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Instructions for the Conduct of
the Accountant of the Bank, and
the Officers acting under him, in cases
respecting Letters of Attorney submitted
to Sir Arthur Piggott th 27 April 1808

No 1 Sir. Arthur Piggott being of opinion
that the Letter of Attorney here described
is irregular and exceptionable, no Power
of this description is to be passed or
acted upon.

No 2 The Letter of Attorney here described
is in the opinion of Sir Arthur Piggott
unobjectionable, and therefore Letters of
Attorney under similar circumstances
may be passed and acted upon.

No 3 It having been the uniform practice
of the Bank to consider a Letter of
Attorney of a subsequent date, as a rescission
of a former power. Sir Arthur Piggott
advises that the practice should not be
departed

departed from, although in point of Law
he is of opinion that a Subsequent power
is not necessarily a Revocation of a former
Power. If several Powers for different
Sums are given by a Stockholder to
different persons on the same day, they
may all be acted upon.

No 4

In all Cases where Letters of
Attorney are Witnessed by Persons
interested in the Subject, either as
Members of a Corporation or a Public
Company, or the proprietors of the Stock
of such Company, or in any other
manner, having an Interest in the
Stock to be transferred, or being for
any other reason incompetent
witnesses, the Letters of Attorney
must be rejected as not executed agreeably
to the provisions of the Acts of
Parliament creating the Funds, which
requires all Letters of Attorney to be
attested by two credible Witnesses; and
Persons

Case

The different Loan Acts by which the Funds transferable at the Bank of England have been established, contain the following clause with respect to the Transfer thereof by Letter of Attorney

47 Geo. 3. C. 20. S. 21

And be it further Enacted, that Books shall be constantly kept by the said Accountant General for the time being wherein all Assignments or Transfers of all Sums advanced or contributed towards the said Sum of fourteen Millions two hundred thousand pounds, shall be entered and Registered; — which Entry shall be conceived in proper Words for that purpose and shall be signed by the parties making such Assignments or Transfers. Or if such parties be absent by their respective Attorney or Attornies therunto lawfully Authorized in Writing under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals to be attested by two or more Credible Witnesses; and that the several persons to whom such Transfers shall be made shall respectively Underwrite their Acceptance thereof; and that no other method of Assigning and transferring the said Annuities or any part thereof, or any Interest therein, shall be good or available in Law —

Case No 1

It frequently happens that persons both in England and Abroad execute Letters of Attorney for the Transfer of Stock Standing in their Names in which they state a larger Sum

larger Sum to belong to them than is
Actually found in their Name when the
Letter of Attorney comes to be presented at
the Bank to be acted upon — For instance
suppose a Letter of Attorney to be executed
by a Stockholder for the Transfer of
£1500 Stock in a specified fund, and
when it is presented at the Bank, and
the Account is examined only £1200 is found
to be standing in the Name of the person
signing the Letter of Attorney, and that
no greater Sum ever did stand in his
name — In other instances a Sum
has been sold out by the Stockholder
under an Antecedent Letter of Attorney
previous to the production of the second
power. In such Cases doubts have been
entertained whether the Letter of
Attorney ought to be acted upon by the
Bank, the Stockholder having clearly
intended it to apply (at the time of its
execution to a different Sum, and by
the Attorney acting upon it in selling
out the lesser Sum he may perhaps
prejudice or injure the rights of his
principal to the larger Sum — On the
other hand it may be contended that a
power to sell

power to sell out £1500 is certainly a power to sell out £1200 and supposing the sum of £1500. has stood in the name of the principal the Attorney would be permitted to sell it out in as many different Sums, and at as many different times as he pleased

Case No 2

Other Cases occur in which a Stock holder in England or resident abroad sends a power of Attorney to sell out £1200. for instance in a Specified Stock stating it to be all the Stock standing in his name in the Specified fund. whereas in point of fact it happens that he has £1500. in his name. In this Case likewise the Officers of the Bank have entertained doubts whether they ought to permit such a Letter of Attorney to be acted upon

Case No 3

It sometimes happens that Stockholders give Letters of Attorney to distinct Persons to sell out Specific Sums of Stock standing in their Names, part of a larger Sum - For instance. A possessor of £10,000. 3 per cent Consols, gives a power to,

power to B to sell out £2000. to C to
sell out £3000. and to D. to sell out £1500,
and these Letters of Attorney are executed
at different dates --- Has the Second
Letter of Attorney been for the same Sum
as the first by the practice of the Bank
it would have been considered as a Virtual
revocation of the first power, and so on,
would the third have been considered as a
Virtual revocation of the second, and so on,
but being for different Sums. We
Apprehend they sufficiently shew the
intention of the Principal to consider
them all as operative and effective —
Instruments for the purposes specified
And if (as in some Cases it happens) several
powers are given under the same date for
the Sale of distinct Sums (tho' two or more
of the Sums should be the same in
Amount) we submit the fact of their
bearing the same date, and giving
Authority to different persons as Attornies
would shew that the principal meant
them all to be operative and effective
Instruments — In various Cases of this
kind the Officers of the Bank have been
at a Loss

at a Loss how to act so as to give effect to the intentions of the Stock holder, without exceeding the powers he meant to delegate

Case No 12

Many Corporations both in England Scotland and Ireland have stock standing in their Corporate Name & Firms, and when they come to sell out such Stock by Letter of Attorney, it is frequently Attested by Members (and perhaps Directing or Leading Members) of the Corporation. In such Cases the officers of the Bank have thought the Letter of Attorney objectionable as being attested by a Person forming a part of that Corporation; and as such an interested, and consequently is Law not a "Credible Witness" within the meaning of the Act of Parliament. For instance the Banks of Scotland and other Corporations have sent Powers of Attorney for the sale of Stock attested by Directors, and have considered the objections made to such Powers as improper.

Case No 5

It frequently happens that Letters of Attorney for the Transfer of Stock and the Receipt

Receipt of Dividends, and particularly those of the latter description, are acted upon after the Death of the Stockholders by whom they were executed, such Death being unknown to the Officers of the Bank — In such Cases it is highly deserving consideration whether the Bank would be responsible for Stock transferred, or Dividends received, supposing the Attorneys should not duly account for them to the Representatives of the deceased Stockholders

Case 6.

Several instances have occurred in which forged Letters of Attorney have been made out to Bankers and other responsible Agents who have been made the Instrument of Selling out Stock under such forged Powers, though perfectly ignorant of the Forgery

You will please to consider whether in such Cases the Attorney is not responsible to the Bank for the value of the Stock, he having produced the Power to the

Power to the Bank Officers as a genuine
Instrument, and acted as the Authorized
Agents of the Stockholders.

Case 7

Letters of Attorney for specific
purposes i.e. the Acceptance of Stock
and the Receipt of Dividends are, after
Execution, and before they are acted
upon, attested so as to attests them to the
Transfer of Stock, ^{Or if originally confined to the Transfer of Stock} An Authority for the
Acceptance of Stock and Receipt of Dividends
is added. — You will please to consider
whether consistent with the regulations
of the Stamp Laws this can be done
Several Cases have occurred in the Courts
of Law, where Bills of Exchange have
been attested by an attestation of time,
and it has been held to vitiate the Bill
upon the ground that it could not be
done without a New Stamp — Those
decisions appear to us to apply to this
Case

persons interested in the Stock are not credible witnesses

No 5

In Consols 54
Tickets in one
Warrant for Sale
or Powers above
one Year old.

The Death of a Stockholder is a complete legal Revocation of every Letter of Attorney either for the Transfer of Stock or the Receipt of Dividends. It is therefore essential to the protection of the Bank that no old Letter of Attorney for the Transfer of Stock should be acted upon without Evidence of the Stockholder being living.

Mem^o - This In-
struction to the Accountant
not - revoked the
Minute 20 July 1888.

In all Cases therefore when application is made to Transfer Stock under a Letter of Attorney that has been executed more than twelve Months the Accountant is required to submit the Application to the Governor or Deputy Governor before the Transfer is made out.

No 6 -

It is unnecessary to give any Instructions to the Accountant in this Case, as upon any Occurrence of this kind

kind the Subject must necessarily come
under the Consideration of the Governors
and Directors - In all Cases of this
description the Attorney must be required
to make good the Stock

No 7. A Letter of Attorney that has
been altered after execution so as to vary
its operation or effect, is to be acted upon

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Mr Governor.
Sir R. Pearce
Mr Wm Lloyd
Mr Whitman.

Wednesday 5th August 1807.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Affidavits exam^d.

The Committee examined Affidavits, re-
garding the undermentioned Bank notes, viz:

Richard Price - - - - 1 B note - Lt.

Nathaniel Taylor, - - - 1 - do - 1.

Benjamin Wells - - - 1 - do - 1

Mutilated
the number
& dates not
ascertain^d

Payment ordered.

Payment of the above was Ordered to the
Parties respectively, subject to the approbation of
the Court of Directors.

Memorial from the
Ministers & Congregation
in the Old Sundry.

A Memorial of the Minister and Mem-
bers of the Congregation in the Old Sundry, was read
stating, that by the near termination of their Lease
they are soon to be dispossessed of their place of worship
in the Old Sundry, and therefore requesting a piece of
Ground, which is at the disposal of the Bank.

Report of Mr
Loane thereon.

Mr Loane reported to the Committee, that the
the ground near Princes Street and the Old Sundry
the occupation of the Bank, has been appropriated
to the building of 5 or 6 Houses thereon. On
which, It was

Resolved, That the following Answer be given

Answer to the
Memorial.

the Memorial; - That the Committee are sorry
they cannot comply with the wishes of the
Memorialists; the Ground in the occupation of
the Bank having already been appropriated.

Application from the
Bristol Dock Company.

A Letter from Mess^{rs} Richard & Robert
Butler, Agents to the Bristol Dock Company, was
read, - soliciting, that the further loan of £40,000
for

for the said Company, may be granted, on Bills drawn by the Treasurers and Directors of that Company; accepted by Messrs Gurnin de Tastet & Co. and indorsed by Messrs Noble and Hunt.

Resolved,

That the said Letter be laid before the Court of Directors.

The Committee Agreed to recommend to the Court of Directors - That the General Court for declaring the ensuing Dividend on Bank Stock, be held on Thursday the 17th September; and that Dividend Warrants be promised on the 12th October.

Mr Hase stated to the Committee, that Mr Humble, Head of the Bullion Office, had found some of the Portugal Gold Coin offered to the Bank, to be deficient both in weight and fineness. On which it was

Resolved,

That a part of the Portugal Gold Coin which has been purchased by the Bank, be melted into two sets of Bars and assayed.

Wednesday 12th August 1807.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits, regarding the unmentioned Bank notes &c -

Frederick Hamond	1 B. note	£50.	Lost above 12 months.
Alex ^r Shearer	1 do	10	Do & lost
Thomas Edwards	1 B. Post Bill	10 do	do.
Richard Sandbach	1 B. note	2	Mutilated, & the Numbers & Dates not ascertained.
James Cole	1 do	14	
Samuel Smith	1 do	1	

Payments

Payment ord^d.

Payment of the foregoing Notes, was Ordered to the parties, respectively, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

Bank Note unpay-
joined.

A Bank Note of £10 suspected to be wrong joined was shown to the Committee by Mr. Hasle, but the greater part of the said Note being paid, it was ordered to be paid.

— to be paid.

additional sum
advanced to the
Bristol Dock Comp^y

The Governor reported to the Committee that the Court of Directors had consented to advance an additional sum of £40,000 to the Bristol Dock Company, on Bills which are to be renewed, till the 30th April 1803. And that he had acquainted Messrs. Butcher's Agents to the said Company, that it is expected, that no Application shall be made for a prolongation of time, either for the former or the present advance; whether the Bill for the Bristol Dock Company be, or be not brought into a press, by Parliament.

— Communication
to the Agents
thereon.

Petition of James
Barnes, House
Porter &c

A Petition was read from James Barnes, House Porter and Watchman, stating, that from November 1805 to the present time, he has paid £42.8.0 to Substitutes for performing his day and night duty at the Bank. He, having been incapable of doing this, on account of continued illness, arising from a hurt which he received while at work in the Reduced Office. And that he has an Apothecary's Bill to pay, of about Eleven pounds.

— Report on his
character &c

The Governor stated, that Jas. Barnes is reported to be a sober and steady man; that he received the hurt which has occasioned his illness, in the service of the Bank, and that

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In case the Surgeon is of opinion, he will never again be able to perform the duties of his Station. It was therefore

Resolved, That £55 be paid to the said James Barnes, fully to reimburse his expenses for Substitutes and for his Apothecary's Bill. And that it be recommended to the Court, to permit him to leave the Service of the Bank, on an allowance of £40 per Annum, during pleasure.

On reading a Petition from Ann Edwards widow of John Edwards dec^d, late a House porter, and employed in the Armoury. It was Ordered. That £20 be granted for the relief of the said Ann Edwards.

Wednesday 19th August 1807.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank Notes, viz.
Samuel Jackson — 1 B. Note — £5. part burnt.
Moses Hart — 1 — do — 2
William Tyler — 1 — do — 1
Joseph Cook — 1 — do — 1
Chas. Hopwood — 1 — do — 1

Payment of the above was Ordered to the Parties respectively, Subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

Mr. Hase produced a forged £2 Note which had been brought in from Miss Chasterman & Co^{rs} and afterwards returned to them, with the word Forged, stamped on it: Since which, it has been put into

into circulation, and passed into the hands of ^{Bank} Messrs. Down, Thornton & Co. who received it from Messrs. Baker & Co. of Southampton, and have written for further particulars. The word Forged, has been obliterated.

The Committee Ordered,

all forged notes to be detained &

That in future, all forged notes, when presented, be detained; and that a Certificate be given to the parties presenting them, to be signed by Mr. Newland, Mr. Rose or Mr. Rippon —

Thursday 20 Aug. 1807.

application from Mr Wm Lushington.

A Letter from Mr William Lushington being read, in which he applied for the further indulgence of one year, for his two notes of £500 — from the circumstances stated in the said Letter —

— recommended to the Court

The Committee recommended to the Court of Directors to grant the said indulgence.

Mr Governor
Sir R. Neave.
Mr Thornton
Mr Wintthrop.

Wednesday 26 August 1807.

The minutes of the last Committee were read.

Affidavits examined.

The Committee examined Affidavits, regarding the undermentioned Bank notes. vizt

Mr Gilbert Franklyn	1	£50. note	—	£50. sinister post
Joseph Prigg	1	do	—	1. } mutilated, & do
Thomas Miller	1	do	—	1. } do. & dated 1806
				1. } ascertained.

Payment ordered.

Payment of the above was Ordered to the Parties respectively, Subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

Tuesday 1st Sept 1807.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were

Affidavits were examined regarding

the undermentioned Bank Notes viz.

John Jackson.	1 Bank note	—	£5. disrup ^t part lost.
William Wisby	1 — do —	—	5 mutilated.
Roger Fortescue	1 — do —	—	1.
Edward Davis	1 — do —	—	1. } mutilated & the numbers
Joseph Barret	1 — do —	—	1. } & Dates not ascertained.
Henry Colthay	1 — do —	—	1.
David Aylward	1 — do —	—	1.

Payment of the above was ordered to the Parties respectively, subject to the appro-
bation of the Court of Directors.

Wednesday 9th September 1807.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Affidavits were examined regarding the undermentioned Bank Post Bills and Bank Notes.

William Sparkes	2 Bank Post Bills	£69.6-9.	Lost
Elizabeth Gutteridge	1 B. note	—	30 — do
Martin Williment	1 — do —	—	20 — Bursat
Samuel Payne	1 — do —	—	10. Disrup ^t lost
Thomas Porter	6 — do —	—	6.
William Bowhay	1 — do —	—	2
William Harbur	1 — do —	—	1.
William Addison	1 — do —	—	1 } mutilated & the numbers & Dates not as- certained.
John Lowloff	1 — do —	—	1
Ann Bowles	1 — do —	—	1
Margaret Child	1 — do —	—	1

Payment

Payment ord^d.

Payment of the foregoing Notes was Ordered the parties respectively, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

Petition of James
Moxley, House
Porter &

A Petition was read from James Moxley House Porter and Watchman, stating, that on account of over exertion in his duty, and having caught colds, he has been obliged to go into the Country to recover his health; but that he is still very weak and far from being recovered. He therefore solicits relief from the Bank.

— referred to
— the same.

