

*Minutes
of the Committee of
Treasury,
from the 13th May 1789
to the 29 Sept 1791*

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Minutes of the Committee of Treasury

Wednesday 13 May 1789

Present

Governor
D. Gov.
Mr. Payne
- Ewer
Darch

Em^d. Williams

Sam. Fidor

closing Transfer Books

The Governor produced a Release from the assignees of Eman^d. Williams the late Stone Mason to the Bank for the Balance of Acc^t. due to the Est^t. of - Williams & a Bond of - Indemnity from the two assignees for payment of the same -
agreed that the Balance of 210. 2. 9 be paid to the assignees.

an application of S. Fidor to be allowed something towards the Exp^s he has sustained by E. Williams's Bankruptcy which he stated to amount to more than £200: was rejected because it was considered that the Bank win no ways concerned in the Transaction between Fidor & Williams.

Mr. Edwards produced a Scheme for closing & opening the Transfer Books of the 3 per cent consols 5 per cents and the 3 per cents 1726; which was agreed to.

Thursday 14 May 1789

G. Gov.
D. Gov.
Mr. Payne
- Ewer
Neave
Darch

Butterworth & Collyer

Mr. Pitt one of the Trustees of E. & S. Pugh - produced a letter from Butterworth & Collyer - consenting that the Bank may deliver up to the Trustees of E & S. Pugh 4 Bills amounting to £1698. 2. 7 on the Trustees making good to the Bank the sum unpaid on those Bills - agreed that

as 9 shillings in the Pound has already been paid on the account of Butterworth & Collyer, and Mr. Pitt is to pay 8 shillings in the Pound more, — the Bills may be delivered to Mr. Pitt on his making good the remaining three shillings: and Mr. Chard was directed accordingly.

Present

Friday May 15. 1789

Governor

S. Gov.

Mr. Payne

Mr.

Books to be destroyed

Mr. Edwards was directed to employ the Clerks who attend in the Library, to proceed in looking out & delivering to the Stationers to be destroyed such Cash Books as remain in the Library — up to the Year 1764.

Mr. Pigott's Opinion
about Field's Legacy

Mr. Edwards produced Mr. Pigott's Opinion with regard to the distribution of £556.13.4 — Bank Stock left by the Will of David Field — among 5 of his grand children — which he thought should be divided equally: but Mr. Edwards represented that one of the Parties does not acquiesce & means to take another opinion. — agreed that the Stock ought not to be transferred till the Parties are all agreed.

Prizes to:

Mr. Cole was directed to take 3700 £ prizes at 1/2 per cent. — & was allowed to take any more that might offer, at the same terms

Tuesday May 19. 1789

King
and

Governor
D. Gov.
M^r. Payne
to sign at L^or
Near
Supernumary Watchman
Widow

Allowed M^r. Newland to furnish M^r. Paget &
Dainbridge with 6000 new Half Guineas -
Ordered the Widow of L^ordy one of the
Supernumary Watchmen Dec^d. to be reliev'd
with 5 Guineas.

Thursday May 21. 1789

Governor
D. Gov.
M^r. Payne
L^or
Peterson
Near
Darch
S. I. Company

Took into consideration the Term at which
it has been agreed that the Loan of 600,000 £
to the S. I. Company was to be repaid. which
appearing to be on or before 30 July 1789 -
It was agreed that the Governor in the Committee
should enquire of the Chairman & D. Chairman
if the Company had taken any steps to be
prepared to pay off the same at the stipulated
time.

a Supernumary
Watchman chosen

The Governor informed the Committee one of
the Supernumary Watchman is deceased. -
The Governor recommended John D^oron to succeed
him. who was approved. -

Welsh - Watchman
resigns

Application was made by John Welsh one of
the Watchmen for Leave to resign on account of
his Infirmitie & stating that all his Emoluments
Gratuities &c^r amounted to 51.10 a year when
he was in health & praying a Pension -
agreed to recommend to the Court to allow him 40
a year -

a pension recommended

a Supernumary recom-
mended in his room

agreed to recommend John Griffin Ser^t. Supernumary
to succeed him -

Barker of Willis' Coffee House a Letter from Mr. Barker of Willis' Coffee House stating that the Rent of 200 £ a year demanded of her by Mr. Beazley by order of the Bank is more than she can afford to pay, & requesting her Care to be considered orders that Mr. Beazley inform her her Rent is settled at 180 £ a year, & will not be farther considered.

E. I. Company

The Chairman & Deputy Chairman of the E. I. Company attended the Committee & informed them that it was the Intention of the Company to pay off the Money this Sepia of Parlt: but the manner in which the Comp: were to raise the Money was not yet settled with the Ministers.

Nicholson about Rent

a Letter from Mr. Nicholson stating that he might to be relieved from a Quarterly Rent — from Michs: to Michs: 1780 & that he remonstrated at the time of signing the Agreement to Mr. Winter — was referred to Mr. Winter to report what he remembers on it.

Friday 22 May 1789

Governor
D. J. G.
Mr. Payne
Mr. Evers
Mr. Peters

Mr. Winter reported that Mr. Kage witnessed the Agreement signed by Mr. Nicholson mentioned in the Minutes of yesterday & that Mr. Kage does not recollect that any Objection was made at the time, but certainly there was no serious pointed Objection — Mr. Beazley was directed to tell Mr. Nicholson that the Bank insist on his paying the E. I. Company.

Nicholson's Rent

Monday 25 May 1789

Driggs to be to:

The ~~Protes~~ having reported that there was a 10,000 £ prize in the Market, to be had at $\frac{3}{4}$ discount: Mr. Evans being present, allowed him to take it for the Bank.

Thursday 28 May - 1789

Governor
S. D. Governor
Mr. Payne
Huber
O. S. Arch
Peters
Neave

Confer: with Mr. Pitt
and Lord Selkirk

charter Money

The Governor reported that Mr. Pitt had requested of the Bank that they would - accommodate the Civil List with 100,000 to be repaid by Instalments of 9000 £ a year in 20 years, with Interest for the same - to be allowed to the Bank at such rate as shall be agreed on from time to time; & for the present on Exchequer Bills at $2\frac{1}{2}$ a day. and also that Mr. Pitt proposed to pay off the 500,000 of the Charter Money that was agreed to be paid this year, by giving to the Bank 500,000 £ more of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ Bills. —

Agreed that the Governor should lay the first Proposition before the Court without declaring the sentiments of their Committee and if any Gentleman in the Court should desire to know the Opinion of the Committee that he may say the Committee are against accepting it. —

Li Hoak Thomas
leave to inspect the Books

The Committee consented to the Memorial of
of Sir Hoak Thomas - Trustee of Jefferson Miles &c.
to be allowed to inspect the Bank Books to know
what stock stood in the name of the Dec? -
all the Parties concerned in the chancery suit
Depend ing Thereon, having consented.

Superannuated Watchman

Reynolds Mould, recommended by the D. Govt.
to the Governor to be named as a Superannuated
Watchman was examined & approved as one.

Stevens, Glay's Max

a Complaint of one Stevens against his
Master Curtis the Glay's for having discharged
him his Service - which he suggested was on -
account of his having been active in taking
Dagley who had robbed the Bank of Coffee -
was heard & it appeared ill founded; but it
appearing he was the first who saw Dagley
& was the sole means of detecting Dagley
that he should have 2 Guineas - which
alcock was directed to pay him -

reward for apprehending
Dagley

Friday May 29. 1789

The Governor

D. Gov:

Mr. Payne

Dover

Peters

Conf: with Mr. Pitt
and List Debt

Charter Money

The Governor reported that He & the D. Gov^r had waited on Mr. Pitt this morning with the Sense of the Court as taken yesterday: That he had informed Mr. Pitt the Gent.^l of the Bank could not accede to his Proposal of advancing 180,000 on the Terms he offered, on account of the Length of Time to which the total liquidation was likely to extend. That he also informed him the Bank intended to take the 500,000 \pm of Excheq^r Bills at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per day in discharge of the 500,000 of the Charter Money payable this September Part: but that when the Gent.^l first intimated their Intention of accepting these Exchequer Bills they were not aware any Loan was intended to be made by Government this year: and that he must express that tho' the Bank were desirous of not pressing too hard on Government, yet they could not help declaring their Wish - that these Charter Money might not be considered as a Permanent Loan, but that it may on some future occasion be provided for & reduced.

The Governor
S. Gov.
Mr. Payne

Deport of the Deeds of
Grenada Estates

Tuesday June 2. 1789

Mr. Wintus brought all the Deeds concerning the conveyance of the Parcel & Chemin - Estates in Grenada from the Mess^{rs} Walpole and with one part of the respective Deeds - executed by Mr. Will: Alexander on behalf - of his Father: but as Mr. W. Alexander did not appear to be authorized sufficiently by the Power of attorney he now holds, a fresh Power has been sent out for his Father to execute.

new Power sent to Alexander

which when returned, Mr. W. Alexander is to execute in his names the remaining 3 Parts, which will make the conveyances quite complete. — all the Deeds were put into the Wooden Box which contains the Fifth Deed to the Grenada Estates. —

The two Releases from the Bank to Mess^{rs} Tho^s Walpole & Rich^d: Walpole were also brought by Mr. Wintus to be ready to deliver to those Gentlemen on finally settling their respective Accounts.

Wednesday June 3. 1789

Governor
D. G. W.
M. Payne
Beachcroft
Peters
Ewe -

Lottery dir: of -

The Governor reported that He with the Dep. Governor had attended Mr. Pitt yesterday by appointment, at the disposing of the Lottery when it was taken by Mess^{rs} Cope & Salomons at the price of 5. 8. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ premium on each Ticket, reckoning the number to be 50,000 Tickets. It was mentioned that the Bank Directors were to have 10,000 Tickets as usual.

Thursday June 4. 1789

Governor
D. G. W.
M. Payne
Beachcroft
Ewe
Neen
Peters

R. Walpole paid Release

Mr. Rich^d. Walpole attended & agreed with the Committee in the sum of 4657. 5. 6 as the Balance due from Him to the Bank - & the Bills of Mess^{rs} Walpole Clark & Potts were ordered to be looked out & delivered up to him by Mr. Newland tomorrow together with his Release, on his paying the sum above mentioned.

Friday June 5. 1789

R. Walpole

Mr. Newland informed the Governor that Mr. Rich^d. Walpole had just paid the money mentioned in the minute of yesterday & that the Bills and Release had been delivered to him.

Tuesday June 9. 1789

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Payne
Bleachcroft
Lover
Nease

New Loan concluded on

Thomas Walpole
final Settlement

D. Tellers of the Exch^t

The Governor reported that he & the D. Governor had waited on Mr. Pitt yesterday by appointment to hear the offers made for the Fortitude and the Short Annuities. When the former was taken by Messrs. Angerstein & Johnson, and by Mr. Deraynes - and the latter by Messrs. Pylles Callals, & by Messrs. - Ransom Morland &c - and that 100,000 of the Fortitude was allotted for the Gentlemen of the Bank Direction.

Mr. Mitford attended to receive the Money ~~which was~~ agreed to be paid to the Hon^{ble} Thomas Walpole, which was ordered to be paid to him on signing the Receipt which had been drawn up by Mr. Winter, which was to be witnessed by Mr. Newland. and Mr. Mitford undertook to procure a letter from Mr. Walpole to the Bank approving of the payment having been made to him. -

Mr. Newland represented to the Committee that the ^{Exchequer} Tellers of the Exchequer had applied to him to send up two Clerks from the Bank every day to pay Banknotes to such Persons who apply for payment of Debentures to Loyalists at the Exchequer. The Committee gave direction to Mr. Newland to give for answer to the Dep^y Tellers that the Bank did not consider they had any thing to do with it.

Depot of Mr. Mitford's
Receipt for Mr. T. Walpole

Mr. Mitford's Receipt for the £7000 paid
him for account of Mr. Walpole was put into
the Deed of Conveyance in the Box of the Grenada
Estates which was ordered to be removed from
Mr. Newland's Office into the strong Safe in the
Library.

Wednesday 10 June 1789

Governor
D. Gov.
Mr. Payne

Beachcroft
Peters

Mr. Wint's Expectations
for his extra trouble
in Walpole's affairs

The Governor informed the Committee that
Mr. Wint's had hinted to him, that he had
had a great deal of trouble in settling the
arrangement lately made with Mrs. Walpole
& that he hoped some compensation or
allowance on his Bill might be made to him for it.
The Governor was desired to speak to him &
learn what he expected.

Thursday 11 June 1789

Governor
D. Governor

Mr. Payne
Beachcroft

Went
Peters

Directed the New Safe for the Books
of the Transfer Office to be made use of
tomorrow Evening, it being now quite
ready. —

New safe for the Books

Tuesday 16 June 1789

The Governor
Dep: Gov:

Petition of Mr. Drew

A Petition from a Mr. Drew administratrix
to a Woman named did. who by her
Will had left 40 ± 4 per cents to her natural
child, that this sum might be given up to her
to pay Debt & support the child: was rejected.

Thursday 18 June 1789

Governor
Dep: Gov:

Mr. Beacheroff

Ivan

Near

Peters

Loyalist Debentures

The Governor reported he had received a
Letter appointing himself & the Deputy Governor
to wait on Mr. Pitt tomorrow at one o'clock. &
Desiring they would inform themselves in the
mean time of the Rate of discount at which
the Debentures granted to the American —
Loyalists now sell — & whether they cannot
be sold on better Terms for the Proprietors.

Tuesday 23 June 1789

Governor
D. Gov.
Mr. Ewes
Mr. Beacroft
Mr. Peters

application to put stock
in the name of 9 Trustees
rejected

Refused an application for leave to put
a sum of 2000 £ Annuities in the names
of 9 Trustees, for the Leicester Hospital,
because contrary to the custom of the House.
Refused a like application to put
2000 £ vid: ann: in the names of 5 Trustees
of which Mr. Leo: Darch was one, with
4 other names for a private Trust -
for the same Reason. -

Thursday 25 June 1789

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Beacroft
Peters

French Crowns

an assay to be made

Mr. Gower reprimanded.

The Governor reported that Mocatta &
Goldsmith the Brokers had mentioned that
there frequently comes to England a quantity
of French Crowns, & desiring to know whether
the Bank would any, if there should come
a large quantity.
Ordered Mr. Etheridge to have an assay made
of the new & old French Crowns. -
The Governor reprimanded Mr. Gower one of the
clerks in the Accountants office for having
suffered two months to elapse after one of his
Securities was dead, before he gave notice of
it. -

Thursday 2 July 1789

Governor
S. Governor
Mr. Payne
Beachcroft
Peterson

P. S. Company
to be accommodated

Mr. Devoynes the Chairman of the P. S. Company requested to know the sense of the Bank Court whether they would be willing to accommodate the P. S. Company with about 300,000 £ in the private Securities of the Directors about 160,000 or 170,000 in the Credit of Bonds to be deposited in the Company; undertaking to pay off out of the Installments to be paid in to the Comp^y in the Increase of their Capital of 1,000,000 in the following order, first the the Money in the private Security, next the sum advanced on the Mortgage of the Annuities & then the Money advanced on the Bonds. — agreed to consult the Court thereon this Day. Agreed to pass three Letters of Attorney by Mr. Van Neck from three Gentlemen in Holland of the Name of Van Dyk for the Transfer of Stock, in which the Word sell has been struck out, on Mr. Van Necks indemnifying the Bank & leaving the Letter of advice which came with the Powers. —

Mr. Van Neck
Letter of attorney

Books & Stationers

Gave Directions to Mr. Edwards to send to the two Stationers a parcel of the old Books to be destroyed according to a List made out & marked in the Committee.

Gilman & Ward
for after dance

Directed Mr. Newland to give 5 Guineas each
to Mr. Gilman & Mr. Ward for their attendance
in their Treasury while the Workmen were
taking away the Partition. —

P. I. Company

The Chairman & D. Chairman of the P. I.
Company, waited on the Committee to lay before
them a resolution of their Court of Directors
which differs from the Proposition as made
by the Chairman, inasmuch as the present
Proposal goes to increase their present Loan
on the Credit of the Annuities from 600,000 £
to 800,000 and to have a Credit on the
private Security of the Directors for no
more than 100,000 £ and the exact sum
stated to be advanced on the depositing
of their Bonds was 166,000 £. —

The Committee had no objection to this
alteration in the Proposal & agreed to
recommend it to the Court. —

The



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Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Payne
Mr. Peters

Mr. Wood applicⁿ to transfer
that

Tuesday July 7. 1784

An Application from Mr. Wood the Counsellor
to be allowed to have 125 £ consold. 3 per Ct
transferred to him in an indirect way, on
account of the singularity of the Case & the
enormous expence that would attend taking
out letters of Administration —
was consented to on his giving a Bond of
Indemnity to the Bank & lodging the ap-
pointment of the property to him, at the
Bank.

E. I. Company
supplemental Mortgage

Mr. Winter attended with a draft of the
supplemental Mortgage to be executed by the
E. I. Company for the security of 200,000 £
more, which was ordered to be engrossed, and
the Letter or Order from the Lords of the Treasury
for approving the transaction is to be signed
against the Court on Thursday.

M
Petition of supernumerary
Watchmen

An application from 18 of the Supernumeraries
& constant Watchmen who were on duty all the
night of the Illumination was made for some
allowance for their extra attendance
ordered them a crown a piece. —

Dir of Thomas Croft —

a Petition from Thomas Croft formerly a Watch-
man who has a pension of 25 £ a year for
an Increase was laid before the Committee
ordered him to have 5 Guineas, to be given
him by Mr. Fido as he has no party

Thursday July 9. 1789

Governor
Ed. Govt

Mr. Payne

French Crown b't

apay of 9: b't in

ordered Mocatta & Goldsmith the Prokers
to take about 10 or 11 thoms and French Crowns
which are now on the market at the price of
5 shillings and one farthing an ounce.

Mr. Walker from the Bullion Office reported
that an assay had been made of French Crowns
both mixed, & new & old, separatly - that mixed
Crowns, on the assay proved to be full one penny
better per ounce than new Dollars, that all
new Crowns are better than new Dollars, and
all old Crowns considerably higher. -

Tuesday July 14. 1789

Governor
Ed. Govt

Mr. Payne

Mr. Peters

Mr. Beacheroff

Power to transfer stock
rejected

Mr. Reynolds
desired the state of an
account

Mr. Edwards produced a Power from some
Parties abroad to transfer Stock, to which one of
the Executors had signed but the other had not
an affidavit being produced that the other was
incapable of doing any act thro' illness -
He was directed to inform the Parties the Bank
could not let them act & they must apply
to the Court of Chancery.

A Mr. Reynolds applied to be informed what
sum if any is paid in & stands in the Bank
Books on account of Jas. Johnson and Hen. Girth
or apregues of Lewis Mendes a Bankrupt -
The Accountant having reported that there had
been such an Account which had been closed
many years ago - agreed that Mr. Reynolds may
be informed there is no such acct: at present at the Bank

Wednesday July 15. 1789

E. I. Company, Deed
looked up -

The Governor delivered to the Committee in writing the following Deeds which were by them looked up in the Safe in the Committee Room - viz:

The Deed of Assignment for securing 200,000 £ for the E. I. Company & the Bank

The Deed of Covenant thereon and The Treasury Warrant authorizing the said Transaction.

Thursday 16 July 1789

Governor

D. G. P.

M^r. Beacheroff

M^r. Peters -

Scheme for altering Recite
of 28 y^r. annu^l.

M^r. Edwards produced a Scheme for altering the Recite to be given on the Transfer of the 28 years annuities, now that an addition has been made to them by the late creation of an additional Sum. - which was approved. -

Wednesday 22^d July 1789.

Governor

M^r. Payne

M^r. Dayrell

Richardson's Leases -

M^r. Beazely attended & explained the Houses in possession of M^r. Richardson to be as follows by comparing the Enroll wth the Building Committee Book -

One Agreement of a House to Greenwood from Ann 1768 for 21 Years. at 60th £200 - £120 -

One Ditto, on an Agreement to Campbell for 70th to Nicholson, by him to Poole & since to Richardson from 1st of Jan 1772 for 21 y^r. } 105 -

One Ditto, on an Agreement to Nicholson from 1st of Jan 1772 for 21 y^r. at 70th £70. - } 120. -

Ordered M^r. Beazely to give J^o. Winter's Directions to draft Stonnely Lease, w^{ch} has hitherto been omitted -

application & transfer into 6
names rejected. -

Affidavit application to admit a Bequest to be transferred into new names -

Governor
Mr. Payne
Mr. Brachcroft
Mr. Darrell
Mr. Peters

Stationer's acc. of old store

Mr. Winter took away the
Rentall of the Estates

Governor
Mr. Payne
Mr. Darrell
Mr. Brachcroft
Mr. Winter returned the
Rentall with Interest

Leave for Mr. Bonnet

to pay the Shop Tax

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Payne
Brachcroft
Darrell

Mr. Hilcock for his
maid servant hurt at
the Bank -

Thursday 23rd July 1789. (19)

Mr. Edwards produced the Stationers Book of
Old Stores w^{ch} he had delivered this month
& had ordered the short Abstracts to be cut -

Mr. Winter attended & took the Rentall made
out by Mr. Beazley of the Bank Estates to
examine what Leases & Agreem^{ts}. He had in
his possession & was directed to bring them
to the Bank & to make out such as have
not yet been drawn -

Friday 24th July 1789.

Mr. Winter brought a Rent Roll of the
Bank's Estates, with his Observations thereon
respect^g the Leases made out & the
Agreem^{ts}. subsisting, which the Gov^r. delivered
into the Secretary's Custody -

Mr. Bonnetts Pouse appearing by the
Building Committee's Book to have been let
on a verbal Agreem^t. on the terms of James's
Lease the late Tenant, S^r. Leas was given to
Mr. Winter to order to prepare one for Mr.
Bonnett -

Ordered Mr. Nauland to pay to Mr. Blandland
the Collector of the Duty on Shops, £200 -
in full of the Assessment on the Bank, being
for 24th & 2^d of 10th on their Premises
deemed liable to S^r. Duty, val^{ue} £1000 -

Tuesday 28 July 1789

Mr. Hilcock on behalf of the young Woman -
his Niece & Servant who met with the accident
by the fall of the Crown from the Top of the
Bank at the time of the Illumination, attended
& reported Mr. Saffery had received 12 Guinees
for his Bill for attending her -

Ordered that this sum be repaid, & thirty pounds
given to her for other Expenses & satisfaction to
herself. -

Mr. Winter reported that Lamb was in custody

Lamb in custody

who was charged about Nov: 1787 with uttering the 20 £ Notes which appeared to have been forged with Indian Ink — that he had attended the Examination & that Lamb is fully committed & that a Reward is due of 50 £ for the apprehending — which Mr: Winter was directed to pay. —

Mr: Townsend —

Mr: Townsend just arrived from Grenada attended the Committee to report the State of the Bacquet & Chemin Estates.

Thursday July 30. 1789

Governor

Ed. Gov

Mr: Payne

Beachcroft

Peters

Darell

Mr: Ja: Tatlock

asks time for his Bills

Mr: Ja: Tatlock attended the Committee to explain the situation of his concerns with respect to the Bills in the possession of the Bank drawn on Gibson & Co. by Tatlock he stated that his affairs are in Trust in the names of Sir T. Wallis, now dead, Higgins Eden Jon: Holmes Will: Prescott & Tho: Sedgwick — he prayed that the Bank would allow him ~~not~~ to postpone taking up ~~those~~ Bills till after the decision of the Court with respect to the Bills with fictitious Endorsements which must come on in November — for should he repay the Bank now, he would not be allowed to prove against Gibson & Co, & should lose all the Money, according to the late decision in Chancery. —

Mr: Tatlock was desired to let the Trustees know the Bank would speak with them at two day the

21st of August was fixed for the Meeting.

Tuesday 4 August 1789

Governor
Ed. Gov:

Mr. Payne

Beachcroft

Darrell

Schemes for closing
the Books

applicⁿ to advance
on the Fortune

Forged Warrant

probably by T. Silk

Mr. Edwards produced a Scheme for shutting
the Books of Bank Stock to be laid before the
Court on the 5th by which the Books are to be
shut from 4 Sept: to 23 Oct. & the Court for
declaring the Dividend to be on 17th Sept: -
Also Schemes for closing the Books of
The Reduced, the Four per cent, Long Annuit^y,
and Consolidated Annuit^y for 28 Years -
all which were approved.

Mr. Angerstein & Mr. Johnson applied to
the Committee to advance on the Fortune in
any manner the Bank might think proper
agreed to lay the matter before the Court. -

Mr. Edwards brought in a Warrant which had
been paid for 7.10/- to one Will: Archer which
appears to have been forged -

Will: Archer was examined as well as Foxton
& Farmer two of the Clerks - and Mr. Vickery
was examined likewise & it appeared that he
was informed of this Business on Thursday in
the Forenoon but never mentioned it till this mor-
ning. - It appeared probable that one -
Silk had committed the Forgery -

Wednesday Aug: 5. 1789

Governor.
D. Governor
Mr. Payne

Printers of Newbury
writes a Letter

Secretary & answers it

Mr. Payne goes
Mr. Darch present

a Forgery for £2000 that
Edmund Grubb claims it

a Letter received by the Governor from one
Printer at Newbury representing that there
was stock standing in the names of Trustees
for the benefit of a Society of Widows & others
which was intended to be sold by the Trustees
& requesting that the Bank would stop
the sale being read - the Deputy Sec^y
was directed to answer it & inform the Writers
that the Bank could not prevent the sale
but that the Parties must apply to the
Court of Chancery for an Injunction if
they suspect any fraud on the part of the
Trustees.

