Viz.

"Resolved,

That the Committee appointed
"to superintend the Law Suits be directed to lay
"before this Court a Report of all the proceedings
"in the case of the Fraud committed by Rob^t
"Aslett."

Resolution of the Court
resp^y Rob^t Aslett.

Proceedings thereon.

The Committee conversed with M^r Kaye on the late proceedings against Robert Aslett, grounded on the Report made to the Court the 28th April last, by the Committee of Inspection for the Cashiers Office: and wished to be informed, whether he thought M^r Aslett might not again be capitally indicted?

M^r Kaye stated, that M^r Garrow and the other Counsel were of opinion, that the Bank was called upon to institute a further criminal prosecution against Robert Aslett for the embezzlement of the Exchequer Bills, describing them, as Effects in the hands of the Bank; and he was directed to draw up a case thereon for the opinion of the Counsel employed in the late prosecution.

M^r

Proceedings resp. of the
Scrip Receipts embodied.

M^r. Kaye was desired to lay before the Committee his Minutes of the information given by Robert Aslett, respecting the Scrip Receipts embodied; also the Brief given to the Counsel for the prosecution on his late Trial: and the 5 Bankers' Books in his possession.

The Committee then turned their consideration to the Scrip Transactions; with a view to ascertain, whether a prosecution could be instituted on some of those? And M^r. Hase was desired to request the attendance of the following Gentlemen on the Deputy Governor. Viz. M^r. Paul Groves, M^r. Dan^l. Adams, M^r. W. Y. Mills, M^r. W^m. Steer, M^r. J. O. W. Trower, M^r. J. P. Toulmin and M^r. W^m. Hall.

Adjourned.

Wednesday 7th September 1803
Present.

M^r. Deputy Governor. and M^r. Olive.

Tho^s. Beach capitally
convicted &c.

A Letter from M^r. Kaye was read, dated the 26th July last, stating, that Thomas Beach, an old & hardened Offender, had been tried and capitally convicted at Worcester: and that he proposed giving a reward of 20 Guineas to Henry James his Assistant, who voluntarily came forward to detect and secure him.

The Committee approved thereof.

Another Letter from M^r. Kaye, dated the 29th July last, was also read, stating that David Roberts, was

David Roberts convicted
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was tried and convicted on that day at Gloucester:
that he is a young Man about 27, and bore a very
good Character till the Commission of this Offence
M^r. Kaye is of opinion, that he was made the
instrument of more artful and guilty Offenders, and
provided he will discover his connections, thinks
him so far an object of compassion, that it would
not be improper for the Bank to interfere to save
his Life.

The Committee agreed thereto.

Ordered,

M^r. Garron to be
ret^d on M^r. Aslett's Trial.

That M^r. Kaye be directed to write to
M^r. Garron, to request his Attendance at the Old
Bailey, on the Trial of Robert Aslett in the
ensuing Week; and that he be paid a Fee of
One hundred Guineas, for his Attendance; and
£20. for his Chaise hire; and that the other usual
Counsel be retained.

Friday the 30th Sept 1803.
Present.

M^r Dep. Governor. M^r Bosanquet & M^r Boddington

The Proceedings of the last Committee
were read.

The Court of Directors of the 29th
having
Ordered,

reference of Mess^{rs}
Winter & Kays' Bill
from the Court.

That Mess^{rs}. Winter and Kays' Bill
for Law Charges amounting to £4866. 19. 1. be
referred to the consideration of the Committee for
the

"the conduct of Law Suits &c.^a; and that they
"be requested to report their Opinion thereon".

Winter & Co's Bill cons^d.

And the Committee having taken the
same into consideration,

Ordered,

Charges therein to be
abstracted under certain
Heads

That the said Bill be referred to the
Chief Accountant to abstract the Charges therein,
under the three following Heads Viz:

Money actually paid,

Money charged for Attendances.

Money charged for Drawing proceedings &c.
distinguishing those Charges that affect Robert Aslett.

Rob^t Aslett's conviction
reported.

The Deputy Governor reports that Robert
Aslett had been tried at the Old Bailey on the
17th instant for embezzling the Effects of the Bank
and found guilty; but that his case is reserved
for the consideration of the Judges.

To be
payd

Thursday 6th October 1803
Present

22.

M^r Deputy Governor, M^r Simon and
M^r Boddington, M^r Olive M^r Smith

The following Abstract ordered at the
last Committee was received from the Chief
Accountant W^r:

Abstract of Mess^{rs}
Winter & Kay's Bill.

" Amount exclusive of the prosecution and
proceedings against Robert Aslett. W^r:

" Money paid by Winter & Kay 1159. 5. 8

" Charges for Attendances 487. 13. 6

" Drawing Cases Indictments proceedings [£]586. 5. 11
2533. 5. 1

" Prosecution and proceedings against
Robert Aslett.

" Money paid by Winter & Kay £964. 9. 8

" Charges for Attendances 325. 1. "

" Drawing Indictments, cases
proceedings &c } 1044. - 4
2333. 14. "

£4866. 19. 1

And upon considering the same.

Resolved,

That it be recommended to the
Court of Directors as the opinion of this
Committee, that Mess^{rs} Winter & Kay's Bill
for Law Charges amounting to £4866. 19. 1.
be paid.

To be rec^d. to the Court to
pay thes^e Bill.

Monday the 9th January 1804
Present

W. Deputy Governor, W. Boddington & W. Smith

Report of Ann Hurle's
Forgeries in the
Red. Ann.

W. Kaye reported the case of Ann Hurle, committed to Newgate for forging a Transfer of £100. 3^d Cent Reduced Ann^y, from the account of Jane Hurle; and a Receipt for £53.15. - as the purchase Money. Also for forging a Letter of Attorney of Benjamin Allin of Greenwich for transferring £500. 3^d Cent Reduced Annuities.

Ordered,

To be prosecuted &
additional Counsel ret.

That the said Ann Hurle, be prosecuted for the above Offences; and that in addition to the standing Counsel of the Bank, W. Garrow, W. Fielding, W. Giles and W. Bosanquet be employed as Counsel for the Prosecution.

Thursday, the 8th March 1804.

Present

M^r Deputy Governor, M^r Simeon
M^r Boddington. M^r Smith.

The proceedings of the last Committee were read.

M^r Kays reported to the Committee, that John Wright, has been committed for Trial at Nottingham, for uttering four £5. forged Bank Notes, about August last. A fifth Note of the same description was returned to him, which he gave the Money for and burnt the Note, and this circumstance led to his Apprehension. M^r Glover was sent down by the Bank to trace the Notes, and investigate the Prisoner's Conduct; And upon the Evidence collected by him, directions were given by the Governor and Committee of Treasury, that the Prisoner should be committed for Trial.

Ordered,

That the said John Wright be prosecuted for having the Notes in his possession, knowing them to be forged. and that M^r Sycant Vaughan and M^r Clarke be employed as Counsel.

The retaining further Counsel was deferred for consideration.

to be prosecuted. &c.

(Wednesday the 28th March 1804)

Present.

M^r Bosanquet, M^r Simeon
M^r Boddington, M^r Smith

The proceedings of the last Committee were read.

Report of Ann Hurle's conviction.

M^r Kays reported, that in pursuance of the directions of the Committee, Ann Hurle had been tried and convicted at the last January Sessions at the Old Bailey for uttering a forged Letter of Attorney, purporting to be a Letter of Attorney from Benjamin Allin of Greenwich to transfer £500. ^{to 6} ^{usu} ^{Repor} ^{H. 20} ^{pay} ^{to be}

M^r of the Opinion of the Judges in the case of Rob^t Aslett.

That at the last February Sessions at the Old Bailey, M^r Baron Hotham delivered the Opinion of the Judges upon the case of Robert Aslett, by which the conviction was confirmed, and the Prisoner received Sentence of Death.

That John Wright had been tried at Nottingham, and convicted.

M^r of the Committee of A Haynes, S Whiley and Tho^s Edwards.

M^r Kays reported to the Committee the case of Ann Haynes, alias Foss, and Sarah Whiley, committed for uttering forged £1. Bank Notes. Also the case of Thomas Edwards committed for uttering forged £2. Bank Notes. Ordered,

to be prosecuted for uttering.

That the said Ann Haynes, Sarah Whiley, and Thomas Edwards be prosecuted for uttering forged Bank Notes.

Report of Henry Foss' commitment

M^r Kaye also reported the case of Henry Foss, committed for having forged Bank Notes in his possession, knowing them to be forged.

Ordered,

to be prosecuted.

That the said Henry Foss, be prosecuted for having forged Bank Notes in his possession.

Ordered,

usual Counsel retained.

That the usual Counsel be retained on the above cases.

Report of C. J. A. Wallace & John Weaver stopping payment. &c.

M^r Kaye further reported, that Cornelius & Alexander Wallace, and M^r John Weaver had stopped payment; and that the Bank held Bills discounted by Wallaces and accepted by Weaver, to the amount of about £10,000. That at Meetings of their respective Creditors, it was the opinion of their Creditors, that their Effects were sufficient to pay their Debts; and that it would be adviseable to dispose of their Property and liquidate their Concerns without Commissions of Bankruptcy.

Ordered,

no proceedings against

That no proceedings for the present, be had against Mess^{rs} Wallace, and M^r Weaver, upon the Bills held by the Bank.

Ordered,

A Bill of £260. on Hall to be enforced

That a Bill of £260. drawn by Inman on Hall, and discounted by Mess^{rs} Wallace, be enforced against Hall the Acceptor.

At a Court of Directors
the 5th April 1804.

New Committee.

The following Gentlemen were appointed
to compose the Committee for Law Suits. Viz.

M^r. Bosanquet. M^r. Harman. and
M^r. Boddington. M^r. Maitland. M^r. Olive.

Friday the 13th April 1804
Committee for Law Suits
Present.

M^r Bosanquet. M^r Harman
M^r Woddinglon. M^r Maitland

The proceedings of the last Committee were read.

M^r Kaye's Report of
persons apprehended.

M^r Kaye laid before the Committee the Depositions against John Ogilvy and Thomas Smith apprehended at Manchester, for forging One pound Bank Notes, together with a number of blank Notes, and block for making the Water Mark.

Also the Depositions against James Murphy, for uttering Notes forged by Ogilvy & Smith, for which he stands committed to Chester for Trial.

Ordered,

Ogilvy & Smith to be
indicted capitally

That Ogilvy & Smith be committed to Lancaster Jail, and prosecuted capitally for the Forgery; and that Murphy be admitted a Witness against them if deemed necessary or adviseable; and if not, that he be prosecuted at Chester for the Offence for which he stands committed.

Murphy to be admitted
an Evidence

Ordered,

Counsel to be retained

That the usual Counsel be retained.

Tuesday the 17th April 1804.
Present.

M^r Bosanquet

M^r Harman.

M^r Boddington

M^r Maitland.

The proceedings of the last Committee were read.

M^r Kaye's Report of
Joseph Jarvis.

M^r Kaye laid before the Committee the Examinations taken at Birmingham against Joseph Jarvis, for uttering a £1. forged Bank Note knowing it to be forged, and there being good reason to believe that the prisoner had been induced to commit the Offence by Joseph Rowley.

Ordered,

to be prosecuted

That the said Joseph Jarvis be prosecuted, but if it meets with the approbation of the Judge before whom he is tried; It is ordered that he be tried for the lesser Offence, of having the forged Note in his Possession, knowing it to be forged.

Ordered,

usual Counsel retained.

That the usual Counsel be retained

M^r Kaye's Report of
persons convicted.

M^r Kaye reported to the Committee, that Henry Foss was tried and convicted at the Old Bailey on Saturday last, for having forged Bank Notes in his possession, knowing them to be forged.

That Ann Haynes otherwise Foss (Wife of the said Henry Foss) and Sarah Wylie had also been

been tried and convicted at the Old Bailey on Saturday last, for uttering forged Bank Notes.

Ordered,

That Mess^{rs} Winter & Kaye with the approbation of the Governor, do make application to His Majesty's Secretary of State to solicit His Majesty's Mercy in favour of the two Women Convicts, so far as to relieve them from the Capital part of the punishment, and to substitute in its place transportation to New South Wales for Life.

M^r Kaye likewise reported, that Thomas Edwards had been tried at the Old Bailey on Saturday last for uttering forged Bank Notes and acquitted.

Ordered,

That the Sum of £10 each be paid to the following persons for their trouble in the detection and prosecution of John Wright at Nottingham for having forged Notes in his possession. Viz. Elizabeth Alton, John Alexander King and Will^m Lee.

Resolved,

That it be taken into consideration at the next Committee, - The propriety of the Bank's taking Measures to make it publicly known, that a standing Reward of a certain amount will be paid for the Apprehension and Conviction of Persons, guilty of forging Notes of the Bank of England or uttering or having them in their possession, knowing them to be forged.

Adjourned to this day senninght at two o'clock.
24th April.

Adjourned to tomorrow at 1/2 past one o'clock.

Application to the Sec^y of State
to be made in favor of
two Women Convicts.

The Belviders tried &
acquitted.

Reward to Allen Ford

a Standing Reward to
persons for apprehending
parties forging &c. Bank
Notes - to be cons.

25th April 1804.

Present.

M^r. Bosanquet. M^r. Boddington & M^r. Olive

The proceedings of the last Committee were read.

M^r. Kaye's Report of Persons
apprehended in Scotland.

M^r. Kaye laid before the Committee the Examinations against John Thomson, George Elliot, James Lumsden and others apprehended in Scotland for uttering forged Bank Notes.

Ordered,

John Thomson to be
prosecuted.

That John Thomson be prosecuted and the others detained as Witnesses, or discharged as the Magistrates shall think right, and that the usual Counsel be retained.

Ordered,

Rewards to R. Sayer
Sum^{rs}.

That £20. be paid to Robert Sayer, and the like Sum to William Hind as a reward for their detection and apprehension of Ann Foss and Sarah Wylic for uttering forged Bank Notes.

Ordered,

That the Sum of £10. 10. 0 be paid to M^r. Simpson, for her trouble and detention as a Witness against Henry Foss for having forged Bank Notes in his possession.

a standing Reward
cont^d.

Upon considering the Resolution of the last Committee, respecting a standing Reward being offered for the Apprehension & Conviction of Persons guilty of forging Notes of the Bank of England.

Resolved.

them in their possession, knowing them to be forged; And having consulted with the Bank's Solicitor thereon, and heard from him, that it would be the means of accelerating & encouraging an early pursuit, in most cases that occur, and would in the end prevent much expence,—
 Submit to the Governor, Deputy Governor and Committee of Treasury, whether it will not be proper to apply to the Court, to establish such a Reward, which the Committee presume to recommend, should be fixed at Fifty pounds, if this measure be thought proper to be adopted.

(Wednesday the 9th May 1804

Present.

M^r. Bosanquet, M^r. Olive and
 M^r. Boddington. M^r. Maitland

The proceedings of the last Committee were read.