Ordered That James Moxley's Case be referred to Mr Vane, and that he be requested to report thereon.

Consideration of
Fees, taken in the
Secy's Office.

The Committee again took into their consideration, the Circumstances under which Fees are taken in the Secretary's Office. And it was Resolved,

Resolution re-
garding Fees, in
the Secy's Office

That the Fee of half a Crown which has been taken for stopping Bank notes be continued, and that the Amount thereof be paid over to the Widow's Fund; Agreeably to a Minute of the 15th April last. But that in future, no Fee or Charge be taken, for making out Affidavits or Bonds; except, for the value of the Stamps on Bonds and Receipts.

Notes of a Gloucester
Bank, printed si-
milar to Bank notes,

One of the Partners in the Old Gloucester Bank, having submitted one of its Notes to the inspection of the Governor, on account of its having been suggested, that a part of the Engraving on the said Notes is similar to the Engraving used by Act of Parliament confined to Bank Notes.

— The Governor to
express the Committee's
opinion thereon.

The Governor was requested to express the opinion of the Committee — That, to prevent any

any mistakes with the public, and the necessity of the Bank's taking the opinion of its Solicitor, on this case, it will be advisable for the Gloucester Bank, to alter the Engraving on its notes.

Ordered, That the following Gratuities be allowed for the present Year, to

B. Kiddell &	Benjamin Kiddell. Head of the Genl ^l Cash	£ 20
Wm Harris.	William Harris. Head of the Dividing Warrant Office -	£ 70

in consideration of their having been removed from the Cashier's Office, and not sharing in the division of the Loan money.

Not allowed to Mr Bliss or Mr Glover.

Gratuities were last year given, to Thomas Bliss and Thomas Glover, on the above account, but the Committee, now consider them, as compensated, by allowances made to them, as Investigators of Bank Notes.

Account of accumulated monies, Bank notes presented,

Mr Hase presented An Account of the accumulation and Amount of unclaimed monies, Bank notes &c in the hands of the Bank, the consideration of which was deferred, till another Meeting.

Ordered,

Boxes of old Papers to be inspected by Mr Hase & Mr Kay.

That some Boxes of old Papers, which have been long deposited in one of the Vaults, be opened and inspected by Mr Hase. And that such of the Papers as relate to legal proceedings be examined and reported on, by Mr Kay; and the others, be reported by Mr Hase, to this Committee.

Committee of Accounts to meet.

Ordered, That a Committee for examining the Half yearly Accounts, be summoned to meet, on Tuesday next, at 2 o'clock.

Tuesday

Mr Governor
Mr Thornton
Mr Winstrop &
Mr Whitmore.

Tuesday 15th Septemb^r. 1807.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Affidavits examined.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding

the undermentioned Bank Post Bills & Bank Notes,

William Morgan — 10 B. Post Bills £300. Lost by per

James Dunger — 1 B. note £10. Lost about
months.

John Roswell — 2 B. — 15. reported in per
lost.

Adrianus Rommelaar. 1 — B. — 1.

George Jones Evans 1 — B. — 1. Mutilated, &c.

Samuel Parkinson 1 — B. — 1. Numbers & Date

Henry Taylor — 1 — B. — 2. not ascertained

Payment ordered.

Payment of the above was Ordered to the
Parties respectively, subject to the approbation of the
Court of Directors.

Report on the Petition
of James Wixley

Mr Vaux having reported to the Senate
on the case of James Wixley, one of the House
Porters; — that he evidently suffers much, from
illness, and is not fit, at present, for laborious
Duty; — and the Chief Accountant having certified
to his good character. It was

A sum granted him.

Resolved That £28-3-6, the amount of the
said James Wixley's disbursements on account
of illness, be allowed for his relief.

Substitutes £15-13-6
Medicines £12-0

David Weaver coun-
tersigned Bank Notes,
very indifferently

Mr Hare produced to the Committee, several
Bank Notes, countersigned by David Weaver, who
was elected into the Service on the 27th Ult^o. the writing
on which Notes was so indifferently, as to be nearly
illegible. Mr Weaver was therefore sent for, and
informed by the Governor, that if he does not, in
future

— admonished
thereon —

future perform his duty better, and in a satisfactory manner, he will be discharged from the service of the Bank.

Accounts inspected.

The Committee then Inspected the Half yearly Accounts.

Thursday 17th Sept. 1807.

Mr Governor.
Mr Thornton
Mr Winstrop
Mr Whitmore.

Resolved,

Resolution on the
State of the Bank's
Accounts.

That this Committee having examined the state of the Bank's Accounts, are of opinion, that a Dividend may be made of Five pounds per Cent, Interest and Profits, for the half Year, ending the 10th October next. And that a Report be made to the Court accordingly.

Resignation of
Mr At Newland.

A Letter from Mr Newland the Chief Cashier, was read, addressed to the Governor, Deputy Governor and Court of Directors, - soliciting permission to withdraw from public business, on account of his advanced age and declining state of health. On which it was

Recommended
to the Court.

Resolved,

That it be recommended to the Court of Directors, to accept Mr Newlands resignation

a recommendation

Resolved,

That in the event of Mr Newlands resignation being accepted, it be recommended to the Court,

Mr Haseb. off.
Chief Cashier, and
Mr Rippon his
Assistant.

That Mr Hase be appointed Chief Cashier, and Mr Rippon, Assistant Cashier. -

Wednesday,

Mr Governor.
Mr Windthrop
Mr Whitmore
Mr Pearce.
Minutes read

Monday 23rd Sept. 1807.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Resolution of the Court, on

The Governor laid before the Committee the following Resolutions of the Court of Directors —
"At a Court the 17th Sept. 1807.

Mr Newland's Resignation.

"Resolved, "accepted.

"That Mr Newland's resignation be

— Circumstances of Mr Newland reported.

"The Governor informed the Court, that "has good reason to believe, that Mr Newland's Circumstances are such, as that he does not stand in need of the annual allowance which has been usual afforded to the servants of the Bank, on quitting their service."

— a Piece of Plate was presented to him.

"Resolved, "That in consideration of the unremitting attention of Mr Newland to the Affairs of this Corporation, he be requested to accept from this Court a Piece of Plate, of the value of not less than One thousand Guineas, with an appropriate Inscription in testimony of the high sense this Court entertains of his long and meritorious Services of 60 years; near 30 of which he was Chief Cashier."

Committee of Treasury to execute the Resolution of the Court.

"That the above Resolution be referred to the Committee of Treasury, to carry the same into execution."

Appointments of Mr Hase and Mr Rippon.

"Resolved, "That in consequence of the resignation of Mr Newland, Mr Hase be appointed Chief Cashier; and that Mr Rippon be appointed Assistant Cashier."

Mr Pearce added by Committee of Treasury.

"Resolved, "That Mr Pearce be added to the Committee of Treasury."

Affidavits examined.

The Committee examined Affidavits, regarding the following Bank Notes, vizt.

Thomas Leonard — 2 Bank Notes £3. } mutilated, & the
Richard Hall — 1 do — 1 } hundred Dates
not ascertained.

Payment ordered.

Payment of the above was ordered—subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

Resolved.

Additional Commissioners to be appointed under the Property Act.

That in addition to the Governor, Deputy Governor and Sir Richard Mease Bart. who have been appointed Commissioners under the Property Act, it be recommended to the Court of Directors to appoint also, Thomas Raikes, Samuel Thornton, Benjamin Winstrop, John Whitson and John Pearse Esquires, (the other members of the Committee of Treasury) to be Commissioners, under the Act of 46 Geo 3. Cap 15, "for granting a contribution on the Profits arising from Property, Professions, Trades, Offices &c" so far as the said Act respects the appointments under the Company of the Bank of England. —

Resolved.

The Governor to order the piece of Plate for the Newland.

That the Governor be requested to Order the Piece of Plate, voted by the Court, in the manner that may be most agreeable to the Newland.

Letter of Thanks from the Newland

A Letter from the Newland was read, requesting the Governor to express his acknowledgments to the Court of Directors, for the honor recently conferred on him.

Letter from Thomas Thompson, request to resign the Bank's service.

A Letter was read from Thomas Thompson the Assistant at the Journal, requesting permission to resign the service of the Bank, on account of the bad state of his health. The Consideration of the said Letter was deferred.

Consideration deferred.

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Letter from Messrs Geo
Sharp & Sons.

A Letter from Messrs Geo. Sharp & Sons, addressed to Mr Langley, was read: - Stating that a part of the accommodation afforded them by the Bank to the amount of £25,000, falls due on the 26th inst. That it is their wish to pay £10,000 thereof on that day, but requesting that the Bill of £15,000 drawn by W & A Rowlatt on William Sims & Co. may be renewed for two periods longer. They also intimated, that they mean to pay the Bill of £5000, when it shall be due, on the 15th of October next.

— recommendation
to the Court of Directors

Resolved. That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to permit the Bill for £15,000 above mentioned to be renewed for two periods longer, from the 26th inst.

Mr Governor.
Mr Wintthrop,
Mr Whitmore,
Mr Pearce.

Thursday 24th Sept. 1867.

Vaults for the
Deposits, nearly
completed.

The Committee of Building having given directions for the fitting of Vaults to hold the Deposits; and Mr Place reporting that the said Vaults will be completed tomorrow. It was

Resolved.

The Deposits to be removed thereto; and further regulations made for receiving & delivering Deposits.

That the Deposits be removed from the Vaults where they now are, to the new Vaults where have been prepared for them. And that so soon as the Deposit Vaults shall be detached from the Bull Vault, the Keys of them, as well as the Key of the Iron Gate leading thereto, be kept in the Iron Chest in the Chief Cashier's Room. And that the time for receiving and delivering Deposits be, from eleven to two o'clock; with the usual caution, that the Keys be never delivered but to a Cashier, and that his attendance be required, as heretofore.

Resolved. That the foregoing Minutes and Resolution be communicated to the Court of Directors.

Monday

Wednesday 30th Sept. 1807.

The Minutes of the two last Meetings were

Mr Governor.
Mr Withers
Mr Whitmore
Mr Pearce.
Minutes read.

read.
Affidavits read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the following Bank Post Bills &c. —
Henry Thos. Williams — 16. 13. Post Bills £241. 19. 1. Lost by
Rev^d Joseph Hall — 1 — Do — 10. Lost above Post.
Woolf Jacob — 1 — Bank note — 1. 12 months.
Henry Saker — 1 — Do — 1. Mutated, & the 2nd Date put as sent^d.

Payment ordered.

Payment of the above was ordered; subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

Application from
L. Atkinson, Notary
Public, to the Bank.

An application was read from Mr Tobias Atkinson, Notary Public to the Bank, stating, that Robert Robson his late partner is dead, & soliciting that John Withers and William Shackley, his two partners, may be joined with him in the appointment of Public Notary to the Bank.

Recommendation
to the Court
thereon.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to comply with the above application.

Mr Hase's salary
to be advanced.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court, to advance the Salary of Mr Hase, the Chief Cashier, from £300 to £500 per Annum, from the time of his being appointed to that Office.

Application from
the L. S. Company that
Bank Bills may be
paid at the Bank.

A note from the Chairman & Deputy Chairman of the East India Company, was read, requesting, that Bank Bills, to the amount of £160,000 may be discounted by the Bank.

Recommendation
to the Court.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to comply with the said request.

Governor's report, re-
garding Thomas
Thompson.

The Governor reported, that he had conversed
with Thomas Thompson, on the difficulties which are
in the way of allowing him a Pension, in the event of
his resigning his situation in the Bank, on account
of his having been only about 12 years in the service.
And that he has therefore intimated to Mr Thompson
that in consideration of the Report which the Chief
Accountant has made of his good character & conduct,
the Committee would grant him leave of absence
for 12 months, that he may try to recover his health.

The Committee Agreed thereto.

Resolved,

William Lince to assist
at the Journal.

That William Lince (recommended by
the Chief Accountant) be appointed to assist in
keeping the Journal, during the absence of Thomas
Thompson.

Resolved,

Peter High and John
Gibbins, to signers
of Div. Warrants.

That it be recommended to the Court, to
appoint Peter High and John Gibbins to sign
Dividend Warrants, in the room of Thomas
Thompson and William Auber, who declined
that duty.

Resolved,

Mr Hase to prepare an
Account of the quantity
of Bank Note Paper
in Store.

That Mr Hase be directed to prepare
an account of the quantity of Bank Note Paper in the
and that he report the daily consumption of the
same, with a view of fixing a time for issuing
Bank Notes in the name of the present Chief Cashier.

Mr Terry to alter the
name of the Chief
Cashier, on the Dupli-
cate Plates.

Mr Terry was then called in, and he
reported, that the name of the Chief Cashier may
be altered on the duplicate plates of Bank Notes in
about a fortnight. He was therefore directed to pro-
ceed on this work on the said Plates, immediately.

The Governor's Report,
on Mr Hase not willing
to reside in the Bank.

The Governor acquainted the Committee
that Mr Hase had stated, that it would not be

be convenient for him to reside within the Bank. It was therefore agreed, That Mr Rippon shall occupy the Christopher's Apartments, it being however understood that in case of the absence of Mr Rippon, Mr Hase be required to sleep in his House.

Tuesday 6th Oct. 1807.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were

Mr Rippon to reside in the Chief Cashier's Apartments &c -
Mr Governor
Mr Winsted
Mr Whitmore
Mr Pearce.
Minutes read.

read.

Examination of Officers & Heads of Offices.

The Committee conversed with Mr Bosh Mr Daves and Mr Hase, regarding the business of their respective Offices and the conduct of their Assistants; And also examined the undermentioned Heads of Offices respecting the conduct of the Clerks and the execution of the business during the present quarter. vizt.

- Mr Collins ——— Head of the Cashiers in the Hall and in the Treasury.
- Mr Shumblie ——— Head of the Bullion Office.
- Mr Madden ——— Dr of the Excheqr. Dr.
- Mr Holland ——— Storekeeper.

of Accounts of attendances.

The several accounts of attendances were also examined; the Committee remitted the forfeiture of salary in every case of occasional absence, and ordered the morning money to be paid to the Clerks, according to their respective attendances. The proportions, to Mr Swarth, Head of the Clerks in the Cashier's Office, Mr Madden, Head of the Exchequer Office, and Mr Watts, Clerk in the Secretary's Office, to be doubled.

Resolved

Quarterly Report to
the Court.

Resolved,

That a Report be made to the Court of

Directors - That the Committee have examined
the Principal Officers and Heads of Offices, under the
inspection, and have received a satisfactory account
of the conduct of the Clerks and the execution of the
business. That the forfeiture of Salary, in the case
of occasional Absences, has therefore been remitted
and the Morning allowance money has been ordered
to be paid to the Clerks, according to their respective
attendances.

Application of Messrs
Donaldson & Thomson

A Letter was read from Messrs Donaldson

and Thomson, soliciting, that the accommodation
of £50,000, granted to them in February last, may
be continued to them for twelve months longer.

— recommended
to the Court.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court
to continue the said Accommodation for 12 Months
from the 29th Instant.

Death of the Deputy
Governor reported.

The Governor having reported to the
Committee the death of Sir Brook Watson Bart
the Deputy Governor of the Bank, on the 2^d Instant

— vacancy to be
filled up.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Committee
it is expedient that the vacancy occasioned by the
(death of the Deputy Governor, be filled up.

— Day of Election
proposed.

Resolved, That it be proposed to the Court of
Directors to fill up the said vacancy by an Election
on Tuesday the 13th Instant.

— Mr Whitmore
proposed to be Deputy
Governor.

Resolved, That Mr Whitmore be proposed to the
Court, to be elected Deputy Governor.

— vacancy in the
Directorship to be filled
up.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court

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of Directors, to fill up the vacancy in the Direction, in the
event of Mr Whitmore being elected Deputy Governor.

Tuesday 13th Octo. 1807.

The Minutes of the Last Meeting were

The Committee examined the under-
mentioned Affidavit. vizt.

James Matthews 2 B. Notes — £2. mutilated & the
No. & Date undet.
certained.

Payment ordered.
Payment of the above was ordered, sub-
ject to the approbation of the Court. —

The Governor reported, that the Court of
Directors had acceded to the recommendation of this
Committee, and had proposed Mr Whitmore to the
General Court, to be elected Deputy Governor of the
Bank.

Election of a Director
to be proposed to the
Court.
Resolved, That it be proposed to the Court of
Directors to fill up the present vacancy in the
Direction, by an Election, on Tuesday next the 20th Inst.