Mr. Edwards brought in one Edm^d Grubb
who claimed 20 pounds reduced Annuitants
that appear to have been transferred away
by virtue of a power of Atty to one Thomas
Grubb - which he declared was a Forgery.
on Examination of the Business there was
great reason to believe it a Forgery & direction
was given to have the Books at the Navy
Office examined - it appearing the Parties
were all in the Navy. —

Thursday 6 Aug: 1789

Governor

D. Gov?

M^r Payne

Blackcroft

Peter

Darch

Lamb acquitted

Alexander's Power sent out

Schemes for the
Certificates for the Portone

Browning knew Tho?
Grubb, believed him
dead

M^r Wintles informed the Committee that Lamb tried at Croydon for uttering a forged Bank Note had been acquitted. He also acquainted the Committee that the Power of Attorney to be executed by M^r Alexander in America to complete the Deeds of the Grenada Estates had been delivered to a Capt. Blakeney now going out to be transmitted to M^r Alexander. —

M^r Newland produced a Scheme for the Certificates to be given to the Parties who are the Holders of the Portone, & he was directed to strictly follow the words of the Act of Parliament.

M^r Browning having been examined that as to his knowledge of Thomas Grubb who is the Person named in the forged Power of Edmund Grubb — & he said that he had been informed some time since that Thomas Grubb had been killed in some Engagement in the American Service. — Further directions were given to have the Books at the Navy Office examined.

Friday 7 Aug: 1789

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Payne
Beachcroft
Peters
Darrk

2^d of 2^d Bills
a Mistake in doing it

Mr. Newland mentioned to the Committee that in the Exchange of the Exchequer Bills made last weeks at the 2^d cheques there ought to have been 500,000 in 2¹/₂ a day Bills instead of the like sum in Bills at 3¹/₂ per cent being the 3^d payment of the Charter Money. — on examination it appeared that no Minute had ever past the Court for this Transaction: no regular application to the Court having been made from the Chancellor of the Exchequer farther than taking the Sense of the Court.

Mr. Newland to go to the Treasury about it.

Directed Mr. Newland to go up to Mr. Rose immediately & inform him of the Mistake & say that the Gov: D. Governor wished to see Mr. Pitt upon it, as soon as he can be seen. —

Mr. Newland & Mr. Edwards in future to take directions from the Governor

Mr. Edwards & Mr. Newland were both directed in future to take directions from the Governor what Bills were to be accepted, from the 2^d cheques in exchange for Bills cancelled.

Equitable Assurance Company of Calcutta

An application from Smith, & Atkinson — on behalf of the Equitable Assurance Company at Calcutta, ^{for the Bank} to be the Deposit of their Cash & to pay their annuities was recd. — & the Governor was desired to inform them that the Bank never enters into any correspondence & could not undertake this kind of business.

Tuesday Aug: 11. 1789

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Paine

Mr. Bolton & W.
for Tho: & J. Tatlock

Mr. Bolton attended in the behalf of the Trustees of Tho: & James Tatlock & reported that the Trustees had taken upon themselves the Trust & had received all the Effects & did not intend to make any distribution of any part of the Property to any set of the inheritance until after the determination of the cause respecting the Bills drawn on Gibson & Johnson which is to come on in November. [except the payment of small debts, not to exceed 1000 £ in the whole]. That the Bank would therefore be equally well secured in their Demand on Tatlocks by waiting a few Months, as they would be if they proceeded immediately to recover the amount of the Bills in the Bank, on Tatlocks.

agreed that the Demand on Tatlocks to take up the Bills discounted by them may be dormant till after the Settling in November.

Promising about
Thomas Grubb

Mr. Edwards reported that Mr. Browning had written to Portsmouth to enquire after Thomas Grubb, & that he finds he has not been heard of for many years, & that his Wife has been several years married again. Ordered that Mr. Broke of the Bank Note Office be paid 5 Guineas for his trouble in

Mr. Broke & G.

attending the Affairs at Croydon on the
Trial of Lamb for forgery. —

Thursday Aug: 13. 1789

Governor
D. Govt:

Mr:

Beachcroft

Peters

Darell —

Navy Bills next in course

other Navy

how to be bought

Mr: Landers 20th

Mr: Newland represented that by the
present Method of taking in Navy Bills —
next in course, at par — the Bank are sometimes
losers, as it happens that the Navy Bills
are sometimes set off for payment before —
sufficient Interest has accrued to repay
the Brokerage. —

Directed Mr: Cole & Templeman not to take in
Navy Bills next in course unless he can have them
at 10 per cent. discount — the former Order
of giving 10 per cent. premium on other Bills &
Interest is continued, & he was directed to
give constant Information whenever any parcel
of consequence is in the Market.

Directed that Mr: Landers have 20 Guineas
as a present for his attendance at Croydon
on the Trial of Lamb & for his Expenses &
this is intended as some little Doucous to
Mr: Landers who had applied for an Increase
of his Annuity & which was not thought proper
to be granted.

Friday Aug: 14. 1789

Conf: with Mr. Pitt
about the Exch^t of
the Exch^t Bills

The Governor and Deputy Governor waited on Mr. Pitt by appointment and informed him of the mistake which had happened in exchanging the 1,000,000 of Exch^t Bills remaining of the Charter Money, of which there ought to have been 500,000 in the 2^d bills — He was also apprized that the Bank had had this year no application from the Treasury as usual to exchange any part of the Exchequer Bills advanced on by the Bank except the communication made some time ago by Mr. Pitt to the Governor to propose taking the leave of the Court whether they would accept 2^d adagio Bills in payment of the 500,000 of the Charter Money, & that altho' the Court had assented to this, yet no formal application having been made nothing had been put on the Minutes: consequently the 3rd Million of last year's Bills which had been exchanged for new ones must be considered as having been done without any authority of the Court: and that altho' the officers of the Bank could not well refuse to accept them when sent for at the requisition of the Exchequer; yet in fact they were answerable for having acted without authority.

Mr. Pitt said, to be sure there had been an omission in not making the application to the Bank and an oversight in not having provided by Act of Parliament for these Bills according

to Agreement. that he did not see how the —
 oversight could be rectified now, but by
 settling that the Bank should receive the
 Difference of Interest at the End of the year.
 that the Acts should be looked into to see
 whether they had power to remedy the mistake
 & that he would look back to find what had
 been the usual form of a Letter to the Bank
 on occasion of exchanging Exchequer Bills,
 & that the Bank should have a letter before
 the next Court. —

The Govt:

D. Govt:

M^r. Poyne

Refused a Transfer

unless M^r. Piggott advises
 otherwise

Refused another
 Transfer —

Gave Directions to M^r. Edwards to refuse
 the Transfer of 1375 — per cent consols bequeathed
 by one Sophia Martin specifically, in order
 to pay pecuniary Legacies bequeathed by her,
 unless under the authority of the Court of —
 Chancery. But if the Parties concerned to
 save themselves expense are willing to consult
 M^r. Piggott on the case [letting M^r. Edwards
 see it before it goes to him] & his opinion sh^d.
 be that the Bank would be justified in trans-
 ferring, very probably his opinion will induce
 them to do it. —

Mr. Wilson having left his property to —
 Trustees, who refuse to act — & the Parties being
 desirous of all joining in a Release provided the
 Bank will consent that his stock shall be put in
 the name of Trustees nominated instead of the
 others — M^r. Edwards was directed to inform

them that if they will consult Mr. Winter & he thinks it proper the Bank will consent, but if Mr. Winter thinks it a doubtful case, Mr. Pigott's opinion must be taken by the Parties - in which the Bank will be regulated.

Mr. Winter having called & seen the D. Govt. & Mr. Payne & talked over the business of Tils on's Will - it was agreed that Mr. Edwards should tell the Parties the Transfers cannot be permitted.

Tuesday 18th Aug^r 1789.

Gov^r
Mr. Becheroff
Mr. Darrell
Mr. Peters

Ans: L Smith and -
attention about the appl^s
from the Equitable Society

a forged Warrant paid

a Reward for apprehending
J. Silk

applicatⁿ to advance
on the short Annuitie
& on the Lottery

Letter fr. L. Fidor

Satisfaction to Guest
& Colv

Mr. Darrell acquainted the Gov^r. that ~~Mr. Darrell~~
~~had~~ on Saturday last delivered to Mess^{rs} Smith
& Atkinson, the Letter they left wth the Committee
of 7th Ins^{ts} & had informed them that the Bank
w^{ld} not engage in the Business mentioned in
D. Letter

Mr. Edwards brought in a Warrant w^{ch} had been
paid for £2.5 - to one Tho^s Roberts, which
appears to have been forged & was ready 27 July
upon Roberts' Examine^r. it appeared probable
that Tho^s Silk had committed the forgery being
Secretary to the Society & that he was seen by
the Broker at the Bank on Friday last.

The Committee agreed that Mr. Winter sh^d give
notice to R. Sampson Wright's People that they
sh^d have a reward of £21. -- Upon their
apprehending J. Silk -

Mr. Newland said he had an Application from
Capt the Broker & others to know if the Bank
w^{ld} advance money for the future Payments
on the short Annuitie & on the Lottery for
the present Year.

A Letter to the Gov^r. & Dep^y Gov^r. from Mr. Fidoe
stating a Loss he has sustained of £273.3. by
Em^{rs} Williams late Home W^{as} on to the Bank
was read by the Dep^y Gov^r. being absent, the Gov^r.
recommended to Fidoe to delay presenting any
Petition till he had advised wth the Dep^y Gov^r.

Mr. Winter recommended some satisfaction to be made
to Guest & Colvill, the former having requested paym^t.
of the £20 note for^d by bank in the Letter having been
kept in Prison for 3 Days & been very uncomfortable
in the apprehen^s of death -

Thursday 20 August 1789

The Governor
Mr. Beacheroff
Neave
Peters
Darell

Gardener to resign

Mr. Wilkinson to be
allowed 4 in the Pound

Satisfaction to
Colwid & Guest
regulated

E. I. Company
about Dollars

Mr. Gardener the Cashier having informed the Committee that he intended to petition the Court to be permitted to resign, agreed to recommend to the Court to comply & to allow him a Pension, during pleasure, of £200: p. Ann. (his Salary being £220) in consideration of 44 years Service & of his advanced age, of 76 years.

Mr. Curry, on the behalf of Mr. Wilkinson, represented the hardships of her Case In her late Bankruptcy, & recommended the bank to relinquish about 4 in the £ of the dividend to be made, as himself & other assignees had done - told him the Committee would lay the proposal before the Court

The Committee taking into consideration the satisfaction suggested by Mr. Winter the 18th instant to be made to Colwid and Guest, agreed to Direct Mr. Winter to pay Colwid £21. for the trouble he has had, & Guest the ~~same~~ Sum of £15.15 merely as a Consideration for his trouble & not as any part of the loss he suffered by taking the note of £20 forged by Lamb, in payment.

Mr. Devaynes chairman of the East India Co. informed the Committee that the Company intended to purchase 1,500,000 Dollars & to treat with the Bank to supply the whole, but not having power to conclude a

Bargain, would next week make proposals on behalf of the Company: namely on Thursday.

Satisfaction & Justice & Colville further regulated

M^r Winter attending, directed him to give Colvil £ 21. - as abovementioned & only £ 10. 10. - to M^r Guest & £ 5. 5. - to M^{rs} Guest

Tuesday 25 Aug: 1789 -

Governor

D. Gov^t

M^r Deacheroff

Heave

Barck

Rejected a Memorial from a M^r David Hunter to allow of a Power of Attorney he produced from 3 Persons in America for transferring some Stock - on account of its irregularity. -

Rejected a lett. of atty

note to M^r Pitt

Directed the Secretary to write a Note to M^r Pitt requesting an answer to the representation made by the Gov^t & Sep. Gov^t & M^r Pitt on the 14th instant concerning the Lychesf^t Bills. -

Thursday 27 Aug: 1789

G^oW^m

D. Gov^t

M^r Deacheroff

M^r Heave

M^r Peters

Petition fr. L. Fidor

The Governor produced a Petition from Sam^l Fidor to the Court of Directors to be allowed something towards his losses sustained by the Bankruptcy of Eman^l Williams the Stone Mason: and he was called in, and having reconsidered his Petition, he desired to withdraw the Petition for the present, & he talked of presenting another.

Gratuities for the Lottery

The Governor reported the List of Gratuities to be allowed to the Clerks who took in the

Lottery for the last year, which is conformable
to the Gratuities given ~~the~~ ^{the former} except one trifling
Difference where the Death of a Cashier had
occurred. which was approved. the Total £417-

Chairman of S. P. Comp^y Mr. Devaynes called & said that it was
not yet settled at the S. P. House what
Proposals should be made to the Bank res-
pecting the Silver.

Tuesday Sept^r 1. 1789

Governor

D. Gov^r

Mr. Peters

Barrell

Heave

Barbut suspended

Mr. Newland sent to the
Treasury

advertisement ordered
for Silk

The Governor acquainted the Committee
he had suspended Mr. Barbut he having
been absent a considerable time without leave
& it not being known where he is.

Mr. Newland was directed to go up to the
Treasury & endeavour to see Mr. Rose or Mr.
Steele & express the Surprise of the Gentlemen
that they have had no Answer from Mr. Pitt
about the Exch^d Bills, & to prep for the
settlement of that Business.

Saw Mr. Winter's Clerk & directed Advertisement
to be put in the Papers & hand Bills disposed
for the apprehending Tho. Silk with a reward of
20 Guineas.

Thursday Sept: 3. 1789

Governor
D. Govt:
M^r. Peter
Neave

M^r. Newlands Ans: for
the Treasury about the
Exch^d. Bills.

The Governor informed the Committee M^r. Newland has been up to the Treasury in consequence of the Directions given on the 1st inst^t, that he had seen M^r. Steele & given the Message directed; who informed him that he should see M^r. Pitt the next day, that a Letter respecting the Exchange of the Exch^d. Bills in general should certainly be sent for the Court this day, but that ~~that~~ the proposal for regulating the Exch^d. of the 500,000 £ of the Charter Money into Bills at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per day must be delayed for ^{another} ~~short time~~ ~~week~~ as it could not be ready for this day. But that no letter was yet come.

Thursday Sept: 10. 1789

Governor
D. Governor
M^r. Beacher of L^d
M^r. Neave
M^r. Peter

M^r. Lewis Tappin brought a Certificate for a M^r. Wire a Bankrupt which he represented had been signed by all the Creditors except one, & requesting the Bank would cause it to be signed, as without it the Bankrupt could not get it allowed.

M^r. Wire's Certificate The Governor was desired to enquire particularly whether there was no more than one Person who had not signed: & if that should appear to be the Fact, he was desired to give Directions for the Certificate to be signed.

Ch. Officers enjoined not
to exchange Exch^r Bills, —
without Orders.

The Chief Accountant and Chief Cashier were
called in & informed by the Governor, that he had
the Direction of the Court to enjoin them on
no account in future to presume to apply to the
Committee in waiting to take out & exchange the
Supply Bills & other Exchequer Bills (not deposited
on the Land & Malt) when called for at the
Exchequer, without having been previously informed
of an Order of Court for the Purpose, or being
authorized by one of the Governors.

Warden on close Holidays,

A Representation was made by Mr. Billing that
the five Wardens who attend on a Sunday & close
Holidays were distressed to get their Dinners
& that he was obliged to let them go off by two
at a time; which he did not think consistent
with the Orders established, & he requested the
Committee would make some allowance to the
Men to have a Dinner in the Bank —

additional allowance

Agreed that six shillings be allowed for
every Sunday & close Holiday to be expended
in the Bank, & in consideration of this no
one of the five to be allowed to go out. —

Tuesday Sept: 15. 1789

Governor

Ed. Governor

Mr. Brachcroft

Heave

Peters

Darck

half yearly accounts

The Committee examined the half yearly accounts preparatory to their being laid before the Court of Directors. —

Wednesday Sept: 16. 1789

Governor

Ed. Governor

Mr. Brachcroft

Darck —

Mr. Peters

Centinel's Coats ordered
a Signer of Dr. Warrants
recommended

The Tailor who made the Coats for the Bank Watchmen received orders to make 4 Coats for the Centinels, to be delivered before Michaelmas.

Agreed to recommend to the Court Mr. John Cotton to be appointed a Signer of Dividend Warrants.

gratuity, to Mr. Walsh
for the Index

Agreed that Mr. Walsh have a present of Thirty Guineas for his trouble in making out an Index to the Titles of the Statutes relating to the Bank

Thursday Sept 17. 1789

Governor

Ed. Governor

Mr. Brachcroft

Heave

Peters

Darck

The Governor mentioned that the Bank Money Brokers had applied to him, in consequence of the determination of the E. I. Comp^y to advertise for a Tender of Dollars to be made to them, to know whether the Bank would take any part in the Proposals that would be made to the E. I. Company, which they might do without appearing in it, by means

E. I. Comp^y having advised
-tised for Dollars -

not to alter the Bank
Price of Dollars

Dividend recommended

Governor
S. Governor
Mr. Peter

Mr. White about the
Taunton Ann^y Society

Mr. Devaynes
Silver

of the Brokers, or whether they would make any
alteration in the Price they give for Dollars. —
Agreed that it is not proper for the Bank to take
any Notice of the Advertisement of the E. I. Company
or to make any alteration in their usual mode of
buying Silver or in the Price they give, in conse-
quence of the Advertisement. —

agreed to recommend to the Court of Directors
a Dividend of £3.10 per cent. —

Wednesday Sept^r. 23. 1789

The Secretary produced a letter from
Mr. White of the House of Commons, with
a copy of a Bill proposed to be brought into
Parliament for incorporating the Society of
Annuitants of Taunton & desiring the
Opinion of the Governors whether the Bill
will answer the Purposes stated in Mr. White's
Letter. —

Directed the Secretary to send an Answer
to Mr. White informing him that it is not
usual for the Court of Directors to give any
Opinion on a Bill of this nature — but if Mr.
White will call at the Bank the Governor will
give his own Opinion upon it.

Mr. Devaynes informed the Committee
that the E. I. Company had had Offer for their
Silver which he believed they would accept &
that they came out about 5.0 ⁷/₂ per ounce for
ready money.

Thursday 24 Sept. 1789

Governor
D. Governor

Mr. Brachcroft
near
Peter
Dart

Mr. March, Printers
Petition

Old Papers under the
Vestibule

Let:
D. Gt:

Mr. Brachcroft
a Bank Post bill &
to Rawlins.

A Petition from Mr. March the ^{to the Bank} Printers, that
he may be allowed to insert his Son's name with
his own in his Bills, his Son having lately -
become his Partner: was consented to, but
this consent not to give any sanction to his Son's
appointment or succeeding to the appointment
of Printers to the Bank.

Mr. Edwards was directed to cause the -
old Papers, which appear to be old transfer Tickets,
now lying under the Vestibule leading from
Bartholomew Lane, to be burnt tomorrow morning
in the Fire place in the Vestibule leading from
the Front Yard, & not to suffer any to be burnt
after 8 o'clock in the morning.

Authorized Mr. Newland to pay 10 £ for a Bank
Post Bill which was brought to the Bank about
11 years ago by one Rawlins, & detained because
it appeared to have been ^{being} picked up in the street by
a poor Girl whose Friends had promised
Rawlins half of it, if he could obtain value
for it. And it appearing that Rawlins had
advertised 5 times for the owner & ^{now} had
suffered any claim to it, and that the Girl was
gone away & it was not known where, & her Sister
attending & claiming her Share of the Note
for having maintained her Sister many years -
Mr. Newland was directed to pay the Money to Rawlins
or Mr. Dutton the Watchmaker his Master, in com-
pensation of the Bank - and Mr. Dutton who

Navy Bills to:

gan Rawlin's a very good Character, promised to see to the fair distribution of the Money.
The D. Governor being at the Bank alone authorized Mr. Cole to take 2,000 £ Navy Bills dated in Sept: 1780 at $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent premium

Governor
D. Governor

Friday Sept: 25. 1789

Old Papers ordered to -
the Stationer

Mr. Edwards, that the Porters were employed three hours this morning in burning the old Transfer Tickets ^{found} under the Vestibule, which was a tedious operation & occasioned a good deal of Smoke out of the Top of the Chimney. on which account, Mr. Governor the Stationer was sent for, & he agreed to take away the Remainder in bags, & send them to the Mill which is to be done the first holiday.

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Beacheroff
Mr. Peters
Mr. Darch
Price of Silver settled

Tuesday Sept: 29. 1789

Took into consideration the Price allowed for the purchase of Silver & directed the Brokers not to give more than 4.11 $\frac{1}{2}$ per ounce for Dollars. —

Governor.
Mr. Beacheroff
Mr. Clifford to leave her
house at Mich:

Thursday 1st Octo: 1789 -

Mr. Beazely reported that Mrs. Clifford had offered to surrender up the Key of the ^{part} of the House she occupied the End of Bonies Street, which Mr. Beazely was ordered to accept of tho' agreeable to the notice given her She sho. have held it till Xmas next -
He likewise reported that Mr. J^r. Richardson had promised in about a fortnight to pay the Rent due for his Premises, part whereof

Richardson promises to pay
his Rent.

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is a House in Possession of the Directors
of the Genl. Insur., which Mr. Beazley
desires the direction of the Comm^y, whether
Richardson or the Insur. Office sh^d. continue
Tenant of —

Thursday October 8. 1789

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Beacheroff
Mr. Neave
Mr. Peters
P. I. Company

a Letter from the P. I. Company proposing
to pay off 400,000 on the 30th October & that
the remainder of their Mortgage Debt should
be allowed to lay for a month longer, was
read previous to its being laid before the
Court. — It was given to Mr. Newland to
show it to Mr. Sibley who is to call for an Ans.ⁿ
tomorrow morning: in order to have it explained
why the Company have stated their debt to
be 725,000 when in fact it is only 700,000. —

Powers of atty. fr: a
Mr. De Bree

Mr. Edwards reported that several Powers
of Attorney had come over from a Mr. De Bree
of Rotterdam to Mr. Warkey & Co. to transfer
to Mr. Van Heek to transfer Stock in which
the Party is described as Schiedam instead
of Rotterdam, & also that several others had
come over in the same form, owing to the
late disturbances in Holland —

Powers under certain
descriptions allowed to
be paid by the Account.

Ordered that when such cases occur, the
Accountant may pass the Powers, on the Party
claiming to act, making a Declaration that
the Person granting the Power is the same
described in the Books, & indemnifying the
Bank from any ill consequence. —

Mr. Lane -

An application from a Mr. Lowe a Cattle
to be indemnified for his time and some
Expences regarding the prosecution of Lamb
was referred to Mr. Winter & he was directed
to satisfy him for the same.

Tuesday Oct: 13. 1789

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Nean
Ray Bills to:

Authorized Mr. Cole to take a parcel of
Ray Bills amounting to 4076.2 Dated
from April 1788 to Jan: 1789, all on Interest
at $\frac{3}{8}$ per cent. premium

Wednesday 14 Oct: 1789

Mocatta & Goldsmiths
Bills

The Governor signed Mocatta and Goldsmiths
Bills for buying Gold & Silver for the Quarters
to 30 Sept: 873.12.2. —

Thursday 15 Oct: 1789

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Deachcroft
Power of Atty requested
to be produced for a Mr.
Wyrick

Mr. Walton presented a Memorial from
a Mr. Browne Desiring that some Powers
of Attorney granted by a Mr. Will: Wyrick
might be produced to her Attorney for him
to see the names of the Witnesses in order to
prove the same in a Suit in Chancery she has
instituted against the Executor of the said
W. Wyrick — He was directed to tell Mr.
Browne the Bank would not object to the
production of these Powers, in case it were

about the Gates

made appear that the Request is at the Desire of both Parties in the Suit.

Mr. Walton mentioned that while the Keys of the Front Gates remain in his custody, in a morning the Workmen come in thro' the new Buildings & are at work frequently all over the House, before the Gates are open —

Mr. Billing was sent for, & it appeared to be necessary to permit the Workmen in the Alterations over the Gateway to come at 6 o'clock, tho' the Great Gates are not open till 7 — Mr. Billing was directed to permit them to come in at that hour thro' the new Building & to give Orders to the Watchman in the Hall not to permit any Workman to go thro' the Hall before 7 o'clock — (this is considered as a temporary order)

Governor

G. Governor

Mr. Beackcroft

Supernumerary -
Watchman appointed

Many Bills to

Friday Oct. 16. 1789

Reynold Morda one of the Supernumerary Watchmen having resigned — Richd. Whitehead applied to be appointed in his room, which was done at the Recommendation of Mr. Beackcroft.

Mr. Cole reported there was a Navy Bill of Jan. 1788 next in course at par — for 800 £ odd and one new Bill for about 1300 £ which he could have at 7d disc^t. — he was directed to take both

Tuesday 20 Oct: 1789

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Neave

St. John's Fund -
Equitable Society

a Memorial from Sir Chas. Gould as President of the Equitable Society for assurances on Lives & Survivorship that the Funds of the Society may be permitted to be put in the names of 5 Trustees according to the Regulations of the Society, & as was done for them 1772 to 1784 which was consented to, on acct. of the peculiar situation of the Society

Thursday 22 Oct: 1789

Governor
D. Governor

Mr. Brachcroft

Mr. Neave

Mr. Peter

Mr. Darrk

Mr. Townsend att:

a Bank Note found

Mr. Townsend waited on the Committee previous to his setting off for Grenada, and he was requested to do all he can for selling the Grenada Estates.

a Letter to Mr. Darrk from a Mr. Eplett of Torgony stating that there is a bank-note of £20 in circulation & desiring to know if it is good was read
the Secy. was directed to inform him that without the Date it cannot be traced.
Mr. Templeman was authorized to take 2 new Bank Notes to the amount of about 2800 at 70 p cent.

Governor
 C. Gov.
 J. W. C. Certif.

Tuesday Oct: 27. 1789

The Secretary was directed to sign the Certificate of John Ellis, it appearing that all the creditors except the Bank had already signed.