Mess^{rs}. Winter & Kaye's Bill referred to the Com.
 The Secretary laid before the Committee the following Reference of the Court of Directors of the 3rd instant. Viz:

"Ordered,

"That Mess^{rs}. Winter & Kaye's Bill for
 "Law Charges amounting to £360g. 1. 9. be
 "referred to the consideration of the Committee
 "for the conduct of Law Suits &c. and that they
 "be requested to report their Opinion thereon."

And

And the Committee having taken the said Bill into consideration,

Resolved,

That it be recommended to the Court, that Messrs Winter and Kaye's Bill be paid.

Opinion thereon.

Enquiries resp. of former allowances to try.

And it appearing by the researches of the Committee, that the following Sums have been granted to Messrs Winter & Kaye for extra-ordinary Trouble and Exertions, on former Occasions,

Viz: In 1798 - - - - - £200.
... 1800. - - - - - 525.
... 1801. & - - - - - 700.
in 1802 - - - - - 525.

Resolved,

to recommend 50000.

That it be now recommended to the Court, that the Blank in the present Bill be filled up, with the Sum of Five hundred Guineas.

Resolved,

That the Chairman be authorized to make the following Report to the Court. Viz

Report to the Court thereon.

The Committee for the Conduct of Law Suits, Report to the Court of Directors.

That agreeably to the reference of the Court of the 3.rd instant, the Committee have taken into consideration Messrs Winter & Kaye's Bill for Law Charges, amounting to £3609. 1. 9. - and are of Opinion, it should be paid. And it appearing to the Committee, that from time to time, certain Sums have been granted to Messrs Winter and Kaye for extra-ordinary Trouble and Exertions,

Viz.

Viz In 1798 £400.
 1800 525
 1801 700 &
 in 1802 525.

The Committee recommend to the Court, that the Blank in the present Bill, be filled up with the Sum of Five hundred Guineas.

11th May 1804

Present.

M^r Bosanquet, M^r Boddington & M^r Wailand

The proceedings of the last Committee were read.

Report of John
Milward for uttering a
forged £1 Note

M^r Kays reported the examination against John Milward taken at Birmingham, for uttering a forged £1 Bank Note.

Ordered,

to be prosecuted &c.

That the said John Milward be prosecuted, and with the approbation of the Judge, for the lesser Offence, of having a forged Bank Note in his possession; and that the usual Counsel be retained.

The Secretary laid before the Committee the following Resolution of the Court of Directors of the 10th instant. Viz:

"Resolved,

reference resp. unpaid
Bills & Notes.

"That it be referred to the Committee of Law Suits, to consider the state of the unpaid Bills and Notes, and to make such Orders therefrom

"time to time, as they shall judge advisable; and
 "to direct such Suit or Suits to be instituted as they
 "may deem expedient; in order to make such
 "recoveries, as the nature of the respective Cases
 "will admit."

proceedings on the
 reference.

And in consequence thereof, the Committee
 conversed with M^r Bros on the subject, examined
 certain Books containing an account of unpaid
 Bills and Notes; and M^r Bros was directed to
 make an abstract of such Bills and Notes as
 there appears any probability of recovering the
 whole or any part of the Value thereof.

Tuesday the 19th June 1804.

Present

M^r Bosanquet, M^r Harman and M^r Olive

The proceedings of the last Committee were
 read.

Report on Hall's Bill
 for £260.

M^r Hays acquainted the Committee,
 that the Governor had given leave for the
 acceptance of ^{the} 5th in the pound, on the Bill of
 Hall for £260. provided the consent of M^r Weaver
 and Mess^{rs} Wallace, (whose names are on the
 Bill) was obtained.

Report of T. Boadle Esq

M^r Hays reported to the Committee the
 apprehension of Thomas Boadle, James Bridge and
 Joseph Bridge at Rochdale, for uttering forged
 L^d Bank Notes. That several Notes had been
 uttered

uttered by the prisoners jointly; and that others had been uttered by them separately.

Ordered,

T. Beadle & Co. to be indicted.

That they be indicted for uttering the Notes jointly; and that separate Indictments be preferred against such of them as were guilty of separate Utterances

report resp. J. Magee & Co.

M^r Raze also reported the apprehension of John Bradshaw Magee, John Kirkpatrick, Patrick Cummins, and Mary Cosgrove for uttering forged L^t. Bank Notes at Wigan; and of John Dolan for having forged L^t. Bank Notes in his possession knowing them to be forged; That Cummins and Cosgrove both stated that they received the Notes from Magee, and there is reason to believe that the fact was so; and that they were employed by him as mere instruments

Ordered,

prosecutions ordered

That John Bradshaw Magee be prosecuted for uttering; and that Cummins & Cosgrove be admitted as Witnesses.

That John Kirkpatrick be prosecuted for having forged Bank Notes in his possession, instead of, for Uttering, if it shall meet with the Approbation of the Judge.

That John Dolan be also prosecuted for having forged Bank Notes, in his possession

M^r Raze likewise reported the apprehension of Hugh Hamilton, Thomas Haydock and Michael

Hughes

Report resp. J. Hamilton
Lords

Hughes, for uttering forged L^d. Bank Notes, at and near Bolton. That Haydock & Hughes stated that they had received the Notes they uttered from Hamilton, and gave him the money they received; and there is reason, from other Circumstances to believe, that Hamilton was the principal Offender, and that Haydock & Hughes were his Instruments.

Ordered,

That Hamilton be prosecuted for uttering; and that Haydock and Hughes be admitted Witnesses.

That the usual Counsel be retained in all the above cases.

Hamilton to be
prosecuted &c. &c.

M^r. Bros report of
certain Bills

M^r. Bros having laid before the Committee certain Bills held by the Bank, Ordered,

That in the case of Philip Sandman, M^r. Bros be at liberty to accept the collateral Bills of Harding Hill & Wood for L¹⁷⁹. 7. 6. and of William Alder for L¹⁹⁰.

That in the case John Robson & Co. D^{rs} of John Robson, who propose to pay by Instalments at 4. 8. 12 & 16 Months, with the bond of John Mainby as a collateral Security, M^r. Bros be authorized to accede thereto.

That in the case of John Hartshorne, M^r. Bros be authorized to accept Ten shillings in the pound, with the collateral Security of Edward Parry.

D^r. of J. Hartshorne.

That

Lichgaray & Co's Bills
to be claimed on.

Mr Kaye to demand
payment of C Foss.

Minute from the
Committee of Treasury

That respecting the Bills of Lichgaray &
Nephew, Mr Bros do claim on their Estate

That. W. Kaye do write and demand
payment on the Bills of Christopher Foss.

The following Minute from the Committee
of Treasury was read. Viz.

"Committee of Treasury 14th June
1804."

"The Minute from the Committee for
Law Suits, was this day reconsidered; and
"instead of laying it before the Court of Directors,
"as was at first intended, it was now thought
"most expedient to suggest and recommend to
"the Committee for Law Suits, that a liberal
"reward be given to every person, who shall come
"forward to enable the Bank to detect and
"bring to Justice, the Forgers and Utterers of
"counterfeit Bank Notes."

Tuesday the 3rd July 1804.

Present.

Mr Bosanquet, Mr Boddington and Mr Harman

The Proceedings of the last Committee were
read.

Mr Kaye reported to the Committee the
case of Thomas Bucknell, committed to Newgate
for uttering forged L^d. Bank Notes.

Ordered, That he be prosecuted capitally.

Th^d Bucknell for
uttering forged notes

to be prosecuted

William Jones for forged
notes in poss'n

M^r Kaye also reported the case of William Jones committed to Newgate for having forged Bank Notes in his possession.

Ordered,

to be prosecuted.

That he be prosecuted for the said Offence; and that the usual Counsel be retained in the above Cases.

Wm Frith for uttering
forged notes in Ireland.

M^r Kaye laid before the Committee the advices received from Dublin respecting forged Bank Notes uttered there by William Frith; also the claims made by Major Morris for apprehending Frith.

Ordered,

to be prosecuted.
Major Morris to be
paid his Expences

That Frith be prosecuted for uttering; that Major Morris be paid the Expences he has incurred, and that the consideration of any reward for his Services be postponed until after the trial of Frith

Mary Harrison for
uttering.

M^r Kaye also laid before the Committee the examinations against Mary Harrison for uttering two forged L^d. Bank Notes at Spondon near Derby.

not to be prosecuted.

The Committee were of opinion, that no prosecution ought to be instituted by the Bank in this case.

John Hawley's propⁿ.
on a Bill of £161. 7. -

M^r Bros laid before the Committee the proposition of John Hawley, on a Bill of £161. 7. - drawn by Tilsley, to pay sixteen shillings in the pound, viz: Sixty pounds down, and the remainder

at

Opinion thereon.

Resolved,

That this Committee is of Opinion,
that such a Measure would be advisable; and
that the Reward should be £50.

Ordered,

Sec. to prepare a
Report thereon.

That the Secretary do prepare a Report
thereon; and that the Committee be summoned
for Tuesday next, at eleven o'clock precisely,
on Special Affairs.

Tuesday the 1st May 1804
Present.

M^r Bosanquet, M^r Boddington and M^r Clive.

The proceedings of the last Committee were
read.

Report considered

The Secretary brought forward the Report,
which was considered; and some Alterations
having been made therein,

... determined on &
to be laid before the
Committee of Treas.^y

The following was agreed upon, and the
Chairman was requested to submit the same
to the consideration of the Committee of
Treasury. Viz:

The Committee for Law Suits,

Being strongly impressed with the great
advantage that would redound, if it were publicly
known, that a standing Reward would be paid by
the Bank on all occasions, for the apprehension
and conviction of persons guilty of forging Notes
of the Bank of England, or uttering, or having
them

at 6 Months, by a collateral Bill of M^r. Vaines,
Mast Maker at Poplar.

The remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ will come from Tilsley's
Estate.

Ordered,

That M^r. Bros be authorized to agree
thereto, with the consent of Tilsley.

Also the proposition of John Hawley,

On another Bill for £480. 16. - drawn
by Hartshorne (The Committee having at the last
meeting agreed to take 10^s. in the pound) on which
he proposes 5^s. at two months, and 5^s. at five
Months, the security as above.

Hawley's propⁿ
agreed to.

Another from him on
a Bill for £480. 16. -

Agreed to.

propⁿ of John Whitfield.

The Committee agreed thereto.

Also the proposition of John Whitfield,
who wishes a Bill on John Mankin for £100
to be taken as a collateral Security in part of
his Acceptance for £200. the balance to be paid
down immediately.

Agreed to.

On a Bill of J. Margetts
for £190.
no Steps to be taken.

The Committee agreed thereto, provided
the consent of Christopher Wright, the Drawer
was obtained.

Respecting a Bill for £190. accepted by
John Margetts, he being in the Fleet Prison, and
reported to be not worth proceeding against, The
Committee were of Opinion, that no Steps should
be taken against him at present.

Report of C Foss's affair

M^r. Hays acquainted the Committee, that
he had written to Christopher Foss, and demanded
payment, from whom he had received a statement
of

of Debts and Assets.

The Committee examined the same and were of opinion, that Foss ought to be made a Bankrupt; and Mr Bros was directed to see Mr Tulloch and Mess^{rs} Clarkson & Barber, who appeared to be the principal Creditors, on the Subject.

Friday the 6th July 1804.

Present.

Mr Bosanquet and Mr Norman.

The proceedings of the last Committee were read

applicⁿ from Wallaces

Mr Bros laid before the Committee an application from Mess^{rs} Wallace, requesting the Bank to take the first Dividends which may be paid on Weaver's Estate to the amount of 11/ and for the other 9/ the first Dividends arising from Wallace's Estate.

not complied with

The Committee did not comply therewith, being of opinion that the Dividends should be taken as they become due on each estate.

time granted on the Bill of Bailey & Co.

The Committee agreed to the proposal of Mess^{rs} Wallace, to grant time, and to receive Five shillings at 2. 4. 8. & 12 Months on the Bill of Bailey and Stiles for £200.

Report on Foss' affairs

Mr Bros reported, his Interview with Mess^{rs} Clarkson & Barber, (Mr Tulloch being abroad,) and the account given him, renders Foss's Affairs very suspicious.

The

advisable to arrest Foss.

The Committee thought it would be advisable to arrest Foss immediately; and the Secretary was directed to see Mr. Rye thereon.

Wednesday the 18th July 1804.

Present,

Mr. Bosanquet and Mr. Boddington

The proceedings of the last Committee were read.

He read rel^y to a Bill of £300. date altered.

Upon reading a Letter from Mr. Kibblewhite of Gray's Inn place respecting a Bill for £300 accepted by Mr. Gurnies of Holborn Bridge for Gedge a Bankrupt, stating that the date of the acceptance has been altered from the 25th to the 15th May.

Ordered,

resolution thereon

That the said Bill be presented when it appears to be due upon the face of it; and again when alledged that it would have originally become due; and in case of Non Payment that the usual Notice be given to the Drawer and Endorsers, after each presentation

report resp. of Thomson & Co. for forgeries in Scotland.

Mr. Rye reported that Mr. Horne the Agent employed by the Bank to prosecute Thomson at Edinburgh for uttering forged Bank Notes, having obtained further Evidence against Rich^d. Mendham who was supposed to be the principal Offender amongst the Persons lately apprehended in Scotland for Forgery, proposed to prosecute Mendham

and

and to admit Thompson a Witness. That this proposal requiring an immediate answer, and most of the Members of the Committee being absent; Mr. Kaye submitted the Matter to the Governor who directed Mendham to be prosecuted and Thomson to be admitted a Witness, if it should be found that the Evidence was sufficient to convict Mendham, and Mr. Kaye gave directions to Mr. Home accordingly.

Thos. Bucknell & Wm. Jones's conviction ref.

Mr. Kaye also reported, that Thomas Bucknell and William Jones were tried and convicted at the Old Bailey on Friday the 6th inst: the former for uttering forged Bank Notes, and the latter for having forged Bank Notes, in his possession knowing them to be forged.

Report of John Cooper and

Mr. Kaye submitted to the Committee the examinations against John Cooper, John M. Neal, & Mary Waterhouse, apprehended in Warwickshire for having forged Bank Notes, in their possession.

Cooper & Neal to be pros?

Ordered,
That Cooper, and M. Neal be prosecuted.

Report of Foss's arrest &c

Mr. Kayer reported to the Comtee that in consequence of Information obtained by Mr. Bros respecting the Affairs of Christopher Foss, the Governor had ordered him to be arrested and that he had accordingly been arrested; and has given Bail.

In consequence of the great Exertions of Mr. Blyss and others, in taking and bringing to Justice, Thos. Bucknell and Wm. Jones.

Ordered

Rewards to Mr. Bliss & Co.
for apprehending R.^a
Buchnell & Jones.