Jeremiah Har-
man by proposed.
Resolved, That Jeremiah Harman by one of the
D-Directors, be proposed to the Court, to fill the
said vacancy.

Letter from Mr. Wm.
Winter by of the
Tax Office.
A Letter was read from Mr. Wm. Winter
by of the Tax Office, requesting that the Bank
will furnish the residences, or the names of the
respective Attorneys, of such Stock-holders, as have
not yet paid the Income duty on their Dividends.
Ordered.

Referred to
Chief Accountant.
That the Chief Accountant be directed
to consider and report on, the practicability of

of complying with this application.

The Chief Cashier
& others to have access
to the Printing Office.

Resolved, That the Chief Cashier & his Assistants, and also the four Investigators, be permitted to have access to the Printing Office, for the purpose of giving such information to Mr. Terry and his assistants, & receiving such communications from them, as may be necessary for carrying on the business in their respective departments.

Application from Mr
Surtis - a Receiver
General.

Mr. Surtis, Receiver General for the Counties of Northumberland & Durham, had applied, to know if the Bank will send out their Drafts, for acceptance.

On which the Committee

Agreed, That as this kind of business is done by the Bank, for two other Receiver's General, who keep Cash Accounts at this House, it be also transacted for Mr. Surtis.

— Agreed to by
the Committee.

Mr. Governor
Mr. Deputy Governor
Mr. Windhrop.

Friday 16 October 1807.

The City of London
Tavern - to supply them
Dinner to the Officers
on Guard.

Mr. Terry of the City of London Tavern, was called in to the Committee. And it was proposed to him, that he supply the Officer of the King's Guard while on duty at the Bank, with a Dinner & Wine at £1: 16: 0 per day: - that a waiter from the Tavern shall bring the Dinner, and afterwards take the things away, and that this business commence Monday next.

— Agreed to

Mr. Terry Agreed thereto.

Directions to Mr
Joseph Drackell.

Joseph Drackell and Richard Bromage, who alternately attend the Officer on Guard, on the part of the Bank, were then called in, and acquainted with the above regulation.

Instructions to Wiltshire
& Brownage.

They were then charged to be particularly attentive and very civil, in the performance of their duty, and were instructed, - that if any thing be done by the Officer on Guard, contrary to the above regulation; or if more than two persons accompany the Officer to dine at the Bank, they are to acquaint the Governor or Deputy Governor therewith, on the day following such occurrence.

The Committee then directed, that Mr Wiltshire have notice, that the Dinner for the Officer on Guard, is not to come from his House, after Sunday next.

Resolved.

That the following note be sent, to

General Leslie.

Bank. 16 Octo. 1807.

The Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank present their Compliments to General Leslie, and acquaint him, that in consequence of his request, the Dinners for the Officers on Guard, at the Bank, will, in future, be furnished, from the City of London Tavern, instead of the King's Head. The Governor and Deputy Governor trust, that General Leslie will enforce the recommendation of General Burnard, that the Officers shall not exceed the Dinner and Wine allowed by the Bank; and on no account whatever, bring more than one, or two, of their friends.

Wednesday,

the Deputy Governor
the Thornton.
the Wintthrop
the Pearce.
minutes read,

Wednesday 21st Octo 1807.

The minutes of the two preceding meetings were read.

Affidavits read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank Notes, viz

Walter Lock	1 B. Note	£ 1.	} minutes read No Land Date not at present
James Cook	1 Do	1.	

Payment Ordered.

Payment of the above was Ordered, subject to the approbation of the Court.

The Deputy Governor presented the following

Letter from General Leslie.
House Guards 19th Octo 1807.

General Leslie had the honor to receive a Letter, a few days ago, from the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank, which has been communicated to that part of the Brigade of Guards, now in London.

He likewise takes the liberty to inclose the Copy of an Order given out by him, on the occasion and hopes there will be no further cause of complaint, with respect to the Guard at the Bank. He is likewise sorry, that any cause should have arisen to give so much trouble to the Governor, Deputy Governor, and the other Gentlemen of the Bank.

(Copy) Orderly Room 1st Guards
18 Octo 1807.

Copy of an Order
sent by General
Leslie.

Major General Leslie has the honor to inclose a Copy of a Letter this day received from the Governor of the Bank, which he begs the commanding Officer of the 2^d Battalion of the 1st Regiment will be

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be so good as to order to be communicated, to all the Subalterns of the 2^d Battalion of the 1st Regiment, and he begs also it may be forcibly explained to them, that these regulations may be strictly attended to, without the least deviation. They will please also very particularly to observe, that after this period, no more than three Bottles of wine will be allowed, whether paid for, or not, and the Officer not to ask more than two friends to dine with him on Guard at the Bank. — This Order he begs may be communicated to every Officer, on his first joining the Regiment. —

Report from Mr Hase.

Mr Hase stated to the Committee, that arrangements could be made for issuing Bank Notes in his name, as Chief Cashier, on the 12th Dec^r next; but that if the 1st January 1808, should be thought an appropriate period to commence this business, it could, with very little inconvenience, be regulated and fixed, for that day.

Bank Notes to be issued in Mr Hase's name on the 1st Jan^y 1808.

The Committee therefore Agreed, that preparations be made for issuing Bank Notes, payable to Mr Henry Hase, or bearer, on the 1st Jan^y 1808.

Report of the forgery of the Will of Wm Priddy.

The Chief Accountant reported, that a Probate of the Will of William Priddy of Marlborough Row Carnaby Market had been exhibited at the Bank by John Almond, the sole Executor named therein, who had transferred £300 Excess of Annuities from the name of William Priddy, into his own name, & had afterwards sold them; & that the said William Priddy had since been at the Bank & had claimed his Stock and Dividends. Mr Kay also stated, that John Almond is now in custody, for transferring and selling the above mentioned Stock.

Stock, under a forged Will of the said William Priddy
 — It be mentioned Resolved, That this transaction be communicated
 to the Court of Directors. —

to Governor.
 to Deputy Governor.
 to Richard Pearce
 to Thomas
 to Winstrop &
 to Pearce.

Wednesday 28th October 1807.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Petition of Randolph
 Holman to resign
 the Service.

A Petition was read from Randolph Holman, stating
 that he is 65 years of age, & has been about 35 years
 in the service of the Bank; that his infirmities
 will no longer admit of his performing the duties
 of his Office, & therefore praying, that he may have
 leave to quit the service and also be favored with an
 allowance for the support of himself & his Grandchild.

Resolution there-
 on.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court to
 accept of Randolph Holman's resignation, & to grant
 him an annual allowance of £190 per Ann. during
 pleasure.

Petition of Sarah
 Randall.

On reading a Petition from Sarah Randall
 the widow of John Randall, late a Clerk in the Cashier's
 Office — stating that she is left, with four infant
 children, in destitute circumstances; And it ap-
 pearing that the said John Randall had been only
 about nine years and a half in the service, & that
 his widow could therefore have no annuity from
 the Directors or the Clerk's Fund. — It was

£100 granted her. Resolved,

That £100 be granted to the said Sarah
 Randall, for the relief of herself & her children. —

Reference from the
 Court, on the 24th of
 26th Priddy's Stock

The Court of Directors having reported
 the Case of £300 £4 per Ct Annuities having been
 sold from the Account of Abraham Priddy, under
 a forged Will, exhibited by John Almond, the

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sole Executor named therein: as mentioned in a minute of the last Committee. It was.

Resolved, That the said John Skinnors be prosecuted by the Bank. It was also,

Resolved, That Mr Kaye be desired to prepare a Case for the Opinion of Counsel, on the Question: Whether the Bank is liable to make good the above mentioned Stock? and if liable what will be the most suitable method to be taken, in order to guard the Bank, in future, from forgeries of a similar nature?

An Opinion of Mr Piggott was read. On the Case of £65 & 3 p^{ts} Reduced Annuities, which, by an Error in registering the Will of Sarah Redly, had been permitted to be sold, instead of being reserved for Jane Smart of Bath, to whom it was devised by the said Will.

It being Mr Piggott's Opinion, that it will be advisable for the Bank to make compensation to the said Jane Smart: It was

Resolved, That although it is doubtful whether the Bank is liable to make good the above-mentioned Stock; yet, in consideration of the poverty of the said Jane Smart, the Sum of £50 be given her, by the Bank.

The Chief Accountant reported, that application had been made from Mr Richard Lewis the Committee appointed by the Court of Chancery to receive Dividends on Stock standing in the name of a Lunatic; to be allowed, on account of his living at a great distance from London, to grant a Power of Attorney to authorise another person to receive Dividends.

Dividends on *London & Amman* 1797. Mr. James mentioned, that a Power of Attorney from Mr. Lewis had been allowed to be acted on, many years ago, on the same Account, in Bank Stock.

— Mr. Kaye to take the
Opinion of Counsel
thereon.

Resolved, That Mr. Kaye be directed to prepare a Case for the opinion of Counsel, on the Question, whether a Committee appointed by the Court of Chancery for the purposes above mentioned, has right to grant a Power to another person, to act as his Attorney.

Mr. Governor.
Mr. Deputy Governor.
Sir R. Peave.
Mr. Thornton.
Mr. Wintthrop.

Wednesday 14th Novemb^r. 1807.

The Minutes of the last Committee were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding

the undermentioned Bank notes, vizt.

Thomas Collett	1	Bank Note	£20.	part lost.
Nicholas Lathy	1	do	10	do.
Alex ^r Cullum	1	do	5	do.
Bento Listine	1	do	2	} mutilated, & the No. & Date not ascertained
James Warren	1	do	1	
Robert Bunting	1	do	1	

Payment Ordered.

Payment of the above was Ordered, Subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

Application from
the Cornhill Ward
Military Association

On reading an Application from the Chairman of the Committee of Cornhill Ward, soliciting further Support for the Military Association of that Division:—

Resolved,

Recommendation
to the Court thereon

That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to grant the Sum of Fifty Guineas for the support of the said Military Association.

Petition of Charlotte Kemp.

A Petition was read from Charlotte Kemp, Widow of William Kemp deceased, late a Clerk in this House, stating, that she is left in a distressed situation, her husband having died in embarrassed circumstances.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That Charlotte Kemp be put on the Directors Charitable Fund; and that £50 be granted her to defray the expences of her late Husband's Sickness & Funeral.

£3. 2-0 to be paid to Messrs. Rawson & Co.

Ordered. That Three Guineas be paid to Messrs. Rawson & Co. of Halifax, in consideration of an expence incurred by them, in obtaining two forged Notes for the Bank.

Account of John Vaux's Disbursements & Services.

The Secretary presented Accounts which he had received from Mr Vaux, Surgeon; of his disbursements for Medicines &c on account of the Labourers, Porters & Clerks of this House, from 30th September 1806, to the 30th September 1807. The amount of which, was £14^l 14^s 5^d. Also an Account of Mr Vaux's professional Attendance, in the Cases above referred to.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That £14^l 14^s 5^d be paid to Mr Vaux; and that a further Sum of £35. 5. 7 be presented to him, to make up £50. —

Application from Mr Brewer, for an increase of Salary.

Mr Brewer, Member to the Bank, stated to the Committee, that when he was engaged in the Service of the Bank, it was intimated to him, that, if, at the expiration of seven years, his Services and Conduct should meet with the approbation of the Committee, an addition of £100^l should be made to his Salary. He therefore solicited, that as this term is fully expired, and as he trusted that his conduct has been approved, an addition may be made to his Salary. He further intimated, that he has made the Minutes for the Loan paper, and has actually relinquished

Reference to former
Minutes, on Mr Brew-
er's application.

relinquished every part of his private business.
On a reference to a Minute of the Committee
the 24th April 1800, it was found. - That a salary of
£500 per Annum was allowed to Mr Brewer; and
he was acquainted, "that if his exertions should be
"laudable and successful, he should meet with further
"encouragement, at a future time". It was therefore

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of
Directors, that Mr Brewer be sworn, before the
Court, as a servant of the Bank. And that ^{the} ~~our~~ ^{our} con-
siderations before mentioned, his salary be advanced
£100 per Annum, from the 10th of October last. —

At 10-11. 0 paid to Mr
Mitchell of the Vote Office

The Deputy Governor reported, that he
to Mr Mitchell of the Vote Office; on account of
Bills, Reports &c sent from thence for the use of
the Bank during the two last Sessions of Parliament

Mr Deputy Governor
Mr Rich^d Meads.
Mr Winstons.
Minutes read.

Wednesday 11th Novem^r 1800

Affidavits read.

The Minutes of the Last Meeting were read

Affidavits read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding
the undermentioned Bank notes, viz.

John Crofton Keer — 3 Bank Notes — £35. Minister paid
John Greenwood — 1 — £ — — — 1. Multistated
N^o & Date not
ascertained

Payment Ordered.

Payment of the above was Ordered, subject
to the approbation of the Court. —

Mr Piggott's Opinion
on Committee of
Lunatics.

The Secretary laid before the Committee
Opinion of Mr Piggott, on the Question, Whether that
Committees of Lunatics are warranted to execute
of Attorney to their Agents to receive Dividends on
standing in the Lunatics Name? And it being
then

Mr Piggott's Opinion that such Committees ought, in person, to receive the Dividends on a Lunatic's Stock; — It was Resolved

Resolution on Mr Lewis's Application as a Committee of a Lunatic. —

That the application of Mr Richard Lewis the Committee of a Lunatic, to be allowed to grant a Power of Attorney to an Agent, to receive Dividends, on the said Lunatic's Stock, in the £ 5 per Cent Ann^y 1797 be not complied with. And that the Power of Attorney from Mr Lewis, under which his Agent has, in ascertaining, been permitted to receive Dividends on Bank Stock, standing in the said Lunatic's Name, be not permitted to be acted on, any longer. —

Opinion of the 28th of 1800 General — On the Case of Stock sold under a forged Will. —

The Secretary also presented the Opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor General and Mr Piggott, on the Question, Whether the Bank is bound to replace the Stock which has been sold by John Almond, from the Account of Abraham Priddy, under a forged Will, as mentioned in Minutes of the 21th and 28th Ult^o. —

And it being their joint Opinion, that under the Circumstances of this Case, the Bank is bound to replace the said Stock, and to pay the Dividends due thereon: — It was

Resolution thereon. —

Resolved, That after the trial of Almond, for the forgery; — It be recommended to the Court of Directors to Order that £ 300 £ 4 per Cent Ann^y, with the Dividends due thereon, be made good, to the said Abraham Priddy.

Petition from John Almond.

A Petition from John Almond (mentioned in the foregoing Minute) was read; praying, that the Bank would him a Sum of money, weekly, for his support, while in Newgate.

not complied with.

The said Petition was not complied with.

A Question from the

The Chief Accountant having requested Directions from the Committee; — Whether, on Probates of

The Chief Accountant
regarding, searching the
Bank Books for Books
standing on a deceased
Account?

Directions given
to the Chief Accountant

A £1. note entered
twice, in the Cash Book
Office - a consequent
deficiency of £1 -

Resolution thereon

— It was paid out
of Petty Cash

Mr Bramah brings
a new machine.

It is tried by Mr
Hase.

Mr Dyke Governor
Mr Kirk Meave,
Mr Winthrop.

Minutes read.

Affidavits examined.

of Wills being brought to the Bank, a reference should
be had to the Books of all the Annuitants transferred
at the Bank? Or, whether the Search should only
extend, so far as Claims are made, on Account of
the deceased, by their representatives? The
Chief Accountant was directed to confine the Search
to the Claims made, on Account of deceased Persons,
by their representatives.

The Chief Cashier reported to the Committee
that on the 10th Jan^y 1804, a £1 note was entered twice
in the Cash Book Office. And that, by the File not being
checked, in the new Accountants Office, the mistake
was not then corrected, & it has not been discovered
till the 2^d instant. And that there is therefore, a
deficiency of a £1 note.

Resolved, That as the business of the above men-
tioned Offices, at the time referred to, was very heavy,
and was not under such particular regulations, as
have since been established. And as the Clerks who
committed the Error are well reported of, for their
general conduct - Payment of the said note, by
them, be remitted; and that it be made good, from
Petty Cash.

Mr Bramah brought a new Pattern
Machine, for printing the Numbers & Dates on
Bank Notes; And Mr Hase was directed to make
a trial of its operations.