Mt. Beacheroff
 Mt. Neave
 Mt. Peters
 Mt. Darch
 Navy Bills to:

Directed Mt. Newland to take a parcel of Navy Bills of Mt. Peters at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Discount, the Bills being dated in Sept: —
 Directed Mt. Cole to take a Navy Bill on Int: dated ~~at~~ in Oct: 1788 at $\frac{3}{8}$ per cent. premium as well as a sum of new Navy at $\frac{7}{8}$ per cent. disc: — as usual. —

Governor
 C. Governor
 Mt. Peters
 Navy Bills to:

Thursday Oct: 29. 1789

Directed Mt. Cole to take a parcel of Navy Bills of about 3000 £ dated in July last at $\frac{1}{8}$ per cent. discount. —

Governor
 C. Governor
 Mt. Beacheroff
 Mt. Neave
 Mt. Peters
 Lord Mayor Elect
 to:

Tuesday Nov: 3. 1789

A Letter was received from the Lord Mayor Elect desiring a Conference regarding the Bank Guard at any time that may be agreeable the Governor was desired to appoint Thursday at 2 o'clock

Key of Safe in the
 Cheque Office

The Safe in the new Cheque Office being completed & there being two Keys to each of

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2 the Great Locks on the 2 Doors of the 2-
Division of the Safe: and also 2 Keys which
open both the small Locks of the said -
two Divisions - one of each of these
3 Keys were taken away & sealed & ordered
to be deposited in the Iron Safe in the Com-
mittee Room -

The Duplicate of the Small Key was -
given to Mr. Edwards to lie in his Office &
to be accessible only to him, to his deputy &
to the Assistant; one of whom is to attend
in the Cheque Office whenever it is necessary
to open the Safe to take out any Bank -
Warrants. - The Duplicates of the other
two great Keys are left with Mr. Baillie
the head of the Office, for the use of the -
Office. -

Thursday Nov: 5. 1789

Governor
Ed. Governor
Mr. Beacheroff
Mr. Neave
Mr. Peters
Mr. Darck

Mr. Price to buy the
Grenada Estates

A Mr. Price waited on the Committee and
desired to know whether the Bank meant to
sell their Grenada Estates, & desiring to see
the appraisement of them. - It was not -
thought proper to shew him the appraisement
but the Particulars were ordered to be extracted
by the Secretary, without the Prices, & are to be
sent to Mr. Price. -

Alderman Pickett the Lord Mayor Elect -

Lord Mayor elect
attended

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had a Conference with the Committee at his
own desire, in which he requested to know whether
the Directors of the Bank thought the continuance
of the night guard at the Bank still necessary.
He was answered that the Directors could not
be induced to say they thought the guard unre-
cessary, as they had great reason to believe it
was highly approved in Foreign Countries, & then
considered as a great security to the property of
the Stockholders, who deemed a guard established
from the Kings own guards, as a greater security
than any private guard. and that the Public
Majority of the Proprietors appeared to be pleased
with it.

Governor
G.D. Governor
Mr. Payne
Mr. Blackcroft
scheme for closing
the Books

Tuesday 10 Nov: 1789

Agreed to a Scheme presented by Mr. Edwards
for closing the Transfer books of Consol: 3 per cent
3 per cents 1726, and 5 per cents - was approved

Governor
G.D. Governor
Mr. Payne
Blackcroft
Neave
Peters
Darell

Thursday 12 Nov: 1789

message about the
composition on Cappers
Bills

Mr. Best having reported that he had received
a message from Mr. Crothor the Solicitor in -
Lewis & Potters Commission that the Bills of
J. Champney to the & Wm: Cappers to the amt: of
461. 4/- for which the Bank had accepted -
Compositions, altho' they have been paid under
the Commission ag: Lewis & Potter, must be
struck off as they cannot be allowed -

Mr. Berk was directed to wait on Mr. Crouther & inform him that the Bank were aware, that if the assignees of Lewis & Pottes insisted on their not having been consulted previous to the Composition being accepted, as a reason for refusing their assent, that the Bills could not be claimed — but that they desired to know whether the assignees would not accede to the propriety of their having accepted the Composition, it having been done for the advantage of all Parties — If the assignees refuse — the Bills are to be struck off

Fawcett to be proceeded
against

Mr. J. Fawcett on whom the Bank hold a Bill for 47g. 10. 10 disc'd by Emerson & Ting having been appointed to attend this day at one o'clock, which he promised to do and having failed — Mr. Berk was directed to give notice to Mr. Winter to proceed against Mr. Fawcett for recovery of the money.

Best's report from Mr.
Crouther about receiving
money on acct. of Bills

Mr. Berk reported he had been again with Mr. Crouther's Partner who said the assignees of Lewis & Pottes could not permit the Bills mentioned to stand for a div^d: as there had been a decision of the Chancellor to the contrary — who had even decided that when any Person had received a sum of money on account from the acceptor, he should be precluded from any advantage from the Estate of the Discounter. —

Governor
D. Gov:
M^r. Darch
Dawcett proceeded
against

Tuesday Nov: 17. 1789

M^r. Winter reported M^r. Dawcett had been
proceeded against & offered to confess Judgment
if the Bank would respite Execution till the
1st day of next Term - which was consented to.

Wednesday Nov: 18. 1789

Key of Large Stone
Safe deposited

The Old Key & the only Key of the ~~the~~ large
Stone Safe for the Books of the Transfer —
Officers having been found defective and 2 new
Keys having been made in its room — one
of them was left with M^r. Edwards for use
& the duplicate deposited in the Tin Box in
the Iron closet in the Committee Room with
the Rest of the Spare Keys. —
and the old Key was given to M^r. Soane to
be broken to pieces.

Thursday 19 Nov: 1789

Governor
D. Gov:
M^r. Beacherstaff
David Troup

M^r. David Troup attended the Committee in
consequence of a letter to him from M^r. Winter
requiring full payment of his two Bills for
£50 £ in which he has already paid 2/8 in the
Pound — which Bills were discounted by Lewis Potter.
He represented that his affairs are in Trust under
the care of M^r. Jesse Russell (who also attended)
M^r. John Tate, John Thornton, Robert Stearn
& Jor: Perkins in the House of Neal Wright & Co

That the £16 in the Pound paid was not in the nature of a composition, but only paid on account - & Mr. Russell assured the Committee that the Money which is expected from America will be faithfully divided as it comes in - On this representation, Mr. Winter was directed not to proceed against Mr. Troup at present

Memor. - Grace

A Memorial from Mr. J. E. Grace & Mr. Ann Grace to Devise a sum of the 3 per cent consols may be allowed to be sold & transferred out of the name of Sophia Martin Deceased who has devised 200 £ each to the two Memorialists, sufficient to pay the said Legacies: altho' the words of the Will seem to tie up the Money - & stating that all the Parties & the Residuary Legatees have joined in giving their consent to the said Transfer was received, & the Prayers thereof complied with.

adv.

contr. all. Bile

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Governor
D. Governor

Friday Nov: 20. 1789

2. Bile bot. -

Mr. Cole reported there was in the Market a parcel of 2000 Bils. to the Amount of 16500 - which on acct. of the Sum, & the Sellers wanting the Money would be sold at 50/ per £100 - & that the last price was 56/- he was directed to take them.

Thursday Nov: 26. 1789

Governor
S. Gent:

W: Payne

W: Blackcroft

W: Darch

W: Neave

Adv: on India Scrip

Contribution to Comm:
W: Gibson & Johnson's
Bills.

E. I. Company

An application having been made by several Persons in the alley for the Bank to advance the 3 future payments on the India Scrip - 90 per cent. having been already paid - agreed to recommend it to the Court to be done at 4 per cent.

W: Hunter & an: Gent: having applied yesterday for some contribution on the part of the Bank towards the Expences that had been incurred by the Committee for managing the suit agt: the Assignees of Gibson & Johnson in relation to the Bills with fictitious Endorsements refused to be allowed to be paid under the Commission agt: Gibson & Johnson, & which suit is now to be carried by Writ of Error into the House of Lords - agreed to recommend to the Court - that 250 £ be sent to the Committee to defray the Banks share of 2 pence already incurred & hereafter to be incurred. -

The Chairman & D. Chairman of the E. I. Comp: desired permission to let the Money which they have taken up on the Mortgage of their Ann: remain 2 or 3 months longer as it may suit their convenience - which was acquiesced in.

Governor
D. Governor
M^r. Payne
Beachcroft
Heave
Darell

a Forgery in the 4 per cents

Gratuities for making the
List of Bank Stock.

Thursday Dec^r. 3. 1789

The Governor informed the committee that a Forgery had been committed for 150 £ — 4 per cents in the name of a John White of atrop Rooding in York — that it has ^{been} ~~been~~ ^{endeavour} ~~endeavour~~ to be traced but as yet without Effect. —

Representation was made that the Clerks in the Bank Stock had had some extraordinary trouble last spring in making out the List of Proprietors of Bank Stock when the places of Abode were added to the names, & that no compensation had been made for it.

Ordered that 10 Guineas be given to M^r. — Manning & 5 Guineas each to the other 9 Junior Clerks for the same, & that it be recommended to the Court to acquiesce thereto.

Tuesday 8 Dec^r. 1789

Governor
D. Governor
M^r. Payne
M^r. Heave.

Mocatta & Goldsmith —

The Brokers Mocatta & Goldsmith reported that on the arrival of the two Silver Ships which are come in, they thought they should be able to reduce the price to the standard which the Bank have settled to buy at viz: A. 11 1/2 — but desired permission to supply the demands of the Market on the same Terms which was consented to. —

Governor
S. Gov.
Mr. Paine
Beachcroft
Heave
Darch

Thursday Dec: 10. 1789

Interposition of the Term
Intaking Receipts of the
Tontine

The Governor reported that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Angerstein had called on him to request that the Bank would enlarge the Term for which they have already agreed to advance the payments on the Tontine from the 15th Jan: the day fixed for the repayment, to the 30th June next, and that the Bank will consent to advance 10 per cent. out of the last payment of 15 per cent, leaving 5 per cent. to be paid by the Proprietors

The Governor was desired to lay the Proposal before the Court

Governor
S. Governor

Tuesday 15 Dec: 1789

Care of a Dutch Gent^l
Insane —

The Accountant brought in the Case of a Dutch Gentleman John Francis Van de laer van Hontenberg who is insane & possessed of 6000 — 2 per cents, whose attorney for receiving the Dividends being dead, there is no Person duly authorized to receive them: by which it appeared that he had been declared insane by the Magistrates of Amsterdam & his affairs put under Tutelage: & enquires The Friends of the Insane Person desiring to know whether the Bank will permit the Dividends to be received by such Persons as the Curators will nominate by power of attorney — Mr. Edwards was directed to inform the Parties, that if they will take Mr. Piggott's opinion & he should decide that it is a sufficient authority, without application to the Chancellor: that the Bank will accept the Power.

Governor
Dep. Gov.
Mr. Payne.

Portel - Bank Paper

Tho. Richardson to
postpone Payment of
his Bill

Governor.
D. Governor
Mr. Payne
Nean
Darch

Geo. Hele, Gratuity

Loane, Building, & House
in Princes Street
to be bought

Wednesday 16th Dec^r.

Mr. Portall attended to request an advance of Price on the Paper lately delivered to the Bank in considerⁿ of the high Price of all Materials, increase of Wages &c. & of his charging Bankers & others 18^s 6^d Ream. - Agreed to allow him 15^s 6^d Ream instead of 14^s the last Price, on his engaging not to require any farther advance for the two next Deliveries, unless any addition Duty sh^d be imposed -

Mr. Tho.^s Richardson applyd to the Gov.^r to postpone the payment of Stephens & Hutton Ley's (Bankrupts) bill on him for £168. 3. 10 due by 15th, which he altho^g he c^d. not pay at present, but promis'd to pay it in the course of next week with^o fail - The Gov.^r told him he would take the Opinion of the Committee upon it -

Thursday 17 Dec^r 1789

An Application was reported by the Gov.^r to have been made to him by one Geo. Hele stating he had been for 15 years in the Service of the Bank as a clerk, but from a Misfortune had been obliged to leave the same about 39 years ago, & that he is now greatly reduced & praying some charitable Relief - Orderd him to have 5 Guineas. -

Mr. Loane reportd that he had seen Mr. Haines about the purchase of the Houses in Princes Street & 15th bury, & he was directed to inform him that the Bank will give him 1000 £ more than the 4300 at which the Estate has been valued by Mr. Loane, or if he likes better to appoint any Person to value it against Mr. Loane, the Bank will

give 1000 £ more than it shall be valued at:—
if he does not chuse to sell on these Terms the
Bank will give him 500 £ for the little Book —
which adjoins to Mr. Anderson's house. —
A Mr. Charity applied for a few Ports to send
to the West Indies — ordered Mr. Newland to let
him five hundred thirty six shilling Pieces at 3.17.10

Ports to be sold

Friday 18 Dec: 1789

D. Governor
Mr. Payne
Mr. Brachcroft
Winters about the
Mills on Champey &
Troup -

Mr. Winters informed the Committee that
the Solicitor was going to petition the
Chancellor to have the Bills on J. Champey &
D. Troup struck off from Lewis & Potters Commission
Mr. Winters was shown the Minutes of 12 Nov:
by which Mr. Best had been directed to consent
to the striking off the Bills on J. Champey on
the ground of the Bank's having accepted a
composition from him: and also the Minute
of the 19th November by which
it appeared Mr. Troup had paid his Money on
account & not by way of Composition, & that
consequently he must not consent to their latter
Bills being taken off, but must oppose it. —

Wednesday 23 Dec:

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Payne
Mr. Keave
Bumby of Canterbury

Mr. Best brought a letter which he had rec:
from a Mr. Bumby of Canterbury inclosing his
Bill of Expences about a Bank note lost by the
Post & requesting the Bank would pay it.
Directed Mr. Best to write him word the Bank —
had willingly answered every Enquiry he had
made about the note but had nothing to do with
the payment of his Bill.

Governor
D. G. W.
M^r. Payne
Heave
Darell

Thursday 24 Dec^r 1789

Council's Opinion on the
Case of M^r. Bell

Some Rewards for apprehend-
ing the Forgers of the
Stock of - White

M^r. Winter reported the Opinions of M^r. Piggott
& M^r. Woodson on the Answers of Edw^d. Bell &
W^m. Dickinson in Chancery, relative to the Forgery
supposed to be committed for the transfer of 2200
3 per cent consols: by which it appears that the
Bank have not sufficient grounds to support
their Idea that the Forgery was collusion among
the Parties — agreed to recommend to the Court
that the Stock be made good to the Claimant.

M^r. Winter was authorized to cause it to be
mentioned by means of a Friend of his an attorney
at Epping that, if any Constable or other active
Person in the Country, can gain such Information
as may be the means of convicting the Person
who committed the Forgery for sale of 100 ± 4
percent in the name of White, the Bank will
pay a Reward of Twenty Guineas. —

Tuesday 29 Dec^r 1789

Governor
D. Governor
M^r. Payne

Silver sent out of the
Prussian Ship

M^r. Bourdieu in the name of Bourdieu
Chollet & Bourdieu presented an Order from
the Court of 4 cheques for the delivery of
18 Chests of Silver which were sent out of
the Prussian Ship in the year 1783 — which
was ordered to be complied with & the Silver
delivered to those Gentlemen on their all
signing a Receipt for the same

Governor
D. Governor
M^r. Payne
M^r. Neave -

Thursday 31 Dec: 1789

Fopick attended

M^r. Fopick, having presented a Memorial praying that a very large deduction which M^r. Loane had made from his Bill about the Illumination in April last might not be entirely taken off - attended according to Order and received directions to give in a Bill containing an account of all the Expenses he had been put to in the Illumination, according to his original agreement with M^r. Loane.

Governor
D. Govt:
M^r. Payne
Neave

Tuesday 5 Jan: 1790

M^r. Harry about the Grenada Estates

M^r. Harry attended the Committee & expressed a Wish to become the Purchaser of the Grenada Estates, & desired to know the Particulars - a copy of them is to be written out & sent to him. -

Governor
D. Govt:
M^r. Payne
Neave
Darell

Wednesday 6 Jan: 1790

Consideration about the Grenada Estates

Took into consideration what it will be proper to ask for the Grenada Estates and agreed that the Governor should mention to the Court that the Committee think 105,000 £ Sterl. including all the additional Buildings & new Negroes will be a proper Sum to ask - one half of the Purchase Money to be paid in Money down: and security in London to be

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Nicholson - a gratuity

given for the payment of the Remainder
by five equal annual Instalments to carry
Interest at 5 per cent. —

Ordered that Nicholson a poor man who
had acted as a sort of Foreman to Winton the
Carpenter & is now disabled & very ill in bed
& in great distress be relieved with 2 Guineas.
& Mr. Alcock was directed to enquire what
the Pay is, he has been accustomed to receive
from his Masters, that he may be put on some
regular allowance out of Charity.

a Watchman appointed to
clean the Warrant Office

Browning having complained that it was
too much for him to clean the Cheque & Warrant
Offices for which he receives 5^s a year each —
& having declined the latter one — Mr. Edwards
was empowered to appoint ^{watchman} ~~by~~ the key ~~to~~
in rotation, to the Warrant Office at the same
allowance.

application to prolong
the time for taking up
the Scrip Receipts

The Governor reported Mr. Salomon had applied
to have the time enlarged for taking up the
Receipts of Scrip of the 28 years annuities to
the same Term as is allowed for the Fortin —
& the Governor was desired to take the same
the Court upon it

Governor
D. Governor

M^r. Payne

M^r. Blackcroft

Neave

Sark

Booth to resign on
an allowance

time for taking up
scrip. Receipts not to be
prolonged

M^r. Baillie about
the Grenada Estates

Jas. Barbut
reprimanded

Thursday 7 Jan: 1790

An application was received from J^r.
Booth who has been 38 years in the Service
for leave to resign - which was agreed to
& ~~he~~ recommended to the Court to accept, &
to allow him 40 £ a year.

The Governor having mentioned to the Gentlemen
in the Court this day that M^r. Salomons had
applied to him to have the Term enlarged for
taking up the Scrip Receipts of the 28 year Ann:
it was their Opinion that it would be improper
to grant the prolongation, & it was thought
advisable not to make any formal application
to the Court, & so not to put it on the Minutes.

M^r. Jas. Baillie attended the Committee &
said he had a Gentleman of considerable
property ready to purchase the Grenada Estates
the Governor gave M^r. Baillie a copy of the
Particulars which had been made out & at his
Desire to know the Price - told him the Price
asked 105,000 including all the improvements
& expected about 1/2 to be paid down in Money
& security for the Remainder payable in London
by 5 Instalments in 5 Years. -

M^r. James Barbut was called on account of
his having been absent about 6 or 7 days without leave
M^r. Newland & M^r. Bridger were examined
& at their recommendation, he was only

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reprimanded and allowed to continue in his
Duty, but informed that for the next offence
he will be discharged. —

Tuesday 12 Jan: 1790

Governor

C. S. Governor

M^r. Pay re

Beachcroft

Vankotten's Bill —

Walsh, Gratuity
for extracting Acts of
Parliament

M^r. Newland was directed to pay M^r. Vankotten's
Bill for 30^s as usual, drawn from Amsterdam
for ~~small~~ transmitting the course of Exch^e. —
agreed to recommend Joseph Trigger to fill
the Vacancy of a Porter.

ordered M^r. Walsh to be paid 5 Guineas
for his trouble in extracting & entering
the Acts of Parliament of the last Session
relating to the Bank. —

Wednesday 13 Jan: 1790

Governor

C. S. Governor

M^r. Pay re

Darell

a Bank Note lost from
the File

M^r. Bell's Stock to be
made good.

Examined M^r. George an In Teller & M^r.
Bisling & M^r. Hodhart of the accountants'
Office, relating to a 15[£] cancelled Bank Note
that was lost off the File — but no trace
could be found how it was lost. —

Gave Orders to M^r. Newland to have —

2200[£], 3 percents com^d, purchased &
placed to the Account of the Rev^d. M^r. Bell

Governor
D. Governor
M^r. Payne
Neave
Darell

Thursday Jan: 14. 1790

M^r. Woodmason

&

M^r. Governor's Partner
attended

M^r. Woodmason attended the Committee about his proposal to supply the Bank with Books, without making any charge for Rating.

Sent for M^r. Governor's Partner and represented to him what M^r. Woodmason had said & he is to consult with M^r. Stephenson the other Stationers & report to the Committee next Week. -

Governor
D. Governor

Friday Jan: 15th 1790 -

Petition from
Thos. Croft -

On reading a Petition from Thos. Croft a superannuated House Porter, for some addition to his Pension on acct. of his very infirm State, ordered M^r. Newland to pay M^r. Croft five Guineas to be given to D. Croft at such times as he shall see proper.

Wednesday 20 Jan: 1790

M^r. Harvey about
the Grenada Estates

M^r. Harvey has requested yesterday to be furnished with an account of the produce of the Grenada Estates for the years 1786 & 1787 as well as the produce of 1788 & 1789 which was given to him yesterday: The Governor this day sent him the ~~Partner~~ with a Note requesting if he had any offer to make that he would fix an early day as the Gent: only wait his answer to treat with another Gentleman.

Thursday 21 Jan: 1790

Governor
D. Governor

Mr. Payne

Mr. Beachcroft

Mr. Peters

Mr. Keave

Godwin to be a Watchman

Bank Stationers

Agreed to recommend Benj. Goodwin to the Court to be elected Watchman in Bartholomew Lane in the Room of Triggs now a Porter
Note, this Man was Calcott's Foreman who has lost a Finger & is incapable of following his Trade.

Mr. Stephenson & Mr. Grosvenor the Stationers attended; in consequence of Mr. Woodmason's proposal to supply ~~in~~ the Bank with Books without any Expence for ruling when they stated that it was impossible Mr. W. could supply the Bank on the low Terms they do - & were confident it would turn out that his charges for other Articles are so much higher as to more than counterbalance the cost of the Ruling.
Agreed that it would be proper to see Mr. Woodmason again before we talk farther with the Stationers

Mr. Winter was sent for & received Orders to get the business about the Dividends due on Mr. - Bell's Stock settled & he was informed that the Stock has been replaced in his name -
Appointed Mr. Woodmason for Tuesday at one o'Clock -

Mr. Harry -
Grenada Estates

Friday 22 Jan: 1790

Mr. Harry informed the D. Governor (in the absence of the Governor) that his Valuation of the Grenada Estates fell so far short of the Price set on them by the Bank that he

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could not think of making any offer for them.

Governor and
a full Committee

Tuesday Jan: 26. 1790

M^r: Baillie about
the Grenada Estates

M^r: Baillie attended & offered 80,000 £ for the Grenada Estates & was desired to reduce his Proposals into writing to be laid before the Court. —

Governor
D. Governor
M^r: Payne
M^r: Darrell

Wednesday Jan: 27. 1790

Simpson, a cheque for
the handwriting

a Letter from a M^r: W. Simpson W^o: 18 Kings Mead Street Bath proposing to the Bank to impart to them a Cheque by which any Person signing Notes may know his own hand writing was read — agreed that the Secretary do write to him to say the Bank has no occasion for such a Cheque

Governor and
a full Committee

Thursday Jan: 28. 1790

What charge should
be made for Management
in the Lottery.

M^r: Newland reported that M^r: Speer had sent for an account of what the Charges would be on the Lottery and Annuities raised last year which he understood to include the Fortune that this had been an exceedingly troublesome piece of business & that 840 £ for the Bank's charge of managing it would not be a adequate to the trouble; & proposed to set down in the account as the charge for Management £ 2000 — which was consented to. —

proposal from M^r:
Baillie —

The Governor having ~~previously~~ received a proposal from M^r: Baillie about the Grenada Estates was desired to lay it before the Court

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Mr. Grosvenor & Mr. Stephenson attended
(Mr. Woodman having explained that he
meant to supply the Bank on the same terms as
the other Stationers without the charge of
Ruling) & offered to abate the whole charge of
Ruling in their Bills from Lady day next -
but it was understood they were not to be held
to this agreement any longer than Mr. Woodman
continues to deliver Books on the Terms he
tendered them on

Tuesday Feb^y 2. 1790

The Accountant produced a Scheme for
closing the Books of Bank Stock & for the
Election of Directors, which was approved.

Mr. Soane reported that Mr. Hagner had
offered to sell his Estate in Princes Street
& Lothbury for 7000 Guineas - he was
directed to inform Mr. Hagner that for the
sake of an even sum they were willing to bid
him 6000 Guineas, but would go no farther
& if the Proprietors did not chuse to part with
it for that Money, the Bank would inclose
their own Ground without it.

The Governor reported that he had an
opportunity to mention to Mr. Pitt last
Saturday that some old Warrants had by
some means got out from the Exchequer
& had been found in some chandlers Shops
which was very improper & dangerous &

Governor

Ed. Governor

Mr. Payne

Mr. Neave

Peters

Edwards

afterwards Mr.

Brackcroft

Mr. Soane, about the
Estates in Princes
Street. —

Mr. Pitt - cancelled
Warrants

application from
Mr. Angerstein &
Mr. Johnson. -

had desired that the Matter might be -
enquired into - which Mr. Pitt promised should
be done, & it should be promoted in future.
The Governor reported that Mr. Angerstein
& Mr. Johnson had been with him to say that
Mr. Pove desired to know on what Terms the
Bank would undertake the Management of
the Portion after the time that the names of
the Nominees should be given in: and he was
desired when they should call for an Answer
to inform them that the proposition was a novel
one, & could not be taken into consideration ^{unless} ~~but~~
some Proposal was received from the Minister
when it would be laid before the Court. -

Governor
Ed. Governor
Mr. Payne
Beachcroft
Neave
Peters
Ed. Barch
Baillie's Grenada Estates

Thursday 4 Feb. 1790

The Committee saw Mr. Baillie & had
some Conversation with him about his proposal
for the purchase of the Grenada Estates: -
and fixed for him to call on the Committee
again next Wednesday at two o'clock.

Governor
Ed. Governor
Mr. Payne
Peters
closing the Books

Friday 5 Feb. 1790

Agreed to the Scheme of the Accountant for
closing the Books of the Reduced Annuities,
the 4 per cent, the long Annuities, and the
28 year annuities.