Ordered,

That Twenty Guineas be given to Mr. Bliss. and One hundred pounds, to be distributed as under. Viz. £20. each to Anthony Crocker, and William Smith, the Bow Street Officers, £10. each to White and Munn of Brentford, and £10. each to Stone & Kimbell.

applicⁿ from Thomas Goff

Mr. Knox laid before the Committee an application from Thomas Goff, requesting the Bank to sign his Release; the Bank having received £185. on a Bill accepted by him for £322. 18/- and drawn by Thomas Bromfield.

agreed to.

The Committee agreed thereto, provided the consent of Bromfield is obtained.

Also a proposal from Messrs. Wilson & Boast, requesting the Bank to accept a Warrant of Attorney confessing Judgement, on a Bill for £164. 6/- of William Hewletts, to be entered up at two Months.

agreed to.

The Committee agreed thereto.

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Tuesday the 7th August 1804.
Present.

M^r Dep: Governor, M^r Hoorman and
M^r Boddington, M^r Maitland M^r Olive.

The proceedings of the last Committee were
read.

Upon reading the following Letter from
M^r Kays, addressed to the Governor, Viz:

" Warwick 31st July 1804.

" Sir,

" Joseph Jarvis & John Milward pleaded
" guilty to the charge for having forged Bank
" Bank Notes in their possession; I did not try
" them for uttering. I understand some
" Representation will be made to the Bank in
" favor of the former, & there are circumstances
" in his Case which excite a considerable portion
" of Compassion. John Cooper & John MacNeal
" were tried this Morning & convicted on the most
" satisfactory Evidence of having forged Notes
" in their possession; - The former had 68 &
" the latter 105. MacNeal is an old Offender,
" I was tried & convicted at Edinburgh 3 or 4 Years
" ago upon the prosecution of the Bank, but
" was pardoned in consequence of a mistake
" of the Judges in rejecting some trifling piece
" of Evidence. He has ever since been a wholesale
" Dealer & done much mischief. The Police Officers
" at Birmingham had much merit in detecting
" & apprehending these Offenders, which I shall submit

" to

Letter from M^r Kays
to the Gov^r.

Joseph Jarvis & John
Milward pleaded guilty

John Cooper and
John Mac Neal
convicted

"to the consideration of the Committee of Lrd S^{ts}
 "to whom I beg you will have the goodness to
 "communicate this Letter."

I am very respectfully, Sir,
 yr^{ts} m^t ob^t & faithful t^{ble} Serv^t
 "Joseph Kays."

Ordered.

Rewards to W^m Donald &
 John Sumner.

That £100. be given to William Donald
 and John Sumner for detecting and apprehending
 John Cooper and John MacNeal; to be paid thereon
 in such proportions as M^r Kays may think proper.

£20 to W^m Bailey.

That Twenty Guineas be given to William
 Bailey, for apprehending John Milward.

£20 for apprehending
 J. Jarvis.

M^r Kays reported that he had given
 Twenty Guineas to the persons who had apprehended
 Joseph Jarvis.

The Committee approved thereof.

Ordered.

Hamilton was to be
 prosecuted.

That M^r Kays be at liberty to proceed
 against Hamilton, Haydock & Hughes (reported
 to the Committee the 19th June last.) as he may
 judge most adviseable, and to report thereon.

M^r Bliss's proceedings
 w^{ch} 3 Dollars.

M^r Kays also reported M^r Bliss's proceedings
 in tracing and seizing counterfeit Dollars; and
 that material assistance had been afforded him
 by a man of the name of Moses Levy.

Ordered.

100^l to M^r Levy.

That Ten Guineas be given to the said
 Moses Levy.

M^r Bros laid before the Committee
 an application from M^r Weaver, on a Bill

drawn

Applicⁿ from M^r Weaver
complied with.

48
drawn by Hartshorne for £495. 14. and accepted
by her, requesting the Bank to release her on
paying down £100. which is a composition of
about $\frac{1}{4}$ and the Bank having already received
 $\frac{1}{10}$ in the pound from Hartshorne,

The Committee complied therewith.

ld Applⁿ from Wm Ellisdon

Also an application from William Ellisdon, on
two Bills drawn by Hartshorne, amounting to
£875. 11. 6. and accepted by him, requesting the
Bank to release him on paying down £100. and
another at two months; and in consideration of
his Effects not exceeding £250.

complied with.

The Committee complied therewith.

Report of Whitfield & Wright

M^r Bras reported that John Whitfield
had not fulfilled his proposal on a Bill for £200,
laid before the Committee the 3rd Ult^o: that he
had written to Whitfield and Wright, but could
not obtain any answer from either.

Ordered,

both to be arrested.

That Christopher Wright, the Drawer,
and John Whitfield the Acceptor, of the said
Bill, be both arrested.

Wednesday the 29th August 1834
Present,

W. Harman, W. Maitland and R. Olive

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

Report of Tho Newgent.
for tendering a £1 forged
note.

The Secretary reported, that W. Freshfield, the 17th instant, in the absence of Messrs. Winkley & Kaye, had submitted to the Governor the case of Thomas Newgent, committed at Chester for tendering a forged £1. Note; and in consideration of only one Note appearing against him, - none being found on him; and the uncertainty of the Evidence, The Governor was of opinion, that he should not be proceeded against.

W. Kaye's report of
Persons convicted &c.

W. Kaye reported that the following Prisoners were tried and convicted at the Lancaster Assizes. Viz^t

John Ogilvy and Thomas Smith for actual Forgery of £1. Bank Notes at Manchester.

Thomas Boadle, Joseph Bridge & James Bridge for uttering forged £1. Bank Notes at Rochdale.

John Bradshaw Magee for uttering forged £1. Bank Notes at Wigan.

William Hughes for uttering forged £1. Bank Notes, in the neighbourhood of Bolton.

That besides the above Prisoners,

Hugh Hamilton was tried for uttering £1. Notes at Leigh near Bolton, and acquitted,

and

And John Dolan was tried for having forged
£1. Bank Notes in his possession and acquitted.

That seven or eight persons assisted in the
detection and apprehension of Ogilvy & Smith, and
discovered and secured the plate, Watermark Block,
and a considerable Quantity of blank forged Notes.

That several persons at Rochdale were
very active and had considerable merit in
detecting and apprehending Thomas Boadle
Joseph Bridge and James Bridge.

That five Offenders were apprehended
at Wigan, of whom 2 were tried and one
convicted. Viz. J. B. Magee.

That three Offenders were apprehended
near Bolton, two of whom were tried, and
one convicted; One of the persons who
detected and apprehended them, had much
merit, and there were several persons who
assisted him.

Ordered,

That £50. be given to John Warburton,
and £70. to the 4. Constables and their three
Assistants, being £10. for apprehending J.^r
Ogilvy and Smith.

That £150. be given to the 6 persons,
for apprehending J.^r Thomas Boadle & Joseph &
James Bridge, to be equally distributed among
them.

That £50. be given to the four persons
for apprehending J.^r the 5 Offenders at Wigan
being £12, 10, to each.

That.

Rewards to divers
persons.

That £20, be given to Thomas Sherwood, and £40. to the 4 others, being £10. each, for apprehending &c. the 3. Offenders at Bolton.

M^r Kays reported, that John Mills, had been apprehended at Birmingham for having 40. forged £1. Bank Notes in his possession, that he is an old Offender, and has been twice tried and acquitted.

Ordered

That the said John Mills be prosecuted, and that the usual Counsel be retained.

Upon reading a petition from Joseph Jarvis convicted of having forged Bank Notes in his possession,

The Committee were of Opinion to recommend to the Governor, that M^r Kays be authorized to make Application to the Secretary of State, suggesting that the sentence of Joseph Jarvis be mitigated to one twelve month's Imprisonment.

Upon reading a Letter from M^r H. G. D. Yates, stating, that a person of the name of Thomas Young was apprehended for uttering a forged £2. Bank Note; and the Offence having been committed at Slough, Ordered,

That the said Thomas Young, be brought to Town for further examination.

Major Morris having applied to Mess^{rs} Winter Kays for a reimbursement of his Expences amounting to £68. 14. 11½.

Ordered

John Mills to be prosecuted

pet. of J. Jarvis for mitigation of Punishment

to be recommended

Thos Young app^d for uttering

to be brought to Town

Ordered,

That Mess^{rs} Winter & Kaye, do pay May^r Morris £50. on account of his Expences.

M^r Kaye laid before the Committee an application from William Payne, requesting that the payment of his 3 Acceptances amounting to £441. 1. 7. might be deferred till the 3rd August next, upon transferring £471. 14. 10. £3. & 6th Consols to M^r Hase and M^r Bros. to secure the same.

The Committee complied therewith, provided the consent of the Assignees of Hawlett, the Drawer is obtained.

Thursday the 27th Sept^r 1804.
Present

M^r Roddington. M^r Maitland and M^r Olive.

The proceedings of the last Committee were read.

M^r Bros laid before the Committee an application on 8 Bills discounted by W^m Gedge, amounting to £2038. 4. 6, who offers 11/6th in the Pound, payable at 6. 9. 12. and 15 Months. and the Committee gave M^r Bros directions as follows. *Viz.*

That, 2 Bills amounting to £521. 10. on 9 Christmas, Should stand over.

1 Bill for £200. on J. Williams, Should also stand over.

2 Bills amounting to £486. 3. - on John Greenwood.

Security

May^r Morris £50.

Applⁿ from W^m Payne for time on 3 Bills.

complied with.

applⁿ on 8 Bills disc^d by W^m Gedge.

Directions to M^r Bros.

Security to be obtained from M^r Greenwood to pay in January as he proposes, or to be proceeded against.

1 Bill for £182. 9. 6. on Welch and Sexton
To stand over.

1 Bill for £345. 2. on W^m Green,
W^m Green to give his Notes for 8/6 in
the pound on account, with Security.

The remaining Bill for £300 being the
Acceptance of Geo. Grimes, is in the possession
of M^r Kaye, the date of the Acceptance having
been altered.

Appl^t of Inman and
Tilsley on 2 Bills

M^r Bros also laid before the Committee
the application of Joseph Inman on 2 Bills
amounting to £1182. 6. - accepted by W^m Tilsley.

Inman's to stand over &
Tilsley's accepted.

The Application of Inman was ordered to
stand over; and the proposal of M^r Tilsley to
pay seven shillings in the pound with security
was complied with; the whole of the Creditors
having agreed to take the same.

Report of J. Rowley
for selling forged notes.

M^r Kaye reported that upon receipt of
the examinations against Joseph Rowley for
selling forged Bank Notes at Birmingham,
(being required to give an answer by return of
post) he submitted the matter to the Governor,
who directed Rowley to be committed for
Trial; and directions were given accordingly.
Ordered,

to be pros.^d & a

That Rowley be prosecuted for
disposing of the Notes: and that the usual
Counsel be retained.

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Wednesday the 3rd October 1804.
Present.

W. Boddington. W. Harman G. W. Hailand.

The proceedings of the last Court were read.

The Court of Directors, having at the last Court referred Mess^{rs} Winter Kays's Bill for Law Charges, to this Committee,

And the Committee having examined the said Bill,

Resolved,

That it be recommended to the Court of Directors, that Mess^{rs} Winter Kays's Bill for Law Charges, from Easter Term till 22nd September last, amounting to £4591. 12^s. 1^d, be paid.

Winter Kays's Bill
cond.

rec. to be paid.

Friday the 10th October 1804
Present

W. Bosanquet and W. Harman.

W. Kaye reported to the Committee the examinations taken against George Subb. Will. Smith, and Thomas Subb. for uttering forged Bank Notes at Sturibich Fair.

Ordered,

That they be prosecuted capitally; and that the usual Counsel be retained.

Report of Subb. and
for uttering.

to be pros. &c.

W.

Report of Leverton &
his wife.

not to be pros.

Bills disc^d by
Cookson & Barnard
proposals thereon.

prop^s of Cookson & B.
not acceded to.

Directions to M^r Bros
resp^y the Acceptors.

M^r Raye laid before the Committee, the examinations against Thomas Leverton and Mary his wife, the latter for uttering a forged L^t. Note at Nottingham, and the former for having a forged L^t. Note in his possession; and upon consideration of this case, the Committee were of opinion, that it would not be advisable to prosecute.

M^r Bros laid before the Committee a List of Bills discounted by Cookson & Barnard, amounting to £5744.12. - with their proposal to pay off in the pound by 4. Instalments: also a List of the Acceptors of the said Bills, with the respective Applications thereon.

Resolved,

That the proposal of Cookson & Barnard be not acceded to; and that a Commission of Bankruptcy be taken out against them

The Committee gave M^r Bros directions as follows respecting the Acceptors of the said Bills. Viz.

3 Bills amounting to £1177. 8. - accepted by Michael Favell, who offers 5/ in the pound with Security.

To be accepted with the consent of Cookson & Barnard's Assignees.

1 Bill for £489. 6. Accepted by Wm Lay, and
3 Bills amounting to £1409. 16. accepted by James Lay.

Both to be proceeded against

2 Bills amounting to £390. 6. - accepted by Sarah Turnbull.
Sarah Turnbull not to be proceeded against.

1 Bill for £175. 10. - accepted by Will^m Street, is already arrested at the suit of the Bank

1 d^c for £227. 9. - accepted by Eliz^a Loup. who has paid £25. on account, and will complete the whole by February

To be acceded to.

1 Bill for £253. 9. - accepted by Will^m Acland, who offers to pay £50. p^r Month until the whole is paid.

To be acceded to.

1 Bill for £325. 8. - accepted by James Stow, who has left his residence.

To stand over

1 Bill for £328. 15. - accepted by James Calway, who offers to deposit a beneficial Lease as a collateral Sec^y for 10th in the pound.

To be accepted with Security.

1 Bill for £276. 3. - accepted by Will^m Nash, who applies for time.

To be allowed on giving Security.

1 Bill for £200. 18. - accepted by John Rowe & Co. who are gone to New York, but their Affairs are in trust to pay by Instalments, and a considerable Surplus is expected.

1 Bill for £317. 15. - accepted by Charles Smart, who proposes to give Security for paying by instalments the difference.

To be acceded to.

And
1 Bill for £172. 9. - accepted by Robert Low, but not yet due.

Tuesday the 23rd October 1804.
Present

M^r Governor, M^r Harman and M^r Olive.

The proceedings of the ^{two} last Committees were read.

Christopher Foss's
proposal.

M^r Bros laid before the Committee, the proposal of Christopher Foss to pay, ^{sh} of in the pound, in 3, and 6 Months, with the security of M^r Harman of Bryanstone Street, on 9 Bills amounting to £2723.7.

Statement of his Affairs

Mess^{rs} Vander Hooven and Christie who inspected the Books of the said Christopher Foss attended, with a statement of his Affairs, and delivered their opinion, that the Accounts were perfectly fair and correct.

Resolved,

proposal accepted.

That the proposal of Christopher Foss be accepted; provided all the other Creditors agree to take the same.

Ordered,

proceedings ag^t J^r Lay to be susp.^d

That the proceedings against James Lay, on 3 Bills, amounting to £1409. 16., be suspended for the present.

Report resp^d of C^r Wheeler for apprehending Subbs & ors.