Wednesday 18th Novemb^r 1807.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read
The Committee examined Affidavits, regarding
the following Bank Notes &c -

The Rev David Leake 2 B Notes & 1 B Post Bill £ 80.
 de La Comptrolr & Rhine 1 B Note 10 } Reglar parts
 } lost.

Payment ordered.

Payment of the above was Ordered, Subject to the approbation of the Court.

Petition of John Almond.

A further Petition from John Almond was read, praying that the Bank would grant him pecuniary assistance, to furnish himself with Counsel, at his approaching trial.

Resolved.

That this Petition be not complied with.

Letter from Mr Winter of the Office for Taxes.

A Letter from Mr Matt^r Winter of the Office of Taxes, was read. It stated, that agreeably to an intimation from the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank, directions have been given, that the Sheets of Letter B, in the £ 3 per Ct Consols, containing the sum of Stock not discharged from the Property Tax be prepared, and transmitted to the Bank, as soon as possible; in order that a judgment may be formed how far the information desired by the Tax Office can be furnished by the Bank. And that as the Board are desirous to commence their proceedings without delay, on sums unpaid, in the Short Annuities, Mr Winter expressed their wish to be furnished with the desired information, regarding sums in that Fund. And that a compliance with this wish would not be considered as a pledge of receiving similar information, in other instances, if it should be found too difficult and inconvenient to be furnished by the Bank. —

Resolution thereon —

Resolved, That Mr Winter be informed, that the Bank is willing to furnish the information desired in his Letter, as it respects annual payments of £ 10 & upwards, in the Short Annuities; below which, the Bank cannot go, as it would interfere with the daily business of the House, and require the services of so many Clerks. —

Mr Governor,
Mr Deputy Governor
The full Committee.
Minutes read.
Affidavits examined.

Wednesday 25th November 1807.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits

regarding the undermentioned Bank Post Bill, & Bank
notes. viz

John Silvester	1 B. Post Bill	£500.	Lost by post	
Christ ^m Lorch	5 B. notes	35.		Burnt.
William Stables	1 do	10		
Joseph Hulme	1 do	1.		Mutilated & the numbers Dates, not ascertainable
John Mc Call	1 do	1.		
Joseph Pool	1 do	1.		
John Smartt	2 do	20		

Payment ordered.

Payment of the above was Ordered, subject to
the approbation of the Court of Directors.

Mr Governor
Mr Deputy Governor
Mr Raikes.
Mr Winthrop
Mr Pearce.

Wednesday 2^d Decem^r 1807.

The Minutes of the last Meeting

Minutes read. were read.

The Committee examined the follow-

Affidavits examined.

ing Affidavits. viz

R th Th ^s Cooney	1 B. Post Bill	£10.	Lost
Susanna L. Dickson	1 B. Note	25	
L ^{td} Col ^l Jas Butler	2 do	10.	Burnt.
Charles Hale	1 do	10	
Hugh Hayhurst	1 do	2.	Not Dated as ascertainable

Payment ord.

Payment of the above was Ordered, subject
to the approbation of the Court.

John Almond tried
& convicted.

Mr Kaye Reported, that John Almond
had been tried and convicted, this morning, for
selling and transferring £300 & 4 per Cent Annu-
uity under a forged will, purporting to be the Will of
Abraham Pidoy.

Resolved

Mr. Priddy's Stock & Dividends, to be made good —

Resolved,

That, agreeably to a Minute of the 24th ult^o, it be recommended to the Court of Directors to Order, that £300 £4 per Cent Annuities, with the Dividends due thereon, be made good to the said Abraham Priddy —

Trial of Mr. Bramah's new Machine

Mr. Hase reported to the Committee that he has made a trial of Mr. Bramah's Patent Machine the result of which is, that the Numbers & Dates of from 800 to 1000 Bank Notes can be printed thereby in one day. Mr. Hase observed, that only 400 Bank Notes are filled up by a clerk, at present for a common day's work.

Suggestion of an improvement in it.

Mr. Hase further suggested that if double Machines could be made, a double quantity of Notes might be printed, by one Person from each Machine.

Mr. Bramah to attend the Committee

Resolved, That as it appears Mr. Bramah's Machine will answer the purposes for which it is intended, Mr. B. be requested to attend the Committee on Wednesday next, in order to be consulted respecting the making of Doublemaking.

Representation to be made to Sir Wm. Wynne re: Almonde's Forgery.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to make a representation to Sir William Wynne the Judge of the Prerogative Court, of the Case of Almonde's Forgery, and to submit to him whether some Checks may not be introduced into the practice of that Court, that may have a tendency to prevent similar frauds in future.

Mr. Governor.
Mr. Deputy Governor.
Mr. Parkes
Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Winstrop &
Mr. Pearce.

Wednesday 9 Dec^r 1807.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Minutes read.

The Committee examined the following

Affidavits examined.

Affidavits viz:			
Hannah Newell	a Bank Note	£5	lost
Thomas Bayntam	2	10	} dexter parts lost
Samuel Beck	3	12	
Capt. Francis Flukes	3	27	respecting parts lost
Evans Evans	a	10	sinister part lost
Mary Rawlinson	a	5	dexter part lost
Susannah			

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Susannah Scarlet a Bank Note - £1 -
 Robert Gray - a D - 1 -
 John Redfern - a D - 1 -
 James Chapman a D - 2 -

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Payment ordered.

Payment of the above was ordered.

Petition of Jane Wixley.

On reading the Petition of Jane Wixley, widow of James Wixley deceased, late a House Porter and watchman, stating that she is left with one child in very distressed circumstances and that she has £8.12. - to pay on account of her Husband's funeral and other expenses,

Ordered,

That the sum of £8.12. - be allowed to Mrs Wixley together with £25 for the relief of herself and child.

- A sum allowed to her.

Petition of Thomas Shade.

On reading the Petition of Thomas Shade, House Porter stating that on account of illness he has £3.4.6 to pay a Supernumerary Man for doing his Duty, and £6.15.6 for advice and Medicines, and that he has been at the expense of £5.10. - for going into the Country to recover his health,

Ordered,

That £10 the amount of the two of the Articles of Expenses be allowed to the said Thomas Shade.

- A sum allowed to him.

Petition of Mary Owen.

A Petition was read from Mary Owen widow of James Owen dec'd, who was about ten years and a half a Clerk in this House; stating that she is left with three young Children in very great distress.

- Report thereon.

The Chief Accountant reported, that on account of the death of the said James Owen, only £10 had been repaid to the Bank, of the £100 which had been advanced to him on the as a loan; and that he had paid £17.10.0 -

the Clerk's Widow's Fund, but had died before his wife was intitled to an Annuity from the said Fund.

A sum allowed to Mary Owen.

Resolved, That on Account of the Expenses which have attended the long Sickness, and the Decease of the said James Owen, and of the distress in which his family are left the Debt of £20 due to the Bank, be remitted; And that £100 be granted for the relief of Mrs Owen & her Children. It was also

Dr. —

— £6 put on the Charitable Fund.

Resolved, That the Sum of £17.10 - which Mr Owen had paid to the Clerk's Widow's Fund, be made good to his Widow, by the Bank; And that she be placed on the List of Widows, on the Directors Charitable Fund.

A recommendation to the Court.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors, to give public Notice; —

— To give Notice that all Notes of the Bank of England, dated on, and after, the 1st day of January 1808, will be made payable to Mr Henry Hase, or Bearer.

That all Notes of the Governor & Company of the Bank of England, dated on, and after, the 1st day of January 1808, will be made payable to Mr Henry Hase, or Bearer. —

Mr Hase's Report, on Mr Bramah's Machine.

Mr Hase reported to the Committee that he had suggested to Mr Bramah the advantages which would arise, if instead of single Machines, Double Machines were to be constructed; to act with one Lever and to be worked by one person. And that Mr Bramah thought his suggestion quite practicable & advantageous.

Conversation with Mr Bramah.

Mr Bramah was then called in, & he repeated to the Committee what he had before mentioned to Mr Hase; and also, that several small alterations which Mr Hase had suggested, could easily be effected.

Dr.

Mr Bramah having formerly required 120 Guineas for each Machine that he should

should make for the Bank, he was now asked, whether, if the machines were made Double, he could not make them for less than a double price. He replied, that when all things connected with this alteration were considered, he thought he could not make any deduction from the price above stated.

Proposals made to Mr Bramah.

It was then proposed to him - To make Thirty Double machines for the Bank, at 240 Guineas each double machine - Subject to an Agreement between him and the Bank, to be drawn up by Mr Hase and Mr Kay; in which should be inserted these (among other) stipulations, viz.

That One Double Machine, to include all the improvements suggested by Mr Hase, shall be completed as soon as possible and be brought to the Bank for trial; and that when an approval of it shall be signified, the other machines shall be completed, within ten months from the date of the Agreement.

That the Letterpress and Figures shall be such as Mr Hase shall suggest and the Bank shall approve. That all the machines which shall be made for the Bank by Mr Bramah, shall be kept in repair, by him, for twelve months, from the time they begin to be worked; after the expiration of which time, repairs shall be executed ^{either} by him or by other persons, at the option of the Bank. And that the machines shall be delivered and paid for progressively, as they shall be completed, tried and approved.

Mr Bramah accedes thereto - And an Agreement to be made with him.

To these Propositions Mr Bramah assented and Mr Hase was directed to advise with Mr Kay in order to draw up the proposed Agreement.

Payment made to Mr Bramah.

Mr Bramah having expressed a wish to be paid for the work he has already performed -

the sum of £315, which was tendered to him, by the Committee, on the 7th July last, for the two machines he first made, was again offered to him; and also 120 Guineas for the last machine which he has made and left at the Bank. These Offers were accepted; and the Deputy Governor signed an Order for the payment of £435 to Mr Bramah, accordingly.

Wednesday 16th Decem^r. 1807.

The Minutes of the last Committee were

read.

affidavits read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank Notes, viz:
Thomas Bainbridge 1 B. note £ 20 - Dupl^r part burnt
John Morgan 1 Do 10 - part burnt
D. J. Gandy 1 Do 5 - nearly destroyed
William Haslop 1 Do 1 - no Date and ascertained.

Payments ordered.

Payment of the above was Ordered, subject to the approbation of the Court.

Letter regarding Transfer Receipts of Stock.

Referred to the Com^r Transfer Receipts printed for the Bank - was referred to the Committee of Inspection for the Stock Office.

Letter of Administration to J. Parnell, paid for by the Bank.

The Deputy Governor acquainted the Committee, that he had signed an Order for the payment of £2.18.2, to John Parnell, to reimburse the expence of taking out Letters of Administration to his Brother, Joseph Fred^d Parnell one late a Clerk in this House; he having died in distressed circumstances.

Letter from Mr. Kaye.

referred to the Committee
for Law Suits.

Letter from Sir Wm.
Mynne Read.

Letter from Sir Wm.
Mynne.

A Letter from Mr. Kaye to the Deputy Governor recommending that suitable rewards be given to the Police Officers, for the apprehending of John Edmund, was referred to the Committee of Law Suits.

The following Letter from Sir William Mynne the Judge of the Prerogative Court, was read, being an Answer to a Letter addressed to him by the Governor, agreeably to a Resolution of this Committee on the 9th instant, and now read to the Committee.

To Brewster Langley, Governor of the Bank

Doctor's Commons 12th Dec. 1839

Sir.

I received the Honour of your Letter of the 9th Inst, and should be extremely glad to have it in my power to contribute any thing to the prevention of Frauds of the nature you mention in obtaining Probates of forged Wills. I have mentioned it to the Deputy Registrars of the Prerogative Court, by whom and under whose direction the Probates are issued, and recommended it to them to take ^{it} into their most serious consideration with the Assistance of such persons as they conceive to be most capable of advising them, by their experience in the Office.

I am going out of Town, in a few days, but shall return in the beginning of next month, and will then communicate to you what has occurred upon the Subject, and shall be extremely glad to have the honor of a meeting with you and the Deputy Governor of the Bank upon it, at any time that you will be pleased to appoint.

I have the honor to be Sir

Signed W^m Mynne

Petition of John Almond.

A further Petition from John Almond - was read and rejected.

Gov. Mr. Richd. Pearce.
Mr. Baikes.
Mr. Winstrop.
Minutes read.

Wednesday 23^d December 1807.

The Minutes of the last Committee were read.

Annuitants to the Widows on the Directors Charitable Fund - to be increased.

The Governor Reported to the Committee, that he had inspected the Accounts of the Directors Charitable Fund; and had directed, that the Annuitants to each of the Widows to be paid therefrom, be augmented $\frac{1}{5}$ th; the State of the Fund allowing this addition.

The Committee approved of the same.

Letter from the Transport Office, regarding a forged Note of £1.

A Letter from Mr. McLean, Secretary to the Commissioners for the Transport Service was read; also an Extract of a Letter from Captain Crauley, Agent for Prisoners of War at Stapleton, near Bristol, and a memorandum attached to a forged Bank Note of £1: from which it appeared, that the said Note had been uttered by one of the Prisoners of War, at Stapleton, to a Soldier, in payment for a Watch, sold to the said Prisoner.

An Answer to be returned to same.

Ordered, That a Letter be written to Mr. McLean, expressing the Governor's thanks to the Commissioners for the Transport Service, for the above mentioned Communications.

Gov. Mr. Richd. Pearce.
Mr. Baikes.
Mr. Thornton.
Mr. Winstrop.

Wednesday 30th Decem^r 1807.

The Minutes of the last Committee were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the following Bank Notes viz^t.

John

Affidavits examined.

John Cooper	1 Bank Note	£20. paid out
Richard Unite	1 do	20. } Lost above
John Woolley	1 do	10 } 12 months
John Radford	1 do	2. }
Barthly Hart	1 do	2 }
George Norman	1 do	1. } Mutations
Thomas Henderson	1 do	1. } the Number
Thomas Pearce	1 do	1. } Dates, not
B. Brittain	1 do	1. } ascertained
Mich. Kavanagh	1 do	1. }
Henry Stevens	1 do	1. }

Payment ord.

Payment of the above was ordered, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

Examination of the
Officers & Heads of
Offices.

The Committee conversed with Mr. Best, Mr. Dawes and Mr. Hase regarding the business of their respective Offices and the conduct of their Assistants, and also examined the undermentioned Heads of Offices respecting the Conduct of the Clerks and the execution of the business, during the present Quarter, vizt

Mr Collins ——— Head of the Cashiers in the Bank and in the Treasury.
Mr Humble ——— Head of the Bullion Office.
Mr Madden ——— Head of the Exchequer or
Mr Holland ——— Storekeeper.

— of the Accounts
of Attendances.

The several Accounts of Attendances were also examined; the Committee remitted the forfeiture of salary, in every case of occasional absence, and ordered the Morning Money to be paid to the Clerks, according to their respective Attendances. The proportion to Mr Smart, Head of the Clerks in the Chief Cashier's Office, Mr Madden Head of the Exchequer Office and Mr Watts Clerk in the Secretary's Office, to be doubled.

Report to be made
to the Court.

Ordered, That a Report, conformable with the above Examination, be made to the Court of Directors.

Resolved

Salaries of the Clerk & Thomas Webb to be raised.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors, that the salary of Thomas Reid, Head of the Office for registering Wills, and of Thomas Webb, Head of the Power of Attorney Office, be advanced £20 each, from the 10th of November last.

£60 advanced for the clerk of George Peter.

The Governor Reported, that in consequence of a recommendation from the Committee of Inspection for the Printing Office he to this Committee - he had signed an Order for a second advance of £60, to George Peter, a Clerk in the Cash Book Office; the first advance having been repaid, within £5- and he being still in distressed circumstances.

the Governor.
the Deputy Gov.
for Richard Pearce
the Writings.
minutes read.
Attended as usual.

Wednesday 6 January 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the following Bank notes, vizt.
Nicholas Torras 1 B. Note - £15. Lost above 12 months.
William Richard & Co. 4.
John Vane 1.
Elizabeth Ower 1.
Thomas Farnes 1.
Heathly Ackland 1.

Mutilated, the numbers & Dates not ascertained.

Payment Ordr? Payment of the above was ordered.

the Army directed to engrave a Plate for a new £1. note.

Mr. Terry was called in, and Directed to engrave a new plate for a £1. note. The word ONE at the top of the note, to be continued; the word End to be left out, and also the flourish, under the word One Pound, in the center of the Plate. And the engraving to be so disposed, as to accord with the proposed mode of Printing the numbers, on the words Promise

and

£350. allowed to Mr
Rippon, for travelling.