Governor
 & D. Gov.
 & a full Committee
 Baillie Esq: Est:

Wednesday 10th Feb: 1790

Mr. Baillie attended & made a fresh
 Proposal for the Purchase of the Grenada
 Estates. —

Governor and
 a full Committee

Mr. Haines - Estate
 in Prince's Street

Thursday 11 Feb: 1790

The Governor presented a letter which Mr. Soane
 had given him, from Mr. Haines, rejecting the
 proposition of the Bank to give 6000 £ for
 his Estate which sum Mr. Soane, having mis-
 understood the Committee, had offered him, instead
 of 6000 Guineas — agreed to go on with
 the Work without considering Mr. Haines's Est:
 any more. —

Governor
 & D. Governor
 Mr. Payne
 Brackcroft
 Keane
 Peten
 O'Barck
 Baillie - Grenada Est:

Friday 12 Feb: 1790

Mr. Baillie attending the Committee made
 him some ^{new} proposals for the Sale of the Grenada
 Estates, which he took home to consider of —
 & is to give his answer on the 16th —

The Governor
 & a full Committee
 Grenada Estates

Tuesday 16 Feb: 1790

Mr. Baillie attended, & suggested a small
 alteration in the proposals of the 12th which
 the Committee thought reasonable and he agreed
 to purchase on the Terms which were reduced to
 writing & are to be laid before the Court for approbation.

Thursday 18 Feb: 1790

Governor

& a full Committee

agreed that the Governor should lay before the Court the Proposals agreed on for the sale of the Grenada Estates - without any Declaration or recommendation from the Committee.

Grenada Estates

Visit to Mr Pitt

The Governor informed the Committee he had attended with the dep: Gov: at Mr: Pitt's yesterday who had desired him to take the Resolution of the Court on the subject of the Renewal of the Exchequer Bills according to a letter sent by him - & also to take the sense of the Court as to advancing as usual on the Land & Malt. -

The Court approve
Mr Baillies proposal.

The Court this day having approved of the Proposals of Mr: Baillie for the purchase of the Grenada Estates, it was agreed that the assist: Secretary should write a short letter to Mr: Townsend to - give him intelligence of the sale. -

Mr: Winter received directions to let Mr: Baillie have the the Abstract of the Title for his - Lawyers Inspection

Barbut suspended

The Governor suspended Ja: Barbut who Mr: - Newland reported had been absent more than a week without any sufficient reason being assigned

Friday 19 Feb: 1790

Exch: of Exch: Bills

The Court yesterday having approved the Proposals in Mr: Pitt's ^{letter} for the Exchange of the Exchequer Bills and the Governor having taken the sense of the Court that they will be willing to advance on the Land & Malt Taxes this year as usual at 3 per cent:

Land & Malt

Mr: Pitt waited on

The Governor & D. G. waited on Mr: Pitt to inform him thereof - who said the Contracts for the Land &

Matt would be sent down in time for the next Court. —

Thursday Feb: 23. 1790

Governor
D. Governor

Mr. Payne

Blackcroft,

near

Peter

Draft for sale of
Grenada Est.

Many Bills taken

Nairby to resign

advised — not

Winters to write to
Clutterbuck's Securities

The Draft of the agreement with Mr. Baillie for the Sale of the Grenada Estates was brought by Mr. Winter & corrected & approved by the Committee.

Ordered Mr. Newland to take of Mr. Peter a Sum of Many Bills on Interest of between 5 & 6,000 dated in Feb^r & March 1789 but — principally in March; at 1/2 per cent. premium. —

Mr. John Nairby presented a Petition for leave to resign & requesting a Salary — he was advised by the Committee to go out of Town with his Family for six months, keeping Mr. Newland — informed from time to time how he goes on, & if he does not find himself able to resume his business by that time, it will be proper to resume his intention of resigning his Place, & that without doubt the Gentlemen will then consider his — circumstances.

Ordered Mr. Edwards to send to Mr. Winter Directions to write to the 4 Securities for — Clutterbuck that they should discharge the Sums they stand bound for, or come to the Bank & shew cause why they do not. —

Thursday Feb: 25. 1790

Governor

D. Gov:

Mr. Payne

Beachcroft

Nean

Darrell

Peters

Mr. Bridges

with a Proposal

a Mr. Bridges of Brentford having applied to the Dep: Governor proposing a plan that an Act of Parliament should be obtained obliging all Persons purchasing Stock to deposit the Money before the Transfer is made, he reported the same to the Committee - and the D. Gov: was desired to inform him when he calls again that it was a Matter between the Buyer & Seller and the Bank did not concern they had any thing to do, to interfere about it.

Tuesday March 2. 1790

Governor

D. Governor

Mr. Beachcroft

Peters

Sibley fr: the L. I. House

Mr. Newland brought word that Mr. Sibley from the L. I. House desired to know if the Bank would permit them to pay off the 100,000 on their Mortgage ^{adv.} leaving a small Rest to keep the Account alive, as probably they might have some occasion to make use of this Security in future.

also

Mr. Payne

Nean

Lord Mayor's letter

The Governor laid before the Committee a letter from the Lord Mayor offering himself a Candidate for the Direction of the Bank and the Governor was desired to acknowledge the Receipt of the Letter. -

Governor
 G. Governor
 Mr. Payne
 Belcheroff
 Neave
 Peters
 Darch

Thursday 4 March 1790

Agreed on the form of a letter to be written by the Asst. Secretary to Mr. Townsend re. regarding the Sale of the Grenada Estates & the As. Sec^y was directed to sign it.

Letter to Mr. Townsend

New List for Clerks to be made out different

The Secretary was directed whenever a new List is made out for the Election of Clerks, that the Names of the Director should be set down by Rotation as the Director stand in seniority whether Ins or Outs, & not to postpone those Gentlemen who have lately come in, behind at the Head of the Director, whether Senior or Jun^r.

No Person to do the Porter's business -

The Governor gave Order to Mr. Billing not to permit the Ins, or any Persons in the Room, of the Porter Watchmen or others to come into the Bank to do the business of any of those Persons; unless he should have a special Order to the Purpose.

Governor
 G. Governor
 Mr. Darch

Friday March 5. 1790

Wilkinson & Cook; Com-
 mission -

Darch's Debt under it

Mr. Phipps one of the assignees of Cooke & Wilkin. having enquired whether a bill of - 30. 14. 1 standing on their drawing acc^t was to be retained by the Bank in part of their Debt, or given up to the assignees - Mr. Wintles was consulted - it appeared the Bank are Creditors of Wilkinson & Cooke for 567. 7. 4 for 2 bills disc^d by them that the whole of this sum had been paid under the Commission without taking any notice of the Cash account -

Wintles Opinion thereon

Mr. Wintles said the Bank had a right to retain the money in their hands deducting it from the

Amount of their Debt, & as it will then happen that the Bank has provid too much by the amount of the Cash account in their hands. on application at the next meeting to the Commissioners, they will direct the Account to be regulated according to the Sum which ought to have been provid -
 Mr. Best was informed of this Opinion, & did to repeat it to Mr. Phipps, & get the Account altered accordingly at the next Meeting of the Commissioners

Baxter's Son allowed to attend -

The Governor on the Application of Bayter permitted his Son to attend the Office in the Room of his Father on a Sunday Evening from the time of the Guards coming till 10 o'clock at night.

Prizes to be bought

Mr. Sol was allowed to buy Prizes at one per cent discount - if he can get them -

Tuesday 9th March 1790

Governor
 Mr. Payne
 Benchcroft
 Hoare
 Peters -

Salomons applies for payment of a 1000^l Bank Note - of which Batoon was defrauded

Salomons applies for payment of a Bank Note of £500 w^{ch} had been seen them by Hendricks of Middleburgh, w^{ch} had been stop'd by M^{rs}. Batson & Co. who had paid it in ^{the} of a forged draft on them. Salomons produced a letter from Hendricks in answer to one he had wrote them, & ^{then} declare they knew nothing of W^m. Pryor to whom they gave money for the Note, it being their Trade to deal in ready money bills of Exchange & Bank Notes & at foot of their letter they send a copy of the receipt of W^m. Pryors for 577 5 ¹/₂ Cur^r. Guilders, Value of the Note, specifying in what manner it was p^d him. They mention that a Person attended Pryor whom they took for an English Captain, but who spoke very good Dutch; They did not however know him & say they will write no more about it, but expect the Note to be forthwith paid. W^m. Stephenson (Batoon's Partner) was sent for, who said M^r. Mulman had wrote ~~to make~~

to make particular Enquiry about the House of Hendricks & Berwick's Salomons to wait till an Answer came to that Letter. Salomons agreed to wait till Monday ¹⁷⁸⁸ 15th Inst. & Mr. Stephenson promised to give him notice when an Answer came sooner.

Some Navy to be paid

Mr. Newland acquainted the Committee that four Months Navy, viz^t July Aug. Sept. & Oct. ¹⁷⁸⁸ were ordered for payment & that the Bank had abt. £.92,000 to receive —

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Deachcroft
C. Darrell

Friday 12 March 1790

The Governor produced a Note he had received from the ~~Election~~ Lord Mayor regarding the Election to which the Governor was requested to send an answer, & the form was agreed on.

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Payne
Deachcroft
Peten
Darrell

Tuesday 16 March 1790

Movatta & Goldsmid applied for 16 to 22000 Oz. of Silver to be shipped for India, w^{ch} they committed agreed to let them have 20000 Oz. Also agreed to let them have 250 Oz. of round Gold for shipping @ £3.17.10 1/2 p^{er} Oz.

Movatta & Goldsmid
accounts looked over
new Keys for the Safe

Looked over the Accounts this day previous to the General Court of Friday —
Ordered Russell to make two new Keys to the Safe in the Reduced Office, the old Key being broke — & he is ^{to make} some alteration in the Ward of the Lock.

Duplicate Key of
Stone Safe

Delivered to Mr. Edwards the Duplicate Key of the Stone Safe in the Vestibule for the Books of the Transfer Office marked N^o. 18 —
to lay with the Accountant's seals, to be used only in case of Accident to the other Key.

Thursday 18 March 1790

Governor
D. Governor
M^r. Payne
Peters
Darch
Barbut —

Dollars sold

Dep. Gov^t: L
M^r. Payne
Coin Gold not taken

A Letter from M^r. Barbut requesting that his Salary might be paid him directly, as he was discharged the Service was read — & the request complied with. —

M^r. Lewis Triffin having desired to have — 200,000 ounces of Dollars, ordered M^r. Newland to let him have to that amount at $5/1^d$ per ~~oz~~ ounce. —

Mocatta & Goldsmid came to say the coined Gold they asked for on the 16th was for M^r. Baring, who since had found he had made some mistake in applying for it & desired to be off — which was allowed.

Friday 19 March 1790

D. Governor
M^r. Nean
Dollars sold

The rest of the
Committee
Coin Gold not taken
5 Names for Stock not
admitted

The Brokers applied for 180,000 of Dollars at $5/1^d$ — which agreed to let them have — Also — 1000 ounces of Coin Gold for a M^r. Pemberton at $3.17.10 \frac{1}{2}$ —

The Brokers applied again to say they could not take the Coin Gold for M^r. Pemberton, & desired to have Dollars instead, which was agreed to. — 7000 Refused an application for leave to put some Stock into 5 Names, instead of Four. —

Mocatta & Goldsmid
about commission
on Gold & Silver sold

Mocatta & Goldsmid were sent for & informed that the Bank thought it unreasonable to pay commission on Gold & Silver sold by them which the Brokers agreed was right, but requested that the Bank would not encourage Buyers to come to them without a Broker, by which they bore their Brokerage —

72 Governor.

New Key brot. for the
Safe

Saturday 20th March 1790.

M^r. Russell the Smith brought the two
new Keys w^{ch} were ordered the 16th to be
made for the Safe in the Sec^y Office
having made an attestation in the Wards
as directed & they were deliver^d into the
Custody of M^r. Edwards to be kept by him.

Governor

C. S. Governor

Silver sold

Tuesday 23 March 1790

Agreed that the Brokers may have 264,000
ounces of Silver at 5/1⁷ — for Messrs. Maitland & Co

Governor and

a full Committee

Silver sold

Clerks to attend on a holiday

~~Tuesday~~ Wednesday 23 March 1790

Agreed that the Brokers may have 170,000
ounces of new Dollars — for Sundrys — at 5/1
Ordered that 6 Clerks should attend in the
Bank Stock office on Easter Tuesday, in order
to give out the Bankers Lists, it being the day
preceding the general pay ment. —

Governor &
M^r. Peters

Silver sold

Wednesday 24th March

Agreed that the Brokers may have 150,000
ounces of new Dollars for M^r. Geo. Ward
& 5/1⁷ P^{er} Oz —

Governor &

a full Committee

List of Proprietors
to be made out

Gold sold

Thursday 25 March 1790

Agreed that it will be proper for M^r. Browning
to make out a list of all the Proprietors of Bank
Stock whose descriptions are within the compass
of the Penny post & of all others who are known
to have any Town Residence, & the Governor was
desirous to give directions accordingly
Agreed that Messrs. Bourdieu & Chollet may have
5000 g: coin Gold at 3.17.10 $\frac{1}{2}$ —

Governor
Silver sold

Friday 26 March 1790

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Agreed that the Brokers may have
85600 Oz. of new Dollars for ²⁰ Buss.
Dummond & 57th of Oz.

Governor
S. Governor
Mr. Payne
Mr. Beachcroft
Mr. Neave
Peters

Letter of indemnification from
Messrs. Bate & Co

Salaries & Gratuities

Tuesday 30 March 1790

Received a letter from Bate's Stephensons
Esq desiring that the note brought in by
the Jews for £500 might not be paid and
indemnifying the Bank for refusing payment of
it. which letter was given to Mr. Newland with
orders to refuse payment of the money. —
Took into consideration the list of Salaries to
be increased & gratuities given which were —
settled for the C. Cashiers & C. accountants. Report
ments. —

Governor and
a full Committee

Croft's Widow

Thursday 1 April 1790

Agreed to give poor Croft's Widow 2 Guineas
& to allow her six shillings a week. —

Governor and
a full Committee

List of new Directors

^{Wednesday 7}
~~Tuesday~~ 8 April 1790

Took into consideration the List for the
new Directors and agreed to recommend
Mr. W. Manning Junr, Mr. Puget, Mr.
Pearce & Mr. James Reed. —

Governor &
a full Committee

Thursday 8 April 1790

List of New Directors
to be laid before the Directors

Confirmed the Resolution of yesterday and
agreed to lay the new list before the Directors
after the Court is over this day & desire their
signature to the Advertisement agreed on in this

Brown - suit about the
Bank Note of Messrs. Watson's

days committee

Rec^d. a letter from a Mr. Brown giving notice that he had orders to commence a suit against the Bank about the 500 £ Note of Mr. Stephenson which having been laid before the Court was given to Mr. Winter to shew to Mr. Stephenson & to do what shall be necessary about it

Governor

D. Governor

Mr. Payne

Beachcroft

Neave

Peters

Darell

G. Thornton

Comm^{rs} of Treasury by the Court

Mr. Pitt about the Lottery

Thursday April 16. 1790

This day the Court appointed the Committee of Treasury according to the List in the Margin Mr. Pitt having sent for the Governor and Dep. Governor to attend the receiving proposals for the Lottery for the present year - they went up and afterwards reported that the Lottery had been taken by Mess^{rs} Lilly & Co at 15. 16. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per Ticket on 50,000 Tickets - & it was mentioned that the Bank were to have $\frac{1}{5}$ of the Lottery.

Governor

D. Governor

Mr. Payne

Beachcroft

Peters

Darell

G. Thornton

Let^r from the L. Mayor

Tuesday 20 April 1790

The Governor laid before the Committee a Letter he had received from the Lord Mayor desiring to be furnished with the Names of the Proprietors who balloted for the Directors on the fourteenth instant and Mr. Newland was directed to wait on the Lord Mayor and acquaint him the Governor is sorry he cannot comply with his Lordship's Request -

alcock's Bill for law charges

The Committee took into consideration the Bill ^{by Mr. Winter} brought in against Mr. Alcock in his suit with Mr. Carter amounting to about 88 Pounds & agreed

that it would be right for the Bank to pay the whole Bill & that Mr. Winters had directions to put the same into his general Bill. -

Mr. Alcock having informed the Committee that in consequence of what the Dep. Governor had said to him, he had been with Mr. Winters & had settled his Bill for £80 which he had paid him this morning - agreed that it will be right to repay & to absorb this sum & that it be recommended to the next Court. -

Winters to get the Act of
Parl: about the E. I. Comp:

Mr. Winters was sent for & ordered to get the Act of Parliament, from the proper Office, which empowers the E. I. Company to raise Money on the Mortgage or Sale of their Annuities, as well as the Act of 29 Geo. 3^d for increasing their Capital Stock & to lay the same before Mr. Piggott for his Opinion whether the Power remains vested in the E. I. Company to raise Money on the Annuities.

Wednesday 21 April 1790

Mr. Newland has seen
the Lord Mayor

Mr. Newland reported to the Governor that he had seen the Lord Mayor & given the Message he was entrusted with, & that the Lord Mayor had desired him to give his Compl: to the Governor & to say that he was a little hurt at the refusal of the List of the Names which he thought he was entitled to have as well as the Directors. -

Governor
D. Gov:
Mr. Payne
Mr. Houston
Goldsmith

Ordered that the Bank be accommodated with 5000 oz. of Gold & 300,000 oz. of Dollars at the usual price for Messrs. Bourdieu & Co -

Thursday 22 April 1790

Governor

D. Governor

Mr. Payne

Beachcroft

Hean

Peters

Darrell

G. Thornton

Mr. Piggott's opinion about
the E. I. Company's power to
pledge their annuities.

Mr. Piggott's opinion was brought by Mr. —
Winter, respecting the Right of the East. Ind.
Company to raise a farther sum of Money by
Mortgage of their annuities, by which it —
appears that the Company in Mr. Piggott's opinion
have not that right, for the reasons stated by him.
Agreed that Mr. Newland be sent to the India
House to desire that the Committee may have a
Conversation with one of the chairs on this subject.

Friday 23 April 1790

Governor

D. Governor

Mr. Payne

Peters

Darrell

Thornton

Mr. Deraynes attends

Mr. Deraynes as Deputy chairman of the
E. I. Company attended the Committee &
the governor informed him of Mr. Piggott's
opinion respecting the Company's right of
raising Money off the Fund of their annuities
being gone away by the subsequent — & he
desired to have a copy of the Case on which
the opinion was founded.

Tuesday 27 April 1790

Governor —

D. Governor

Mr. Payne

Beachcroft

Peters

Darrell

Thornton

application of Mr. Ward
for 80000 — refused

Recd. an application of Mr. Geo. Ward to
be supplied with 80,000 Dollars which he
would undertake to return in a fortnight
& pay the Interest — this was refused
as being unusual. —

Governor
S^d. Governor
M^r. Payne
Blackcroft
Darell
Thomton

a letter from M^r. Rose
respecting the Tontine

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Wednesday 28 April 1790

M^r. Governor shew'd the Committee the
~~had~~ letter he had received this morning
from M^r. Rose Desiring to see the Gov^t.
S^d. Gov^t. at the Treasury this morning -
which letter he received under one from M^r.
S. Thomton who informed him in it, that
the business on which M^r. Rose wanted
to see them was the Tontine for which there
was an intention to give a power to commute
it for some other Fund. - & offering if the
Governor thought it improper to wait on M^r.
Rose, to explain the Reasons to M^r. Rose.
M^r. S. Thomton was requested to inform M^r.
Rose that the Gentlemen of the Bank were
very little interested in the Tontine, & had
no opinion to give on the Subject of a Commuta-
tion. -

Governor &
a full Committee

allowance to Geo. Hah

a Request to sign the
Certificate of E. Thomas

Thursday 29 April 1790

Ordered Alcock to pay a Guinea a month to
M^r. Roberts for the use of George Hah who
was relieved on the 17 dec. 1789 & to charge the
same in his book.

a M^r. Frith applies on behalf of M^r. Edm^d. Thomas
to request that the Bank would sign Thomas's
Certificate, all the other Creditors who have
provided, having already signed - He is to call
against on Thursday next. -

Governor
 B. Governor
 Mr. Payne
 O. Sarah
 Thonster

Mr. Winter about the P. I.
 Company

Baton & Stephenson's Bank
 Note

Letter from the P. I. Comp^y

Mr. Thonster being gone
 Mr. Piggott attended

Thursday 6 May 1790

Mr. Winter informed the Committee that the Solicitor of the P. I. Company had laid a case before the attorney & Solicitor Gen^l: & Mr. Pons - in consequence of the Minute of 23^d April last & had received their opinions in favour of the Power of the Company to pledge their Annuities as a Security to the Bank - that their opinions had been shown to Mr. Piggott who had said he saw nothing in them to induce him to alter his opinion, & had proposed to attend the Committee tomorrow at 11 o'clock which was approved of.

Mr. Winter said he had received directions from Mess^{rs}: Baton & Stephenson & Co to defend the Suit to be brought against the Bank on the Banknote of £500 mentioned in the Minute of 3 April last.

A Letter from the P. I. Company was received desiring a renewal of the loan of 300,000^l which becomes due on 12th inst: which being too late for the Court this day - Mr. Newland was directed to let Mr. Sibly know it would be laid before the Court on the 13th & the money would be permitted to lie over for the day, but that it should have come sooner.

Mr. Piggott came, without being sent for, - & had a long conversation with the Committee in which he declared himself not convinced by the opinions of the 3 Counsel consulted by the P. I. Company & still thought much doubt subsisted on the

propriety of accepting the Annuities as a Security to the Bank.

Mr. Winter was directed to inform Mr. Smith the Company's Solicitor that the Bank had seen Mr. Piggott & if Mr. Smith enquired whether the Gentlemen were satisfied as to the security, to say he doubted they were not.

Friday 7 May 1790

Governor
S. Govt.
Mr. Payne
Thomson

Scheme for closing the Transfer Books -

Agreed to Mr. Edwards's Scheme for closing the Transfer Books for closing the Books of Consols - Five per cents - and 1726 ann.

Friday 14 May 1790

Governor
S. Governor
Mr. Payne
Beachcroft
Mean
Dartell
G. Thomson

The Governor informed the Committee that he had waited on Mr. Pitt yesterday with the S. Governor & that Mr. Pitt had desired him to propose to the Court to advance 1,000,000 on the credit of Exch. Bills at 2 1/2 per cent per diem on the Vote of Credit & wishing that a message from Mr. Pitt's special Court might be summoned for this day about the Vote of Credit to give him an answer & that he had caused a Court to be summoned accordingly. - agreed that the Governor do inform the Court that the Committee see no objection to complying with the Proposition. -

Thursday 20 May 1790

Governor &

a full Committee a Petition of Henry Durrage for relief

B. Durrage for relief he having fallen down & had a hurt. -

agreed to give him - 5 Guineas.

Mt. Richmond: Bills to be paid
in Money

An advertisement having appeared in the Papers for paying off the Million of Exch: Bills which are in the Market at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per day & offering new Bills at 2 pence, & notice being taken that the Bank were in possession of 523,000 of the above - Ordered Mt. Richmond when he sent in the above sum of Exchequer - Bills, to require to be paid in Money.

agreed that it will be advisable to purchase some more American Debentures. -

message to the India chairs

Sent Mt. Richmond to the I. House to desire to see the Chairman & D. Chairman immediately

Friday 21 May 1790

Governor

D. Governor

Mt. Beacroft

Peter

Barth

Chairman & D. Chairman
of the I. I. Company
attend

The Chairman & Dep: Chairman of the I. I. House attended & were informed that the Court would not think the 300,000 Exch: Bills on which the I. I. Company had hitherto been accommodated, a proper Security to continue to advance upon in future - since the disruption that had taken place in the House of Commons respecting them.

The Governor also informed them that the Court would hardly be induced to think the

Annuities which the Company are empowered to dispose of, a proper security for the Bank to advance a large sum upon, unless an Act of Parliament could be obtained to clear up the doubt raised about the Annuities, & which Mr. Piggott is of opinion are of weight sufficient to demand consideration.

Thursday 27 May 1790

Governor
Ad. Governor

Mr. Payne

Beachcroft
Peters

P. & J. Richardson
apply for a lease of
the House they had

refused

Mr. Peter Richardson and Mr. James Richardson attended & respectively desired a Lease of the Premises now occupied by - Peter Richardson & Mr. Peter Richardson brought a proposal for them - Agreed that at present the Bank cannot with propriety grant a Lease to either of them. -

Tuesday 1st June 1790.

Agreed that the Brokers may have 500 Oz of foreign Gold Coins for Mr. Bailey
£13. 17. 10 1/2 @ 03s.

Governor
Mr. Payne
Beachcroft
Dazell -
Gold sold -

Thursday 3 June 1790

Governor &
a full Com^{tee}
a Supervisor appointed

Agreed that Edward Banford be appointed a Supervisor in the Reduced Office in the Room of Mr. Reeves decd. - and he was called in & informed accordingly.

Mr. Beachcroft &
Peters - absent

J. Richardson applies
again for a lease

A Letter was read from Mr. J. Richardson - pressing for a Renewal of the Lease of the House in Cornhill - to which the Governor was desired to give an Answer that the Bank would not

and Mr. Peters
No officers attended last
night with the Guard

beat with him for their Tenant
Mr. Edwards informed the Committee that the
Guard did not come last night till 10 o'clock
last night & then were commanded by a
Sergeant Major & no officers
Mr. Edwards was directed to enquire in the
name of the Governor of the officers who may
come tonight what is the reason there was no
officers last night.

The Governor &
a full Committee

Thursday 10 June 1790

Mode of guarding the Bank
During the Election

Agreed that at the approaching Election
for the City, as the usual Guard cannot
attend, it will be sufficient to defend the
Bank by their own servants, & the Governor
& Dep. Governor were desired to apply to the
Secretary of State to request that orders
may be given for a Body of Men to be in
readiness in case of Exigency, to be sent
to the Bank on proper requisition.