M^r Kays reported, that an application had been made to him by M^r Bliss, on behalf of Cha^s Wheeler, for giving information, and for assisting in apprehending Tho^s Geo Subb & W^m Smith & ors and M^r Kays being of opinion that he deserved a reward for his Services,

£20. to him.

Resolved, That M^r Kays be authorized to give £20, to the said Charles Wheeler.

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Friday the 2nd November 1804
Present

M^r Bosanguet, M^r Boddington & M^r Harman

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

M^r Kaye laid before the Committee the case against Jean Nicholas Deschamps, and Jean Roubillaird two French Prisoners at Normancroft, the former committed to Huntingdon Gaol for forging L^t. Bank Notes, and the latter for uttering them, knowing them to be forged.

Ordered,

That the said Deschamps & Roubillaird be prosecuted; and the usual Counsel retained.

A Bill of Exchange for £10. on John Knight of Picadilly, Carpet Manufacturer, not having been paid when due; which has since been lost; and the said John Knight having from time to time promised to pay the same on an Indemnity, but having failed so to do.
Resolved,

That it be reported to the Court, that this Committee is of opinion, that an indemnity from the Bank, be tendered to the said John Knight; and if he then refuses payment, that he be proceeded against.

Ordered,

That M^r Kaye do prepare an indemnity against the next Court.

John

Report of Deschamps &
another for Forgery

to be prosecuted &c.

Report of a Bill on
John Knight not paid
& since lost.

to be
reported to the Court.

an Indemnity to be
prepared.

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John Barber. £20.
paid to him on Security
not repaid

John Barber of Bridge Street Westminster, Army Agent having been paid £50 for 3 lost Notes, upon a Bond of Indemnity, and one of the said Notes for £20 having been brought in; upon which M^r Barber and the other Sureties have been repeatedly written to for repayment of the same, but without effect,
Resolved,

His Bond to be enforced.

That M^r Hays be authorized to enforce the said Bond.

W^m Tilsley's proposal

M^r Bros laid before the Committee the proposal of William Tilsley to pay 7/- in the pound on 7 Bills amounting to £2275.2/- drawn by Christopher Foss, and accepted by him, and the whole of the Creditors having agreed to take the same,
Resolved,

acceded to.

That William Tilsley's proposal be acceded to.

Joseph Inman's proposal
again reported - and to
stand over.

M^r Bros again reported the proposal of Joseph Inman offering 4/6 in the pound, on Bills discounted for him amounting to £3865.-.7/- which was ordered to stand over, till the Committee have further information of his Affairs.

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Tuesday the 13th November 1804.
Present.

M^r. Rosanquet

M^r. Maitland

M^r. Boddington

M^r. Olive

The Proceedings of the last Committee
were read.

Report of R. Clarkson
for uttering a forged Note.

M^r. Kaye laid before the Committee
the examinations against Richard Clarkson,
in custody at Birmingham for uttering a forged
£1. Bank Note, and reported that Clarkson is
a very old Offender and a wholesale Dealer, in
forged Bank Notes.

Ordered,

to be prosecuted &c.

That Clarkson be prosecuted; and that
two Indictments be preferred against him: the
one for uttering; and the other for having
the Note in his possession, knowing it to be
forged; and that he be tried upon such one as
the Counsel shall deem advisable: also that
the usual Counsel be retained.

Wm Frith convicted
but his case reserved.

M^r. Kaye reported to the Committee the
conviction of William Frith at Dublin for uttering
forged Bank Notes of £100. and £30. and that
a Question is reserved for the opinion of the 12
Judges of Ireland, - Whether the evidence of M^r.
Glover an Inspector of Bank Notes is competent
evidence to prove the Forgery?

Opinion of the Judges of
England.

M^r. Kaye stated, that it has been the constant
practice

practice for some years past, for ^{the} twelve Judges of England to admit the evidence of an Inspector of Bank Notes as sufficient evidence to prove the Forgery.

Pollock & Co's Bill, &
Mr. Kaye's report thereon.

Mr. Kaye laid before the Committee the Bill of Mess^{rs}. Pollock & Kearney for conducting the prosecution against Frith amounting to £220, 8. 4. Irish; and reported that part of their Charges appeared to be the charges of Agents only; and Mess^{rs}. Winter & Kaye never make any charge to the Bank for business transacted by Agents beyond the actual Sum paid.

Ordered,

Winter & Co. £250. ✓
for Pollock & Co.

That Mess^{rs}. Winter and Kaye authorize Mess^{rs}. Pollock & Kearney to draw on them for £250, Sterling in discharge of their Bill, and that this Sum be paid to Mess^{rs}. Winter & Kaye.

Major Morris's claim
paid.

Mr. Kaye submitted to the Committee the claim of Major Morris who had assisted in Frith's apprehension and detection.

Ordered,

The Bal^{ce} of his Acc^t &
300^g to be paid him.

That Mess^{rs}. Winter & Kaye ^{pay} him the balance remaining due to him of his Bill of £68, 14. 11. Irish, and 30 Guineas for his Trouble; and that George Reilly be paid £20. for his assistance in the detection and apprehension of Frith. That these Sums be paid to Mess^{rs}. Winter & Kaye for the above purposes.

G. Reilly. £20.

M^r

*Joseph Inman's Affairs &c.
cond.*

M^r Bros laid before the Committee, a statement of the Affairs of Joseph Inman: with his proposal to pay 4/6 in the pound.

And upon considering the same,
Resolved,

acceded to

That the proposal of Joseph Inman be acceded to.

*Letter on Cookson's
Affairs read.*

A Letter being read from M^r Goulton of Bath, addressed to M^r Samuel Thornton upon the Affairs of Cookson and Barnard,

*M^r Kays to see him
H^a*

M^r Kays was directed to see M^r Cookson, and form an Arrangement thereon.

*proposal of William
Venning cons?*

M^r Bros laid before the Committee the proposal of William Venning Surviving partner in the firm of Harris & Venning, Discounted on 2 Bills accepted by William Geo. Cha^s Field for £3348.5.- offering 14/6 in the pound with Security.

Agreed to cond. y

The Committee agreed thereto, provided the consent of the Assignees of Mess^{rs} Fields is obtained.

*Report resp. J^r William
Buckler.*

M^r Kays reported, that the Governor had given him directions not to proceed against William Buckler, on a Bill for £317. till he could obtain the opinion of the Committee respecting his Affairs.

*proceedings to be
stayed H^a*

The Committee directed M^r Kays to stay proceedings against the said W^m Buckler, upon his paying the Costs already incurred.

Wednesday 19 December 1804.

Present

M^r Bosanquet M^r Harman
M^r Boddington M^r Maitland

The proceedings of the last Committee were read.

M^r Kaye reported, that in the case of Richard Mendham, who has been prosecuted for disposing of forged Bank Notes in Scotland a Majority of the Judges of the Court of Justiciary have decided that the Act of 15 G. 2. which makes the Offence capital, does not extend to Scotland; and that the Offender had in consequence been discharged.
Resolved,

That this Committee is of Opinion, that it be recommended to the Court of Directors to direct the Solicitors, to prepare the Draft of an Act of Parliament, to be submitted to the Legislature, for the purpose of extending the Laws against Forgery, referable to the concerns of the Bank of England, to every part of the United Kingdom.

M^r Kaye submitted to the Committee the examinations taken against John Will^m Sampson, for uttering a £10. forged Note at Bath.

Ordered,

That the said J. W. Sampson be prosecuted capitally; and the usual Counsel retained

R^d Mendham
on the Charge of the
discharged Judges
of Scotland

Recommendation to
the Court respecting
the Laws ag^t Forgery

J. W. Sampson for
uttering a forged.

to be pros^d &c.

Information from
G. T. Subb.

Mr Kaye also laid before the Committee the information given by George Subb. and Thomas Subb. prisoners in Cambridge Jail for uttering forged Bank Notes
Ordered,

Directions to Mr Kaye
thereon.

That Mr Kaye be directed to obtain from the prisoners all the information they can give, and any Assistance which ^{their} Connections can afford towards the detection of other Offenders; and to prosecute them for the lesser Offence in case their conduct shall be such as to entitle them to that lenity.

Mr Kaye's report of
his agreement with
Mr. Cookson.

Mr. Kaye reported that in pursuance of the Instructions he had received from the Committee he had obtained from Mr. John Cookson and Thomas Goulton Esq. as his Surety, a Bond to the Bank for payment of £1890.7/- the amount of the accommodation Bills discounted for Cookson and Barnard at 6, 9 and 12 Months; and had delivered up the Bills.

Proposal from Geo.
Kearsley.

Mr. Bros laid before the Committee the proposal of George Kearsley on 4 Bills amounting to £1118.-- drawn by him and discounted at the Bank for G. & J. Robinson who are Bankrupts, to take his instalments at the time when Robinson's Dividends are payable, and for the same Amount. The proposal was not acceded to, but referred back for some specific

not acceded to G^r

specific Offers of payment at fixed Periods with Security.

proposal of
Joseph Bell.

And also the proposal of Joseph Bell, on a Bill drawn by him for £100. 10. and discounted by the Bank for Mess^{rs}. Robinsons, to pay £50 down and the remainder at two Months.

acceded to conditionally

The Committee acceded thereto, provided the consent of the Assignees of Mess^{rs}. Robinsons is obtained.

Thursday the 3rd January 1825.
Present.

M^r. Bosanquet, M^r. Harman & M^r. Maitland.

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

Thos. Davis for uttering
forged Bank Notes.

M^r. Kaye laid before the Committee the examinations against Thomas Davis committed to Oxford for uttering forged Bank Notes,
Ordered,

to be pros^d. &c.

That he be prosecuted capitally, unless something shall occur to render it advisable to prosecute him for the minor Offence.

That the usual Counsel be retained.

Mary Jenkinson for
uttering forged notes.

M^r. Kaye also laid before the Committee the examinations against Mary Jenkinson committed from Bow Street for uttering forged Bank Notes
Ordered,

to be pros^d. &c.

That she be prosecuted for the minor Offence, if approved of by the Judges: and that the usual Counsel be retained.

M^r.

M^r Kaye submitted to the Committee the cases of the following persons committed for uttering counterfeit Bank Dollars. Viz:

- William Elliott at Canterbury
- Robert Partridge at Peterborough
- Fanny Wightwick at Wolverhampton
- Eleanor Harlow in London.

Ordered.

That they be prosecuted.

M^r Kaye presented to the Committee an account of M^r Glover's loss of Cloaths Linen &c. when shipwrecked on board the Packet near Dublin in November last upon his return from attending as a Witness on the Trial of William Frith for uttering forged Bank Notes.

Ordered,

That M^r Glover be paid £30 for his loss of Cloaths Linen &c., and £50 more in respect of his sufferings, independent of his Expenses, and the usual Gratuity for his trouble.

Upon reading a Memorial from Brigade Major George Morris, addressed to the Governor and Directors of the National Bank, requesting a further remuneration for his trouble in apprehending William Frith.

Ordered,

That the Secretary address a Letter to Major Morris, acquainting him, that his Memorial has been taken into consideration;

and

Wm Elliott & Co for
utter of bank Dollars.

to be paid?

Report of M^r Glover's
loss.

M^r Glover.

£30. for Cloaths &c. ✓
£50. besides - ✓

Major Morris's Mem.
cons. ✓

Sec. to write to him.
✓

and that the Sums paid and presented to him, are considered as adequate to the Services he has rendered respecting William Frith.

Geo. Hearsley's
further proposal

M^r Bros laid before the Committee, a further proposal ^{from George Hearsley} of four Bills amounting to £118, to pay by instalments, at 6, 12, 18 and 24 Months, with the security of William Peirce of Treadneedle Street, Merchant and Thomas Davison of Lombard St Fleet St Printer in £250 each. The Dividends which may be paid from M^{rs} Robinsons Estate to be deducted from the latter instalments

acceded to conditionally

The proposal was acceded to, provided M^{rs} Peirce & Davison, become joint Security for the whole amount.

Friday January 18th 1805.

Present

M^r Boddington M^r Maitland
M^r Harman M^r Olive

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

Report J. R. Turner's
forgery of a Stock Receipt

M^r Kaye laid before the Committee the examination against John Roger Turner, charging him with forging a Stock Receipt in the name of William Waltham for the price of £7000. reduced 3^d Cent Annuities; and also stated that William Price appeared to be an accomplice in the transaction.
Ordered,

to be prosecuted &c.

That the said John Roger Turner be prosecuted; and that the usual Counsel be retained.

*M^r Piggott opinion to
be taken resp^y W^m Price.*

also that the opinion of M^r Piggott & M^r Garraw,
be taken, - whether William Price cannot be prosecuted
as an Accessary before the Fact.

*E Harlow Jan^r
their convictions reported
R^a.*

M^r Kays reported, that Eleanor Harlow
and William Elliott had been convicted for
uttering forged Dollars. And that Mary
Jenkinson had applied to the Court, to postpone
her Trial till the next Sessions, which had been
ordered.

*M^r Glover's acc^t of
Disbursements.*

M^r Hase laid before the Committee, M^r
Glover's account of Disbursements relating to the
prosecution of William Fryth, at Dublin, from
the 19 October to the 14 Dec^r 1804. and stating that
he had been out 57 Days and up 14 Nights:
also a further account of ^{his} Disbursements from
the 17 Dec^r to the 22^d being out 6 Days and up
2 Nights relating to the examination & evidence
against Thomas Davis committed to Oxford
Castle.

examined

The Committee having examined the said
Accounts, and M^r Kays being of opinion, that
the Charges appeared reasonable
Resolved,

rec^d them to be paid.

That it be recommended to the
Governor to order payment of the following Sums to
M^r Glover. Viz:

Glover £112. 0. 9. ✓

For Disbursements on acc ^t of W ^m Fryth.	80. 0. 3.
For being out 57 Days & up 14 Nights at half a guinea each.	32. 0. 6.
	<u>£ 112. 0. 9</u>
For Disbursements on acc ^t of Tho ^s Davis.	12. 1. 8.
For being out 6 Days & up 2 Night.	4. 4. -
	<u>£ 16. 5. 8</u>

D. £16. 5. 8. ✓

The Blip's Disbursementsth
referred back.

Mr House also laid before the Committee,
Thomas Blip's account of Disbursements, whilst
attending the prosecution of Richard Mendham
in Scotland, which was referred back, for an
explanation of three of the Charges

Resolved,

Mr Torkington temp.
as a Counsel.

That Mr Torkington be employed as
one of the Counsel on the Midland Circuit.
in the room of Mr White, who has quitted the
Circuit.

Thursday the 24 January 1805

Present

Mr Bosanquet Mr Roddington & Mr Harman.

The proceedings of the last Committee
were read.

L. Clarke, &c for
ut. In forged note.

Mr Kaye laid before the Committee the
examinations against Sarah Clarke, Robert
Apperley and Samuel Wood for uttering a forged
St. Bank Note at Gloucester.

Ordered,

to be discharged.