Mr Governor.
Mr Deputy Governor.
Mr Raiet.
Mr Thomson.
Mr Wintthrop.
Mr Pearce.

Minutes read.

and bearer, and also the Dates, by Mr Bramah's Machine.
Ordered, That the sum of £350. be allowed Mr
Rippon, Assistant to the Chief Cashier, towards furnishing his House, at the Bank. —

Wednesday the 13th January 1808

The Minutes of the last Meeting were

read.

The following Letter from the Chancellor
of the Exchequer was read. Viz

Downing Street 11 Jan^y 1808

Letter from the
Chancellor of the Exchequer.
Gentlemen. —

In the several conferences and communications, which I have lately had the honor of holding with you, respecting the expectation formerly, on the part of the Public, of an Advance by the Bank for the Public Service; the particular grounds of that expectation have been discussed under three heads, namely,

- 1st Unclaimed Dividends.
- 2^d The Charge for the management of the Public Debt.
- 3^d Balances arising from Deposits of Public Money in the hands of the Bank.

Having most maturely considered every thing that has passed between us in the said discussions, I now feel myself enabled, and called upon, to make to you the following Proposals under each of the above heads, and I request that you will submit them to the Court of Directors for their consideration and Concurrence.

- 1st That, out of the Unclaimed Dividends, a Sum of £500,000 shall be advanced for the Service of the

present

Letter continued.

present Year, under similar provisions to those contained ⁴² in the Act of 1791. Cap. 33, and in addition to the Sum of £376,739, already advanced upon that Account; but so as to secure that the Amount of such Dividends remaining in the Bank shall never be less than £100,000.

2^d. That the Sum to be allowed to the Bank for the Management of the Public Debt shall, from and after the 5th April next, be regulated by the following Scale:—

When the total amount of Debt unredeemed shall exceed £400 millions, and not exceed £550 millions, the Bank shall receive an allowance for Management, at the rate of £340 per Million per Annum, upon the whole of such Debt;

And when the total Amount of such Debt shall exceed £550 millions, the Bank shall receive the Allowance of £340 per million, for such £550 millions.

And for any excess of Debt which may now exist or may hereafter be contracted beyond £550 millions, the rate of allowance for Management shall be £300 per million, for the whole of such excess.

I have only further to propose on this part of the Subject, that the £4000 per Annum paid to the Bank by the Exchequer, under the denomination of House Money, should be discontinued;—but it is not my intention, if the above Proposals are acceded to, to suggest any alteration in the established rate of Allowance for receiving Contributions to the Loan or to the Lottery.

The Consideration of what may be the proper rate of Management in the event of the Debt unredeemed being reduced below £400 millions may be reserved for subsequent arrangements, when such Event may take place.

3^d. With respect to the Public Balances. Although I have not been so fortunate, in the several Conference

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Letter continued.

we have had upon the Subject, as wholly to convince you that the advantages derived to the Bank from the deposit of those Balances must be in proportion to their average Amount; I am not the less firmly convinced in my own judgement of the truth and accuracy of this position; And having I think succeeded in fully satisfying you, that a Plan, the outlines of which I have had the honor of stating to you, might easily be devised, and with the sanction of Parliament, carried into Effect, by which those Balances might to a very great extent be rendered productive of profit to the Public; you must be sensible that, however desirous I may be of avoiding to trouble you with any further discussion of the mode in which, according to my judgement, Advantage is derived to the Bank from the Public Balances, or of the precise extent to which those advantages are carried, it would be altogether inconsistent with my duty to the Public, in the view I have now shortly stated, to avoid pressing upon the consideration of the Bank, the expediency of ensuring to the Public in some shops or other that reasonable degree of profit which they are entitled to expect, and which, as I have already observed, it is within the competency of Parliament to secure to them from the use of those Balances. - As however, any Plan for this purpose, to which the Bank might not be a party, though free from objection in its Principle, could not be carried into execution without a departure from the course of business which has so long subsisted between the Bank and the Exchequer, I should, on that account, prefer an Arrangement promising even something less of advantage to the Public, which would leave this course of business in its accustomed Channel: And as I cannot doubt but the Bank

conclude

Letter continued

concur with me in preferring to avoid any deviation from a long established system, it appears probable that, from this and other considerations, it may be more satisfactory to them, as it will certainly be to me, that the one or the other of the following propositions, unquestionably not formed upon any too sanguine view of the comparative profit which in another mode might be obtained for the Public, should be acceded to, by the Bank, viz^t.

That the Bank shall on or before the 5th April next advance to the Public for the service of the Year a Loan of £3,000,000 - without Interest, but the Principal to be secured by Exchequer Bills payable twelve months after the ratification of a definitive Treaty of Peace; or, That the Bank shall on or before the 5th April in the present and each succeeding Year during the continuance of the War, and within twelve months after the termination thereof by a definitive Treaty of Peace, pay into the Receipt of the Exchequer, there to be held at the disposal of Parliament, the sum of £150,000 - sterling.

In proposing this alternative in the mode of affording to the Public that degree of aid, which, upon the most moderate principle, and with a reference to the advantage which might otherwise be obtained, it appears reasonable to expect on account of the Deposits of Public Money in the hands of the Bank, I feel it a duty, at the same time, to urge in the strongest manner the superior convenience and advantage which would accrue to the Public Service from the adoption by the Bank of the proposed Loan, instead of an equivalent annual payment into the Exchequer. - In stating this comparative view of the two proposals, and my decided opinion in favor of the advance by way of Loan, I cannot doubt, from the general disposition of the Bank, that it will be a most powerful
motive

motive with the Court, to give a preference to that proposal, unless from some reason, of which I am not aware, it should appear to them absolutely necessary for the Interests of the Bank, to confine themselves to an annual payment.

In order to prevent the possibility of any future misunderstanding of the Principles and grounds on which the present Arrangement, as far as relates to the deposits of Public Balances, is brought forward, I think it necessary to observe that the proposal to confine the duration of the advance by way of Loan, or of the Annual Payment into the Exchequer, to the period of the present War and twelve months after the termination of it, is by no means to be understood as an admission on my part that at the expiration of such period the Public will no longer be entitled to look to any advantage from the continuance of such deposits; but simply as a provision by which the Government and the Bank may be respectively enabled under the change in the state of Affairs which will then have taken place, probably affecting the amount of Public Balances in the hands of the latter, to consider of a new arrangement. — And I have further to add that, as the proposal I have now made is founded on the view I have taken of the present Annual Average Amount of those Balances, assuming that amount to be not less than Ten Millions Sterling, I wish to be understood that the present arrangement, if carried into effect, should not be construed to preclude His Majesty's Government (with the sanction of Parliament if necessary) from using in such manner as they might think proper for the

Public

Letter continued.

Public Interest, and consistent with any existing engagement with the Bank, any excess of Balance over and above the said Ten millions, if it should appear that such excess was likely to be permanent and of sufficient magnitude to call for some application of it, by which, without interfering with the arrangement now proposed to the Bank, it might be rendered productive of advantage to the Public; — but without calling upon the Bank for any direct assistance beyond the amount now proposed; — An assistance which, whatever difference of opinion may exist as to the circumstances by the operation of which they are enabled to grant it, will, I cannot doubt upon a fair consideration of the whole case, appear to be entirely consistent with those principles of Equity and unfeigned liberality which ought to prevail in the adjustment of so important an arrangement, growing out of the extensive transactions existing between the Public & the Bank.

I have the honor to be Sir

Yr Obedient.

Resolution on the
Chancellor of the
Exchequer's Letter.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors, to accede to the Proposal of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to take £500,000 from the Unclaimed Dividends, in addition to the former sum of £376,739.

That in respect to the rate of Management, the following scale be proposed, vizt.

£600 millions at £ 340 per million £ 204,000		
10 — £	300 — "	3,900
		<hr/> 207,900
400 — £	450 — "	180,000
		<hr/> 150,000
300 — £	500 — "	

That

Resolutions con-
tinued.

That in respect to the £4000. for management allowed by the first Charter, it is not expedient to make any alteration in that allowance, being part of the £100,000 per annum continued from the foundation of the Bank.

That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to accede to the Proposal of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to lend, for the use of Government, on Exchequer Bills, without Interest, during the War; provided it is stipulated to be returned, within six months, after the Ratification of a Treaty of Peace; And under the complete understanding that all Transactions between the Publick and the Bank, shall be continued in the accustomed manner.

Affidavits examined.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank Notes, vizt
 Harry Blunt — 2 Bank Notes — £50. } Similar paid
 Lewis Chas. Meares — 1 — do — 10 } lost.
 John Broome — 1 — do — 1. } Number & Date not ascertained

Payment ordered.

Payment of the above was Ordered.

Letter from Mr. French.

On reading a Letter from Mr. Math. Boyle French

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to grant another renewal, for two months, of the Bills, to the amount of £24,000, discounted for him, on Acceptances ^{of} Jordan & Shaw, Rowley Flower & Green.

the Governor.

the Dep^y Governor.

And a full
Committee.

Minutes read.

Wednesday 20th January 1746

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Governor laid before the Committee the two following Letters from the Chancellor of the Exchequer. vizt.

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Downing Street 15th Jan'y 1803.

Letter from the Chairman
of the Bank of England
to the
Gentlemen.

The liberal disposition which has been manifested by the Court of Directors, to concur in the principal Arrangements which I have thought it my duty to suggest for their consideration, has afforded me great satisfaction. — While I feel convinced that my proposal has not lost sight of the Public Interest, the manner in which it has been received by the Bank confirms me in thinking that it has not proceeded without a due consideration, also, to the fair and reasonable interests and expectations of that respectable Corporation. — Under this impression, I am strongly inclined to give way to the Suggestions of the Bank, in the minor parts of their Arrangements, and will therefore accede to the Scale of Allowance proposed for the management of the Public Debt, as far as it applies to present circumstances, or to any which can be expected to occur within any short period. — With this view therefore I shall not object to the Alteration by which it is proposed that the Allowance to be paid by the Public for management, shall be at the rate of £340 per Million upon any Amount of Debt between 400 and 600 millions inclusive, instead of limiting that rate of Allowance to any Amount between 400 and 550 millions, as I had intended; And, according to this Arrangement, the reduced rate of £300 per Million will be allowed upon any excess of Debt now existing, or which may hereafter be created, above 600 millions, instead of commencing at 550 millions.

But with respect to the Proposal for increasing the rate of Allowance for management to £500 per Million, in case the unredeemed Debt should be

be reduced to 300 millions, I am persuaded that upon reconsideration, the Court of Directors will agree with me in the difficulty, or rather the absolute impossibility of my proposing to Parliament at this moment to grant a higher rate of Allowance upon a Debt of 300 millions than was granted by Law in 1791 upon a decreasing Debt of 220. millions; and I trust that they will consent to withdraw this part of their Resolution. — In stating this, I by no means intend to undervalue the reasons which may be urged to show that Circumstances may perhaps have occurred to render some increase not unreasonable; — But the Event which would bring these Circumstances most properly under consideration is, I am afraid, removed to such a distance that the Court of Directors will I hope feel no difficulty in agreeing with me to waive the discussion of this point, for the present.

With respect to that part of the Resolution by which the Bank Agrees to advance "£3,000,000 on Exchange Bills without Interest during the war; provided it is stipulated to be returned within Six Months after the Ratification of a definitive Treaty of Peace, and under the complete understanding that all Transactions between the Public and the Bank shall be continued in the accustomed manner, even though the Amount of Public Balances should exceed the Sum of Ten Millions;" — the proposal to limit the period for the repayment to Six Months instead of twelve, after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace is an alteration in the Arrangement from which I do not feel myself disposed to dissent; as this abridgement of the term had probably appeared of importance to the Court of Directors.

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With respect to the understanding under which the Court is willing to lend the sum of £. Millions, I have only to observe that, Subject to this advance, it never was my intention to attempt during its continuance any alteration in the course of business between the Bank and the Exchequer, or to propose to withdraw from the Bank any Account now by Law directed to be kept there. — This explanation will, I trust be entirely satisfactory to the Court of Directors; to which I have only to add, that subject to the Modification now proposed respecting the Management, I shall be ready to submit to Parliament, to sanction an Agreement founded in every respect upon these Resolutions. I have the honor to be

Gentlemen.

Your obed^t M^t Servants

Sp. Percival

Downing Street 19th Jan^y 1808.

Letter from the
Chancellor of the
Exchequer. —

Gentlemen,

Referring to the several Communications which I have had the honor of holding with you, and to the Correspondence which has passed between us, on the Subject of an Arrangement to be formed between the Public and the Bank; — and especially to the Proposals which I transmitted to you on the 11th Instant; to the Resolutions of the Court of Directors of the 14th Instant, suggesting certain alterations in those Proposals; — and to my Letter of the 15th Instant, consenting in part to those alterations; — I think it proper, in order to remove every possibility of misunderstanding between us, briefly to recapitulate the terms of the Arrangement which I have expressed my readiness to submit to Parliament, in case
it

Letter continued.

It should meet, with the final concurrence and consent of the Bank.

Under the three following heads, vizt

1st Unclaimed Dividends.

2nd Allowance for managing the Public Debt.

3rd Public Balances kept at the Bank.

I have finally proposed;

1st That the Bank shall now advance out of the Unclaimed Dividends in their hands, the sum of £500,000 for the use of the Public, in addition to the sum already advanced out of that fund pursuant to the Act 31 Geo 3. Cap 30, and under similar conditions;—provided always that the amount of such Dividends remaining in the Bank shall not be reduced below £100,000.

2nd That for the management of the Public Debt, that Bank shall henceforward be allowed as follows:

£340 per Million per Annum upon the whole of the Unredeemed Debt, whenever it may amount to 400 Millions and not exceed 600 Millions.

£300 per Million per Annum, upon the whole Amount of any excess of Debt unredeemed above 600 millions; the said 600 Millions continuing in such Cases to be managed at the aforesaid rate of £340 per Million per

£450 per Million per Annum upon the whole unredeemed Debt, whenever it may exceed 300 Millions and not amount to 400 Millions.

And that with respect to the rates of allowance which it may be proper to fix for the management of any Debt less than 300 millions, it had

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been deemed advisable, to defer the consideration of that point, until the actual diminution of the Debt below that sum may require a decision upon it.

That the Bank shall on or before the 5th April next advance for the Public Service in the present Year £3,000,000 by way of Loan without Interest; the Principal to be secured by Exchequer Bills to be deposited in the hands of the Bank, payable at the expiration of six months after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace.

And it is understood, that during the continuance of this Advance by the Bank no alteration is to be proposed in the general course of business between the Bank and the Exchequer, nor any regulation introduced by which the Accounts now by Law directed to be kept at the Bank shall be withdrawn from thence.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

The Governor & Deputy
Governor of the Bank.

Your Obedt^l & Able Servant
Sp. Perceval

Resolved,

Resolution there on.

That the Committee propose to the Court of Directors, to recommend to the Court of Proprietors, to Agree to the Proposals contained in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Letter, of the 19th Instant.

the Governor,
the Deputy Governor
the Bankers,
the Treasurer
the Windrope.

Wednesday 27th January 1803.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were
read.

Affidavits examined.

Affidavits regarding the undenominated

Bank notes, were examined; and payment ordered,
subject to the approbation of the Court. viz.

John Griggs	1 B. note	£100. Lost.
William Silver	3 s	11. respecting post
Thomas Brown	1 s	Lost.
Robert Warren	1 s	5. part lost.
John Hall	1 s	5. mutilated.
Alfred Rowe	1 s	1. } s ^d of the note
		1. } & Dates not
		ascertained.

Letter from Mr
Arch^d. Dalzell—

A Letter was read from Mr Dalzell,
addressed to the Governor and Court of Directors; request-
ing a Loan of £15,000 to £20,000, on certain Securities
named in the Letter.

— To be laid before
the Court.

Ordered, That Mr Dalzell's Letter be laid before the
Court of Directors.

Application for the
relief of British
Prisoners in France.

An Application was read from the
Secretary of the Committee, at Lloyd's Coffee House,
for the relief of British Prisoners in France; re-
questing Aid from the Bank.

— To be laid before
the Court.

Ordered, That the said Letter be laid before the
Court of Directors.

Proposal for hold-
ing the General Court
in March & April.

The Committee Agreed, to propose to the
Court, That the General Court for declaring
the ensuing Dividend on Bank Stock, be holden
on Thursday the 17th March; And that the General
Court, for the ensuing Election of Governors and
Directors, be holden on the 12th & 13th April next.