D. Governor
Mr. Beacheroff
Mr. Thomson

Wednesday 16 June 1790

application from Mr. Johnson
& Angerstein about the
Tontine

Mr. Johnson & Mr. Angerstein applied to
know whether the Bank would prolong the
time for taking up the Receipts for the Tontine
which now stands fixed for the 30 June
& they were desired to reduce what they had ^{sent}
writing & Mr. Johnson undertook to furnish the
Bank with the Act of Parliament respecting
this business which has just passed.

Governor

D. Gov:

Mr. Payne

Blackcroft

Pear

G. Thornton

Tuesday 22 June 1790

applicatⁿ of Mr. Chapman
to have some stock trans-
ferred to her. —

a Mr. Chapman Widow & Ex^{or}: of Walter Chapman applied to request that four Sums of 50 £ each in the 3 per cent. reduced annuities may be made over to her, the said Sums having been bequeathed by one Eliz. Blacklock to 4 Persons who are either dead or cannot be found & who have already had the Value of the several Sums paid to them by Walter Chapman as appears by the Receipts produced — Agreed to comply with the request, on depositing the Receipts, & Mr. Chapman & Mr. Twopearing joining to indemnify the Bank. —

Governor

D. Gov:

Mr. Payne

Blackcroft

Peters

Darell

Thornton

Tontine —

Thursday 24 June 1790

A Letter from Messrs. Johnston & Angerstein requesting the time for taking up the Tontine may be extended from 30 June to 10 or 15 of September.

Agreed to recommend to the Court the continuing the Loan on the Tontine to the 14th of September

Governor

D. Governor

Mr. Blackcroft

Peters

Darell

Wednesday ~~Tuesday~~ 30 June 1790

Waited on Mr. Pitt
about the Ex^{or}: Bills
issued at 2^d a day.

The Gov^r informed the Committee that he had been sent for to Mr. Pitt with the Dep. Gov^r: — this morning, when Mr. Pitt informed him that more than 800,000 £ of the Ex^{or}: Bills issued at 2^d per cent per day had not been taken by the Publick, & that he wished the

Bank would take these bills, & as an indemnification he proposed that one of the millions now held by the Bank which stands at 3 per cent. per annum should be rated at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. & the contract be made accordingly.

Notice was taken that Mr. Pitt was mistaken in saying the contract should be sent down, for there is no contract made for the Supply Bills but the Agreement is made in consequence of a letter from Mr. Pitt. —

Agreed that the Governor do recommend it to the Court. —

Thursday 1 July - 1790

Governor
D. Gov.
Mr. Payne
Near
Peter
Darch
Thornton

A Petition from David Williams desiring leave to resign & throwing himself on the Liberality of the Court, was received — & agreed to recommend the Court to allow him £80 a year. —

Petition from David Williams

The Governor & Dep. Gov. waited on Mr. Pitt & told him the Court appointed to taking the Bills at 2 per cent. per day on the conditions mentioned in the Minutes of yesterday: but wishes it to be thoroughly understood that they meant this Loan as a temporary assistance to Government, not to be renewed on any account, & that they wished Mr. Pitt ^{would} capsize as much in the letter he is to send down on the occasion & which is to

Waited on Mr. Pitt

ag requested a letter from him to say the £. Bills are not to be renewed.

be sent previous to the next Court. -

Tuesday 8 July 1790

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Payne
Beachcroft
Neave
Bank
Thomson

Letter from the P. I. House
about the 300,000
Case stated to Mr. Piggott

The Guard not come to
the Bank

Message to the War Office

The Governor laid before the Committee a
Letter received on the 3^d from the East I. Comp^y
Desiring a Renewal of their Loan of 300,000
from the 12th Instant
Sent to the India House, & desired to see the
Chairman & D. Chairman tomorrow at one o'clock
Mr. Winter was sent for & directed to state
a case for the Opinion of Mr. Piggott -
Notice was taken that the Guard had not
been at the Bank since the Election had
finished - agreed that Mr. Bork should
call on Mr. Lewis at the War Office &
enquire whether there is any particular
Reason for the Guard's not coming, &
whether any fresh application is expected
on behalf of the Bank

Wednesday 7 July 1790

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Payne
Beachcroft

Mr. Devaynes about
the 300,000 £. Bills

Mr. Devaynes attended the Committee &
informed them that Mr. Pitt had been spoken to
respecting the objection of the Bank to renew
the loan of 300,000 £ & had promised to speak
to the Gentlemen of the Bank - but finding he
had not done so, he ^{Mr. Devaynes} presented a fresh application
from the Committee of Treasury of the P. I. Comp^y
Desiring the Bank not to give a positive Ans^r:

to their letter received on Friday, but delay —
determining on it, until he could obtain from
Mr. Pitt some satisfaction for the Bank —

Mr. Bask brought word he had seen Mr. Lewis
who said he knew no Reason why the Guard
had not attended at the Bank, the order
for their staying away having been for no
longer time than 1 day after the Election
was over — that he would enquire into it
& that certainly no fresh application from
the Bank is requisite.

What Money will be wanted
by the E. I. Company.

Mr. D'evay res, while with the Committee, intimates
that the Money would want on the Credit of
their Annuities was about 300,000 — which,
if the Bank objected to advancing it, they
proposed to raise as follows — £200,000 by a
Loan on the private Security of the Directors
& 100,000 by Mr. Pitts agreeing to postpone
so much of the Government Demand for
Ratios.

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Payne
D. Bask
Nean
Thomson

Mr. Pigott's Opinion

Friday 9 July 1790

Mr. Pigott attended & declined giving
a decided opinion respecting the 300,000
£. Mr. Pitts on the E. I. Company's Acct.
but agreed the step the Court was about
to take with the E. I. Company the propensities
one possible.

L^t. to M^r. Rose

87
a Letter from M^r. Rose respecting the
L^t. Bills at 2 pence a day not being taken
at the Bank was answered by the Governor
by saying it proceeded from M^r. Pitt's not
having sent down the Letter he had promised.

Governor
Ad. Governor
M^r. Payne
C. Barrell
Thornton

Tuesday 13th June 1790

Application for a M^r. Lane
to transfer stock

A Letter from M^r. Hareline to desire on behalf
of his Client a M^r. Lane that she may be permitted
to transfer 1500 £ stock under Letters of Administration
from the Court of Doctors Commons, was referred
to M^r. Winter to report upon it. —

M^r. Dent's List of
Dividends

M^r. Edwards produced M^r. Dent's List for
receiving his dividends, in which there are
six Accounts which do not correspond with the
Account in the books at the Bank, & he
reported that the Clerk's having had orders
not to rectify Mistakes in general in the
Bankers List, had occasioned much dissatis-
faction to M^r. Dent — ordered that the Clerk
may set to right this List at the present
period. —

Porters do not to
dine at the Tavern —
when Directors dine

Agreed that instead of any of the Porters
Watchmen or Gate porters attending at the
Tavern when the Directors dine & taking away
the Provisions as has been the Custom

a gratuity in lieu of it

2 Guin^{as} each to be given to the 2 Door keepers &
1 Guinea to each of the 3 Gate porters, the 6 House
porters & the 15 Watchmen. to be paid annually
at the time of the Summer Vacation Feast.

Thursday 15 July 1790

Governor

D. Governor

Mr. Payne

Blackcroft

Peters

Darell

Thomson

Message to the Chair of
the S. S. House.

Mem. The letter from Mr.
Pitt came after the
rising of the Court &
the Dep. Chairman of
the India Co. was informed
thereof

Present to Mr. Fidor

application of Mr. Haseltine

report of Mr. Winter on
Mr. Lane's application

Having sent to the Chair at the India
House to desire to speak to them, Mr. Sibley
attended to say he did not expect the two
Chairs till Wednesday next on which he was
desired to inform them that a Letter which
Mr. Pitt had promised to send to the Bank
respecting the 300,000 Exchequer Bills, -
presented to the Court this day, had not yet
been received & recommending that they should
apply to Mr. Pitt to have it sent as soon as
possible & to say that the Committee would be
glad to see the Chairman & D. Chairman to
explain to them the conversation which the
Gov: & D. Governor had had with Mr. Pitt.
a Petition from Mr. Fidor Widow of Sam:
Fidor one of the Ex Tellers praying some
Relief on account of the indifferent circum-
stances she is left in, which are much worse
than they would have been on account of
the Connections her Husband had with
Williams the Bank by whom he lost a
very large sum of Money
Agreed to recommend to the Court to give
her £50 - on account of her situation but
principally in consideration of the Loss
her Husband sustained by Williams
Mr. Winter reported upon the application of
Mr. Haseltine that he advised the Bank to
consent that the Stock may be transferred
but to require that it may be made

over by Transfer to M^r. Harrington as —
Prosecutor Gen^l. for the Crown & that he should
give the Bank an Indemnity, as he offers to do.
and in this case, the Bank may dispense with
the Husband of M^r. Lane joining in the —
Transfer, which he cannot do at present
being now in America

Friday 16th July 1790 —

Governor
M^r. Becherstaff
M^r. Payne
M^r. Peters
M^r. Thornton
Paym^t of Gratuities to
Doorkeepers &c^o —
Drafts of Baiolet
& Chemin Conveyances.

Paym^t of
Ordered the gratuities agreed to be given to
the Doorkeepers, Gate Porters, House Porters
& Watchmen as by the Minutes of Tuesday
amount^d to 28 Gineas & that M^r. Newland
pay the same —

M^r. Winter brought the rough drafts of the
Baiolet & Chemin Conveyances, which had
been approved by M^r. Pigott —

Appl^{ca} from M^r.
Drummond —

Application was made by M^r. Drummond's
Broker to be informed of sundry sums of
Stocks w^{ch} differ from their List given in —
The Accountant was directed to desire he
w^d get for this Informⁿ from the Proprie-
tors of the Stocks, & that he might then
apply again —

Thursday 23rd July 1790 —

Governor
M^r. Payne
M^r. Becherstaff
M^r. Peters
M^r. Darrell
M^r. Thornton

M^r. Edwards informed the Committee that
M^r. Drummond had rectified the errors
in their Dividend list —

The faust was informed that M^r. Winter had
brought the rough drafts of the Conveyances
of the Baiolet & Chemin Estates, which were
ordered to be engrossed —

Tuesday 27th July 1790 —

Governor
M^r. Peters
M^r. Darrell
M^r. Thornton

M^r. Edwards & M^r. Newland informed the Committee
that a deduction of abt. of 70 had been made
at the Cashg^r of the Interest due to the Bank
by reason that £12000 of the 2¹/₂% & 3% Discom
bills sh^d have been p^d on the 2nd June, whereas
the Int^{re} was made up on them to 28th July —
Ordered that their Statement be admitted &
that the bills for one Million be given out
to be exchanged —

Statement of Interest on
Exch^d Bills at the Cashg^r

Present
Governor
Mr. Peters
Mr. Darrell
Mr. Thornton

a Bill for Males paid by
Mr. Neave

Governor
Mr. Payne
Mr. Beachcroft
Mr. Darrell
Mr. Thornton
Mr. Peters

a Forgery by Dr. Dinter

Mr. W. Pitt sent
after Dinter

Governor
Mr. Payne
Mr. Beachcroft
Mr. Darrell
Mr. Peters
Mr. Thornton

a wrong Transfer of Wills
after

Tuesday 27th July 1790 -

Mr. Neave's Bookkeeper bro't a Letter from
Mr. Townsend of Grenada advising that He
had drawn a Bill on Mess^{rs}. Neave for £224
for the purchase of 8 Males, dated 4th June
at go o'clock, & that having applied to Mr.
Bailey abt. it, He said it sho^d. be paid by
the Bank & not by him, as they were to be
employed for carrying this year's crop -
Desired Mess^{rs}. Neave w^o. pay o'clock, as it
might afterwards be settled wth Mr. Bailey

Tuesday 3rd Augst 1790.

Mr. Edwards reported that Bayes today
suspected a Forgery to have been committed
by a Transfer of £550 Three Hundred
Ann^{ds}. made on the 2nd June last from W^m.
Baker of Savannah, to George Snook of Gutter
Lane Colchester it appearing that the Will
of W^m. Baker dated 31st May last had been
left to be registered & that he died on that day,
consequently co. not make a Transfer on
the 2nd June - Francis Henton a Clerk in
the 3rd Dept^{ment} of the Court. filled up the Transfer & signed
to the knowledge of W^m. Baker, for whom he
appears to have transacted business in buying
Stock for him at several times; Henton employ^{ed}
Lamb. Fagenby another Clerk in the 3rd Dept^{ment} to
make enquiry of W^m. Baker a Doctor in the former
when Baker died & Henton left his House
& Family on Friday last & has not been heard
of since.

A Mr^r. Turner at N^o. 5 Prince Street Leicester fields
having informed Mr. Vickery that he saw & spoke
to Henton yesterday Even^{ing}. near Blackheath
Mr^r. Wentz was ordered to send Welch & Pitt wth an
Officer from Bow Street to make enquiry at
Blackheath after Henton & to proceed if necessary
to Margate & Dover to apprehend him.

Wednesday 4th August 1790.

A mistake having been made in the Transfer
Books of £100 Three Hundred Ann^{ds}. by W^m. Allen
jun^r. of Maidstone transferring that Sum from the
acc^{ts}. of W^m. Allen of Maidstone to W^m. Allen
instead of its being transferred to his own acc^{ts}.
on which there stood £300 which was afterwards
sold out by power of Attorney sent W^m. Allen
applied to rectify the mistake, by signing the Transfer
of the £100 as if the same had been made by himself.

Mrs. Porter exam.

Governor
Mr. Payne
Mr. Becheroff
Mr. Darrell
Mr. Peters
Mr. Thornton -

Scheme for closing
the Books -

Governor
Mr. Payne
Mr. Peters
Mr. Becheroff
Mr. Thornton
gratuity to G. Lucas

Governor
Mr. Payne
Mr. Becheroff
Mr. Peters
Mr. Thornton
a new Clerk to attend
the Printer

Wednesday 4th Aug. 1790 - 91
approached, on Tuesday night by Lucas &
Mr. Tontow was yesterday examined before
Justice Aldington touching the Transfer of
the £550 Three 4th Consol. Ann. & having signed
his examination, was fully committed to
New Prison, Clerkenwell -

Thursday 5th August 1790 -
The Court was acquainted of the Transactions
& Commitment of Mr. Tontow ^{he} was suspended
Mr. Edwards produced a scheme for closing
the Books of Bank Stock w^{ch} was laid before
the Court. The Books to be shut from the
3rd Sept. to the 22nd Oct. & the Court for
declaring the Dividend to be on the 16th Sept.
Also Schemes for closing the Books of the
Reduced, the Four 4th Consol. Long Ann. & Consol.
Annuities for 28 Years - The Court agreed
thereto -

Tuesday 10th August 1790.
Ordered Mr. Newland to pay^{go} Lucas who took
Tontow five Guineas & J^{rs} Gibbs who was set to
watch for him at Tontow's own House two Guineas.
Application was made by two different persons
to admit Powers of Attorney made to them
for Sale of Stock which had never been accepted
w^{ch} Mr. Edwards was ordered to tell them could
not be allowed of -

Thursday 12th August 1790.
Mr. Newland acquainted the Governor that
Mr. Wells who attended the Printer with the
Bank Note plates died the 8th Inst. & that Mr.
Sam^l Flahome of the Post Bill Office was the
Senior 4th who had applied to succeed him.
He was accordingly appointed by the Committee
of Treasury & acquainted therewith -

Tuesday 24 Aug: 1790

Governor

D. Governor

Mr. Payne

Blackcroft

Peter

Thomson -

Davis called

Blackbeard & Giles
called in

Regulations proposed

Governor

D. Governor

Mr. Payne

Peter

Thomson -

Forster suspended

Longman d:

The Committee having entered into a long investigation of the several Forgeries that had been executed by Forster & as to the Persons who had been deficient in their duty respecting the

same - called in Davis who had witnessed a transfer of John Blader in 1787 which now appears to be ~~the~~ a Forgery - and he was informed the Governor would lay an account of his conduct in this transaction before the Court. -

Mr. Blackbeard & Mr. ^{of the Appearances} Giles, were called in, on account of their having signed 2 Transfers as Supervisors, which were filed & witnessed by Forster tho' a clerk belonging to the Consols - they were informed of the impropriety of their conduct & required never to permit a clerk belonging to a different office to file up or witness a transfer. The Committee adj: to tomorrow the consideration of the conduct of Lazenby -

Proceeded to form some regulations proper to be adopted for preventing forgeries in the Transfers of Stock

Wednesday Aug: 25. 1790

Mr. Forster was called on a charge for having paid two Drafts of Mr. Thring Agent for Mr. Mackay, Rec: Gen: of the Stamps in two successive weeks, by which the account was overdrawn each time more than 4000 £ - ordered that he be suspended -

Mr. Longman was called, on account of his having behaved improperly to Mr. Newland when he was

making an inquiry about this mistake of
Porter's — ordered that he be suspended.

Mr. Thompson reprimanded

Mr. Thompson was also called in & informed that ~~informed~~ he had been guilty of a neglect in having omitted to inform the Head of his office that the account was overdrawn, which he must have found out when he cast up the Book as he did after it was overdrawn the first time: he acknowledged he had done wrong & he was charged never to be guilty of the like again.

Armistead suspended

Mr. Armistead was called in for the like offence as Mr. Porter and suspended. —

Lazerty examined

The Committee proceeded to examine Mr. Leonard Lazerty of the 3 per cent. consol: office concerning his conduct in enquiring after Baker, whose name was forged — he was informed the Governor would lay before the Court an account of his conduct. —

application from D.
Wingfield & Martiney & Co

Mr. Hankey the Banker on behalf of Leonard Ellington, and the Attorney on behalf of Martiney & Co applied to know if the Bank would consent to the Notes between those parties being put into trustees hands for the benefit of the Creditors

The Governor went out to them and told them the Bank would consent if all the other creditors agreed to it; and desired they would send the Names of the proposed trustees

Martiney & Co's Power of
Atty. passed

agreed to keep a power of Atty. for the sale of 20,000 worth of M^{rs}. Martiney's, altho' the Stock is not accepted on his engaging to procure

in the new Regulations

a power of Attorney to accept the Stock —
Consulted with Mr. Miller & Mr. Walsh
as to the propriety of the Regulations proposed
to be adopted by the Committee, who said they
were all proper, except the one requiring acceptances
which they represented they were fearful was
impracticable

Thursday 26 Aug: 1790

Governor

D. Governor

Mr. Payne

Beachcroft

Peters

Thornton

Mr. Nainby leave to resign
pension to be allowed

Mr. Jones called in —

A Petition of John Nainby for leave to resign
& for some support for himself & 3 children
on acct. of ill health having been 18 years in
the Service & on a Salary of 100^l & a gratuity
of 20^l a year. — agreed to recommend to the
Court to allow him Twenty pounds a year
after the Court

Examined Mr. Jones of the Drawing Office as to
the Behaviour of Longman suspended, who said he
was a very good Officer & treated him respectfully.

Friday 27 Aug: 1790

Governor

D. Governor

Mr. Payne

Peters

Mr. Johnson about
the Fontaine

Mr. Johnson attended the Committee about the
inconvenience that would arise to the Holders of
the new Certificates for the Fontaine, on account
of their not being assignable — he was informed
that the Bank proposed to open Books & —
transfer the said Certificates from this time
to 10 Oct^r when they would become consol.
with the Long Anⁿ —

And Mr. Edwards was directed to have Books
prepared accordingly —

Dollars for the
Paymaster

95.
an application from the Paymaster Genl:-
for as many Dollars as would come to 5000 £
was complied with at 5/1.

Governor
Ed. Governor
Mt. Payne
Nean
Thomton

Tuesday Aug: 31. 1790

Petition from Lazenby
Longman armistead
& Foster

The Petitions of Leonard Lazenby, James Longman
Wm: Armistead & Hon: Foster to be restored to the
service was agreed to be recommended to the
Court. —

Regulations

Agreed that the Governor should lay before the
Court the Regulations proposed to be adopted in
the conduct of the Transfer of Stock, & informed
that with their approbation the Committee will
proceed to make some experiments of the
practicability of them. —

Governor
Dep. Governor

Wednesday 1st Sept. 1790

Mt. J. Baillie's bonds
& Notes deposited

The Bonds & Notes of Mt. James Baillie
for Payment of the several Installments
for the Baillie & Chomier Estates were
locked up in the Box of the Title Deeds
now in the Treasury —

Governor
Ed. Governor
Mt. Payne

Tuesday 7 Sept. 1790

Reacheroff
Peters
Navy Bills taken
Governor

Directed Mt. Newland to take of Mt. Peter
about 4000 Navy Bills dated the 17 & 21 Aug:
at 2 per cent. discount
The Governor signed an order for replacing the Stock of Blades's &
Baker according to the order of Court of 2 September.

Ed. Governor
Mt. Payne
Nean
Peters

Thursday 9 Sept. 1790

Mt. Baillie's Notes &
Bonds deposited

The Bonds & Notes of Mt. Ja. Baillie which were
locked up (as by the Minute of 1 Sept.) in the
Box in the Treasury were this day taken out
of the Box & tied up in Papers & then deposited

in the Drawers in the Iron Safe in the Committee Room —

Directed Mr. Edwards to deliver to Mr. Winter a Bank Note of 500[£] which had been paid & appears to have been one of the Notes that Fortin received from the Amount of the Draft which he had & from the Amount of the Sale of Blades's Stock.

a cancelled Bank Note
to give to Mr. Winter

Tuesday 14 Sept^r: 1790

Governor
C.D. Governor
Mr. Peters
Mr. Thomson
Read the half yearly Acct^s

Received the half yearly Accounts & the Estimate of the State of the Bank previous to their being laid before the Directors —

Wednesday 15 Sept^r: 1790

Governor —
C.D. Governor —
Mr. Payne
Compt^r: ag^t: Davies

Mr. Widmon a Broker at the Stock Exchange attended to complain of Charles Davies of the Three per Cent: Consols for having sold him one day last Week 1000 Consols at 75 ²/₄ & to be delivered on Friday the 10th which he afterwards refused & still refuses to deliver or to pay the difference of price & that the Transaction took place at the Stock Exchange. Mr. Cleland who is a Jobber at the Stock Exchange also complained of Charles Davies that he borrowed of him on Friday the 10th 1000[£] Consols & he returned on Tuesday the 14th which he now refuses to make good. —

Charles Davies was called in, & acknowledged the truth of the charges, & only pleaded inability to make good his Contract. —

Being asked what he had to say for having acted as a Broker or Jobber, in one of which capacities he must have transacted this business — he desired to have till tomorrow to give his Answer —

suspended

The Governor ordered the ^r: Charles Davis to
be suspended. —

Governor
Ed. Governor
Mr. Peters —
Darch
Thornton

Thursday 16 Sept: 1790

Gave Mr. Walsh directions to have the Words
inserted in the Margin of the Transfer, in writing
to be done by the clerks who are to be allowed —
a Guinea a book — the Words as follow
Witness to the Identity of
A. D. —

Regulations

The Governor called in Mr. Walsh, Mr. Miller, Mr. Turner,
Mr. Corby, Mr. Browning, & Mr. Dell & desired them
respectively to get their Transfer Books filled up
as directed above. —

Heads of Office
acquainted that
Davis is discharged

The Governor also acquainted them with the discharge
from the Service of Ch. Davis & directed them to inform
all the Clerks in their respective Offices that he is
discharged for having transgressed the Order of
27 Aug: 1784 against Clerks acting as Brokers or
Jobbers. —

Many Bills taken

Agreed to take of Mr. G. Thornton a parcel of
Many Bills to the amount of 5000 £ at 2/4

Wednesday Sept: 22. 1790

Governor
Ed. Governor
Mr. Cromwell

On an application from Mr. Goldsmith the Broker
agreed that he may dispose of 8 or 10,000 French
Crown at 5/2. —

Thursday 23 Sept: 1790

Governor
D. Governor
W: Payne
Nean
Peter
Darell

Letter from Southall

The Governor reported he had received a letter from James Southall desiring to be allowed to resign — which must be laid before the Court — & that his Wife had called on the Governor to say that Southall was now so bad that she had been obliged to put him in a private mad house — agreed that the Governor may order her to have a present of 5 Guineas when she called again, if he finds it necessary. —

Shad: Shaw a Supervisor

The Committee called in Shadrach Shaw recommended by W: Edwards to be appointed to be a Supervisor in the Room of Fonten discharged & ordered him to be appointed —

Gratuity to the Bow
street Office

Directed W: Winter to give 20 Guineas to the Bow Street Office for the trouble the Magistrates & Officers have had in the Affairs of Fonten —

D. Governor
W: Payne
Nean
Thomson

Tuesday 28 Sept: 1790

Application from the
A. B. of Canterbury's
Court —

A W: Mabbott from the Commons stated that he was Register of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Court at Canterbury which he apprehended (a Sir W. Scott the Commissioner of that Court was of the same Opinion) had a sufficient Jurisdiction to grant Administrations which should affect the public Funds, but that he found it was the Custom for the Bank to refuse all — Probates & Administrations which were not — granted by the Prerogative Court of Canterbury

or by the Bishop of London's Court & desiring to know if the Gentlemen would take any Steps to have enquiry made whether they should not admit such Probates & administrations in future — He was answered, if any Person possessed of one of these administrations were to make a demand of Stock, the Bank must then consider whether it is advisable to refuse it, but till that is done, the Gentlemen did not chuse to stir in it.