That they be discharged

Opinion resp. of com.
Price

Mr Kaye submitted to the Committee the
opinion of Mr Piggott & Mr Garrow taken in
pursuance of the directions of the last Committee
with respect to the propriety of prosecuting W^m
Price as an Accessary before the fact, of the Forgery
committed

committed by John Roger Turner in forging a
Stock Receipt for the purchase Money of £7000.
£3. Cent Reduced Annuities
Ordered.

Wm Price to be prod.

That the said William Price be prosecuted.

F. Wrightwick convicted

Mr Kaye reported, that Fanny Wrightwick
had been tried and convicted for uttering
counterfeit Dollars.

Application from
Wm Wilson.

The Committee considered the application
of Wm Wilson of Surry St. Black Friars Duggis,
respecting a Bill of £162.15. - accepted by him,
and discounted for W.B. Hewlett, requesting
the Bank to grant him time till the 25 June 1806,
and the Majority of the Creditors having signed
a Deed of Trust to that effect.

Resolved.

complied with

That the application of the said Wm
Wilson be complied with; on his paying the
Law Charges already incurred.

Peirce & Davison agree to be
Sec^{ts} for G. Kearsley.

Mr. Pros reported that Messrs. Peirce &
Davison had agreed to become joint Securities
for George Kearsley as required by the Committee
the 3rd instant.

Mr. Bliss's Disbursements
cond.

The Committee again examined
Mr. Bliss's account of Disbursements Attendance
relating to the prosecution of Robert Mendham at
Edinburgh & other Matters: also his explanation
of several of the Charges which appeared to be
very unreasonable, And it was Resolved,
That

That in the present instance,

Bliss's Disbursements to be paid.

That it be recommended to the Governor to order payment of the following sums to the said Thomas Bliss. Viz:

For Disbursements from the 27th Oct 1804 to the 17th Dec^r following. £164. 6. 6.
 For being out 48 Days & 6 Nights. 28. 7. -
 For Mr Longman 35 Days & 3 Nights. 19. 19. -
£ 212. 12. 6.

£212. 12. 6.
 to T. Bliss.

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It was also resolved,

Mr Bliss to attend &c.

That Thomas Bliss do attend this Committee, before the above account is paid, and that he be informed, the Committee consider his account of Expenditures, to be excessive; - by no means satisfactorily explained; - and that in future, it is expected he will keep a Minute account of all his Disbursements.

Further Disbursements of T. Bliss.

A further account of Disbursements by Thomas Bliss for postage of Letters &c.^r being examined,

Resolved,

£1. 16. -
 to him.

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That it be recommended to the Governor to order payment of the said Account. Viz:

For petty Disbursements from the 27th Oct 1804. to 17th Dec^r following. £1. 16. -

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Thursday the 31st January 1805.

Present

M^r. Bosanquet

M^r. Mailland

M^r. Harman

M^r. Olive.

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

M^r. Kaye laid before the Committee two Letters from M^r. Spurrier of Birmingham respecting the Apprehension of Will^m. Henshall and one of his Assistants for coining Dollars; also stating that Henshall's Brother and another Assistant engaged in the same Offence, had escaped and absconded.

Ordered,

That Henshall's Brother and the other Man who has absconded be advertized with a reward of £50. each for their apprehension: and that all the parties be prosecuted if upon a full Investigation of the case there shall appear to be sufficient Evidence to render a Conviction probable.

Henshall's Brother
apprehended? Others
escaped?

Henshall's Brother
to be advert? Will the
parties pros?

Tuesday the 5th February 1805
Present.

M^r Botanquet, M^r Boddington & M^r Harman.

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

A Resolution read
to M^r Bliss

M^r Bliss attended, and the resolution of the Committee of the 24th Ult^o was read to him.

Unpaid Bill & Notes
considered.

M^r Bros's account of unpaid Bills and Notes, extracted by order of this Committee the 11th May 1804, having been referred to M^r Kaye for investigation; and being brought forward by him the amount of the Bills and Notes, and the names thereon being read,

The Committee proceeded to give the following Directions thereon,

Directions thereon
to M^r Bros

On a Bill for £208.7. upon Humphrys & Son and discounted for Charles Miller; upon which 6th of the £ has only been received from Humphrys & Son, and not anything from Charles Miller.

M^r Bros was directed to make enquiries after the said Charles Miller.

On a Bill for £450. drawn by J^r Baillie, discounted for John Macfarlane, who has paid 6th of the £: and it appearing that M^r Baillie has not paid any part of the remainder,

M^r Bros was directed to see M^r Baillie on the business.

Respecting 8 Bills, amounting to £2935. accepted by Wright & Stone, and 5 Bills amounting to, £.

£234.7.15.6 accepted by James Ayres,

Directions to Mr Kaye
re: certain Bills.

Mr Kaye was directed to apply again, to the parties for payment.

Respecting 2 Bills for £523. 1. 6. accepted by Hugh White, who has been written to, without effect,

Mr Kaye was directed to renew his application.

Respecting some of Hugh Jones's Bills, Viz:

3 Bills amounting to £653. 19. - acc. by Jas. Webb and 3 D^{rs} ----- 1729. 9. d^o by William Williams.

Mr Kaye was directed to proceed against the said James Webb and W^m Williams

Petition from W^m Price com^d?

Upon reading a Petition from William Price ordered to be prosecuted by this Committee the 21st ult^o, and upon making further enquiries respecting the said Price of M^r Reid of the Imperial Annuities, who has known him for several Years Resolved,

Directions to Mr Kaye.

That Mr Kaye be directed to take such measures as he may deem advisable, to prevent the said William Price being put upon his Trial; as the Committee upon further consideration, do not think him a proper object for prosecution.

Thursday the 21st February 1805.

Present

M^r Bosanquet, M^r Roddington & M^r Olive.

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

Wm Cox for uttering
a £5 forged note.

M^r Hays laid before the Committee, the examinations against William Cox, for uttering a forged £5 Bank Note at Eastbury in Wiltshire.

Ordered,

to be prosecuted.

That William Cox be prosecuted for the lesser Offence, if it meets with the approbation of the Judge before whom he may be tried.

Ordered,

J. W. Sampson, to be
prosecuted as advisable
to

That in the Prosecution directed against John W^m Sampson for uttering a forged £10 Bank Note at Bath, M^r Hays be authorized to prosecute the prisoner for the lesser Offence if deemed advisable at the time of the Trial.

Resolved,

M^r Serj^t Lens app^d on
the Western Circuit

That M^r Serj^t Lens be appointed One of the Counsel for the Bank on the Western Circuit in the room of M^r Gibbs, who has quitted it: and that M^r Peckwell be appointed on the Norfolk Circuit in the room of M^r Marsh.

M^r Peckwell &c on the
Norfolk.

M^r Bros's
Report resp^d of Chas^r Miller.

M^r Bros reported, that agreeably to the directions of the last Committee he had applied to Charles Miller, respecting the Bill for £208.7.- discounted for him; and that the said M^r Miller had

had declined paying the demand against him, on account of the great lapse of time.

Mr Bros's report of his applicⁿ to Baillie &c^o on a Bill for £450.

Mr Bros also reported, that he had applied to the House of Baillie, Thornton & Co^s respecting a Bill for £450. discounted for John Macfarlane, and received for answer, - that from the lapse of time, the recourse was lost against the Endorsers, and it was also their Opinion, that it was lost against the Drawers, on which account, they declined paying it

referred to Mr Kays.

The Committee referred the said Bill to Mr Kays, to take such Steps as may appear adviseable.

Test. Bill a Bill disc^d for J Gahagan & a collateral dⁿ on Mr Furlong.

Mr Bros submitted to the Committee a Bill for £400. discounted for Joseph Gahagan, on T. J. Peirce & Co^s Bankrupts; previous to which Bankruptcy he received from Peirce & Co^s a Bill on Mich^l Furlong Esq. for £308. 12. 7. as a collateral Security for the above Bill; and both Gahagan & Furlong having been applied to without effect.

Both to be arrested.

Mr Kays was directed to arrest them both.

H. White to be proceeded ag^t

Mr Kays having acquainted the Committee that he had not been able to hear anything of Hugh White, respecting the 2 Bills for £523. 1. 6.

He was directed to proceed against him, if found.

Mr Bellett's claim of £24. 10. 6. to be paid.

Mr Kays laid before the Committee, a Letter from Mr John Bellett, claiming £24. 10. 6. for expences incurred by him respecting the prosecution against William Frith at Dublin.

Ordered

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Ordered,

That Mess^{rs} Winter and Haye do pay
M^r Bellett the above Sum of £24. 10. 6.

Thursday the 28th February 1805.
Present.

M^r Governor.

M^r Maitland

M^r Bosanquet

and

M^r Boddington.

M^r Olive

The Proceedings of the last Committee were
read.

It appearing to the Committee that M^r
Torkington was appointed on the 18th Jan^y last,
Counsel for the Bank on the Midland Circuit,
when M^r Morice without the knowledge of
the Committee had been employed twice on
that Circuit, and that the appointment
of M^r Torkington therefore originated in mistake,
Resolved,

M^r Morice app^d on
the Midland Circuit

That M^r Morice be continued as
Counsel on the Midland Circuit.

The Senior Counsel on the Oxford Circuit
being vacant by M^r Plummer having quitted it,
Resolved,

M^r Milles app^d on the
Oxford Circuit.

That M^r Milles be appointed
in his room.

M^r Senkinson & J. R.
Turner convicted.

M^r Haye reported to the Committee, that
Mary Senkinson, and John Roger Turner were
tried and convicted at the Old Bailey on Friday last.

Ordered,

Ordered,

Messrs Winter & Co £25. . .

That £25. be paid to Messrs Winter and Kays, with directions to pay £20. to Willm Page for his trouble and that of his assistants in the prosecution against Mary Jenkinson, and £5. to M^r Edwards for his trouble in the same prosecution.

List of Bank Counsel.

M^r Kays laid before the Committee a List of Counsel employed by the Bank on the different Circuits.

Tuesday the 19th March 1805.
Present

M^r Bosanquet, M^r Boddington & M^r Harman.

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

Thos Young convicted
recommended by the
Judge for mitigation.

M^r Kays reported that Thomas Young was tried at Aylesbury on the 5th instant, and capitally convicted for uttering a £2. forged Bank Note. An Indictment was preferred against him for the lesser Offence of having the Note in his Possession knowing it to be forged; but as he pleaded not guilty to both Indictments, the Judge ordered the capital Indictment to be first tried. As this is the case of a single Utterance, unaccompanied by any aggravating Circumstances, the Judge has intimated, that he did not consider it a case in which the Prisoner should be executed, but wished the Bank to apply to the Secretary of State on the Subject.

Ordered.

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Ordered,

*M^r Kays to apply to
the Sec. of State resp.
The Young*

That M^r Kays be directed to apply to the Secretary of State to intercede with His Majesty to mitigate his Punishment to that of transportation for Life.

*Thos Davis convicted
& applications resp.
him.*

M^r Kays also reported that Thomas Davis was tried and convicted at Oxford, on the 7th instant, for uttering a forged £1. Bank Note, - There were forged £5 & £2 Bank Notes found upon him, and uttered by him to the amount of £56. more, that were given in evidence. The Judge considered this as a very clear and serious case, and left the Prisoner for Execution. M^r Kays laid before the Committee several Letters received from Oxford respecting this Prisoner.

Ordered,

*Bank not to interfere
in his case.*

That M^r Kays be directed to answer the above Letters, and to inform the Parties, that the Bank cannot interfere in this case.

Wm Cox convicted

M^r Kays further reported, that William Cox was tried and convicted at Salisbury on the 12th instant for uttering a £5. forged Bank Note. An Indictment was preferred against him for the lesser Offence of having the Note in his possession knowing it to be forged, but although advised by his Counsel to plead guilty to this charge, he refused to do it; in consequence of which the Trial necessarily took place upon the Capital Charge, and the conviction followed.

Deschamps & Co. their
trial put off.

M^r Kaye also reported that Indictments for forging and uttering St. Bank Notes were preferred at Huntingdon on the 11th instant, against Jean Nicolas Deschamps, and Jean Roubillard, two French Prisoners of War. That the Prisoners being destitute of Money & Friends, Counsel was employed at the expence of the Bank, to advise and defend them. That the Counsel objected to their being amenable to the Municipal Laws of Great Britain, and the question being new, the Judge gave the Prisoners till the next Assizes to plead.

Jubb & Co. plead guilty

M^r Kaye further reported that George Jubb, Thomas Jubb, and William Smith were indicted at Cambridge on the 13th instant, for having forged Bank Notes in their possession, knowing them to be forged; and also for uttering forged Bank Notes, and likewise Notes of Mess^{rs} Wright & Co. Bankers at Nottingham.

The Prisoners pleaded guilty to the Indictment for having forged Bank Notes in their possession, knowing them to be forged, in consequence of which no evidence was adduced against them upon the other Indictments.

J Tyso. for disposing
of forged notes.

M^r Kaye laid before the Committee the examinations of Witnesses against Joseph Tyso of Bristol for disposing of forged Bank Notes.
Ordered,

to be indicted.

That the said Joseph Tyso be prosecuted capitally for this Offence, and also for having forged

Serj^t Lens to be
retained.

Letter from Mr Hornsby
w^{ch} a person uttering
counterfeit Dollars

not to be prosecuted.

Rewards for the
apprehension &c of
various offenders.

forged Bank Notes in his possession knowing
them to be forged, and that Mr Serj^t Lens be
engaged from the Western Circuit, to attend as
leading Counsel to conduct the prosecution

Mr Kays laid before the Committee a
Letter from the Rev. Mr Hornsby of Milton,
Northampton, respecting a person apprehended
for uttering two counterfeit Dollars, but it appearing
that the party was ignorant of their being
counterfeit,

The Committee were of Opinion, he was
not a proper object for prosecution.

Ordered,

That £50. be paid to the 4 persons
concerned in the apprehension &c of Thomas
Davis.

That £50. be paid for the apprehension
of William Cox, being the sum advertised, [£]seven
Guineas to W^m Kemp, and three Guineas to
Applegate, for their services respecting the said
Cox.

That £50. be paid to Joseph Sumner,
and £10. to his Assistants, for the apprehension &c
of Thomas Young.

That the above Sums amounting to
£170. 10. - be paid to Mess^{rs} Winter & Kays.

Mr Kays laid before the Committee
a Letter from Mr Sherrott, who was the Broker
to John Roger Turner, lately convicted at the
Old Bailey, of Forgery, representing that he
had

Letter from Mr. Sherrott
who was Turner's Broker

had sustained a loss to the amount of £140,
arising from the difference which he had to pay
to Mr. Lightfoot, to whom he sold the Stock:
and paying a remuneration for the same.

considered

The Committee were of Opinion, that Mr.
Sherrott's, was a fair Application.

Resolved,

£140. recommended
to him

That it be recommended to the
Court, to order £140. to be paid to Mr. Sherrott,
as a remuneration for the loss he has sustained
in the above transaction.