Collection of Clerks
proposed.

Also, - that there be an Election of one or more
Clerks, on Thursday 25th February next.

Resignation of
Richard Jones.

A Letter of Resignation from Richard Jones
a Clerk in the Cheque Office, was read - And it was agreed
to lay the same before the Court of Directors. -

Petition of Letitia
Miles.

On reading the petition of Letitia Miles,
Widow of James Miles deceased a Clerk in this House, -
stating, that she is left, by the death of her Husband, in
straitened circumstances - It was

Ordered,
- Relief granted.

That £50 be granted to the said Letitia
Miles; and that the sum of £14 which had been paid
by her Husband to the Clerks' Widows Fund - be made
good to her, by the Bank.

Petition of Matthew
Briggs.

A Petition from Matthew Briggs, House
Porter and Watchman was read, requesting relief
on account of expenses he has incurred by the illness
of his wife.

- not complied with.

This petition was not complied with.

Resolved,

A Proposition to the
Court - to appoint a
Committee to examine
the Account of over-
due unpaid Discount
Bills &c. -

That it be proposed to the Court of Direc-
tors, to appoint a Special Committee to examine
our due the Account of unpaid Discount Bills, and to
Report to the Court their opinion, what proportion
thereof, in their opinion, should remain on the
said Account, as likely to be received. And also to
Report - whether any and what alterations may, in
their opinion be expedient, as to the manner in
which the said Account is kept.

Letter from Mr
Bramah.

A Letter from Mr Bramah was read,
objecting to certain parts of the Agreement which has
been drawn up by Mr. Kaye, under which he is to
make and deliver 30 Printing machines ordered by
the Committee. -

- Mr Bramah to
attend the Bank.

Resolved, That Mr. Bramah be requested to attend
at the Bank to converse with the Governor & Deputy
Governor

*Petition of Robert
Pepys to resign.*

Governor on the above subject. —

A Petition was read from Stevenston Pepys a Clerk in the Exchequer Office, stating, that he had been 23 years in the service of the Bank; that his Eyesight is so much decayed, as to render him incapable of the Duties of his Office. And therefore praying leave to quit the Service, relying on the bounty of the Court for the future maintenance of himself and his wife. —

— Minute from the
Committee of Inspection
thereon. —

A Minute of the Committee of Inspection for the Stock Office was also read recommending that Mr. Pepys be permitted to quit the Service of the Bank, with such an allowance as the Committee of Treasury shall see fit. —

— Conversation
with the Chief Ac-
countant, regarding
Mr. Pepys.

The Committee then conversed with Mr. Davies the Chief Accountant and were informed by him that Mr. Pepys is not able to do the duties of a Transfer Office, and that he knows of no situation in his Department which would be suitable for Mr. Pepys. — The further consideration of this business was referred till the next Committee. —

— Further consi-
deration deferred.

Consideration of a
reference from the
Committee of Inspec-
tion regarding the
Transfer Receipts
now used.

The Committee having referred to the Committee of Inspection for the Stock Office a proposal to print on the Transfer Receipts used in the said Office, information of the Day of Transfer and the periods when Dividends become due; on the several annuities. Three forms for carrying this proposal into effect, were referred back to this Committee — with a recommendation that the Form No. 3, giving the information above mentioned, and also of Holdings kept at the Bank be printed and used. —

On

On considering which, it was Agreed,

That the Form N^o 2 which includes information of Transfer Days and the period when Dividends become due, but no notice of Holidays, and has the Back of the Receipt covered with flourishes, to prevent any unsuitable use or a waste of Transfer Receipts, appears most expedient to be adopted, - and that this Opinion be communicated to the Committee of Inspection for the Stock Office.

Resolved,

That M^r John Watts of the Secretary's Office be added to the list of Clerks appointed to attend at the Bank on Sundays and Close Holidays.

M^r Hase laid before the Committee a letter which he had received from Mess^{rs} Lee & Son, Receivers for the County of York - which inclosed a Bill of £8000 to be discounted at the Bank, on which it was

Resolved,

That M^r Hase be directed to acquaint Mess^{rs} Lee & Son that it is contrary to the practice of the Bank to discount Bills for persons residing in the Country, that their Account is the single exception to that Rule - that it will therefore be necessary for them to conform to the practice of all others, either by remitting Bills due before the time of payment, or by the payment of some Correspondent in London, who may pay in money on their account (but not by Bills remitted by them to be discounted) so as to enable the Bank to make payments into the Exchequer, agreeably to their Orders. —

7.
Mr. Governor
Mr. Deputy Governor
Mr. Thornton. —

Statement of the Gov.
regarding the account
of Unclaimed Dividends.

Friday 29. January 1808.

The Governor having stated to the Committee that in looking into the Account of the Unclaimed Dividends, it appeared that £500,000 could not ^{under similar conditions as are in} be taken therefrom upon the Act of 1791: — without the material inconvenience of continual payments ^{to} from the Exchequer. —

Resolved,

— Resolution of
the Committee on the pro-
posal of the Chancellor
of the Exch. to withdraw
a sum from the Current
half yearly Dividend.

The Committee are of Opinion that it will be contrary to the Spirit of their Agreement, and of the Compliance of their Court and the General Court with the request of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to withdraw from the Bank any sum from the Current half yearly money that has been issued for the payment of Dividends, as the Dividends of the Current half year are not continued by the Bank and the Public, or by the Act of Geo. 3. Cap. 33. as unclaimed Dividends, but as Current Dividends in the Course of payment. —

They are further of Opinion, that £100,000 is as small a sum as can with propriety be left to answer the claims for Dividends payable antecedent to the Current half year. And they desire they may be understood to reserve to the Bank the right of publishing a list of unclaimed Dividends from time to time, as it has been hitherto done. —

Wednesday 3. July 1868.

The Minutes of the two preceding Meetings

were read.

Affidavits regarding the following

Bank notes were read; and payment ordered, subject to the approbation of the Court. viz

John Lowers — 1 B. note — £20.
 Eliza Boyce — 1 - do — 18 } burnt.

A Letter from the Chancellor of the

Exchequer was read -

Stating that it will be a great accommodation to the Public Service, if the Court of Directors will purchase Exchequer Bills to the Amount of One Million; and requesting that the Court be moved to consent to such purchase, accordingly.

Resolved. That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to comply with the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Request.

The Governor laid before the Committee

The following Paper from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in answer to the Resolution of this Committee on the 29th January. viz.

In Answer to the Resolution of the Committee of Treasury, of the 29th Instant, it is necessary to observe that no view of Public Advantage however specious should induce Government to adopt any measures which could have the possible effect of impairing in any respect the Claim of any Individual Creditor to his Dividend or the means of instantly satisfying that Claim whenever it may be made.

The

The Question therefore to be disposed of, is this, whether any such risk can possibly arise out of a proposal founded upon the Principle of leaving in the hands of the Bank the sum of £100,000, after discharging all demands which shall have been made upon them, up to the close of that day of each Quarter on which the Balance of Uncollected Dividends must necessarily be at the lowest; namely, on the day immediately preceeding the issue from the Exchequer of the whole sum due for the ensuing Quarter. The distinction therefore between the Balance of the Current Quarter and that of the preceeding period is immaterial, the only consideration ought to be that there shall be no moment in any quarter in which risk should exist of any demand that may have accrued, whether in the Current or any preceeding Quarter, not being satisfied as soon as made. In the proposed arrangement this consideration is amply provided for.

Why the Committee of Treasury should appear to oppose that there should be any reason to restrain the Bank from publishing, as often as it might think proper a List of Uncollected Dividends, it is impossible to conjecture; but as the supposition has been introduced, it may not be unnecessary to observe, that it is now, as it has always been, the wish of Government to give every possible facility to the Public Creditor in tracing and in obtaining payment of his just claim upon the Public; and any measure which the Bank may find expedient for that purpose, will certainly have the approbation of Government.

Resolved

Minutes of the
House to be laid before
Parliament.

Resolved,

That the Minutes of the 29th ulto, and the foregoing Answer thereto, from the Chancellor of the Exchequer be laid before the Court of Directors.

Draft of a Proposal
regarding the advance of
£5 millions, & of the de-
creased Rates for man-
agement.

The Governor also laid before the Com-
mittee, the Draft of a Proposal to be made by the Bank
to Parliament, regarding the Advance of £3,000,000
to the Public, by way of Loan, without Interest; and
of the decreased Rates, at which the Bank has con-
sented to manage the Public Debt.

to be laid before
Parliament.

Ordered, That the said Draft be laid before the
Court of Directors.

A proposal to the Court
that the 30th Jan'y & 2^d Sept^r
be kept only as com-
mon Holidays.

Resolved, That it be proposed to the Court of Direc-
tors, that in future, the 30th January and the 2^d of
September, be kept at the Bank, only as common
Holidays, but not as close Holidays.

Report to be made
to the Court.

Resolved, That the following Report, be made to
the Court of Directors.

Report, regard-
ing the State of the
House Porters and
Watchmen.

The Committee of Treasury having
taken into consideration the present state of the House
Porters and Watchmen, and the expediency of providing
for the more effectual performance of their respective
Duties, Report to the Court of Directors,

That the present Establishment of
House Porters is 29; of whom 6 have long been excused
the Watch-Duty, by reason of Age and Bodily infirmities,
and 5 others are nearly incapable of performing it.
There are also Ten Supernumerary Watchmen, who
are employed in the absence of the Porters & established
Watchmen.

The Committee therefore propose,
that the Establishment of House Porters & Watchmen
be increased to 42; and that until that number
can

Continued.

can be made effective for both Duties, & Watchmen appointed. Also, that in addition to the present Watch kept outside of the Bank in Bartholomew Lane, another Watchmen be appointed, to be stationed in Ruices, and that the two persons performing these Duties, be sworn before the Court, as Porters & Watchmen.

The above arrangement will provide, that all the Porters and Watchmen be sworn servants of the Bank; that Supernumerary Watchmen will be abolished; that the Watch-Duty, which has been performed by 21 men, every night, will only occur to each House Porter every other night; except in cases of sickness or absence; and that the House will be kept, in every part, in a cleaner state, than it has hitherto been.

The Committee also recommended, that in future, the Age of Porters & Watchmen, when taken into the Service of the Bank, be not less than 25, nor more than 40. —

Resolved,

James Botten — to be
a Gate Porter.

That it be recommended to the Court of Directors, to appoint James Botten to be a Gate Porter; in the room of Thomas Carter deceased.

Letter from the
Director of the Tax Office.

for Taxes, was read, stating, that the Board expected
regard the Property
Duty paid by the Bank.

A Letter from Mr Winter, of the Office of the Tax Office, was read, stating, that the Board expected to be called upon, to deliver to Parliament, an Account of the Produce of the Property Tax for the year, ending 5th April 1807; and therefore they wish, if the Bank has no objection, for the separate or Total Amount of the Assessments made by the Commissioners, upon the Corporate Stock, and upon the profits of the Bank for the said year.

Resolved,

Resolution on Mr
Winter's Letter.

That the above request be not complied with; it not being consonant to this spirit of

of the Act of 46 Geo 3. Cap 65. to make such a Communication.

Letter from Mr. Alden
Boydell, regarding
the Bills discounted
him.

A Letter was read from Mr. Alden Boydell, requesting, that the Bills on which the Accommodation of £4500 has been continued to him, by the Bank, may be renewed, when they next become due; And that on a future occasion of his wanting a renewal of them, he may be allowed to substitute, a name, or names, in the place of Mr. William Boydell, at present one of the Securitys for £2000.

Resolved,

Resolution
Reason. —

That a renewal of the above Bills, be acceded to; but that Mr. Alden Boydell be acquainted, that it is doubtful whether the Directors of the Bank will consent to more than this renewal; they having expected that the Accommodation granted him, would, long since, have ceased.

Mr. Bramah attended
his conversation with, re-
lating the Articles of
agreement between
him and the Bank.

Mr. Bramah attended the Committee, and it was Agreed, that the Penalty to be inserted in the Articles of Agreement, between him and the Bank - be £500. And that, for his satisfaction, he be furnished with, an Extract of the Minute of this Committee, on the 9th Decem^r. last - which settled the particulars of the said Agreement.

A new List of un-
claimed Dividends, pro-
posed to be published.

The Committee agreed to propose to the Court that a new List of unclaimed Dividends be published, made up to the 5th January 1806.

Mr. Governor
Mr. Dep. Gov^r
Mr. Mordaunt
Mr. Thornton
Mr. Minthrops.

Affidavits read.

Monday 10th Feb. 1806.

The Minutes of the last meeting were Read. —

Affidavits regarding the following Bank Notes were read; And Payment Ordered, Subject to the Approbation of the Court. Viz

Samuel

- Affidavits and
 Samuel Lees - 1 Bank post Bill £15. Lunk
 Jas. Johnston 1 Bank Note 10. Lunk
 Rich^d. Hosden 3 D. 8. doxter party
 John Starnup 1 D. 2
 John Nelson 1 D. 1 } mutilated
 Edward White 1 D. 1 } Number 1
 not a doxter

The Governor laid before the Committee
 the following Report, together with a note from
 Sir William Wynne signifying his approbation
 of the same. -

Bank of England
 29 Jan: 1808

Report of a Conference
 with Sir Wm Wynne.

The Governor reported that the Deputy
 Governor and himself had waited upon Sir
 William Wynne and stated to him the
 following Cases in which Probates of Wills
 had exposed the Bank to a certain degree of loss
 from such Probates having been granted, -

As in the Case of Alwoud, without its
 having been ascertained at Doctors Commons
 that the Person was actually dead. And they
 suggested that if some further Proofs were
 required of the Death of the Party than hitherto
 had been thought necessary, before the Probate
 was permitted to be taken out, it might prevent
 in some measure the recurrence of this evil.

Sir William Wynne and the Officers
 of his Court who attended the interview, seemed
 to think that any other Proof than the Attestation
 of the Executors as now required might be
 attended with great inconvenience and expense
 to the parties concerned. -

And

— continued.

And as in the case of John Nicholson, that by attaching a Residence different from that described in the will, to make it appear that the Property in the Bank belonged to the Person making the will, the Property of a different Person might thereby be disposed of. It was represented by the Officers of the Court that this practice has been introduced at the request of the Parties, in consequence of information derived from the Bank, that unless the description in the Probate agreed with the Books of the Bank no transfer of Property would be allowed, - Otherwise, only the Place named in the will and the last residence of the Person deceased, would be recited in the Probate. -

In regard to the Alteration of Probates after the Seal was affixed to them, it was stated by the Officers of the Court that whenever that Circumstance took place, A Register was made and a Certificate given upon Stamps, signed by the Proper Officers, thereby making it the Act of the Prerogative Court, that such Alteration had been made by them. -

The result of this Interview appeared to be. that the Prerogative Court deemed it expedient to adhere to the long established practice of granting Probates, leaving it to the Bank to require such further proof of the Death of the Parties, as they might think fit. which it was the Opinion of Sir William Wynne would not in the least tend to impeach the Validity of the Probate, or reflect on the proceedings of his Court. -

That

Continued.

That, at the request of the Governor and Deputy Governor, the Probates should only state the place named in the will, and the last residence of the deceased, leaving it to the Bank to require any other proof of Identity they might think necessary. —

And Sir William Wynne seems to think, that the Certificates signed by the Officers of the Prerogative Court upon Stamps, should be deemed by the Bank a satisfactory Proof of the Alterations in the Probate, after the Seal had been affixed. —

— Note from Sir
W^m Wynne approving
the foregoing Report.

Sir William Wynne presents his Compliments to the Governor & Deputy Governor of the Bank, and returns their Minutes of the Conversation which passed at the Interview he had the Honor of having with the Governor & Deputy Governor on the 29th January last, which he has communicated to the Deputy Registrars of the Prerogative Court who attended, and agrees with them in Opinion that it is perfectly correct.

Doctors Commons 5 Feb. 1808. —

Resolved,

That it be recommended to the Committee of Inspection for the Stock Offices to carry the above Report into execution. and that it be also recommended that further Proof be required of the Death of the Parties, where any doubt exists, when the Probates of their Wills shall be brought to the Bank to be registered. —

— Recommendation
to the Committee for the
Stock Offices, to carry the
Report into Execution
—

Report of the Dep. Govt.
regarding the Dft of the
proposal to be made by the
Bank to Parliament.