Wednesday 29 Sept^r 1790

Governor
D. Governor
W^t. Payne
Beachcroft
Thornton

W^t. Reynolds - one of
Fenton's Securities

The Rev^d W^t. Reynolds applied as one of Fenton's Securities, to represent his situation that he was totally unable to discharge his bond of £500 - any farther than to the amount of £230 which he had in his hands the property of Fenton & which Fenton had left with him by way of covering him as far as was in his power — he was told that the Gentlemen must take time to consider of his case & in the mean time, W^t. Reynolds might either pay the Money into the Bank on account or detain it in safe custody until it should be wanted - at his option. —

Gratuity to W^t.
Beard

The Committee agreed to give 20 £ to W^t. Beard the Proctor in the Commons for his activity in the affair of the Forgery of Fenton in the Account of Baker - & to give him the Thanks of the Gentlemen for his attention, and for his interference with the Judge & the Register in the Commons & obtain an Order for a more particular Description of the Residence of the Parties when Probates & Administrations are granted

gratuities to the Clerks
in the business of Fenton

Agreed that Mr. Walsh have 20 Guineas for his
trouble in going to Margate & Dover after Fenton on
3 or 4 days, & again in going to Sennock to bring up
the Wreckers & in going a third time to West-
Wycombe with Mr. Winter & for his trouble in
Raising out the whole Transaction

that 10 Guineas be given to Mr. Pitt for going to
Margate with Mr. Walsh & for his assiduity in
searching the Books for Mr. Winter —

and 5 Guineas to Mr. Hands for his attention in
searching the Books & assisting Mr. Winter at
the Old Bailey

and 5 shillings each to Flude & Williamson who
attended 2 days at the Old Bailey

and 2/6 each to Wood & Morton who attended only
1 day —

Thursday 29 Sept: 1790

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Payne
Mr. Neave
Mr. Thornton

Mr. Sander one of Fenton's Securities —
attended & said he had 200 £ of Fenton's Money
in his hands towards his Indemnification & that
he should be ready to pay the amount of his Bond
as soon as he was satisfied that he is bound to pay
it — & desired to be favoured with a copy of his
Bond to enquire of his Friends about it: which was
consented to.

Friday 3 Oct: 1790

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Beachcroft
Mr. Darch
Mr. Neave
Mr. Payne

The Rev. Mr. Reynolds attended, & the Governor
informed him that having communicated his
case to the Court of Directors he had to inform
him that no determination could be made at

Mr. Reynolds, the other
Security

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present nor till a settlement of the Bond of
the other Security had taken place but that
he advised him to pay in the £230 & that
he might make himself easy about the
Remainder as the gentlemen were inclined to
be as far as possible to him as possible.

Tuesday 12 Oct: 1790

Governor

Ed. Governor

Mr. Payne

Mr. Beachcroft

Mr. Kean

Mr. Thornton

a Letter fr. Mr. Bowman it.

The Governor presented a Letter he had received
from a Mr. Bowman of Sheffield regarding a man
who was desirous of getting a plate to imitate
Bank Notes — Mr. Winter was desirous
to write to a Mr. Rivington of Sheffield to
inquire into the business & write his opinion upon
it.

Resolutions & Regulations
respecting the Clerks

The Resolutions prepared for preventing the
Clerks acting as Brokers, or as Attorneys for
the Transfer of Stock, and the Regulations to
be observed in the Stock Office & the Orders
for the Increase of the Clerks Salaries, as they
are to be brought before the Court on Thursday
were read over and approved — and it was
determined that it is most advisable not
to communicate any of these Resolutions until
after ^{they} shall have passed the Court —

Governor

D. Govt:

Mr. Beachcroft

Mr. Thornton

Writings of the Grenada
Estates deposited

Tuesday 19 Oct: 1790

Mr. Winter brought the triplicate copy of the
Deeds of Conveyance of the Parcel & them in
Estates to Mr. ~~Winter~~ which were deposited
in the Box in Mr. ~~Winter~~'s Office —

Ans^r from Mr. Rimington

Mr. Winter reported he had had an Answer from Mr. Rimington from Sheffield - he was desired to prepare another Letter to Mr. Rimington & show it to the Committee before it be sent.

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Neave
Darell
Thornton

Mr. Winter to go to Sheffield

Mr. A. Walpole about
a Dev^t on Alexander's
Estate

Wednesday 20 Oct^r 1790

Mr. Winter brought the Draft of a Letter to Mr. Rimington (according to the Minutes of yesterday) - when it was determined that it will be more advisable for Mr. Winter to go down to Sheffield & settle the business as he may find most eligible on the spot. - a Letter from Mr. Rich^d. Walpole to Mr. Neave complaining of the Disigners of Alexander's Estate for not making a div^t to the Detriment of the Bank as well as himself, was shown to Mr. Winter & he was directed to write a Letter to the Trustees proposing for a Dividend to be made.

Wednesday 27 Oct^r 1790.

Mr. Winter reported on his Return from Sheffield that he had with Mr. Rimington & Mr. Bowman examined Joshua French who was suspected of an Intention to counterfeit Bank Notes, & had taken his Examination in Writing ^{signs of Bank} which he read - French delivered him the Plates he had prepared, on which no Engraving had been made & gave Mr. Winter the most solemn Assurance that he should not attempt any thing of the kind in future, & promised from time to time to let him know where he was.

Mr. Winter was directed to desire Mr. Rimington w^d accept of five Guineas for his trouble & that he w^d pay ten Guineas to Mr. Bowman & draw for 5^s Sum on Mr. Winter.

Governor
Dep^y Gov^r
Mr. Paine
Mr. Darell
Mr. Thornton

Mr. Winter's report on
his return from Sheffield

S. Governor
 W. Payne

Sanden agrees to pay

about the opinions he
 had taken

Friday 29 Oct: 1790

Mr. Sanders attended & agreed to pay the remaining 300£ of his Security for — Fenton (200£ having been already paid in) on the 25th day of March next. — and Mr. Sanders having left the case & opinion which he had had from Mr. Erskine, for the use of the Bank at the desire of the Gentlemen: he was promised to be allowed the expense of them — Mr. Sanden declared himself willing to hear the other opinion which he had taken viz: of Mr. Law, but said his attorney Mr. — Hall refused to give it up. — He was informed if he could procure that case & opinion & hear it at the Bank, he should be paid for it.

Governor
 S. Governor
 Mr. Neave
 Mr. Darch
 Mr. Thomson

Heads of the Council
 called in & informed
 about acceptances.

Tuesday 2 Nov: 1790

The Heads of the Three per cent: consol: Office were called in & informed that when the — Court by the late Regulations appointed the hours from 9 till 11, & from 12 past 1 till 3, for the acceptance, they meant to restrain the Publick from interrupting business by having a right to demand to have their acceptances looked out at unreasonable hours, but they never intended to restrain the Clerks who may be at leisure from presenting acceptances, if it can be done conveniently at any time; & that ^{the Gentlemen} considered it as the duty of the Chief Clerks to permit acceptances to be made at all times when it is for the facilitation of business. —

Governor
 C. S. Governor
 Mr. Payne
 Peter
 Thornton

Tuesday 9 Nov: 1790

Agreed to the Scheme for closing the Books proposed by Mr. Edwards —

Wednesday 10 Nov: 1790

Governor
 S. Governor
 Mr. Payne
 Petition from Griffin

a Petition from Griffin who desires the Door-keepers to have his pay weekly & that he may be allowed to attend Saturdays & Mondays
 Ordered that he shall be paid in future 2/6 a day like the other Watchmen in the House — & do attend for the present on Saturdays & Mondays & that he be paid from the time Mr. Alcock went out of Town —

Thursday 11 Nov: 1790

Governor
 C. S. Governor
 Mr. Payne
 Neave
 Peter
 Darch
 Thornton
 Petition for the Superintendents

Mr. Edwards presented a Petition from all the Superintendents praying an Increase of their annual Gratuity was unanimously rejected. —

Tuesday 16 Nov: 1790

Governor
 C. S. Governor
 Mr. Payne
 Peter
 Neave
 Darch

Mr. Vickery questioned

Called in Mr. Vickery & questioned him about a Report that he had put his ~~son~~ Daughter into Partnership with Mr. Salmon & he was informed that this might be considered by some of the Gentlemen as an Evasion of the late Order — Mr. Vickery said it

was true he has put his Daughter to be a Partner with Mr. Salmon that he did not mean to derivin any Emolument himself from the Partnership, & that his Daughter kept a clerk to do her part of the Business. - That he must submit his conduct to the Court & he hoped it would not be thought that he had transgressed their Orders. -

Thursday 18 Nov: 1790

Governor
S. Governor
Mr. Beacheroff
Mr. ~~Becheroff~~
Nelson
Peters
Thomson

Mr. Vickery was called in & informed by the Governor that the Court were generally of Opinion that the Connection he has formed for his Daughter with Mr. Salmon was inconsistent with his Situation in this house.

Mr. Vickery again
talked to

Mr. Vickery said he should be glad to have an opportunity of stating his own Case before the next Court of Directors

Message to the Field
Officer in Waiting

The Governor directed the ~~Dep.~~ Secretary to wait on the Field Officer of the Guards in Waiting with a Note informing him that the Officer who was on guard on Monday the 15th instant left the Bank at 10 - o'clock & did not return any more.

Mr. Moffatt's Will

Mr. Edwards produced a copy of the Will of James Moffatt Esq: dec: by which a large quantity of Stock is tied up, but that the Executor demand to have leave to transfer it & intend that a stop should be put on the Stock

Tuesday 7 Dec: 1790

Governor
D. Gov:

Mr. Thornton

Petitions from Snook
& Tontons Wife

Mr. Stephani complain-
ing of the Conduct of
the Clerks -

Two Petitions from Geo: Snook for relief
& from Tre: Tontons for charity for his -
Family - were adjudged improper to be
complied with - but being addressed
to the Lord - must be laid before it -
a Mr. Stephani having addressed a Letter
to the Director complaining of an obstruction
in business for not being known - he was -
sent for - & it appearing there had been no
wilful obstruction, he was informed if there
should be any serious ground of complaint of
the conduct of the Clerks - the Committee
would be ready to take notice of it, but at present
they could do no more than recommend to the
Clerks to dispatch business as much as possible.

Gov:

D Gov:

Mr. Payne

Mr. Thornton

Petition from Elizabeth
Banning -

Friday 10 Dec: 1790.

A Petition from Eliz: Banning att: by Mr.
Payne requesting some Assistance on acc:
of her having incurred a great Expence by
Lameness etc. ordered Mr. Newland to give
her five Guineas -

Conference with Mr:
Pitt

concerning the Balances
in the hands of the Bank

The Governor and Dep: Governor having
attended Mr. Pitt on ~~Tuesday~~ ^{Wednesday} by appointment
he informed them that he found by inspection
of the Audit Roll which is annually sent
up to the Exchequer, that the Balances in
the hands of the Bank had been constantly
increasing & that by the last delivered it

History of the
proceedings on this
business

it appeared 547,000 £ or thereabouts was the Balance, that he was desirous of employing the whole of this Sum, except 50,000, for the use of the Publick, by leaving no more than 50,000 £ to answer the Calls that may be made upon the Bank for undclaimed Dividends with a power reserved to the Bank to draw on the Exchequer in case the balance should ever be under 50,000 £, with the consold. Fund pledged to the Bank as a collateral security for the due payment.

The Governor informed Mr. Pitt that the business was of too great consequence for him to give any answer, but that he would lay it before the Court & wished to have it reduced to Writing: in consequence of which a paper containing Minutes of the Conversation was sent to the Bank on Thursday & laid before the Court where it was resolved unanimously that the Requisition could not possibly be complied with & the Governor & Dep. Governor waited on Mr. Pitt to inform him accordingly. — Mr. Pitt said he could not easily give up the Idea of making use of this 500,000 £ but that he would think seriously about it: & desired to have some particular Account of balances made out for 3 Years back — which were immediately directed to be got ready & some of them were sent to Mr. Pitt on Saturday. — In the course of conversation

on Wednesday Mr. Pitt said he should not
 have occasion to issue more Exchequer Bills —
 than are mentioned in his Letter which was
 laid before the Court on Thursday — but on
 Thursday after he had heard the Answer from
 the Bank he said that if he should be —
 prevented making use of the Money arising
 from the Balances it might oblige him to
 issue 500,000 more Bills than he had intended.
 Note — The Sense of the Court was taken on the
 Proposition in the absence of the Secretary &
 no mention was made of it on the Minutes

Tuesday, Thursday 14 Dec: 1790

Governor —
 J. Governor
 Mr. Paine
 Peter
 Neave
 Thornton

Mr. Peggott attended

farther conference with
 Mr. Pitt about the
 balances

accounts called for

Had a conversation with Mr. Peggott
 respecting the application from Mr. Pitt —
 The Governor & Deputy Governor waited on
 Mr. Pitt by appointment who desired he
 might be furnished with the Amount of
 the Balances in the hands of the Bank at
 every Quarter previous to the Issue of the
 Money for a first Dividend — which the
 Governor being furnished with, he showed
 it to Mr. Pitt — who desired that the
 proper Officers might attend at the House
 of the Commons this day with a Copy of
 the said Balances — as he intended to
 move for the same being laid before the
 House —

Wednesday Dec: 15. 1790

The Gov: and
a full Committee

accounts to be laid before
the House of Commons

Two accounts of Dividends remaining unpaid
which fell due previous to the 31 Dec: 1770 &
31 Dec: 1780 with an account of how much
remained unpaid of each on the end of every
subsequent year having been made out, the
Accountant was directed to sign the same
& to attend this day to present the same at
the House of Commons — and Mr: ald: Watson
& Mr: S: Thornton were requested to move for the
same to be laid before the House, in case Mr: Pitt
should bring on the business of the Balances —
this day in the House. —

Mr: Piggott attend

Mr: Piggott attended the Committee and a farther
conversation took place on the business in —
Agitation

The Governor was requested to lay the whole
Transaction that has taken place before the
Court of Directors tomorrow. —

Governor
D. Governor
Mr: Payne
Mr: Thornton

Friday 17 Dec: 1790

Agreed to give the following gratuities —
to the Clerks who were employed in making
out the accounts laid before the House of
Commons —

Gratuities to Clerks for
making out the accounts

Mr: Walsh & Mr: Baillie 5 G: each
Mr: Rowman, Mr: Burrell
Mr: Greaves, Mr: Kimin and
Mr: Hutchinson — 3 Guit: each —

Thursday 23 Dec: 1790

Governor
S. Governor
Mr. Payne
Peter
Darell
Thornton

That the Business of
the Balances is post-
poned -

a Gen^l. Court

Gratuities for the Discount

concerning the Balances

The Governor informed the Committee that Mr. Pitt brought on in the House of Commons on Wednesday last week the Proposal to take 500,000 from the Bank as a Part of his Ways & Means, and that the business had been opposed in the House by Mr. Sam. Thornton - and Mr. Ald. Watson - and that the Governor had been since informed, that Mr. Pitt on Friday night agreed to postpone the farther consideration of this business till after the holidays.

Also, a Gen^l. Court was held on Thursday last the 18th inst. when the Conduct of the Directors was approved of. -

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Court to give a Gratuity of 500 £ to the Clerks employed in entering the Discounts in the Accountants Office for the year 1790. -

Note, Mr. Pitt in opening the Business of the 500,000 in the House of Commons, altered the ground from what he had first proposed to take: by saying that he did not mean to deduct this sum from the future issues for Dividends: but meant to continue all the Issues in future as usual; & to have a power to take 500,000 from the Money now in the Bank. on the same terms and security as he had proposed when it was to have been taken in the other way.

Thursday 30 Dec: 1790

Governor
S. Governor
Mr. Payne
Heare
Peters
Darell
Thomton

application from Sheriff
macaulay about one Jones
now in Newgate

Let: fr: the Governor
to Lord Grenville

Governor
Mr. Peters
Mr. Darell -
Mr. Heare

Further proceedings about
Jones

application from Mr.
Gerant at Honiton
about Stock

Mr. Sheriff Macaulay having informed the Committee that he has good Reason to suspect that one Jones now in Newgate was concerned in fabricating sundry forged Bills & Bank-Notes & that he had reason to think that a parcel of them would be sent by the Post this week addressed to ~~the~~ Capt. Stanhope & Hotel de Londres Calais - & that he had applied at Lord Grenville's Office to have the Letter stopped, but had found great difficulty. The Governor wrote a Letter to Lord Grenville requesting an Order to stop this or any other letters concerning this business, at the Post Office & sent it by Mr. Winter -

Friday 31st Decem: 1790

The Governor recd a Note last Night from Mr. Winter acquainting him that Lord Grenville was in the Country, but w^o return to day & that Mr. Keppel had assured Mr. Winter that all letters sh^d be stopd. The Governor waited on Mr. Todd, who informed him that no letter had been sent into the Office addressed to Cap: Stanhope but w^o let him know if any appeared - Mr. Peter Gerant of Honiton, Devon, applies to receive the Dividends on £1405.10.3 Penn & Sons Consol: Ann: w^{ch} had been transferred to him in 1778 by the Accts^t. general in Treasury w^{ch} he said he had discovered by looking over some old Writings & it appearing that he had in that Year sold by Power of Att^y some Ann: 1726 & his Band Writing ^{now} corresponding wth that of the Power & his Person being known by Mr. Vickers, the Committee decided that he might accept the Stock & receive the Dividends -

Governor
Mr. Peters
Mr. Keane
Mr. Thornton

applicant from Mr. Heyden
about O'Rourke's claim

a letter stopper from
Jones. —

Tuesday 4th Jan. 1791.

A letter to the Gov. & Directors from Mr. Heyden
N. 22 Ivy Lane requesting informatⁿ abt. a sum
of money supposed abt. £18,000 lodged in the Bank
many years ago by Bryan O'Rourke Esq^r of
Dominica having been read to the Committee
& Mr. Edwards finding no stock in that name
nor any Cash Acct. — The Secretary was
ordered to send for Mr. Heyden & inform him
thereof —

Mr. Winter acquainted the Committee that a
letter directed to Cap^t. Stanhope had on Friday
last been put into the Post Office & had been sent
to Mr. Nepean, on whom Mr. Winter waited yesterday
& on deciphering the letter, which was signed Good
& of which he left a copy, it appeared to contain
advice of some plan of forgery & by a paper
inclosed in it was thought to be of the French
Emigrant — Mr. Nepean proposed having a
fair simile made of the letter & inclosing the
paper in it to forward it to Cap^t. Stanhope by
this night's post —

Tuesday 11 Jan: 1791

Governor
B. Governor
Mr. Payne
Mr. Keane
Mr. Peters
Mr. Darch
Mr. Thornton

Case on the unpaid Divi-
dends prepared

Mr. Winter attended the Committee with
a Draft he had prepared of a case on
the subject of the 500,000 proposed by Mr.
Pitt to be taken from the amount of the
unpaid Dividends — which was gone thro'
and he is to shew it to Mr. Piggott who is
desired to attend the Committee tomorrow at
12 o'clock —

Governor
S. Govt.

Mr. Payne

Mr. Beachcroft

Mr. Neave

Mr. Peters

Mr. Darrell

Mr. Thornton

Contracts for the Land
& Malt

Mr. Piggott consulted
on the case respecting
the Dividends

to be laid before
Council

Thursday 13 Jan: 1791

The Governor mentioned that the Contracts were come down for the Land & Malt - but that no notice had ever been taken of it, by Mr. Pitt, nor had the appeal of the Court been taken as usual. - The Committee - agreed that the Contracts may be passed this day: but that it will be right for the Governor to take notice to Mr. Pitt of the omission, which is unprecedented, & to desire that it may not happen again -

After the Court - Mr. Piggott and Mr. Winter attended the Committee & went over the case which Mr. Winter had made out on Tuesday - & it was altered & sent back for Mr. Piggott to introduce some new Paragraphs into & it is to be laid before

Mr. Piggott

The Solicitor General

Mr. Adams

Mr. Mansfield

Mr. Mitford

& Mr. Bowles -

Governor
S. Govt.

Mr. Payne

Mr. Peters

also before Mr. Wood as well as the other Gentlemen -

Friday 14 Jan: 1791

Read the case mentioned in yesterday's Minutes - to be laid before Mr. Wood

Governor
D. Gov.
Mr. Payne
Hear
Darell
Thomson

Mr. Henry of the Reduced
Ann^d - reprimanded

opinion of Council
received

message to Mr. Pitt

Thursday 20 Jan: 1791

At the Complaint of Mr. Edwards
Mr. Henry of the Reduced Office was called
in & reprimanded for his bad attendance
in the Office under pretence of Illness - & he
was informed he must conduct himself to
the satisfaction of Mr. Turner the principal
of the Office, otherwise he must expect to be
beaten in a worse Manner next time any
complaint was made against him.

The opinions of Mr. Mansfield, Mr. Mitford
Mr. Bower & Mr. Wood on the case laid before
them having been rec^d & information that
the Sol^r: Gen^l: had declined giving an opinion
they were all shewn to the Gentlemen in
Court this ^{day} & the opinions read -

The Governor informed the Committee he had
sent yesterday to Mr. Pitt & desired leave
for him to wait on Mr. Pitt with the -
Deputy Gov^r: & two other Members of the
Committee on the subject of the unpaid
Dividends & that he had received an -
Answer that Mr. Pitt was out of Town
& would appoint a time as soon as he
comes back.

Governor
D. Governor
M^r. Payne
Neave
Peter
Darell
Thomton

about M^r. Moffatt's
Will

Information concerning
M^r. Lom

Thursday 27 Jan: 1791

M^r. Winter reported that he had shown to —
M^r. Coon, the Solicitor for the Executors of the late
James Moffatt, the Opinion of M^r. Piggott which
has been taken by the Bank respecting the Stock
tyed up by M^r. Moffatt's Will, & which M^r. Coon
thinks is liable to some Objections, & which he
wanted to compare with the Opinion of M^r.
Mitford which he had taken for the Executors.

M^r. Tyler Foreman to M^r. Swinton the Carpenter
gave information to the Committee that a Woman
named Lom whose Husband was executed for —
setting fire to M^r. Gildings' premises, is come —
to live in Catherine Court Prison but with
one Blacklock her Father & Mother, the Father
being Porter at the Mansion House.

Thursday 3 Feb: 1791

Governor
D. Governor
M^r. Payne
M^r. Blackcroft
M^r. Neave
Peter
Darell
Thomton

a State made out
of the nature of the
Question concerning
the unpaid Dividends.

settled the Form of an Explanation of
the State of the Question between the Cha-
rter of the Exchequer & the Bank respecting
the 500,000 proposed to be taken from the
Floating Balance, which the Governor is
desirous to shew to M^r. Pitt, in case he perse-
veres in pushing the ~~Bank~~ Measure: & to
state it to him as a Sketch of what the
Bank will probably find it necessary in
some way or other to bring before the Public
by

Governor
 D. Governor
 Mr. Payne
 Brachcroft
 Nean
 O. Barrell
 Thornton
 Closing the Books
 Mr. Pitt waited on

Friday 4 Feb: 1791

Agreed to a Scheme for closing the Books
 of the Reduced Annuities
 The Governor reported that the & the Dep:
 Governor with Mr. Payne & Mr. Brachcroft
 had waited on Mr. Pitt this morning &
 laid before him the Letter ordered yesterday
 by the Court, & also talked over the Business
 of the £500,000 & that Mr. Pitt appeared to
 be fixed in his mind to prosecute the
 Measure. —

Governor —
 D. Governor
 Mr. Payne
 Nean
 O. Barrell
 Thornton
 Peters
 Brachcroft
 Messrs. fr. Mr. Pitt
 Silver sold

Tuesday 8 Feb: 1791

The Governor informed the Committee that
 he has received an appointment from Mr:
 Pitt to go up to him with the Dep: Gov: —
 tomorrow at 11 o' clock. —

Mrs. Mocatto & Goldsmith applied to the
 Committee for 200,000 ounces of Dollars for a
 private Head — The Committee agreed to let them
 have it at 5.17^d per Dollar ounce. —

Mocatto & Goldsmith returned & reported
 they had sold 412,000 ounces of Dollars
 at the price above mentioned.

Wednesday 9 Feb: 1791

Mr. Pitt attended

The Governor & Dep: Governor having attended
 Mr. Pitt to day he informed them his
 Business was respecting the E. I. Company

concerning the E. I.
Company

concerning the Bill for
taking the unpaid Div^d

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and he desired to be informed from the Court
what their opinion is respecting the India
Annuities whether the E. Company can pledge
them and the Bank will be content to lend on
them without farther authority of Parliament.
and he desired to see Mr. Piggott's opinion which
had been given to the Bank on the case.

The Governor asked him whether he had
fixed any time for bringing in the Bill about
the unpaid Dividends, and he answered he
should do it in two or three days, and authorized
the Bank to act on his declaration as they
would do if the Bill was actually brought
in.

The Governor informed Mr. Pitt that the
Result of the last conference of the Ath inst:
would be laid before the Court tomorrow and
he presumed their opinion would be to call
a general Court. — and that he proposed
acquainting the Gentlemen who had signed
the Letter which had been laid before Mr.
Pitt with the opinion Mr. Pitt still main-
tained: to which he made answer he had
no objection.

Thursday 10 Feb^r 1791

Governor
D. Governor
Mr. Paine
Beachcroft
Neave
Peters
Darch
Thomson

Agreed that the Governor do inform the Court
this day that the Committee are unanimous
in adhering to the opinion of the Bank's Council
that the Annuities of the East India Company
are not a proper Security for the Bank to

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P. I. Company

take without a farther parliamentary sanction for the pledging of them.