Mr. Kaye's reports on
Mr. Baillie's Bill.

Mr. Kaye reported that he had waited on
Messrs. Thornton & Co. respecting James Baillie's
Bill, and was acquainted, that there was no
intention of refusing payment on account of
the Statute of Limitation; but that no notice
having been given to them of James' refusing
payment, they were prevented recovering from
him, when he had been paying for a length
of time afterwards.

Report of the applicant
to Mr. Ayles.

Mr. Kaye also reported, that he had
received a Letter from James Ayles of Stratford,
stating his inability to pay the demands against
him.

to be written to for
proposals.

Mr. Kaye was directed to write to the said Mr.
Ayles, requiring some proposals from him.

Mr. Bell to be written to.

Mr. Kaye was also directed to write to
Joseph Bell for payment of his Note of £190. 10.

Wednesday the 3^d April 1805.

Present

W^m Bosanquet and M^r Harman

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

The following Letter from M^r Kays, addressed to the Governor was read. Viz:

Letter from M^r Kays
reporting the conviction
of Tho^s Henshall &
R^d Henshall convicted.

Warwick 28th March 1805.

"Sir,

"Thomas Henshall & Rich^d Henshall, who
"were capitally indicted at this place for uttering
"forged L^d. Bank Notes, and also for having
"Notes of the same description in their
"possession, knowing them to be forged; proposed
"to plead guilty to the lesser Offence, upon my
"declining to give Evidence against them, upon
"the Capital one; and under the advice of
"the Counsel for the Bank, this proposition
"was acceded to, & they pleaded guilty accordingly,
"the Judge acquiescing in the Measure."

John Mills convicted

"John Mills (an old Offender) was
"tried & convicted for having forged Bank
"Notes in his Possession."

W^m Henshall & Thomas
Ashford convicted

"W^m Henshall, & Tho^s Ashford were tried
"and convicted for coining Bank Dollars -
"Their dealings in this criminal Traffic,
"have filled many parts of the Country with
"counterfeit Dollars, & very considerable doubts
"were entertained of our being able to convict
"them, as we were able to produce only one
"counterfeit Dollar, that had been found in
their

"their possession. However, after a very full discussion
 "of five Hours, they were convicted upon the most
 "satisfactory Evidence, & the Bank Agents, and
 "the Police Officers at Birmingham are of Opinion
 "that these Convictions will very considerably
 "check, if not totally put an end to, the
 "fabrication of counterfeit Bank Dollars."

"Joseph Rowley was capitally indicted
 "for disposing of forged £1 Bank Notes, and
 "also for having similar Notes in his possession
 "knowing them to be forged; but a material
 "witness at Birmingham being confined to
 "his Bed, the Trial is postponed till the next
 "afternoon."

"I shall proceed from hence to-morrow
 "for Taunton & Bristol."

I am Sir very respectfully
 Yr. m^t ob^d. & faithful h^{ble} Serv^t
 "Joseph Hays."

A Letter was read from Richard Clarkson,
 Thomas Clarkson and W^m Henshall, at Warwick,
 now under sentence of Transportation there,
 requesting that their Wives and Children, may
 be permitted to accompany them without expence,
 and offering to make Discoveries on certain terms.
 Resolved, That Mess^{rs} Winter & Hays be directed to
 take the proper Means to let them understand,
 that no compromise whatever can be entered into;
 and that the measures of the Bank must be determined
 by the nature of their Discoveries.

Resolved, That the Book containing the Minutes
 of the Proceedings of this Committee of the last Year,
 be laid before the Court of Directors on Thursday next.

Dr. Rowley's trial
 postponed.

A Letter from
 Rich. Clarkson & Co.
 considered

to be acquainted the
 Bank cannot enter
 into any compromise

Proceedings of the Year
 to be laid before the
 Court.

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Tuesday the 9th April 1805.

Present

M^r Bosanquet. M^r Boddington & M^r Olive.

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

R^d Clarkson convicted

M^r Kaye reported that Richard Clarkson, was indicted at Warwick Assizes for uttering a forged L^d. Bank Note, and also for having the same Note in his possession, knowing it to be forged; and that he proposed to plead guilty to the lesser Offence upon the Bank declining to give Evidence against him upon the other Indictment, - And that under the Advice of the Counsel for the Bank, and with the concurrence of the Judge, he was permitted to plead Guilty according, and acquitted of the Capital Charge.

Thos Clarkson - 2^d

M^r Kaye further reported, that Thomas Clarkson was indicted at Warwick Assizes for uttering two forged L^d. Bank Notes, and also for having several forged Bank Notes, in his possession knowing them to be forged; He also proposed to plead, as the above Rich^d. Clarkson, which was permitted; and he was acquitted of the Capital Charges.

Letters from them & ans^r.

The Letters received from Thomas Clarkson, Richard Clarkson, and William Henshall subsequent to the Conviction, and in reply to the answer given to their former Letters, were also laid before the Committee by M^r Kaye, and read.

Ordered,

M^r Kaye to see the parties thereon.

That M^r Kaye be desired to see these Offenders, and inform them, that upon their giving up
their

their plates, and making a full and satisfactory Communication of their Transactions; the Bank will apply to the Secretary of State, to permit them to take their Families with them to Botany Bay.

*J. W. Sampson
convicted.*

Mr. Kaye likewise reported, that *John Willm^{rs} Sampson* was tried and convicted at Taunton Assizes for uttering a forged £10. Bank note, knowing it to be forged. He was also indicted for having the same in his possession knowing it to be forged, and his Counsel recommended him to plead guilty to the lesser Offence, but he refused to do so; in consequence of which he was tried and convicted upon the Capital Charge.

Mr. Kaye also reported that *Joseph Tyso* was tried and convicted at Bristol for disposing of forged Bank Notes at the rate of $7\frac{1}{2}$ in the pound. He set up a defence founded upon gross perjury, but it was satisfactorily answered, and he was convicted.

*Ja^s. Egerton for uttering
a forged Note.*

Mr. Kaye submitted to the Committee the examinations taken against *Ja^s. Egerton* at Middlewich in Cheshire, for uttering a forged £5. Bank Note.

Ordered,

*2 Indictments to be pref.
ag^t him.*

That two Indictments be preferred ag^t him, one for uttering the Note, and the other for having it in his possession knowing it to be forged; and that if it meets with the concurrence of the Judge, he be permitted to plead guilty to the lesser offence, and no Evidence given against him on the other.

Peter Hughes for uttering
forged notes.

M^r Kaye laid before the Committee the
Examinations taken against Peter Hughes at Chester
for uttering forged Bank Notes.

Ordered,

Winter & Kaye to
investigate the case
& proceed accordingly

That Mess^{rs} Winter and Kaye be directed to
investigate this case, as fully as the time will permit, and
if it shall appear a proper case for prosecution, and
the requisite evidence can be procured, he be prosecuted
at the ensuing Assizes: or if that should be found
impracticable, that application be made to the Judge
to detain him till the Summer Assizes.

John Milburn
for uttering counterfeit Bank
Dollars

M^r Kaye laid before the Committee some
Letters received from Macclesfield respecting counterfeit
Bank Dollars uttered by John Milburn,

Ordered,

to be pros.^d

That he be prosecuted.

John Troy for
uttering forged Notes
to be pros.^d

M^r Kaye laid before the Committee the
Examinations against John Troy, committed in
Middlesex for uttering forged L⁵. Bank Notes.

Ordered,

That he be prosecuted capitally

At a Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday the 11th April 1805.

Resolved,

That M^r Bosanquet, M^r Harman

M^r Maitland, M^r Olive and M^r Smith, be

appointed a Committee for Law Suits, for

the purpose of ordering what prosecutions

shall be commenced; and giving such

Directions for the management of them,

and the retaining of Counsel and preferring

Indictments, as they may judge expedient:

and to consider the state of the unpaid Bills

and Notes, and to make such Orders therein as

may be necessary: reporting from time to time

to the Court."

Thursday the 11th April 1805.

Committee for Law Suits.

Present.

M^r Bosanquet, M^r Maitland, and M^r Smith

The proceedings of the last Committee were
read.

M^r Wray submitted to the Committee
the examinations against Henry Skotler for uttering
forged L^t Notes.

Ordered,

That he be prosecuted; and that two
Indictments be preferred against him, one for uttering
and the other for having forged Notes in his possession,
and that he be permitted to plead guilty to the lesser
offence

Appointment of the
new Committee

H. Skotler for uttering
forged notes

2 Indictments to be
pref^d ag^t him.

A Letter from M^r Cookson
requesting indulgence on
his Bond.

Office, if it meets with the approbation of the Judge.

M^r Hays laid before the Committee a
Letter from M^r Cookson of the 10th instant, requesting
indulgence for the payment of part of the first
Instalment on his Bond.

Ordered,

That M^r Hays communicate M^r Cookson's
application to his Surety; and inform him, that
the Bank has no objection to give M^r Cookson the
indulgence he requests, with the Surety's approbation.

Agreed to, with the
approbation of his Surety.

Acceptors of a Bill disc.
in Lobbs & Son, not to be
found.

The Bank having discounted for Lobbs & Co
a Bill for £50. drawn by John Parker Esq on William
Greathead M^r 26 Clements Lane, accepted ^{by him} payable
at Mess^{rs} Bloxams: and it appearing, that no
such person resides in Clements Lane, or keeps
Cash at Bloxams.

Resolved,

M^r Bras to enquire
respy him.

That M^r Bras be directed to apply to
John Parker Esq to be informed, who the Acceptor is.

Applⁿ from a Surety
of R. Bakewell.

A Letter being read from the Executor
of M^r Davison of Nottingham, who was one of the
sureties for Robert Bakewell, requesting the Bank
to relinquish their claim in favor of his Widow
on account of her poverty.

not complied with.

The Committee were of Opinion the
Application ought not to be complied with.

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Friday the 19th April 1805.

Present.

W^o Governor.

W^o Maitland.

W^o Bosanquet.

W^o Smith.

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

John Peake's applicⁿ
to exch: a Bill of Alex^r
Raby's

W^o Kaye acquainted the Committee, that application had been made to him by John Peake for permission to exchange a Bill of Alexander Raby's for £664. 4.

agreed to.

The Committee authorised W^o Kaye to agree thereto, upon W^o Peake's furnishing a satisfactory name.

Enquiries res^t from
Groathead. Satisfactory
18th

W^o Kaye also acquainted the Committee, that W^o Bross enquiries respecting William Groathead, had been satisfactory; and that the Bill had been paid and delivered up.

Various Claims for
Rewards for detecting
of "divers Offenders."

W^o Kaye submitted to the Committee, the following Claims of persons for detecting & apprehending persons for uttering forged Bank notes, and having them in their possession, and for coining Bank Dollars.

persons who apprehended

W^o Henshall &
T Ashford.

William Ryley, Joseph Welch, W^o Payn and Vincent Eagle, Police Officers at Birmingham, and 3. Assistants broke open and searched the Shop of William Henshall, and apprehended him and his Assistant Thomas Ashford for coining Bank Dollars.

Implements taken from them
to be at the disposal of the
Bank.

The Presses and other Implements for coining were ordered by the Judge to be at the disposal of the Bank, and such of them as are useful for other purposes.

The Judge recommends
the care of Henshall's wife
& children.

Rewards for apprehending
Henshall & wife.

purposes are supposed to be of the Value of £120, or
upwards. — As Henshall has a Wife and 7 small
Children the Judge desired it might be suggested to
the consideration of the Bank, whether some relief
might not be afforded to them from the proceeds
of these Implements when sold.

Ordered,

That W^m Ryley, Joseph Welch, Will^m
Payn & Vincent Eagle be paid 20 Guineas each and
their 3 Assistants 10 Guineas each.

Persons who app^d Subb &
Smith.

William Donald, John Sumner and their
Assistants apprehended George Subb and William
Smith at Birmingham for uttering forged Bank
Notes at Stirbitch Fair. The prisoners made
great resistance, and both themselves and several
of the Officers, were wounded in the Conflict. John
Amerson sustained a considerable loss by the
prisoners, and says he lost a Mare in travelling
to give Evidence against them.

Ordered,

Rewards to them.

That the Officers be paid £100. and that
John Amerson be paid 30 Guineas.

Persons who apprehended
John Mills.

William Donald and John Sumner
detected and apprehended John Mills at Birmingham
for having forged Bank Notes in his possession.

Ordered,

Reward to them.

That they be paid £50.

James Cherry was the means of detecting
Thomas Clarkson for uttering forged Bank Notes,
and William Donald apprehended him. There
were

were several Boatmen defrauded by him, who came forward to give Evidence).

Ordered,

That £50. be divided among them.

Vincent Eagle, Wm. Gough and William Hawkins detected and apprehended Richard Clarkson at Birmingham for uttering forged Bank Notes. He was a Fabricator, and the proprietor of two plates for £1. & £5. Notes

Ordered,

That they be paid £50.

Joseph Short, Joseph Welch, & Wm. Ryley went from Birmingham to Bristol to detect Joseph Tyso, a Wholesale Dealer in uttering forged Bank Notes. He was the proprietor of, and worked four plates. Viz. for £1. £2. £5. & £10 Notes.

Ordered,

That Short be paid £50. and Welch & Ryley £30. each.

John Allen a Paint Broker at Bath detected John Wm Sampson in uttering a forged £10. Note, and caused him to be apprehended and secured.

Ordered,

That Mr Allen be paid 20 Guineas

Ordered,

That the above mentioned Sums amounting to £528. be paid to Mess^{rs} Winter & Kaye.

Reward for detecting &c.
~~Chambers~~
Thos Clarkson.

Ditto. for Rich^d
Clarkson.

Ditto. for Jos^{ph} Tyso.

D^o. for J^{ohn} W^m Sampson.

The Rewards to be paid to
Winter & Kaye.

MP

2 Bills overdue reported
by Mr. Bros.

Mr. Kaye to write to the
party.

Mr. Bros laid before the Committee two
Bills over due, amounting to £1409, 4, 6 accepted
by Stephen Amherst, as collateral Security for sundry
Bills discounted for P. T. & W. Bowser.

Mr. Kaye was directed to write to Mr.
Craickshank, who has the management of
Mr. Amherst's Affairs.

Tuesday the 7th May 1805.
Present

Mr. Harman, Mr. Olive and Mr. Smith.

The Proceedings of the last Committee
were read.

The Court of Directors, on the 2^d instant,
having Resolved,

Reference to the Committee
of the property Tax Bill.

"That the property Tax Bill, now
"pending in parliament, be referred for the
"consideration of the Committee for Law Suits."

referred to Mr. Kaye.

And the Bill having been referred to
Mr. Kaye for examination

his report thereon.

Mr. Kaye reported, that he read it, and
that in his opinion, it does not materially differ
from the former Bill, so far as it relates to the
concerns of the Bank.

A Letter from Alex^r
Macnochie Esq. relating
to Laws ag^t Forgeries not
extending to Scotland.