The Deputy Governor reported to the Court, that he had not laid before the Court, on Thursday last, the Draft of a Proposal, to be made by the Bank to Parliament regarding the advance of £3,000,000 &c as he found, that the practice of Parliament did not require such a tender from the Bank. And that this had been confirmed, in a conversation with Mr Huskisson, when Mr Wintthrop and the Deputy Governor were at Downing Street, on Thursday, to wait upon Mr Pease with the Resolution of the Court, of that day. Not meeting, however, with Mr Pease, they left the Resolution with Mr Huskisson. The Governor then departed,

Report from the Governor regarding a communication from the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

That since that time, the undermentioned Letter had been received from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and also a Note, communicating his wish to see the Governor and Deputy Governor, as yesterday. That they had accordingly waited on him, and that he had stated to them his intention of laying before the House of Commons, the Papers relating to the Unclaimed Dividends, and to propose their being printed.

Downing Street 5th Feby 1808.

Gentlemen,

Letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

In reply to the Resolution of the Court of Directors, which you have done me the honor of communicating to me, stating that they cannot consent to any deviation from the Resolution of the Court of Proprietors of the 21st January, relating to the proposed advance by the Bank in consideration of the Balances in their hands on Account of Dividends remaining unpaid; I have to express my extreme Regret at the Misunderstanding which appears from your explanation of that Resolution to

to have prevailed between you and myself in all our late correspondence with respect to the precise application of the term, Unclaimed Dividends, and I cannot but observe at the same time that even the Court of Directors themselves, appear to have been under some some misapprehension as to the nature of the Agreement which they proposed to consent to: Since they offered to advance for the Public Service the specific sum of £500,000 under certain conditions; whereas it now appears, that as they understood these conditions, it was not possible for them to do so.

Being however fully sensible of the obligation by which the Court of Directors are restrained from giving the Assent of the Bank to the Agreement in Question; except under the conditions and understanding according to which they have been authorised to do so; I have no hesitation in declaring to you, that in communicating to the House of Commons the Agreement between the Bank and myself, so far as the Arrangement founded upon it will be submitted to the adoption of Parliament on the ground of the consent of the Bank, it shall be strictly confined to those parts of it which relate to the advance of £3,000,000, and to the Rate of Allowance for management; concerning which, no difference of opinion exists. With respect to the Unclaimed Dividends, I will distinctly state the difference which has arisen between us upon that point, and will submit to Parliament the propriety of adopting an arrangement under that head, according to my notion of what is right upon the Subject; not only without founding it on the consent of the Bank,

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but expressly noticing the Circumstances which had imposed upon the Court of Directors the necessity of declaring themselves unauthorised to give it their Concurrence. I have the honor to be &c

To the Governor & Deputy Governor of the Bank.

Sp. Receiv. etc

To be laid before the Court.

Resolved, That the foregoing Letter be laid before the Court of Directors.

Petition of Mary Watson. -

On reading a Petition from Mary Watson, Widow of William Watson decd, who had been a Clerk in this House about eight years past, and by whose death his Widow is left in destitute Circumstances -

Relief granted

Ordered, That £50 be granted for the relief of the said Mary Watson.

Petition of Ann Brock, daughter of Thos Wood.

On reading the Petition of Ann Brock, the daughter of Thomas Wood, decd - who had been a House Porter in the Bank, about 37 Years;

Relief granted.

Ordered, That £8. 15. 2 the expence of Thomas Wood's Funeral, be granted - and also £20, in consideration of his long Services, and of the care his daughter has taken of him, in his last sickness.

Petition of Sarah Carter.

On reading a Petition from Sarah Carter, Widow of Thomas Carter decd, late one of the Gate Porters, and who had been in the service of the Bank, about 20 Years.

Resolution thereon.

Ordered That Sarah Carter be allowed a Pension from the Directors Charitable Fund; that £12-2-6 be granted to defray the expences of

of Carters sickness and funeral; and that £20 be allowed to his widow, in consideration of her infirm state and necessitous circumstances.

Recommendation from
the Bank Office Committee

At the recommendation of the Committee of Inspection for the Bank Offices;—

Ordered, That £100 be advanced to Geo. Whitley a Clerk in the Exchequer Office; in consideration of his good character, and of his being in straitened circumstances from having a large family. The said sum, to be repaid by Quarterly Payments of £5 each.

Mr. Dep^y Governor
Mr. Parkes
Mr. Thornton &
Mr. Winter of

Tuesday 16th July 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were

Minutes read. read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank Post Bills and Bank Notes, and ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

John Barnes	2 B. Post Bills	£30	} Double paid lock.
	2 B. Notes	2	
William Williams	1. do	10	Lock down 12 months.

Probate of the will of
Elizth Beever or Beever
laid before of Committee.

The Chief Accountant laid before the Committee, the Probate of the Will of Elizabeth Beever, Spinster, and reported, that £600 Exchequer Annuities stands in the Books of the Bank in the name of Elizabeth Beever—which sum is claimed by the Executors named in the will of Elizabeth Beever.

— Also Probate of the
will of Eliza Mary
Clissold—

Also, that in the Probate of the will of Mary Clissold—Ann Rich wife of John Rich—is named one of the Executors; but that in

a Power of Attorney which has been presented for the Sale of £600 ^{per} Annuity standing in the name of Mary Chisold, Ann Rich, signs her name L. A. Rich (meaning Louisa Ann) - and John Rich, has signed, John Rich Junr.

referred to the Committee for Law Suits.
Resolved, That both the beforementioned Cases, be referred to the Committee, for Law Suits. —

Report of an erroneous Transfer from the Account of Sir Fred. Hamilton, by the Clerk of the Court.
The Chief Accountant further stated, - that £518-9-0 ^{per} Annuities, had been transferred from the Account of Sir Fred. Hamilton, by the Clerk of the Court, - Altho' the Power of Attorney under which they acted, authorised the Sale of £250 only, of the said Annuities.

referred to the Court.
Resolved, That this Case be reported to the Court of Directors, and that it be recommended, that William Christmas, John Foster and Ambrose Charles, the Clerks who transacted this business and who failed to detect & prevent the erroneous Transfer, be reprimanded by the Court.

Recommendation of the Committee for Law Suits.
The Committee reconsidered the Petition of Stevenson Pepsy, and conversed with Mr. Hase, on the expediency of placing him in the Bank Note Office, and with Mr. Pepsy, on his ability to fill up Bank Notes. And apprehending that from his deficient & decaying Sight, he would be able to do very little business of any kind. It was

Recommendation of the Committee for Law Suits.
Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors, to permit Stevenson Pepsy to retire from the Service. And that in consideration, of his having supported a good character during the 23 Years in which he has been in the Bank, and of his being nearly incapacitated from further Service, £200 ^{per} Annum, be allowed him, by the Court, during pleasure.

Minutes from the Committee for the Printing Office be recommended "that an Annual Gratuity of £50 each be given to the Librarians in the Accountants Office for £5 notes, & upwards; and £30 each to those in the Library for £1 and £2 notes, during the continuance of Extra Work in that Office; but when that ceases, £50 each as the former; upon the express condition that they do not remove into any other Office".

A Minute from the Committee of Inspection was read, recommending "that an Annual Gratuity of £50 each be given to the Librarians in the Accountants Office for £5 notes, & upwards; and £30 each to those in the Library for £1 and £2 notes, during the continuance of Extra Work in that Office; but when that ceases, £50 each as the former; upon the express condition that they do not remove into any other Office".

The Committee Agreed thereto. —

Ordered,

Gratuities to the Librarians for cutting up Old Books & Papers.

That £10-10-0 be granted to each of the following Librarians, viz

Joshua Pitt — Librarian to the Dock Office.
 Wheeler Tomkins
 John Gibbins, } & — to the ^{Sto} Accountants Office
 Thomas King } &
 Joshua Pearson — & — to the Hall Department.

In consideration of their having been employed, in Extra Hours, in cutting up Old Books & Papers, to be sold to the public, from the 12th August, to the 10th Sept. 1807.

— & for burning Old Bank Notes.

And that £26-5-0 be granted to each of the following Librarians, viz

Wheeler Tomkins
 John Gibbins &
 Thomas King.

In consideration of 85 Days Service, from 9th to two o'clock, in burning Old Bank Notes. —

Mr Governor.
 Mr Deputy Governor.
 Mr Parkes.
 Mr Wintthrop.

Thursday 18th February 1808

The Governor laid before the Committee the following Letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer. viz^t

Downing Street. 16th Feb'y 1808.

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to acquaint you, that it will be an accommodation to the Public Service, if your Court will consent to advance the Sum of Three Millions, which it is proposed to raise this Year, on the Credit of the Annual Duties on Malt, Pensions, Offices &c and some additional Duties, instead of the Sum of £2,750,000, as heretofore granted.

I request therefore you will have the goodness to move your Court to make such Advances, accordingly, when the Act of Parliament shall have passed. I have the Honour to be Sir
Your Obedient Servant.

Resolved

That the above Letter be laid before

The Court of Directors. —

Wednesday 24th February 1808.

The Minutes of the two last Meetings were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank Post Bills and Bank Notes, and Ordered payment of the same, Subject to the Approbation of the Court of Directors. viz

T. M. Wilkins on Supp. to the Globe Company } 3 B. Post Bills, £745. Not endorsed.
John Allen 1 do 25. Six months left
Richard Tyson 1 Bank Note 10. do do.
John Barrow 1 do 1. Not dated as yet ascertained.

The Governor Reported, that in consequence of the Application of the Chancellor of the Exchequer for an Advance of £3,000,000, instead of £2,750,000, on Land & Malt — the Deputy Governor and himself had waited on the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he informed them, that the Bill now before the House

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House, authorised £3,000,000 to be taken, instead of £2,750,000; and that instead of the Land & Salt Taxes, the Duty on Personal Estates, Malts, Sugar Duty, and one Shilling and six pence Duty on Pensions, now amounting to between six and seven millions, was to be substituted instead of the Tax on Land & Salt, and the Exchequer Bills to be paid off, on or before the 25th of March next; or in case of failure of those sales, out of the mids of the following year.

Resolved. That in consequence of the above explanation it be recommended to the Court of Directors, that the request of the Chancellor of the Exchequer be complied with.

A Recommendation that the Chancellor of the Exchequer's request be complied with.

Resolved. That it be recommended to the Court, that Thomas Brox be appointed 2^d Assistant to the Chief Cashier, and that his salary be advanced £20 per Annum. And also that he be chosen a Cashier, and that his salary be advanced an additional £20 per Annum.

Thomas Brox recommended, to be 2^d Assistant to the Chief Cashier.

And also chosen a Cashier.

The understanding on which the above recommendation has been given.

The above recommendations were Agreed to, with an understanding, that the Brox must not be expected as a matter of course to succeed to the situation of 1st Assistant, or Chief Cashier, in the event of future vacancies of either of those appointments.

Petition of Richard Jones.

On reading a Petition from Richard Jones, stating, that in consequence of his having been required to resign his situation in this House, he finds himself reduced to extreme distress; which has also been increased by the calamity of a Fire.

£100 granted.

Resolved. That £100 be granted for the relief of the said Richard Jones; but with an understanding that it is the utmost and the last assistance that can be afforded him from the Bank.

Petition of Elizabeth Taylor

On reading the Petition of Elizabeth Taylor, the widow of William Taylor, who resigned his situation as a Bullion Porter in 1801, and is since dead stating, that she is left with 4 children, and is in great distress, & therefore praying to be put on the Director's Charitable Fund.

Resolution thereon

Resolved, That as William Taylor had resigned his situation in the Bank - the request of his widow be not complied with - but, that in consideration of her good character, and of her straitened circumstances Twenty pounds be granted for her relief.

This Committee have agreed that Report regarding the Watchmen and Porters into effect.

The Court of Directors having approved of the Report of this Committee regarding the future Establishment of the House Porters & Watchmen, and referred to this Committee to carry the same into effect: It was

Resolution thereon

Resolved, To recommend to the Court of Directors, that

- John Roberts
- Samuel Smith
- Thomas Kettle
- Matthew Briggs, &
- George Pitt -

who are now House Porters, be Elected House Porters and Watchmen at £72 per Annum, on Account of the Five House Porters & Watchmen who are to be excused the Watch Duty, by reason of Age and Infirmities.

Do - Do -

That to fill up three Vacancies of House Porters & Watchmen, and to increase their number to 42: the following Persons be Elected House Porters & Watchmen at the wages of £72 per Annum. viz

John Pilehard

William Chestney &

Charles Carter -

} at present Supernumerary Watchmen.

John Whitmore

- Employed in the Remounts & recommended by the Military Committee

Richard Todd, Robert Tate, Samuel Bick, Jeffrey Norman, John Newman, William Elliott, Thomas Grove, William England, Francis Knighton, William Conway, Ambrose Roles & John Jones.

Do —

That to complete the proposed number of Watchmen,

John Goosell and William Cooke — } at present Supernumerary Watchmen

Do —

and John Richardson — be Elected Watchmen, at the Wages of £42 per Annum. And that

Do —

Benjamin Goodwin at present an Out-Door Watchman and Henry Miller — be Elected House Porters and Out-Door Watchmen, at the Wages of £72 per Annum.

Further Letter from the Warden of the Top Office.

A Letter from the Warden of the Top Office was read, in answer to that which the Secretary was directed to write to him, regarding the request of the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes, for the Amount of the Appointments made by the Commissioners, on the Bank for the year, ending 5th April 1807.

— The Governor Report of a Conference with the Chancellor of the Exchequer thereon.

And the Governor having acquainted the Committee that in a Conversation with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on this Subject, he had intimated to the Governor, that a Return of all the Money paid into the Bank, under the Property Act, in one Sum, for the Year ending the 5th April 1807, would answer the purpose for which the Commissioners for Taxes, had made their Request to the Bank; — It was

— It was directed to make a Return, to the Commissioners for Taxes.

Resolved, That Mr. Hase be directed to make the said Return to the Commissioners, accordingly.

— Under his- fails to redeem £1000 Ann-
minum.

Mr. Hase reported, that Mr. Leslie, of Northumberland Street, has failed to redeem £1000 Ann-
minum, on which the Bank have advanced £700 under the usual Agreement for its redemption;

notwithstanding

notwithstanding he had been applied to, for that purpose.

Mr. Halse to write to Mr. Leslie thereon.

Resolved, That Mr. Halse be directed to write another Letter to Mr. Leslie, to acquaint him, that unless the said Annuitant be redeemed, by Wednesday next, it will be sold, to repay the advances which have been made thereon, by the Bank.

Letter from Messrs. Williams & Co. Bankers at Peter was read - requesting, that a forged note of £2 may be returned to them, that they may trace it; and offering any security that may be required, for the return of the said note.

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Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That Mr. Halse be directed to send the said note to Messrs. Williams & Co. on their engaging that it shall not be put into circulation, but be faithfully returned to the Bank.

Mr. Barker
Promton.
Winthrop
Pearce.

Minutes read.
affidavits examined.

Wednesday 26 March 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the unmentioned Bank notes; and ordered Payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

Richard Grant	1 Bank note	£50	} Lost above 12 months ago.
Elugb Hobson	1 do	10	
Benjamin James	4 do	40	} doffer bank to do
Charles Greenaway	3 do	7	
Richard Wormald	4 do	5	} minted, & the number & date not ascertained.
Thomas Ward	2 do	2	
John Champfield	1 do	1	
John Ashworth	1 do	1	

Mr

Further report regard
Mr Leslie.

Mr Hase acquainted the Committee, that he
had again written to Mr Leslie, requiring ^{him} to redeem
the £1000 Omnium on which £700 had been advanced
by the Bank:—but that no answer had been returned
from Mr Leslie.

—Directions given
to Mr Hase thereon.

Mr Hase was therefore directed to sell the
said Omnium, tomorrow.

Report of an application
from the Clerks of the
Bank Note Pay Office
for Fees &c—

The Governor acquainted the Committee, that
he had been informed of an Application having been made
by the Clerks of the Bank Note Pay Office, to Mr Barron
of the Navy Office, for a Gratuity— which, appearing to
this Committee to be highly improper, It was
Resolved.

—referred to the
Committee of Inspection.

That the Subject be referred to the Consi-
deration of the Committee of Inspection for the Printing
Office who have the Superintendence of the Bank
Note Pay Office.

Mr Governor
Deputy Governor
Sir R. Peard.
Mr Thornton &
Mr Winstrop.