The Chair of the P. I. Company having applied for the purchase of a large Parcel of Dollars was informed that the Bank chose to transact the business thro' their Bankers. -

Silvers sold to
the P. I. Company

Mocatta & Goldsmid applied for the purchase of Dollars from 400 to 1600 thousand pieces - for the P. I. Company - & was informed the Bank expected $6\frac{1}{2}$ for whatever sum the Company wants - He returned and informed the - Committee the Company take 1600,000 pieces on those terms, but desired the liberty of taking the Silvers as it may be wanted on the departure of the Ships -

Friday 11 Feb. 1791

Mr. Pitt waited on

that the Court requires a
parliamentary sanction
for lending on the P. I. -
annuities

The Governor & Dep. Governor waited on Mr. Pitt & informed him that the Court of Directors adhere to their former opinion that some farther parliamentary sanction was necessary before the Bank could lend money on the India annuities. Mr. Pitt ^{said} when the authority had been obtained from Parliament, he supposed the Court would have no farther objection to advance a sum of money upon them - The Governor told him, that matter had not been before the Court, but he had no reason to suppose the Court would object to it.

concerning the unpaid
Dividends

The Governor requested that the Bank might be furnished with a Copy of the Bill respecting the unclaimed Dividends as soon as it was brought into the House, which was promised.

publishing the names of
the Proprietors of stock

On the Business of publishing the names of the
Proprietors of unclaimed Dividends - Mr. Pitt
said he could have no objection to the measure
he did not wish to give an opinion about it: but
thought it a matter for consideration for the
Bank, who might perhaps be injured by For-
geries & other Deceits -

Contr. for Land & Malt
sent down without the
previous assent of the
Court.

The Governor mentioned that the last Contract
for the Land & Malt had been sent to the Bank
without any previous application for taking the
sense of the Court, & begged this might not be
repeated - Mr. Pitt said it had been an involuntary
omission. -

concerning the 300,000
£. Bills for the E. I.
Company

The Governor mentioned that the Bank would
require some farther Sanction from Parliament
for the advance of £300,000 to the E. I. Company
on the Exchequer Bills - Mr. Pitt said he
understood the Company meant to pay off that
sum, & he supposed if it was only to remain
3 or 4 months it would not be necessary to bring
it into Parliament - He was answered not -
for that short period, but if it should be -
continued, it must. -

Governor & a
full Committee

Saturday 12 Feb: 1791

a Meeting of Gentlemen
at the Bank on the
business of the unpaid
Dividends

Mr. Vankeek - Mr. Cha^s. Pole -
Mr. Harman - Mr. Bacchar
Mr. Van Vorst Mr. Shillupen
Mr. Gregory - Mr. Foster &
Mr. Puller

attended the Committee & were informed of
the opinion of Mr. Pitt respecting the subject
of the Letter mentioned in the Minutes of 4 Feb: -

Monday 14 Feb: 1791

W^t: Pitt waited for
by the Gov^t: & Dep: Gov^t:
on the business of the
unpaid Dividends

The Governor & Dep: Gov^t: waited on
W^t: Pitt with the consent of the Committee
but in their private capacity, to enquire
of him whether it is not possible to propose
some Expedient by which the Government
might have the use of 500,000 £ without
it being taken from the Bank in the
manner proposed by W^t: Pitt - he told
them he certainly should have no objection
to have the Money without opposition, but he
did not see what sort of an Expedient could
be adopted -

He was told that a proposition might be made
for his having the Money from the Bank without
Interest for a limited time - he made ans^r:
that nothing that would require the Money
ever to be repaid could be thought of by him.
He was told that it might be proposed -
to the Court to make the Loan a perpetual
one, but it would in course be more difficult
to obtain their consent to it - He said that
such an offer if made to him, would probably
meet with his approbation

Tuesday 15 Feb: 1791

The Governor &
a Full Committee
unpaid Dividends

The Governor laid before the Committee the
purport of the conversation with W^t: Pitt
as entered in the Minutes of yesterday
Resolved that it would have been a desirable

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to have made a Proposition for lending the
500,000 to Government without Interest for a
limited time viz: for 5 or 6 years or until the
additional Taxes shall have discharged the
Expences of the late Armament — but that
any Idea of lending the Money for an indefinite
Period is not proper to be cherished; nor ought
any Proposition by way of Expedient to be made
on this ground.

That the Governor be empowered to lay the
Substance of this day's business with the Decision
of the Committee thereon before the next Court
of Directors.

Wednesday 16 Feb: 1791

E. I. Company

A Message having been sent to the Chairman
D^r. Chairman of the E. I. Company desiring
to see them at the Bank on the Subject of
the 300,000 £ & 2 ch: Bills on which the Bank
had advanced that Sum to the Company: &
they having sent an Ans^r: that they must see
the Minister before they could attend a Meeting.
The Dep: Governor called on them this day
at the E. I. House & the Court being sitting -
saw only the Dep: Chairman to whom he
said that all the Business which the Gent:
of the Bank had with the India Chair was
to inform them they had seen Mr: Pitt res-
pecting the Annuities which the Company
meant to pledge by way of Loan, & it had
been fully explained that a parliamentary
Sanction for the Company's so doing was

expected by the Bank & Mr. Pitt had said -
one should be obtained.

That with regard to the Exchequer Bills on which
the Bank had lent 300,000, it had been said
they would be paid off in the course of the
present Session, that if that was certain, the
Bank would not require any parliamentary
authority for the continuation of the loan
for this short period, but that they must
understand that if they should have occasion
to call for another Renewal of this Money
after the present Session shall be up: it
will not be granted unless some farther
authority for making use of these Bills shall
have been obtained from Parliament.

The Dep. chairman said he perfectly under-
stood what was meant, & he imagined the
Money would be paid off.

Thursday 17 Feb: 1791

Mr. Pitt waited -
about the unpaid
Dividends.

The Governor & Dep. Governor attended
Mr. Pitt and informed him that they had
laid before the Court of Directors the Proposi-
tion they had suggested to him on the 14th
and that the Court were of opinion that no
proposition could be thought of, which went
to advancing the Money to Government for
an indefinite Period and that they had
occasion to believe that if his having the Money
without Interest for a limited time had

been agreeable to his Wishes, the Court would
have come into it. - He made Ans: that any
thing for a limited term was out of the Question
& that he should very soon bring in his Bill
for taking the Money as first proposed.

Thursday 24 Feb. 1791

Governor
D. Gov:
Mr. Payne
Beachcroft
Peterson
Nean
Darek
Thomson

Promissory Notes
resembling Bank
Notes

Mr. Winter brought word that he had attended
at Sir Sampson Wrights at an Examination
of one Tinkle a Grocer at Charing Cross & one
Groves a Shoemaker in Watling Street, concerning
a quantity of promissory Notes for 2 pence & 3 pence
which have been issued by them respectively -
much resembling Bank Notes, & the Letters -
expressing the Sum in white Letters upon black
that all the parties concerned in making the
said Notes such as Engravers Printers &c: -
had been brought up and all of them had
expressed themselves much concerned for what
they had done & declared that it had proceed-
ed from ignorance: that they had given up
both the Plates and all the Notes which had
been struck off: & that on their promise of never
getting into such a scrape again, they had
been all dismissed. -
Mr. Winter produced the Plates which were cut
to pieces, & also the Notes which were burnt. -
a note of Ten Pounds was given to Mr. Winter
to be given at the Publick office in Bow Street.

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Governor and
a full Committee

on the subject of the
Bill for taking 500,000

Saturday 26 Feb: 1791

The Governor informed the Committee they
had been summoned to attend this day in
consequence of Mr. Pitt having last night
asked leave in the House of Commons to bring
in the Bill respecting the Balances in the Bank
& having declared that he intended it should
be read the first time on Monday next & the
second time on Monday fortnight, which he
afterwards mentioned should be put off till
Tuesday. That it is expected no Debate will
take place till the second Reading - but as
he cannot obtain the printed copy of the Bill
^{before Tuesday or Wednesday}
the Governor stated it was probable the Court
would be much hurried to be prepared in time
in such proceedings as might be judged -
 requisite -
agreed that a Court of Directors be summoned
for Monday morning at 11 o'clock to consider
of the propriety of summoning a Genl. Court.
That the Governor be desired to send a Letter
to Mr. Pitt to request that the Court may be
furnished with a written copy of the Bill -
as soon as convenient. —

Mr. Lewin examined
for a Cashier

Mr. Lewin was called in & examined as to
his fitness to be made a Cashier - Mr. Newland
having represented that one is wanted
agreed to recommend him to the Court. —

Governor -

& a full Committee

Tuesday 1 March 1791

Mr. Piggott attends
on the Subject of the
Bill in Part.

Mr. Piggott attended the Committee & -
much conversation past respecting the drawing
up a Petition to the House of Commons ag:
the Bill for taking a Sum of Money out of
the Balances in the Bank: but a Copy
of the Bill not having been yet sent down -
contrary to expectation; no further directions
could be given to Mr. Piggott than to desire
he would frame a proper Petition as soon as
he could be furnished with the Copy of the
Bill - in order that it may be ready to be made
use of, if the General Court should determine
to petition, & should call for one. -

Mr. Larchin G. -

Mr. Larchin having been sent for, and examined
why he did not attend more constantly: and
that his State of health was such as to have
rendered it impossible - he was recommended
to return & consider for a week or a fortnight
whether it would not be advisable for him
to resign & throw himself on the generosity of
the Court. -

Mr. G. Parker
attends about a plan
he offered.

Mr. Geo. Parker of Oakley, about near Westminster, Mr. Geo.
having desired to attend the Committee with
a plan he had to produce for the benefit of the
Bank was called in, & only proposed that an
Inspector & set of Agents should be appointed
in order to discover frauds in their commence-
ment. -

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re
Governor
S. Governor
Mr. Neave
Peters
Barth
Thomson
List of unclaimed Div.
produced
a Temporary office for
paying them

Mess^{rs}: Townshend & Russell Solicitors in
a Cause Gibson & Gibson in which the
Chancery had directed a Master to name
five Trustees to a charitable Fund, applied
to the Bank for leave for certain Stocks to be
put into that number of Names.
which was agreed to.

Friday 4 March 1791

Mr. Edwards produced the List of the
Proprietors of unclaimed Dividends as
demanded by the House of Commons.
& the Sheets were approved & ordered to be
bound up —

Agreed that it will be proper to erect a
temporary office in the Rotunda for rec^y
applications & discussing the claims that
may be made for the Old Dividends, & that
Mr. Walsh with 3 or 4 picked Clerks will
be a proper Person to put at the Head of
the office —

Agreed that it will be advisable when
the List of unclaimed Dividends is sent
into the House, not to take any step to
~~produce~~ ^{induce} the House not to order the List to
be printed, but to let it take its Course.

Governor
 Mr. Payne
 Mr. Beachcroft
 Mr. Peters
 Mr. Darrell
 Mr. Thornton

Sanderson of
 Tontons Securities

Order to Mr. Church

Governor
 Mr. Payne
 Beachcroft
 Darrell
 G. Thornton
 Peters
 Compt. ag. Mr. Armstrong

Governor &
 a full Committee
 Directors

Petition of Coulthard
 to resign

Tuesday 8th March 1791

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Mr. Sanders one of the Securities for Tontons brought the copy of an Opinion of Mr. Bowers stating that Mr. Sanders was not liable to the Penalty of the Bond he had entered into, that he ought to assist it; Sanders said he had not the case nor was it laid before Mr. Bowers by his order, he said he had heard that Mr. Reynolds the other security had been favoured with an Abatement of the demand on him & wished likewise to have some Allowance made to him — He was informed that their Situations were very different & that it would be expected he should pay the remainder of the money due to the Bank at the time before agreed on —

Mr. Church was directed to order the Clerk in his Office, who enter the Bills brought in to be received by the Bank as they become due & which are entered short, to sign their Names to such Entries —

Wednesday 16 March 1791

Mr. Edwards complained that Mr. Armstrong of the 4 per cent. Office had refused to obey the orders of Mr. Cortyn his Superior as well as of Mr. Edwards who had repeated them. — Mr. Armstrong was called in & acknowledged his offence — and was suspended.

Thursday 17 March 1791

Agreed to recommend to the Court of Directors to make a Dividend of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent.

Took into Consideration a Petition of Mr. Coulthard for leave to resign & for a pension, agreed to — recommend to the Court to allow him 80£; he having a Salary of 120£ & having been 20 years in the Service & no children, but a Wife & some small Property.

Gratuities to Mr. Piggott

Took into consideration the presenting a gratuity to Mr. Piggott for drawing the Petition to the House of Commons — & agreed to postpone it till the Court is certain whether or no a further Petition to the Lords will be that necessary.

Clerks appointed for the unclaimed Div^d:

Mr. Walsh, Mr. Coates & Mr. Poppleton — were appointed to be the Clerks in the new Office for receiving Claims on the unclaimed Dividends, & Mr. Walsh received Instructions to provide Books & begin tomorrow. —

Governor
S. Gort.

Mr. Payne

Beachcroft

Peter

Neave

Darke

Thomson.

Observations on what
passed in the H^o of
Commons

Friday 10 March 1791

Took into consideration the Observations made by Ald. Watson on what passed in the House of Commons on Tuesday on the Subject of the Bank for taking 500,000 from the Bank — and agreed to what was thought proper to be said, in case a point debate should arise. —

Agreed to allow 1000 a week to John Duke an old carpenter who states he has worked 40 years at the Bank & is 75 years old & disabled. —

Received & read the Report from the Committee for inspecting the Rules of the Bank regarding their Clerks & a part of the Regulations —
Deferred the Remainder till Tuesday

Governor
 D. Gov.
 M. Payne
 Beachcroft
 Peters
 Darch
 G. Thornton

Tuesday 22 March 1791

Read the Remainder of the Regulations delivered in by the Committee
 Considered two Letters sent by the M^r. Harman to the Dep: Governor, & also a Note accompanying a proposed Motion to be made in a General Court addressed to the Gov: & Dep: Gov: I agreed to lay the same before the Court of Directors.

Governor
 D. Gov.
 M. Payne
 Beachcroft
 Darch
 Thornton -

Wednesday 23 March 1791

Sir Henry Harmet & M^r. Harman having called on the Committee & informed them that some Conversation had passed last night in the House of Commons in which a Proposition had been made that 500,000 should be advanced by the Bank for the Use of Government without Interest & that M^r. Pitt had said if such a Proposition should be made to him with condition that it should remain as long as the sum in the Hands of the Bank should not be reduced under a certain Sum, it would be deserving of consideration: & that he had expressed himself willing to accept of such a Proposition even in this late Stage of the Bill. - they desired to know of the Directors whether they would call a general Court to give them an opportunity of considering this Business.

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Agreed to ~~the~~ recommend to the Court of
Directors to order a genl Court to be summoned. —

Thursday 24 March 1791

Governor
S. Governor
Mr. Payne
Peter
Thomson
Beachcroft
Dank

adj? —

Governor &
a full Committee

Monday 28 March 1791

Agreed to the Rise of Salaries for the
Clerks &
to the annual Gratuities. —

S. Governor
Mr. Payne
Beachcroft
Peter

Thursday 31 March 1791

Mr. Walsh having taken notice to the Com.
mittee that the Prof is so great to obtain
payment of the unclaimed Dividends that
he must have some expedient to bring up &
settle the Accounts — Agreed that notice shall
be given none of those Dividends will be paid
on a Saturday.

Mr. Edwards was informed that any applica-
tions for payment of Dividends ~~must be~~
without Administrations must be rejected at
least for the present.

Monday 4 April 1791

The Governor & S. G^t having on the 29th March
presented to Mr. Pitt a copy of the Offer contained

in the Resolution of the Gen^l. Court of that Day
Received this Day from him a Note to attend him
tomorrow at 10 o'clock & in the Evening another
Note Desiring their consideration of a Paper
annexed which contained the proposed Clause -
of an Act of Parliament as a Ground on which
he could make an Agreement with the Bank.
This Draft of a Clause did not contain the
two Paragraphs ^{required by} ~~contained in~~ the offer from
the Gen^l. Court viz "that their Proposal should
not be drawn into a Precedent to the Prejudice
of the Public Annuitants" and "that no other
demands should ever be made on the Bank
on account of any present or future balance
lying there for the payment of the Public Anne-
uitants!" -

Tuesday 5 April 1791

The Governor & D. Gov^r. waited on Mr. Pitt
according to Appointment, & stated to him
they were apprehensive his Attention of the
Proposal of the Gen^l. Court would not meet
with their approbation of the Court on account
of the Words being omitted that no future demands
should be made on the Bank.

after some conversation, Mr. Pitt agreed those
Words should stand provided the Bank -
would agree to advance any farther Sum
that might lie in their hands above 600,000
expressing that he did not mean smaller
Sums than 100,000 - The Governor -
reported this Conference to the Gen^l. Court -

The Gov^r & D. Gov^r, after the Gen^l Court was over, again waited on Mr. Pitt with the new Proposal which he seemed to accept — & it was understood that the Bill now pending is to be withdrawn, & a new one brought in without the long Preamble which stands in the present Bill & only reciting, that the Bank are willing to make a Loan to Government without Interest — Mr. Pitt said he would consider this matter for a day or two & let us have a copy of the Bill when it was drawn up —

They suggested to Mr. Pitt that it would be very agreeable to the Gentlemen at the Bank if a clause could be inserted to confirm the Sum now paid for Management, to which he said that he did not see any objection, as — undoubtedly he had no Intention of making any alteration in it — but would take a day or two to consider it. —

The Committee agreed ~~yesterday~~ to present to Mr. Piggott 100 Guineas for his trouble about the late Petition to the House of Commons.

Governor
D. Gov^r
Mr. Payne
Brachcroft
Peters
Darch
G. Thornton

Wednesday 3 April 1791

Agreed to the List for new Directors & to recommend Mr. Tho^s Lewis to fill up the Vacancy —

Governor &
a full Committee

Thursday 7 April 1791

Confirmed the Resolution of yesterday for the List of Governors & Directors & agreed to lay the same before the Directors immediately after the Minutes have been read & to desire their signature to the Advertisement which is to be put into the Papers of Saturday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday next. —
Directed Mr. Newland to have the Plates for printing Bank Notes altered by adding the Letter N^o on the Dexter side of the Note that the Numbers may be inserted on both Sides which was ordered to be done — and also directed the Doorkeeper to keep the above Book in the manner described in the Report of the Committee of Regulations. —
Ordered, in consequence of a Petition from the Widow of the Glasgow who fell from the Window into the Court & was killed, that 10 Guineas be given to her and 2 Guineas for the Funeral of her late Husband.

Gov^r?
D. Gov^r?
Mr. Paine
Beachcroft

Tuesday 12 April 1791

Agreed that Mr. Piggott should be presented with 200 £ as Counsel to the Bank — he not having had this kind of Fee for two years past —

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Thursday 14th April 1791

Governor

Deputy Governor

McBayne

Beachcroft

Neave

Ceters

Davell

Weyland

This day the board of Directors appointed the Committee of Treasury also the Committee of Building according to the List in the Margin

The duplicate keys of the Iron Closets in the Committee Room viz key No 2 was delivered to Thornton Ditto - No 3 in McBayne's Custody Ditto - No 1 was delivered to Sam^l Boranquet

The three duplicate keys of the three Iron Closets which contain the Directors Drawers in the Little Strong Room - were delivered to Sam^l Boranquet Esq

a Bond from John Rogers to the Gov^{rs} Com^{rs} of the Bank for securing £5000 was also del^d to Sam^l Boranquet Esq

Friday 15th Apr 1791

Governor

Deputy Governor

on application from the Representatives of the Crown for an old Dividend in 100 L. Voted - orderd payment to the Widow of ~~Mr~~ ^{Mr} ~~Curran~~ ^{Curran}

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jointly with her present
Husband William Ellerbest

Tuesday 19th April 1791.

Governor
Deputy Governor
Mr Beacraft
Neave
Cepers
Weyland
Payne

— approved of the fitting up the
Room for stamping the Bank
Notes as recommended by Mr
Cole the Engraver & ordered a
Stamping ~~press~~ to be made

— a proposal thro' Mr. Payne from
a Mr. Stewart for being appoint-
ed Agent of the Bank ^{in Scotland} to circu-

Mr Stewart not
approved of as
agent for the
Bank in Scotland

late 52 Bank Notes was
unanimously considered by
the Committee as inadmissible

— agreed that Mr. Munning, Mr. Gurne,
Mr. Reed & Mr. Puget who were
elected Directors 1790 shall have
Nominations for Clerks on
the list now open immediately
after those Directors who
have had their Nominees
elected & that in future all
new Directors have a Right
of Nomination of Clerks

Nominations for
clerks given to
Mr Munning
Reed
Gurne
Puget

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in the due course of their
Rotation as Directors

agreed that it will be expedient
to appoint 11 porters to attend
daily in the different Offices
instead of the Watchmen who
now perform that duty as extra
Work

Governor
W. Payne
W. Beaufort
M. Neave
W. Peters
W. Darell
W. Weyland

Thursday 21st April 1791.

The several Clerks who are the principal
Librarians were called before the Committee
& informed that the follow^g persons, viz^t

Lamb -
Hutchinson -
Pitt -
Willis -

would be added to them as Assistants in order
to arrange & take a regular Catalogue of the
Books in the Library, apportioning out such as
they shall deem useless, to be ^{the Committee for} submitted to
their consideration before they are destroyed -

The Assistants were informed thereof, and
directions given them to proceed immediately
on the above arrangement beginning in the
Hall Department - The Hours of Attendance
on that Business to be made suitable to
themselves, not to interfere with their regular
employment in their several Offices -

The Chairman of Dep^y Chairman of the East
India Comp^y attended the Committee &
proposed that a rough Draft of a Deed for
a Mortgage not exceeding the sum of £300,000
to be granted by the Bank upon the £30,000
Plant Annuities formerly mortgaged, should be
prepared by Mr. Winter with the approbation
of Mr. Smith the E. India Comp^y Solicitor to be
ready in case the India Comp^y should find it
necessary to avail themselves of such Mortgage.
The Chairman told the Committee that in case
Mr. Pitt did not bring in some bill this session
respecting the £300,000 Loan on the Exchange

East India Comp^y

Bills, that sum might be repaid the Bank out of the money they sh^d. take up on the Mortgage of the Annuitie.

Thursday 28 April 1791

Governor
Deputy Governor
Mr Neave
Mr Payne
Mr Peachcroft
Mr Darel
Mr Weyland
Mr Peters

- agreed to mention to the Court of Directors what has passed with the Chairmen & Deputy Chairman of the East India Company as stated in the foregoing Minute

- took into consideration the appointing House porters as recommended by the Committee lately established to examine the Regulations of the Bank Clerks &c - & agreed with Eleven of the present Watchmen to serve in future as Watchmen Day porters to be elected & sworn in Thursday next 5 May

Thursday 2 May 1791.

Governor
Deputy Governor
Mr Payne
Mr Peachcroft
Mr Darel
Mr Peters
Mr Weyland

- agreed that in future the practice of reporting to the Committee in waiting or any application for Dividend due for a Term of five years back be discontinued being not deemed necessary since the

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Thursday 5th May 1791:-

Deputy Govr

Mr Payne

Mr Weyland

Mr. Garel

Mr. Peabody

Mr Peters

M. Neave

waiting on
Mrs. B.

The Deputy Governor with Mr. Mayland in the absence of the Gov^t waited on the Chancellor of the Exch^r on the business of the intended Loan of 300,000 L^s - The Draft of the Bill to be bro^ught into parliament was promised to be sent down tomorrow & the Gov^t Deputy to wait on the Chancellor of the Exch^r again on the business on Monday next 10^o of Clock

I agreed to Mr Edwards Scheme
for shutting the Books of the
several Banks for payment of
Dividends due at Midsum^r near

Friday 6 May 1791:-

Deerhorn

M^r Davel

Mr Noave

Weyland

agreed to sell to Messrs Bourdieu
100000 Ounces Silver at 5 1/2 p^{er} ounce

Saturday 7th May 1791

weekly report
from Bullion
office

Governor & Deputy Gov^r. ordered Mr
Oberidge to prepare a List &
account of all Money & Transactions
in buying & selling Specie & Bullion
that pass thro' the Bullion
Office for account of private
Merchants - & lay the same
weekly on every Tuesday
before the Committee of Treasury
Tuesday 10th May 1791:-

Gov^r:

Deputy Governor &
full Committee

Took into Consideration the
Draft of the intended Bill
for the Proposal of the Gov^r
Company of the Bank to lend
500000^l for the publick Service
without Interest - with the
Assistance of our Standing
Council Mr Pigot, & agreed to
a Proposal which should be
submitted the Court of Directors
to the General Court being
first shewnto the Chancellor

of the Cash: by the Gov^r Deputy
Governor who are to wait upon
him tomorrow for that purpose

Wednesday 11 May 1791

Gov:
Deputy Gov^r
Mr Darel
Mr Peachey
Mr Peters
Mr Weyland

Gov^r Deputy Gov^r waited on the
Chamellur of the Exchange who
proposed a small alteration
in the intended Bill of the
proposal from the General Court
to lend the sum of 300,000
without Int^r - The same
was approved of by the
Gentlemen of the Committee
of Treasury as proper to
be adopted & to be laid before
the General Court tomorrow;

- Memorandum -

at a General Court 12 May 1791

Notice to Gent^l in the contemplation of the Court of
Court of future Directors so soon as the Business
publication of now occasioned by payment of
right of unclaimed the unclaimed Dividends upto 1780
Dividends would allow of it, to proceed with

publishing the List of Names
of Proprietors of all Dividends
in the publick Funds up to the
end of the year 1787. giving
three Months previous Notice
in the publick Papers previous
to the actual publishing of
such List

Friday 13th May 1791.

State Lottery
1791

Governor & Deputy Governor
attended the Chancellor of the
Exch. at the bidding for the
State Lottery which was taken
up by Mr Lope. at the
Price of £16.26 p Ticket &
leaves a Profit to Government
of 50000 Tickets of
£306.250. - The Directors of
the Bank to have $\frac{1}{5}$ Share of
the Lottery as usual.

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Tuesday 17th May 1791

Governors Deputy waited on the
Chancellor of the Exch^r by his
appointment who made some
Enquiries respecting the number
of Bank Notes issued by the
Bank in order to enable himself
to judge if it will be reasonable
on Bank Notes to demand an increase of
allowance from the Bank for
Stamps in proportion to the
intended advance of Stamp duty
on private Bankers & traders.