The Committee of Treasury having on
the 30th Ult^o referred to this Committee, a Letter from
Alex^r Macnochie Esq. Deputy Advocate of Scotland
addressed to Mr. Pearse, respecting the Act of Parliam^t,
for protecting the Bank against Forgeries, not
extending in like manner to Scotland,

Report of a Bill for
extending the Laws ag^t
Forgery to the United
Kingdom

Memorial from
M^r. Furlonge
rejected.

Proposal from his
Solicitor

complied with.

S. Etheridge to be
indicted.

P. Hughes tried &
acquitted.

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And the said Letter being read, M^r. Kays acquainted
the Committee, that the Draft for an Act of Parliament
had been prepared and submitted to the Attorney &
Solicitor General, for the purpose of extending the
Laws against Forgery, referable to the concerns of
the Bank of England, to every part of the United
Kingdom, who had directed some Corrections
to be made, after which it would be brought
into Parliament by one of them, & communicated
to His Majesty's Law Officers for Scotland & Ireland.

A Memorial from Michael Furlonge,
praying the Bank to stay proceedings against
him, till after the trial of the action against Joseph
Gahagan, was read and rejected,

Then M^r. Kays acquainted the Committee
that M^r. Furlonge's Solicitor had applied to
him, proposing to confess Judgement with stay
of Execution till the first day of next Term.
Resolved,

That the said proposal be complied with.
Ordered,

That a Bill of Indictment be preferred, at
the next Warwick Assizes against Sarah
Etheridge for uttering counterfeit Dollars.

M^r. Kays reported, that pursuant to the
directions of the Committee Peter Hughes had
been prosecuted at the last Chester Assizes, for
uttering forged Bank Notes. That the Evidence
clearly established that he paid £68. in forged
Notes in one payment of about £72. and that he
had

had the forged Notes secreted under his cloaths, totally separate from good ones: and there were other strong Circumstances of his knowledge of their being forged; yet that a strong prejudice prevailed in his favor, and being tried in the local Jurisdiction of the City of Chester, he was acquitted.

Pa^r Egerton convicted ✓

That James Egerton was tried and convicted at Chester for having a forged Bank Note in his possession, knowing it to be forged.

John Milburn D^o ✓

That John Milburn was tried & convicted at Chester for uttering counterfeit Dollars.

John Troy his trial postponed. ✓

That John Troy was indicted at the last Session at the Old Bailey for uttering forged Bank Notes, but upon the prisoners application his Trial was postponed till the next Session.

Henry Skooler convicted. ✓

That Henry Skooler pleaded guilty at the last Session at the Old Bailey to an indictment for having a forged Bank Note in his possession knowing it to be forged.

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Tuesday, the 14th May 1805.

Present.

Mr. Harman, Mr. Maitland and Mr. Olive.

The proceedings of the last Committee were read.

The Court of Directors on the 9th instant having resolved,

*Winter Kays's Bill
referred to the Com^{rs}.*

"That Mess^{rs} Winter Kays's Bill for
"Law Charges, amounting to £6937. 13. 2. be
"referred to the consideration of the Committee
"for Law Suits &c. and that they be requested
"to report their opinion thereon."

cond. 2^d 3^d a

The Committee proceeded to examine the same, and deferred the further consideration thereof till Thursday next.

*Gov^r's order for £100.
on acct of Mendham's
prosecution.*

The Secretary acquainted the Committee, that the Governor on the 10th instant, had signed an order to Mr. Kaye for £100. to be paid to Mr. Horne on account of the prosecution against Mendham and others in Scotland.

*Meeting of Creditors of
Mr. Furlonge reported.*

Mr. Bros reported, that notice had been given to the Bank to attend a meeting of Creditors of Michael Furlonge; at which meeting it appeared that the amount of Debts against him were so large, that very little was to be expected from his Estate, and therefore it would be advisable

to stay proceedings against him on the part of the Bank.

Resolved,

*Proceedings ag^t M.
Furlonge to be stayed.*

That M^r. Kaye have Notice to stay proceedings for the present against the said Michael Furlonge.

Adjourned to Thursday next at 12 past 10. o'clock.

Thursday the 16th May 1805.

Present.

M^r. Bosanquet

M^r. Olive

M^r. Harman.

M^r. Smith.

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

*Winter & Co's Bill consid.
again.*

Mess^{rs}. Winter and Kaye's Bill for Law Charges, being again taken into consideration,

Resolved,

recommended to be paid.

That it be recommended to the Court, to order payment of Mess^{rs}. Winter & Kaye's Bill for Law Charges from Michmas Term to the 30th April last, amounting to £693⁷/₁₃/₂.

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Tuesday the 21.st May 1803

Present

M^r. Rosanquet, M^r. Harman & M^r. Hartland

M^r. Kays reports a ^{£1.}
altered to a £10. traced to
J^r. Bailey.

M^r. Kays acquainted the Committee, that
a £1. Note, which had been altered to a £10 and
brought to the Bank by M^r. John Fellows of
Cynsford, in Kent, had been traced to a Journeyman
Miller, of the name of Joseph Bailey, who paid
it to a very poor Woman, that keeps a little public
House at Cynsford; and the said Joseph Bailey
being out of the Way,
Ordered,

to be advertised.

That he be advertised with a reward of
£50. for his apprehension.

applⁿ from W^m. Henshall's
Family.

M^r. Kays reported to the Committee, that
application had been made to him, on behalf
of the Wife and Children of William Henshall,
Ordered,

£60. to them.

That £60. be paid to M^r. Kays for their
present relief; and that it be intimated to the
parties, that according to the further assistance
they render, their situation will be considered at
a future time.

J^r. Henshall delivers up
plates &c.

John Henshall having procured & delivered up
two plates for £1. and £5. Notes, and 2 Water-Mark
D^{rs}, having shown considerable diligence, and been
at some travelling expences

Ordered

M^r. Kays to give him £10.

That M^r. Kays have the discretionary power of
giving him to the amount of Ten pounds.

Friday 24th May 1805.

Present

M^r Governor.M^r Bosanquet.M^r Dep. Governor.M^r Maitland.

The proceedings of the last Committee were read.

Acc^t of M^r Glovers
Disbursements &c.

M^r Hase laid before the Committee M^r Glovers account of Disbursements relating to various prosecutions from the 9th March 1805, to the 25th April following, amounting to £18. 10. 2. on which he had been employed 36 Days, and 2 Nights: Also a further account of his Disbursements in tracing forged Notes from the 10th January last, to the 30th March following, amounting to £6. 5. 9.

examined

The Committee having examined the said Accounts,

Resolved,

recommended to be paid

That it be recommended to the Governor to order payment of the said Accounts, with the usual Gratuity for Attendances. Viz.

For Disbursements ----- £18. 10. 2.

Gratuity for attending 36 Days &

2 Nights - @ 10^s each -

19. 19.

£38. 9. 2.

For Disbursements in tracing forged Notes £6. 5. 9.

M^r Giles quits the Bar &
Vacancy of Counsel

M^r Rye reported, that M^r Giles had quitted the Bar, and that there was a Vacancy for the Common Law Junior Counsel of the Bank.

Ordered,

M^r Bosanquet to be emp^d.

That the Solicitors be directed to employ M^r Bosanquet on that branch of the Law Business of the Bank.

*Mr Knapp to be empl?
at the Old Bailey.*

That Mr Knapp be employed as Counsel
for the Bank, in the prosecutions at the Old Bailey.

Wednesday the 5th June 1805.

Present

Mr Governor Mr Maitland
Mr Bosanquet and
Mr Harman Mr Olive.

The Proceedings of the last Committee were
read.

*Letter from Thomas
Morgan wth a Bond
given by him & 3 others
as collateral security
ag^t Bills disc^d for John
Twigg, offering £70.*

Upon reading a Letter from Thomas
Morgan, who has entered into a Bond with
his three Brothers, for the sum of £379. 13. 4. as a
collateral Security against Bills to that amount
discounted by the Bank for John Twigg, - stating
their inability to fulfill the obligations, and offering
the sum of £70. to be discharged on his part.

*directions to Mr Raby
thereon*

The Committee directed Mr Raby to
acquaint the said Thomas Morgan, that he must
pay the said £70. on account, trusting to the clemency
of the Bank, as to any future proceeding.

*Letter from Mr Raby
relating to Bills disc.
for him to be liquidated
by Instalments & Mr Raby's
statement that the Engagem^{ts}
have not been fulfilled.*

Upon reading a Letter from Mr Alexander
Raby, dated the 4th June inst. addressed to the Governor,
and Mr Raby representing that Mr Raby had not
fulfilled his Engagements of liquidating certain Bills
by Instalments, and also that he had written to him,
to come to some Arrangement respecting a Bill for
£96. 17. - but without effect.

Resolved,

directions to Mr Raby.

That Mr Raby do acquaint Mr Raby, that
the

the above mentioned Letter has been put into his Hands, that he is required to make good the Instalments that are in arrear, and continue to pay them regularly: or that he will be proceeded against.

John Troy's conviction
reported. ✓

M^r. Kays reported to the Committee, that John Troy was tried and convicted at the Old Bailey on the 30th of May last, for uttering a forged £5. Bank Note.

Rewards for apprehending
him &c. ✓

That Will^m. John Rhodes a Hosier in Oxford St. was extremely active in detecting and apprehending the Prisoner; and that Ann Puddiphat a widow woman who had been defrauded by the Prisoner with a £5. forged Note had been put to considerable inconvenience in giving Evidence against him.

Ordered,

to be paid to Winter &c. ✓

That Mess^{rs}. Winter & Kays be paid £55. 5. and that they pay £50. thereof to M^r. Will^m. John Rhodes, as a reward for detecting and apprehending the Prisoner; and the remaining £5. 5. to M^{rs}. Puddiphat for her loss of time.

Tuesday the 11th June 1805.

Present

M^r Bosanquet

M^r Olive

M^r Maitland

M^r Smith.

The proceedings of the last Committee were read.

Mary Parnell for
uttering forged notes.

M^r Kaye laid before the Committee the
examinations against Mary Parnell, for uttering
four forged £5. Notes.

Ordered,

to be indicted capitally

That the said Mary Parnell be indicted
capitally.

Presses &c. taken at
Birmingham disposed
of.

The Committee authorised M^r Kaye to
give Directions, that the Presses and Implements
taken at Birmingham, not used solely for the purpose
of coining, to be sold; and those used exclusively for
coining to be destroyed.

Thursday the 18th July 1805.

Present

M^r Bosanquet

M^r Olive

M^r Maitland.

M^r Smith.

The Proceedings of the last Committee
were read.

Mary Parnell.
convicted
✓

M^r Kaye reported that Mary Parnell
was tried and capitally convicted at the Old Bailey
on the 12th instant, for uttering forged £5. Bank
Notes, knowing them to be forged. That she was
detected, and apprehended by M^r Bliss, Crocker &
Smith.

Rewards to Mr. Bliff
as for detecting & apprehending
Mr. Parnell.

Exams ag.
Jas Marshall for
uttering a forged Note.

to be prosecuted

Mr. Kaye to give £20.
to - Rimes.

Mr. Bliff's Account
of Disbursements ex^d

Smith, two Bow Street Officers.

Ordered,

That £60. be given to Mr. Bliff, and the two Officers as a reward for detecting & apprehending Mary Parnell: and that the same be paid to Mr. Kaye.

Mr. Kaye submitted to the Committee the examinations taken at Manchester against James Marshall for uttering a forged £1. Bank Note.

Ordered,

That he be prosecuted; unless upon further Investigation, circumstances should appear to render it advisable to abandon the prosecution.

Ordered.

That Mr. Kaye be authorised to give £20. to - Rimes under Sentence of transportation, to be applied in providing him with necessaries; useful information having been given by him.

Upon examining Mr. Bliff's Account of Disbursements from the 18th Dec^r 1804, to the 30th April 1805. respecting the business of tracing and apprehending persons who have counterfeited Dollars and forged Bank Notes, amounting to £85. 5. 3. and also a further account of petty Disbursements for postage of Letters &c. amounting to £8. 9. 3. with a Statement that he had been out 94 Days and 8 Nights on these Services.

Ordered

Ordered,

Orders to Mr. Bliss
thereon. ✓

That Mr. Bliss in future do make out
one general Account of his Disbursements.

That he do immediately make out his
Account to the 30th June last, and that in future
it be made up to the last day in every Month, and
be delivered to the Secretary the Monday following.

Mr. Bliss was called before the Committee
and acquainted by the Chairman with the above
Orders.

Resolved,

£93. 14. 6 to be paid
him. ✓

That the sum of £93. 14. 6. be paid to
Mr. Bliss, being the amount of his Disbursements
as above.

Acc^t of Attendances
referred back to him. ✓

The Statement respecting his Attendances
was referred back to him for a specific detail of
the Days and Nights; and also the Services.

Minutes of the Comm^{tee} of the 1st Aug. 1805.
entered in page 107.

Tuesday 20th August 1805—

Present

Mr. Harman Mr. Olive and Mr. Smith.

The Proceedings of the last Committee
were read.

Mr. Kaye's report
of Geo. Smith's detection
at Birmingham ✓

Mr. Kaye Reported, that on Friday
the 9th instant he received information of
the detection and apprehension of George
Smith, at Birmingham, for having procured
a Plate to be engraved for forging B^{ank} Bank
notes

Directions to Mr Kaye

Ann Smith committed
as an accomplice.

Indictments to be
preferred ag^t Smith &
his Wife

G. Smith proposal to
plead guilty

Notes, and for having employed a person to print impressions from it, for the purpose of being used in forging Bank Notes. That the Prisoner being committed, and the Assizes at Warwick commencing the next day, (10th instant) Mr Kaye submitted the information he had received, to the Governor, who directed him to go down to Warwick to prosecute Smith, in such manner as should appear advisable. Mr Kaye accordingly went down to Warwick, and finding that Ann Smith (who on investigation proved to be the wife of George Smith) had also been committed, he, under the advice of the Council for the Bank, preferred the following Indictments.

A joint Indictment ag^t the two Prisoners for receiving blank forged Bank Notes, and having them in their possession.

A separate Indictment ag^t Geo. Smith for the same Offence.

An Indictment ag^t him, for procuring the Plate to be Engraved.

And an Indictment ag^t him, for forging a £1. Bank Note, and for disposing of it, knowing it to be forged.

The Prisoner, George Smith, proposed to plead Guilty to the three first Indictments, upon the fourth, which was Capital, being given up; and the Witnesses who were to support the Capital Charge, being very

By Smith sentenced to
transportation & his
Wife discharged.

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very exceptionable characters, it was thought
advisable to abandon the Capital Charge, and he
pleaded Guilty to the others, and received Sentence
of Transportation for 14 Years. Ann Smith, ap-
pearing to have acted solely under the direction
and influence of the other Prisoner, and their
marriage being ascertained, she was Ordered
to be discharged.