Gov^r
Deputy Gov^r
Mr Bayne
Mr Kachroff
Mr Coten
Mr Neave
Mr Weyland
Mr Dorell

ordered Mr Winton to examine the
several acts of Parliament which
relate to the Trade & privileges
of the Bank & also the Charter
& to report to us such parts as
may be supposed to exempt
the Bank from Taxes on its
Trade & profits

The Chiefs of the different
Departments & also the Heads

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direction for
observance of
new regulations

of the several offices were called
in & directed to stick up the
written Regulations in their
respective offices also to
enforce a due observance
of them & to have them read
over to the Clerks in each
Office once in every year -

Wednesday 18 May 1791 -

Governor
Deputy Governor
Mr Payne
Mr Peacheroff
Mr Weyland
Mr Ekers

Winters opinion
on Stamp duty
on Bank Notes

Mr Winter reported that having
examined all the Acts of Parliament
that relate to the Bank & also
the Charter it did not appear
to him that any of them
contained exemptions to author-
ize us to refuse payment
of Stamp duty on Bank Notes
or on Mills

agreed that the Governor do tomorrow
inform the Court of Directors that
the following questions were
proposed on Tuesday last by
the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Thursday 19 May 1791

Governor
 Deputy Governor
 Mr. Bayne
 Beachcroft
 Darrell
 Weyland
 Evers
 Neave

The Court of Directors gave Authority
 to the Gov^r & Dep^y Gov^r to agree with
 the Chancellor of the Exch^r for
 an additional allowance of
 Stamp Duties on Bank Notes &
 Bank post Bills in the best
 manner possible not exceeding
 £2000 for such additional
 allowance

The Committee examined into
 the particulars of several
 reserved Cases of unclaimed
 Dividends decided upon them
 as noted in the ^{minutes of the} Book kept by
 Mr. Walms for that purpose
 Tuesday 24 May 1791

The Governor & Deputy Governor
 waited on the Chancellor of the
 Exch^r to inform him that the
 Court of Directors had agreed to
 advance on the Exch^r's Bills
 for £18300 - to be made out
 payable 1795 in the manner

advance in 183000 £
 Exch^r Bills -

proposed by him;

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at the same time they returned him Thanks for having determined on considering the particulars which we communicated to him not to propose any alteration in the Composition with the Bank for the additional Tax on Bills of Exchange.

Thursday 26 May 1791.

intended addition
Annual Tax on
Bank Notes &
Bills not to
be laid

For

Depy Gov:

Mr Bayne

Mr Beachcroft

Davey

Mr Weyland

Mr Peters

Neave.

The Committee proceeded in examining & deciding upon several reserved Cases of the old undivided Dividends.

Thursday 31 May 1791.

For

Depy Gov:

Mr Bayne

Mr Beachcroft

Mr Weyland

Mr Peters

Mr Biaggini & Co, attended & were informed that the Bank men would put into suit against them their accepted Bill for £124.13. - due 21 June 1788 which had been discounted to John Ellis - & Mr Wint

Biaggini & Co

Noted £124.13.

was directed to proceed accordingly

Resolved to mention to the Court of Directors on Thursday next our opinion that the List of unreceived Dividends be continued brought down to 31st Dec^r 1788. & published about 10 or 12 days after Notice of such intended Publication be given by a publick Advertisement about 1st July next

List of unreceived
Dividends to
31 Dec^r 1788.

Allowance to
Mess^{rs} Allcock.

that it be mentioned to the Court of Directors that it is our opinion that an allowance of 80^l & ann^l to the Doorkeeper Mathias Allcock during pleasure be made to him on his Resignation of that office by reason of his severe Illness & Incapacity to continue the Duty of it

French Gold
& Silver.

- an assay having been made at the Tower of the intrinsic value of French Coins &c

149.
it appears - that New ones
are better than Old ones
by 2^d pounce

- orderd the Gold & Silver Notes
to purchase for the Bank
old French Crowns at 60 $\frac{1}{2}$
new - Ditto - - - at 59 $\frac{1}{2}$
Louis 'dors, coin'd - at 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounce

Thursday 2^d June 1791

Gov^r
Deputy Gov^r
Mr Cairne
Mr Beachecroft
Mr Darell
Mr Weyland
Mr Peters

Mr Cole the Engraver of the Bank
Notes attended & represented
that some additional allowance
must be paid to him for his
Pain & Expence on removing the
Engraving & stamping from his
House to the new Building
erected at the Bank for that
purpose - he was told that

allowance to
Cole the Engraver
of Bank Notes
a reasonable increase of
allowance should be made
whenever from a fair Trial
both the Bank & himself
could ascertain what his

150
additional Expenses & Trouble
would be

Tuesday 7 June 1791:-

Gov. Dep^y Gov.
& full Committee

Settlement with
Mazini &c -

Mr Kay was directed to accept
from Mazini of £. 10/- in the pound
under sufficient Security
for that Sum & a Bond of Ellis
for the whole Sum of £124.13.-
to be assigned over to us as
collateral security for the
remainder of our demand.

- agreed to & directed the Distribution
of the usual proportion of Money
allowed to the Bank for taking
in Subscriptions viz^y for 1789
viz^y Lottery 1789.

Thos. Anz 1789
Finis

distribution to
Clerks for taking
in Subscriptions
1789

long ann^y 1789.
ordered £930. to Pres^y Clerks in
the ~~Account~~ Office £274. - to
Pres^y Clerks in the Accompt^y Office
& £100. to Mr. Bayne as

East India Com^y

Cashier of the Court Box

151.

Thursday 9th June 1791.

Governor
Deputy Governor
Mr. Beauchamp
Mr. Cayne

old Books from
the Library

examined several old Books
taken out of the Library &
ordered some to be cut up &
destroyed & some to be laid by
as old Papers to the
Stationers, viz:-

38 Transfer Books not used
142 cheque office Books to 1780
36 Long abstracts
175 - 7 days Sight cheque Books - to
be sent as low as £ 1780
all which are for common Use
and the following to be cut up & sent to
the Work
368 Warrant Office Books
236 Short abstracts
50 Bank Stock duplicates to 1780
all are to be taken at 18/ per Cent: on an
average.

Thursday 16 June 1791

Read over the Contract for
advancing £5000 to the East India
Company on Mortgage of their
and so approved of the same
it having been examined
& settled by Mr. Bigg

Governor
Deputy Governor
Mr. Beauchamp
Mr. Darel
Mr. Weyland
Mr. Neave

authorizing Mr. Winter to
take Mr. Bigot's opinion upon
a question of necessity for
stamps upon foreign powers
Stamps upon foreign attorney, for buying &
powers of atty. selling stocks & receiving dividends
redans? 30 June 1791.
that stamps did not
appear necessary

also directed Mr. Winter
to give Notice to the Tenants
to quit the Houses in former
improvement street lately purchased by the
Bank as far as Mr. Loane thinks
necessary

Tuesday 21st June 1791.

Gov.
Dr. Gov.
Mr. Durrell
Mr. Beachcroft
Mr. Weyland

agreed to the Form of an adver-
tisement to be inserted in the
publick papers 1st July next
for the further publication
of the List of unreceived Divi-
dends upto 31st Dec^r 1788.

Clerks not to
answer persons
enquiring after
stocks in other Names than the above

— Lodge - a Clerk in the spec-
cum was called in & admonished to
be cautious in future not to
give information to persons
not immediately the proprietors

stocks in other Names than the above

153.
or interested in the Stock of the
Sum of Stock standing in any
account in the Books of the Bank

Thursday 23rd June 1791:

Govern
Deputy Gov
Mr Neave
Mr Beachcroft
Mr Darrell -

Settle Grenada
Estate account

additional
pension to
two persons
Neale & Merton

Mr Neave was desired to
close & deliver in the final
accounts with the Balances of
the Baroulet & Chemin Estates
previous to the half yearly
Bank accounts being made
up for the next Mich. Div.

agreed to advance the pensions
of Neale & Merton the two
porters who attend in the
Rotunda & Vestibule - from
£9 p ann: each to £17 p ann:
each in consideration of some
additional work to be done
by them in future - This
to be reported to the Court of
Directors on Thursday 30 June

Friday 24 June 1791

Governor & Deputy Governor
waited on the Chancellor of the
Exchequer to lay before him

The proposed Certificate of the
Chief Cashier of the Bank of the
Ballance of Cash remaining in
Hand of the Moneys issued for
payments of Dividends; - on which

with a Certificate a Warrant is to be
about paying 100000 obtained for repayment to the
5000000 & obtaining
back a part thereof

Bank so much as may be
required by Virtue of the
late Act of Parliament for lending
to Government £500000 without
Interest - - The Chancellor
the Exchequer would consider
the Matter & desire to see us
again upon it in a few days

Tuesday 28 June 1791

Gent.

Deputy Gov
Mr Payne
Mr Pepem
Mr Dorell
Mr Heathcote
East Ind. Company
mortgage of
annuity

Mr Winter was directed to have
the Deed engrossed for the East
India Company to mortgage to the
Bank the remainder of their
annuity, & borrow a sum not
exceeding 800000 £ on the
security of the same

on application from Mr Cope for
advance on Lottery Tickets after
the second payment should be
made at 37th of Jan. 1791
Mr Newland was directed to
Copes application inform him that it had not
been customary of late years
for the Bank to make advances
on Lottery Tickets until
after the third payment had
been made; - nor at less than
4000000

Thursday 30 June 1791

Copes application
for advance on
Lottery Tickets

- Grov
- Deputy Gov
- Mr Payne
- Mr Beauchamp
- Mr Darel
- Mr Geyers
- Mr Neave

- payment of
5000000 divid
Money 1 July
into the Excheq

Mr Newland was ordered to
pay into the Excheq: tomorrow
morning the sum of £500000
on account of the floating
Balance of Dividend, purs-
uant to the late act of
parliament - & at the same
time to deliver a certificate
under his hand of the actual
sum remaining in Cash of
Money issued to the Bank

Premium to be
repaid to the Bank
£123.26s.19.3

which was repaid
on 7th July 1791

for payment of all Dividends on
Stocks which became due on
or before 5th April 1791. in order
to obtain repayment of what may
appear due to the Bank on this
account -

The Court of Directors were
this day informed of this order &
approved the same;

Mr. Saml. Baillie attended
agreed to pay to Mr. Neave a
Bill drawn from Grenada for
£224. - the amount of Mules
bought for the Estates sold to him
Mr. Saml. Baillie
payment of Bill
for Mules bought
Grenada Estates

- directed Mr. Newland to
deliver a Message to the East
India Company respecting the
repayment to the Bank of 300,000
due 12 July next & which sum
is intended to be advanced on
the Mortgage of East India Ann^y

Message to East India
Company

Mr. Dummage -
reprimanded

- Joseph Dummage - Supernumerary
Watchman attended & was severely
reprimanded for his misconduct &
negligence in his Duty but on

promise of future good Behaviour^{157.}
was granted & allowed to continue
in his Employment

Thursday 5th July 1791

Govr
Depy Govr
Mr. Payne
Mr. Beachcroft
Mr. Ekers

went with Mr. Cole to survey
the new Rooms preparing to
engrave & stamp the Bank
Notes in

Thursday 7 July 1791

Govr
Depy Govr
& full Committee
Mr. Cooper, on
his petition to
reign the Service

Mr.ANNER COOPER who now
petitions to resign the Service of
the Bank was called in & examined
as to his State of Health & cir-
cumstances - it was resolved
to recommend to the Court on
Thursday next 14th Inst to allow
him 200^l p^a ann^o during pleasure

Thursday 12 & Wednesday
13th July

Govr
Depy Govr
Mr. Payne
Mr. Beachcroft
Mr. Ekers
Mr. Parrell

on application by Letter to the
Govr & Depy Govr. from Mr. Rose
enquiring if the Bank w^ould
to exchange the Equ^o R^olls
bearing Mr. Rose's & day now

in their possession for new Bills
at the same rate of $\text{Rs. } 100$.
Newland was ordered to wait
13th July Mr Newland on Mr More at the Treasury &
sent with a message
to Mr More; deliver to him a message
that the Bank did not wish
to have new Bills for More
They now hold $\text{£} 31,100$. -
which was accordingly done

a supernum^r Watchman

Thursday 14 July 1791

Governor -
Dep: Gov: L
& full Committee
Capt M^r: Mean
Wager's Widow

Thomas Edges was nominated by the Governor
as a supernumerary Watchman -

ordered Cooper to give Wager the late
Watchman's Widow 2 Guineas. -

Friday 19 July

Governor
Mr: Payne
Beachcroft
Peters.
Newland
Dep: Gov:

Billing reported that on Sunday night
last at half an hour after 10 o'clock
a woman, having the appearance of a
servant, being at the gate and
inquired for Mr: Baxter, who was then
absent but his Son was in the
House and gone up to his bedchamber.

misbehaviour Billing went up part of the stairs and
of the officers in called to him to let him know that a
Guard at the Bank woman inquired for him, & was
answered by a Voice which then he

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thought was young Baxter, but has
since found that it was the officer
upon guard who told him to admit the woman.
She was admitted & went in to the
Officers room: — at Eleven o'clock
Billing went to the Officers room
and said to him from without
side the door, that he the officer
had a lady with him, & that
it was time for her to go that
the gate might be lock'd: The
officer answered that he was
in bed; no further notice was
then taken

The next morning the officer
went away at 6 o'clock. —

Billing went to his room
soon after & found the door
locked (having attempted to
open it) with the key in the
door on the inside —

The woman went away at half
an hour after six

Billing is positive that she con-
tinued for the night in the
Officers room —

Governor

Mr. Brackcroft

Mr. Weyland

Wednesday 20 July 1791

misbehaviour of
the Officer on Guard

Mr. Baytes's son who waited on the Office on Guard on Sunday Evening attending according to order - informed the Committee that on Sunday Night the Officer told him he expected a Lady, but no one coming, about ten o'clock he told him he might go to bed he did not want him any more, that in the morning he came in to fetch his Boots & the Room in which Baytes laid, & told him not to go into the Officer's Room for there was a Lady there that accordingly he byed the Door & found it locked & soon after went again & the Door was open - but he did not see the Lady go as she was gone down the stairs while he was making his own Bed. -

Friday 22 July 1791.

Gov^rDeputy Gov^r

Mr. Weyland

complaint made
of the Officer's mis-
behaviour

In pursuance to the opinion of the Committee of Treasury the Gov^r directed the Secretary to wait upon the Field Officer in waiting the Guard which attended at the Bank on Sunday Evening 17th Inst & deliver to him a Letter written by the Governor to inform him that the Officer on Guard that Evening had a woman with him all Night which

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Being a Breach of the Regu-
lations of the Bank & of the
orders given by them to their
Servants the Governor in
conformity to the promise
made to the commanding officer
in a former Opinion of irregu-
larity thought it necessary
to give this Information.

answer from
Field officer

The Field Officer in waiting
assured the Governor by a Note
from himself dated 22 July that
he would take every Means in
his Power to prevent any such
irregularity for the future.

Tuesday 26 July 1791.

Govern.
Deputy Gov.
Mr. Bayne
Mr. Weyland
Mr. Darel

ordered a number of old Books
in the Library to be cut up &
destroyed some to be burnt keeping
back a proper number of each
for some years past.

Wednesday 27 July 1791.

The Exchequer Bills for 30,000 £
which had been deposited by the
East India Company as a collateral
security to the Government of India
were delivered to the
Bank of England by the
Messrs. Barclay & C^o at 3 o'clock

162. Security were returned to them &
deposits in Iron Closet. The mortgage for 800000 £ on the
of B Comps Mortgage East India Ann 3 was deposited
for 800000 £ in the Iron Closet

in commencing the engravings
printing of Bank Notes in the new
apartments built within the
Bank for that purpose. it was
ordered to the Engravers to the
Bank Clerk who attends the
not to admit any Business that they do not at
one to see the prints
or engraving of any time or on any prebence
Bank Notes whatsoever admit any Person
(except only the Persons who work
at the Business ^{at the Directors}) to enter the
apartments or to view any
part of the Business that is
done without Orders in writing
from the Governor or Deputy Gov
for the time being

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Thursday 4th Aug. 1791.

Gov^r
Derry Gov^r
McCaynes
Kearney
Darel
Weyland

- The Books which have since the year 1780. been deposited at McCaynes House & which contain the Duplicates of the Dividends & also the Duplicate Abstracts of daily Transfers of Stock, were agreed in future to be deposited at the

removing Duplicate
Abstracts &
from McCaynes
to South Sea Ho^{se}

South Sea House in a separate Room allotted for that purpose & that Mr. Walcott the Deputy Accountant do attend in this Business of carrying back-wards & forwards & exchanging such as may from time to time be necessary.

Loyallist Debentures
bot?

- agreed to take about 2000^l of Loyallist Debentures from Mr Alderman Watson at 2¹/₂ per Cent

- a conversation took place on the expediency of the Bank in the present State of plenty of Money in the publick lending the State of Discount from five to

13. This Subject, after consideration
 was discussed in many circumstances that
 occurred on the 11th August 1791: & the
 opinion of the Committee that it
 is not advisable for the
 majority agreed to lower their present
 fully on the rate of discount
 opinion or not to alter our
 rate of discount

Thursday 11th August 91.

Gov.
 Deputy Gov.
 Mr. Bayne
 Mr. Westland
 Messrs. Gifford
 Peters.

The Gov.^r acquainted the Committee
 that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman
 of the East India Company had
 called at the Bank yesterday to
 intimate their wishes to become
 Purchasers of a quantity of
 Silver to the amount of 420000 of
 S^{rs}. - They were acquainted
 with the fact that we would consider the
 matter & be glad to see them
 again upon it on Wednesday
 next at 12^o Clock

165.
Tuesday 16th Aug 1791.

Gover

Deputy Govr

Mr Bayne

Mr Becheroff

Mr Ceper

Mr Weyland

Warrant to

clean Barracks

& printing office

Se

- appointed Wm Taylor one
of the watchmen to sweep out
the office for printing the Bank
Notes & to scour out the
Barrack for the Soldiers to
clean out the passages & to
carry up Coals for those
Apparments - on the allow-
ance of 4^l extra 16th years
ago at 2 mas.

agreed to take about 2000^l
of Royalist Debentures from Mr
Alderman Watson at 1/2 p 100

Wednesday 17th Aug

Gover

Deputy Govr

Mr Bayne

Mr Becheroff

Mr Weyland

Mr Ceper

Mr Baring wth Deputy Chairman of
the East India Compy attended
the Committee on the Subject of
agreeing for Silver - he was
informed (in conversation but
not as an absolute offer) that
the Bank was inclined to
sell to the Compy one Million

Silver to the

East Ind Compy

of New Dollars at 61 1/2 Pounds
to be taken away at such time
as might suit the Compy & that
the Bank was further disposed
to buy up & supply the Compy
with such further quantity
of Silver as they might want
during the next shipping season
on such allowance of Profit
to the Bank as might be
settled between them & the
Compy as reasonable. - an
answer or a proposal from the
E & Compy was promised in a
few days.

Wednesday 24th August 1791.

Gov^r
Deputy Gov^r
Mr Bayne
Mr Treasurer
Mr Weyland

agreed to recommend to the Court
of Directors to allow the sum
of £343.5. - to be distributed to
undry Clerks in different
offices for their extra trouble
gratis to Genl^l preparing the list of
for list of unclaimed Dividends which
unclaimed Dividends has been published

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Thursday 25th Aug 1791

Govr

Depy Govr

Mr Cayne

Meashroff

Weyland

Carter

agreed with the above the said Mills
East Ind Compy that the Bank to be allowed 1st
pounce clear profit for all
for silver

- The Chairman & Depy Chair-
man of the East Ind Compy
attended the Committee & argu-
ed them that the E. I. Compy.
agreed to purchase 1 Mill
rouner of New Dollars at
67th pounce also that the
Bank should buy for them
for the value of 170^m or there
about above the said Mills
East Ind Compy that the Bank to be allowed 1st
pounce clear profit for all
that they may buy up for the
East Ind Compy. -

The Chairman & Depy Chair-
man declared the Intention
of the Compy to be that they
would not interfere in the
Market for Silver but that
they would employ the Bank
for any future Quantity
they might have occasion

for -
 The Court of Directors were
 this day informed of the agreement
 with the E. I. Co. & writing is to
 be drawn up & signed by the
 Gov^r & Deputy Gov^r of the Bank
 & the Chairman & Deputy Chairman
 of the E. I. Comp^y as usual
 on the like occasions

Directions to
 Gold & Silver
 Brokers.

The Gold & Silver Brokers were
 informed in general Terms that
 We had agreed to supply the
 East India Comp^y with Silver &
 were directed to keep us in
 form of all parcels of Silver
 that come to Market for sale

Tuesday 30 Aug 1791

Gov^r
 Deputy Gov^r
 Mr Neave
 Mr Beauchamp
 Mr Weyland
 agreed to recommend to the Court
 of Directors to give £15. to Mr Weyland
 for his extra trouble in writing
 papers & accounts respecting
 the unclaimed Dividend
 Gratuity to Mr Weyland

buy New Dollars
 at 5/6 pounce

- ordered the Brokers to purchase
 New Dollars at as far as 5/6 pounce
 for the Bank till further order

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Thursday 1 Sept 1791

Gov.
Mr. Bayne
Mr. Keave

W. Williams for
a Note unpaid

Mr. Williams attended res.
pecting a Note of 143.16. - d^{ts} -
1788 - not paid - he offered
Mr. Edward Gardner of Bermudey
Street Bowditch a Dyer as a
security for 8/12 pay in 3.6.9
12 Mo. which was accepted
& was told that he must not
under himself discharge
till the paym^{ts} are made.

Gov. American
Debent^y:

- agreed to purchase of the
Gov^y: about 17000⁰⁰ value of
American Debentures at 1/2
p^{er} cent. the price of the day.

Thursday 8 Sept 1791.

Gov.
Dep^y Governor
Mr. Beauclerk
Mr. Bayne
Mr. Weyland
Mr. Keave
Mr. Cope

Mr. Torrestor one of the Partners
of Bank of Scotland attended to
enquire if the Bank of England
would allow them to open
an account by sending them
Remittances to collect paym^{ts}
of & by paying their drafts
when card was in their

- application of
Mr. Torrestor:

account - he was desired to
let the proposal be made to
the Bank in writing

Wednesday 14 Sept: 1791

a Memorial from Isabella Young, respecting
500 - 3 per cent: Ann: left to her by the Will
of James Dutton paid from the Combol of her
Husband & stating that the said Stock by
mistake had been put into her name, by
which she was rendered unable to avail her
self either of the principal or Interest, as her
Husband had been absent from her 18 years &
she did not know what was become of him, &
praying that she might be permitted to re-assign
the said Stock to Trustees for her use conform-
able to the Will - having been read -
agreed to comply with the prayer of the
said Memorial.

Governor
Mr: Deacheroff
Mr: Peter
Mr: Wayland

application of
Isabella Young
~~our number~~

Thursday 20th Sept 1791

Read over the half yearly
Bank accounts.

took into consideration
the further application from
the Bank of Scotland to open
an account with the Bank &
determined to see Mr Forrester
again in the Business,

Govr
Deputy Govr:
Mr: Bayne
Mr: Beurburff
Mr: Wayland
Mr: Peters
Mr: Neave

Thursday 22 Sept: 1791¹⁷¹

Gov.
Depy Gov.
Mr. Bayne
Mr. Beaufort
Mr. Weyland
Mr. Peters
Mr. Neave
Mr. Forrester attended & was
informed that on an application
from the Directors of the Bank
of Scotland being regularly
made stating the particulars
^{now} mentioned to him. We should
be ready to concur in their
final answer to wish to open a Cash & drawing
account with the Bank of
England

William Williams
examined

William Williams a Clerk
in the Hall as an out-Teller
being supposed to be improperly
engaged in Phil con-
nections was examined & leave
given to him thro' application
from Mr. Newland to be absent
for a week - in which time
it is intended to examine
minutely into the Business

Tuesday Sept. 27. 1791

Groomer
Mr. Payne
Beachcroft
Peterson
Weyland

Mr. Newland informed the Committee that Mr. Ethie had been desired to enquire (by Mr. Spurr) whether the Bank would chuse to take 2^d Lt. Drills in payment of the Balance of the Land Tax for 1789 which is to be set off on the 29th -

refused to take
Dr. Cash on
on Land Tax
acc^t

Mr. Newland was told to give for answer that he imagined it would not be agreeable to the Gentlemen of the Bank to take them.

Wednesday Sept. 28. 1791

Gov.
Depy Gov.
Mr. Bayne
Mr. Beachcroft
Mr. Weyland
Mr. Peterson
Mr. Neave

The different Clerks being
- 12 - in the Department of the Accountants.
- 8 - in the Department of the Chief Clerks.

who had completed their four years Service were called in examined & strongly recommended to continue to behave themselves in that proper manner which the Superiors of their respective Offices now testify they have hitherto done - The Committee in pursuance of the order of Court of Directors 14th Oct^r 1790 directed their respective Salaries to be advanced 10th Penn^{ts} from 10th Oct^r 1791

173.
Thursday 29th Sept 1791 -

For

Dea. Govn

Mr. Cress

Mr. Byrne

Mr. Beachcroft

Mr. Newland

Mr. Darell

Mr. Neave

change of place
for Mr. Williams
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It having been fully ascertained  
that William Williams had <sup>been</sup> for some  
time past & was still much en-  
gaged in circulating & discounting  
Bills of Exchange & Notes of Hand  
the Committee were unanimously  
of opinion that it was exposing  
the Interest of the Bank to ~~ruin~~  
Hazard to continue him an  
out Teller - he was  
therefore called in & admonished  
by the Governor of the fatal  
consequences that might ensue  
from his continuing his present  
practices & bad connections &  
Mr. Newland was directed to  
remove him to some other part  
of the Bank Business in which  
no Money would pass thro  
his Hands;