Joseph Rowley charged
with 2 Indictments

Mr Kaye also reported that Joseph
Rowley remained from the last Assizes at
Warwick charged with two Indictments, the
one for disposing of forged Bank Notes, know-
ing them to be forged, and the other, for having
forged Bank Notes in his possession, knowing
them to be forged. He was tried upon the 1st
Indictment, and the Judge summed up very
decidedly for a Conviction; but the Jury, not
entertaining a favorable opinion of one of
the Witnesses for the Prosecution, they ac-
quitted the Prisoner. With the approbation
of the Judge, the Council were proceeding, the
next morning to try the Prisoner upon the
other Indictment, but he alledging that
he was not prepared for his defense, in conse-
quence of his Attorney having gone home
the preceding Evening, his Trial was post-
poned till the next Assizes.

acquitted on the 1st

not prepared to meet
the 2^d. His trial postp.

Mr Kaye further stated, that Joseph
Hodges, was indicted at the Surrey Assizes
on the 10th instant, for uttering a £5 forged
Note, and ^{for} having it in his possession, knowing
it

Jos^d Hodges permitted
to plead guilty

it to be forged, and this being the only Offence that could be proved against him, his proposal of pleading Guilty, to the lesser Offence, was acceded to, and he received Sentence of Transportation for 14 Years.

On the recommendation of Mr Kaye, it was

Ordered,

Rewards for apprehending
G^r Smith & Jos^d Hodges

That £60 be granted to the two Constables, and — Webster for detecting and apprehending the before mentioned George Smith: and also £50, to Mr Bliss and the Bow-Street Officers, for the apprehending of the aforesaid Joseph Hodges. And the Governor, at the recommendation of the Committee, signed an Order for £110, to be paid to Mr Kaye, for the abovementioned parties, accordingly.

Thursday the 1st August 1805
Present.

M^r Maitland and M^r Olive.

The proceedings of the last Committee were read.

Exam^t ag^t J^d Hodges
for uttering a forged Note.

M^r Kaye laid before the Committee the examinations against Joseph Hodges for uttering a forged £5. Note, in Surry, and also reported that he had given some useful Information respect^g a man of the name of Thompson.

Ordered,

2 Indictments to be pref^d.

That two Indictments be preferred ag^t the said Joseph Hodges; one for uttering, and the

the other for having a forged Note in his possession, and that he be permitted to plead guilty to the lesser Offence, if it meets with the approbation of the Judge.

2 French Prisoners
convicted.

M^r Kays reported, that the two French Prisoners Deschamps and Roubillard, were tried and convicted capitally at the last Assizes at Huntingdon.

Thursday the 3^d October 1805.
Present

M^r Harman, M^r Maitland and M^r Olive

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

Acct. of M^r Blip's
Disbursements &c^a

The Secretary laid before the Committee, M^r Blip's accounts of Disbursements and Attendances to the 2^d September last, relating to tracing forged Notes &c^a

The Committee looked them over, and referred to M^r Kays afterwards referred them, to M^r Kays and M^r Maitland for investigation.

Resolved,

£200 to be paid him
on acct.

That it be recommended to the Governor to order £200. to be paid to M^r Blip, on account of his Disbursements & Attendances.

Adjourned to Thursday next at 1/2 past 10 o'clock.

Thursday the 10th October 1805.

Present

M^r. Harman, M^r. Maitland and M^r. Smith

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

Mess^{rs}. Winter and Kaye's Bill for Law Charges having been referred for consideration to this Committee by the Court, the 26th Sept^r last,

Mess^{rs}. Winter & Kaye's
Bill examined

And the Committee having examined the same,

Resolved,

That it be recommended to the Court, ^{recommended to be paid} to order payment of Mess^{rs}. Winter and Kaye's Bill for Law Charges from Easter Term 1805, to the 16th September last, amounting to £2932.5. -

Friday the 11th October 1805

Present

M^r. Harman, M^r. Maitland and M^r. Olive

The proceedings of the last Committee were read.

M^r. Bliss's Accounts of
Disbursements &c^a

The Committee took into consideration M^r. Bliss's Statement of Attendances from the 18th Dec^r 1804, to 30th April last being 94 Days & 8 Nights

Also his account of Disbursements from 1st May last to the 29th June following amounting to £68.3.7. His Attendances 55 Days & 7 Nights.

Also his Disbursements from the 1st July to the 2^d Sept^r last amounting to £72.12.9. His Attendances 56 Days & 6 Nights.

And

And Mr. Kaye and Mr. Hase being able to say very little to either,

A full Committee to investigate Mr. Bliff's accounts &c.

The Committee were of Opinion, that the Accounts required a very full investigation and deferred coming to any determination thereon, until a full Committee could be held on the business.

Wednesday the 23rd October 1805.

Present

Mr. Bosanquet

The proceedings of the last Committee were read.

Mr. Kaye's Report respecting the persons who detected &c. the French Prisoners.

Mr. Kaye reported that in August 1804, a plan was formed at Norman Cross Barracks by several French Prisoners to forge and circulate Bank Notes.

A communication was made by Alexander Coulton, a German one of the prisoners of War, (since released by Government on account of his good conduct) to Capt. Prossland the Agent of the Transport Board.

Capt. Prossland could not be seen to communicate direct with the Prisoners, and therefore employed Mr. Todd and Mr. Delapour, two of the Store Clerks appointed by Government, and as their Offices led them frequently to converse with the Prisoners they could collect information without Suspicion.

In a subsequent stage they induced Francois Raige

Raige, who was in the secret to communicate to them all that was going on; this Man was afterwards a principal Witness, and to protect him from the resentment of the other Prisoners it was necessary to commit him to Huntingdon Gaol; where he was confined apart from any other Prisoner, 9 Months.

Capt. Prepsland and the two Store Clerks were engaged daily in obtaining information and concerting plans for detecting the Fabricators during the latter end of the month of August, the whole of September, and till the 19.th October 1804.

The Persons deserving the consideration of the Bank are, Capt Prepsland, M^r W^m Todd & M^r Delapoux. Francois Raige & Alexander Coulon, Prisoners of War.

Pa^r. Marshall pleads
guilty to an Indictment.

M^r Raige also reported that James Marshall was prosecuted at the last Lancaster Assizes for uttering forged Bank Notes at Manchester, and pleaded guilty to an indictment for the lesser Offence.

John Roberts. D^r.

That John Roberts was prosecuted at the last Assizes at Ruthin for uttering forged Bank Notes in Denbighshire, and he also pleaded guilty to an indictment for the lesser Offence.

Acc^{ts} of the Solicitor &
Constables at Denbigh

M^r Raige laid before the Committee the account of M^r Williams the Solicitor employed at Denbigh for his trouble respecting various Offenders in Denbighshire amounting to £31. 17. 9 also the Account of the Constables amounting to £28. 14. 10.

M^r

Application from
Constables at Birmingham

M^r Kaye also laid before the Committee an application from Vincent Eagle, one of the Constables at Birmingham, requesting a further reward for apprehending George Smith, and other Services.

Ordered,

Various Rewards &c.
ordered.

That Fifty Guineas, be given to Capt. Respland.
Twenty Guineas each, to M^r. Todd and M^r.
Delapour

£25. to Francois Raige and

£30. to Alexander Coulon, for detecting &c.
the two French Prisoners; and that
an application be made for the release
of F. Raige.

That £25. be given to the publican and
£25. to the Constables for detecting &c.
James Marshall.

That £51. 17. 9. be paid to M^r. Williams the
Solicitor at Denbigh, being the
amount of his Account.

£28. 14. 10. be paid to the Constables being
the amount of their Acc^t and

That £50. be given to the said Constables
for their Services.

That £30. be given to Vincent Eagle, Wm.
Payne and John Webster as a
further reward for apprehending
George Smith &c.

Ordered,

to be paid to M^r Kaye

That the above Sums amounting to
£360. 2. 7 be paid to M^r. Kaye.

Upon reading a Letter from Mess^{rs}. Smithers
& Hills, addressed to the Governor.

Resolved

Directions respecting
Smithers & Co.

Resolved

That Messrs Winter and Kaye be directed to inform Messrs Smithers & Hills, that unless a Commission of Bankrupt is issued against them, or their Effects assigned for the benefit of the Creditors without delay, the Bills held by the Bank will be enforced.

application from the
assignees of Rich.
Ginger.

Upon reading a Letter from J. Thomas & Sons, the Solicitors to the Assignees under a Commission of Bankrupt against Richard Ginger, issued in November 1796, addressed to the Secretary, requiring repayment of the sum of £82.3.7. received for a Dividend upon a Debt of £328.14.6. due on three Bills of Exchange proved under the said Commission: and which Debt has since been expunged under the order of the Lord Chancellor; it having been established that Ginger had committed an act of Bankruptcy previous to his accepting the said Bills.

Resolved;

To be recommended to
be complied with.

That it be recommended to the Court to comply with the said Demand; the Committee being of Opinion, that as the Debt has been expunged, the Bank is not entitled to retain the Dividend.

Thursday the 24th October 1805.

Committee for Law Suits after the
rising of the Court.

Present

M^r Bosanquet, M^r Harman, M^r Oliver & M^r Smith

Proceedings
specially confirmed ✓

The Proceedings of the last Committee
were read, and that part respecting the
distribution of the Rewards, specially confirmed

Upon taking into consideration the
following Resolution of the Court of Directors
this Day Viz:

"Resolved,

Reference of the Court
resp. M^r Andrew Stirling's
Bills. ✓

"That it will not be expedient to
"renew the Notes given by Andrew Stirling
"which fall due on the 2^d of November next,
"and that it be referred to the Committee for
"Law Suits, to take the proper Steps to obtain
"Payment, or such security as the Committee
"may find obtainable."

Ordered,

Secretary to wait on
him. ✓

That the Secretary do wait upon
M^r Andrew Stirling, and inform him, that it
is not the intention of the Bank to renew his
Bills which fall due the 2^d of November next.

Thursday the 31st October 1805.

Present

M^r Bosanquet, M^r Harman & M^r Maitland.

The Proceedings of the last Committee were read.

Secretary's Report rec^d of
Andrew Stirling

The Secretary reported that agreeably to the directions of the last Committee, he had been to M^r Andrew Stirling's House, on Thursday afternoon last, where he was informed by M^r Walter Stirling, that his Brother was in Scotland, and uncertain when he would return; but that he would immediately make the necessary communication to him.

Report rec^d of Tho^s Ware. M^r Kaye reported that information had been received, that Thomas Ware apprehended in 1803, for uttering forged Bank Notes, and who then escaped from the Officers of Justice under pretence of giving Assistance in the detection of others, is now resident at Witney in Stafford^{shire}. Ordered,

to be apprehended.

That Mess^{rs} Winter and Kaye be directed to send proper persons to enquire for and apprehend the said Thomas Ware.

See resp^y of T Clarkson &
his wife

M^r Kaye submitted to the Committee a Letter from M^r Spurrier of Birmingham, stating that Tho^s Clarkson and his Wife, had advanced £14, to buy up some plates for forging Bank Notes in the hands of George Smith.

£14. to be paid her.

Ordered, That M^r Kaye be authorised to pay the said Sum of £14. to Tho^s Clarkson's Wife

M^r

Let recommending
Mr Williams to share
in a reward.

Mr Kaye laid before the Committee a
Letter from Mr Griffith a Magistrate at Donbigh
recommending Mr Williams to share in the reward
of £50, ordered to be paid to the Constables for
apprehending Roberts.
Ordered.

assented to.

That Mr Kaye be directed to signify
the assent of the Bank to Mr Griffith's recommendation.
Ordered.

Mr Glover to make out his
acc^t as Mr Bliss.

That Mr Glover do make out & deliver
his accounts in like manner monthly, as
Mr Bliss.

Upon examining Thomas Bliss's accounts
of Disbursements, and Attendances relating to
tracing forged Bank Notes &c.^a

Tho Bliss's acc^t ordered
to be paid.

Ordered.

That the said Thomas Bliss be paid the
following Sums.

For his Attendances from the 18 Dec 1804	
to the 30 th April 1805 being 94 Days & 8 Nights	£ .. s .. d
at 10/6 each	53 .. 11 ..
For his Disbursements from 1 May to the	
29 June 1805	68 .. 3 .. 7
Attendances 55 Days & 7 Nights at 10/6 each	32 .. 11 ..
For his Disbursements from 1 st July to	
2 nd Sept 1805	72 .. 12 .. 9
Attendances 56 Days & 6 Nights at 10/6 each	32 .. 11 ..
For his Disbursements from 2 nd Sept to	
the 30 th	24 .. 19 .. 2
Attendances 23 Days & 2 Nights at 10/6 each	14 .. 3 .. 6
	<u>£298 .. 12 ..</u>

And £200. having been paid to Thomas Bliss
on account,

Resolved

Recommendation to the
Gov^r to pay T. Bliss' Bal^{ce}

Resolved,

That it be recommended to the Governor
to order £98.12. - to be paid to Thomas Bliss, being
the balance of his Accounts of Disbursements and
Attendances to the 30th Sept^r last.

Thursday the 7th November 1805
after the rising of the Court.

Present

M^r Bosanquet

M^r Olive

M^r Harman

M^r Smith

The proceedings of the last Committee
were read.

Upon considering the following
Resolutions of the Court of Directors, this
day. Viz:

Resolutions of the
Court resp^d J. A. Stirling &
Co.

"Resolved,

"That the Matter of And^r Stirling &
Co. referred to the Committee for Law Suits &c."

"Resolved,

"That the Matter of Smithers &
Hills be also referred to the said Committee."

Ordered,

Directions to
Winter & Co. thereon.

That Mess^{rs} Winter & Co. do proceed
against all the parties upon the Bills
discounted for Andrew Stirling
Resolved,

That the proposals of Mess^{rs} Smithers &
Hills be rejected; and that Mess^{rs} Winter & Co. be
directed to proceed against them.

James

James Ayres of Stratford not having made any proposals respecting the demands against him,

Ordered,

Directions resp. of
James Ayres.

That M^r Hays do write to the said James Ayres requiring him, to propose some Arrangement by this day Week.

Tho. Glovers Acc^{ts}.
considered & ^a.

Upon considering Tho. Glover's Accounts of Disbursements & Attendances,

Ordered,

That the said Tho. Glover be paid the following Sums.

For his Disbursements from the 1 st May	£.	s.	d.
to the 4 Sept ^r 1805	17	1	8
Attendances 28 Days & 2 Nights at 10 ^s 6 ^d each	15	15	
For petty Disbursements from the 2 ^d May			
to the 28 th Sept ^r 1805	14	11	8

For Attendances from the 7 Mar. 1800.			
to the 14 th Sept ^r 1805 - 64 Days &			
Nights. at 10 ^s 6 ^d each	33	12	

And in consideration of his attendance at extra Hours during a period of 5th years. 12 - - -

£123, 0, 4.

Resolved,

£123, 0, 4 recommended
to the Gov^r to order

That it be recommended to the Governor to order £123, 0, 4 to be paid to Thomas Glover.