Wednesday 9th March 1808.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were

Affidavits examined.

The Committee examined the following
Affidavits regarding Bank Notes, and Orders / payment
of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court by

Walter Miller 14 Bank Notes	—	£40	Lost above 12 months
Mary Ann Spray 2	do	2	} Numbers & Dots not ascertained.
George Cheek 1	do	1	
John Smith 1	do	1	

Omnium deposited
by Mr Leslie, sold &
the sum advanced by
the Bank retained.

Mr Hase reported, that, agreeably to the
Order of this Committee, he had caused the £1000 Omnium
deposited by Mr Leslie to be sold; that he had retained
the sum of £700 which had been advanced on the
said Omnium, by the Bank, and had paid the Balance
into the hands of Mr Leslie.

These Signers of Divid-
ends Warrants ap-
pointed.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors, to appoint Samuel Andrews, Richard Willis and William St Jacobs, to be signers of Dividends Warrants in the room of George Thorer, Peter High and John Gibbins, who have been removed to the Stock Offices.

Plan from Mr Daker
to prevent the forgery
of Bank Notes.

Mr S. L. Daker, having proposed a Plan for preventing the forgery of Bank Notes, by having them Printed from a metal or Glass Plate, broken, so as to show peculiar lines on the notes &c &c

Resolution
thereon. -

Resolved, That Mr Daker be thanked for his attention but informed, that his Plan is not thought suitable to be adopted by the Bank. -

Report from the Com-
mittee of Inspection, re-
garding the Clerks in
the Pay-Office.

A Report from the Committee of Inspection for the Printing Office was read, on the reference made by this Committee regarding the application made by the Clerks of the Bank Note Pay-Office to Mr Barrow of the Navy Pay Office, for a Gratuity.

To be laid before
the Court.

Resolved, That the said Report be laid before the Court of Directors.

Letter from Mr Sargt
Keywood regarding
Investments of Bank
under the Welch
Indicature.

Mr Thorer laid before the Committee a Letter which he had received from Mr Sargeant Keywood, stating certain inconveniences and hazards which have arisen from the practice of purchasing the Amount of Deposits arising from the money of Infants, under the Welch Indicature, into the joint names of the Register of the Court and the Attorney in the Cause, in the £3 per Ct Consol. Annuities. And proposing, that the Bank should permit the Register of the Great Orphans for the County of Caermarthen to invest the Stock in his own name, but not allow it to be transferred, without an Order of the above mentioned Court, signed by one of the Justices.

Resolved

— Mr Thornton re-
quested, to reply to Mr
Sergeant Heywood.

Resolved,

That Mr Thornton be requested to com-
municate to Mr Sergeant Heywood, a copy of a Letter,
formerly written by Mr Kaye, under directions from the
Governor, to Mr Samuel Romilly; — which has respect
to a Case similar to that which Mr Sergeant Heywood
has brought forward, and includes the opinion and
decision of the Bank on this business. —

Estimates on the Ex-
pense of printing
Bank Notes, laid be-
fore the Committee.

The Special Committee for the Printing
Office having laid before this Committee, two Estimates
of the Expense of Printing Bank Notes. One Estimate
formed on a proposal to be made to Mr Terry, to pay
him 15/- per Ream, which, it is conceived would afford
an Annual saving to the Bank, of about £3500. And
the other, on a supposition, that it will be most expe-
dient for the Bank to take the Printing Business into
their own hands, and to pay a liberal salary to Mr
Terry, as the Superintendent of that business, — which
is conceived would afford an Annual saving to the
Bank of about £4000. The Committee after due
consideration,

Resolved,

— A recommenda-
tion to the Court thereon.

That the Proposal for that Bank to take the
Printing Business into their own hands, appears the
most expedient. And that it be recommended to the
Special Committee for the Printing Office, to include
in their Report to the Court, a proposal that Mr Terry
be a sworn servant of the Bank.

— and Mr Terry to
be a sworn servant
of the Bank.

Mr Governor, and
a full Council.

Minutes read.

Tuesday 15th March 1803.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The

A Power of Attorney
to be given to the
Receiver of Dividends, and
certain Redundant Annuities.

The Governor acquainted the Committee, that in consequence of Mr. Harland's resignation, it will be necessary, that a Power of Attorney be given by the Court, to authorise Mr. Halse, the Chief Cashier, to receive Dividends on £1,207,557-15-0- £3 per Cent Reduced Annuities, standing in the name of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, as a Mortgage for the Loan of £700,000. from the Bank to the East India Company. —

Mr. Dep^y Governor.
Mr. B. Pearce.
Mr. Raker.
Mr. Thwaites.
Mr. Winstrop.
Mr. Pearce.

Thursday 17th March 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Minutes read.
Resolution on the
State of the Bank's
Accounts.

Resolved. That this Committee having examined the State of the Bank's Accounts, are of opinion, that a Dividend may be made of £5 per Cent, Interest and Profits for the half Year, ending the 5th April next. And that a Report be made to the Court accordingly. —

Mr. Governor.
Mr. Dep^y Governor.
Mr. Raker.
Mr. Thwaites.
Mr. Winstrop.
Mr. Pearce.

Wednesday 23rd March 1808.

Affidavits examined.

The Committee examined the following Affidavits regarding Bank Notes &c. and Ordered payment of the same, Subject to the approbation of the Court.

John Turner Watts	1 B. Note	£50.	Lock above 12 Months.
Ralph Blegborough	1 do	10.	
Rev ^d . Thomas Field	2 do	30.	Septuparts lost.
Edward Taylor	6 do	6.	partly destroyed.
James Searle	1 B. Post Bill	10.	Not endorsed.
Howell Howell	1 do	10.	10 Shillings part lost.
Samuel Suckman	1 B. Note	1.	Mutilated, & the
Richard Quintin	1 do	15.	No ^t L ^o Dates not at certain.

The

Application from Messrs
Butters on behalf of the
Bristol Dock Company.

The Governor acquainted the Committee, that he had received an Application from Messrs Butters, on the behalf of the Bristol Dock Company, for an extension of their Loan of £100,000, to the 30th April 1809. And it was

Resolved, To recommend to the Court, to comply with the Request of the said Company.

Letter from Messrs Boyle
French Esq.

The Governor laid before the Committee, a Letter from Messrs Boyle French Esq. requesting the Bank to accept of a diminution of one quarter, instead of half of his Loan, as proposed in his Letter laid before the Court, on the 17th instant.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court, to Agree thereto.

Petition of John
White, under sus-
pension.

Upon reading the petition of John White, now under suspension, praying to be restored, - And Mr Kase having reported that the said John White had obtained his Certificate which had been signed by all his Creditors; And his Sureties having signified in writing, that they are willing to continue his Securities -

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court, that his Suspension be taken off.

The Governor & a
Full Committee.
Minutes read.

Wednesday 30th March 1808

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read

Affidavits examined.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the following Bank notes. And ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court. viz

Gilfred Lawson Reed	4 B. Notes	£ 230.	Lost above 12 months.
Robert Smith	1 do		} mutilated & the holder's notes not ascertained.
William Bishop	1 do		
Catherine Gilkes	1 do		

Recommendation of
Officers & Heads of
Office.

The Committee conversed with Mr Beck, Mr
Dawson and Mr Hase, regarding the business of their
respective Offices, and the conduct of their Assistants. And
also examined the undermentioned Heads of Offices, res-
pecting the conduct of the Clerks, and the operation of
the Business, during the present Quarter, vizt.
Mr Collins — Head of the Cashiers in the Hall & Treasury
Mr Humble — Head of the Bullion Office.
Mr Madden — Do of the Exchequer &c.
Mr Holland — Storekeeper.

of Accounts of
Attendances.

The several Accounts of Attendances were
also examined, and the Committee remitted the for-
feiture of Salary in every Case of occasional Absence,
and Ordered the Morning Money to be paid to the
Clerks, according to their several Attendances. The
proportion to Mr Lurak, Head of the Clerks in the
Cashiers Office, Mr Madden Head of the Exchequer
Office, and Mr Watts, Clerk in the Secretarys Office, to
be doubled.

A Report to be made
to the Court.

Ordered. That a Report conformable with the
above Examination, be made to the Court of Directors.

Use of Salaries &
Gratuities settled.

The Committee settled the rise of Salaries
and the Annual Gratuities.

Recommendation
that the Property
Tax on Pensions be
paid.

Resolved. That it be recommended to the Court of
Directors to Order, that the Property Tax on the Pensions
paid to the Clerks who have been allowed to retire from
the Service, and to such Widows as have been put on
the Pension List, be paid by the Bank, from and after
the 5th April 1807. —

Regulation, respecting
Entries in the General
Ledger.

Resolved. That in future, no Entry whatever, be
made in the General Ledger, but what shall have
come through the Journal. —

In Governor La
full power.

Minutes read.

Affidavits exam^d.

Tuesday 5th April 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were
read.

The Committee examined Affidavits re-
garding the following Bank Post Bill & Bank Notes,
and ordered payment of the same, subject to the appro-
bation of the Court of Directors. viz.

Capt Will Bradley — 1 B. Post Bill £40. Dexter paid for
Mary Jennings — 1 B. Note — 2. } Number & Date
Thomas Young — 2 do — 3 } Not ascertained

A recommendation
to the Court, regarding
a rise of Salary & Gra-
tuity to certain Clerks.

The Committee agreed to recommend to
the Court, That Luke Hurley and Wili Frederick
Meatcocks, who have been appointed Clearers, be allowed
an Advance of £20 per annum on each of their Salaries,
instead of £10 each, as had been recommended to the
last Court: And that Thomas Tudor who attends the
Printing Office be allowed a Gratuity of £20 instead
of £10 as before recommended.

Resolved, That John Sparkes Esq be appointed
Librarian appointed Librarian to the Hall - in the room of Joshua
Pearson, appointed a Signer of Notes under £5.

In Governor
In Deputy Governor
In Bankers.
In Wintthrop.
In Pearce.

Petition of Susannah
Bradley.

Wednesday 6th April 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

On reading a Petition from Susannah
Bradley, the Widow of Francis Bradley dec^d late
a Superannuated Clerk: - Stating that her Husband
had been 40 Years in the Service of the Bank & that by
his death she & her Son, are left in very distressed
Circumstances.

Resolved

Resolved,

Order granted to
Susanna Bradley.

That £100 be granted for the relief of the said Susannah Bradley - that she be put on the Directors Charitable Fund, and that £7. which her Husband had paid to the Clerks Widows Fund, without having subscribed a sufficient time to be free of the same, be made good to her by the Bank. -

Letter from the Chan-
cellor of the Exchequer
read.

The Governor laid before the Committee a Letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer - requesting that the Bank, will consent, for the accommodation of the Public, to purchase Exchequer Bills, to the amount of Two millions.

Resolutions
thereon.

Resolved, That the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Letter be laid before the Court of Directors - with a recommendation from this Committee, that his request be complied with.

Mr Smart appointed
to Stamp Exchequer
Bills.

Resolved, That Mr Smart, in the Chief Cashiers Office, be appointed a Stamper of Exchequer Bills, in the room of Mr Prov. who has been appointed 2^d Assistant to the Chief Cashier. -

Mr Governor.
Mr Deputy Governor.
Mr R. Peavey.
Mr Thwaites.
Mr Winthrop.

Wednesday 13th April 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Affidavits examined.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the unaccounted Bank Notes: And ordered payment thereof, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

James Edmonds	3. 10. Notes	£30	Dexter part, lost
Thomas Kearns	3. do		1. sinister part, lost
John Simmons	1. do		5. do do
Thomas Suell	1. do		2. no. & Date not ascertained.

Petition of Jane
Godin.

— To be put on the
Directors Fund.

On reading the Petition of Jane Godin, widow
of James Godin dec^d: late a Clerk in this House,

Resolved, That the said Jane Godin be put on
the Directors benevolent Fund, to receive an Annual
Pension therefrom. —

At a Court of Directors the 14th April
1808.

Committee ap-
pointed —

The Court appointed the Committee, as follows
— For the Accounts, for the Treasury, for the Committee
of Building, and also a Committee of Inspection
for the Secretary's Office, the Chief Accountant &
Chief Cashier, the Exchequer, the Stockkeeper and
the Bullion Offices.

Mr Richard Keave Port Mr Winthrop
Mr Rakes, and
Mr Samuel Thornton Mr Long. —

Mr Governor.
Mr Dep^y Governor.
Mr R. Keave.
Mr Rakes.
Mr Winthrop.

Thursday 21st April 1808. —

The Committee examined Affidavits regard-
ing the undermentioned Bank Notes, and Orders
Affidavits of payment of the same, subject to the approbation
of the Court of Directors. V^{er}

Sarah Peps. 3 B. Notes — £ 65. Sixteen parts lost
Samuel Berridge 1 do — 10 — part burnt
George Prior 1 do — 20 — Dept^y part lost

Mr Governor
Mr Dep^y Governor
Mr Richard Keave
Mr Rakes.
Mr Thornton
Mr Winthrop. read.

Wednesday 27th April 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were

The

Affidavits examined.

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The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank notes, and ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors: viz^t

City John Wade	— 3 Bank notes —	£150. Lost above 12 months.
Nicholas Adams	— 1 do —	£2
Thomas Carter	— 1 do —	1. } mutilated, & the No. & Date
J. B. Edwards	— 1 do —	1. } not ascertained.

Petition of John Coler.

On reading the Petition of John Coler, House Porter and Watchman,

Ordered,

— relief granted.

That the sum of £16-15-6. be granted to him, he having paid that Amount, to Substitutes who have performed his Watch & Day Duty, while he has been sick.

Ordered,

Relief granted to John Griffin.

That fifteen pounds be granted for the relief of John Griffin, one of the Messengers in the Chief Cashiers Office, he having been long sick, and having a large family.

Ordered,

Subscription for a Fine Escape.

That Five Guineas, be subscribed to Mr Leper, on the part of the Bank; to assist him in perfecting a machine to effect an Escape, in case of Fire.

Resolved,

Removal of two Clerks, into the Chief Cashiers Office.

That it be recommended to the Court of Directors, to remove George Nicholls Valentine from the Clearers Office, and Henry Law from the Bills Office, into the Chief Cashiers Office; in the room of Alexander Simpson sen^r and ^{tho} Mr Thomas Bros, who has been appointed 2^d Assistant to the Chief Cashier.

Mr Governor.
Mr Deputy Governor
Mr Bankers &
Mr Wintthrop.

Minutes read. read.

Application from several Bankers, regarding that he has summoned this Meeting, in consequence of an application made to him, by several respectable Bankers of the City, on the subject of the Resolution, of the House of Commons of the 12th Instant - And on that part of them which imposes a lighter stamp duty on Optional, than on Local Notes, issued by Country Bankers, It was

Resolved.

a Representation to be made to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, That the proposed Tax on the Notes of Country Bankers, with respect to the discrimination between Notes payable at one certain Place, and with the optional Clause of payment at any certain place in the Country, or in London or elsewhere, will, in the apprehension of this Committee, have the Effect of very considerably increasing the circulation of Paper Currency, through out England and Scotland, and in some degree of diminishing the Circulation of Gold and Silver.

That the Governor and Deputy Governor be authorised to represent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, That the proposed Tax on the Notes of Country Bankers, with respect to the discrimination between Notes payable at one certain Place, and with the optional Clause of payment at any certain place in the Country, or in London or elsewhere, will, in the apprehension of this Committee, have the Effect of very considerably increasing the circulation of Paper Currency, through out England and Scotland, and in some degree of diminishing the Circulation of Gold and Silver.

It was also Agreed,

— And a remonstrance against a proposed Tax on Affidavits.

That the Governor and Deputy Governor be requested to remonstrate with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on the part of the Bank, against the Resolution which imposes a Tax of 2/6 on every Affidavit.

— And the wish of the Committee for the insertion of a Clause in the Stamp Act, now before Parliament.

And that they be requested to state, the wish of this Committee, that the Clause in the 39 Geo 3 Cap 107, by which the sum of £4000 to be paid

paid by the Bank, as an exemption from stamping⁷⁸
Bank notes of £1 and £2 is to cease, when such notes
shall cease to be issued, and which was not repeated
in the Act of 44 Geo 3 Cap 93 - be inserted in the
Stamp Act, now before Parliament. —

the Governor &
a full Committee.

Minutes read.

Affidavits read.

Wednesday 4th May 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regard-
ing the undermentioned Bank Notes, and ordered pay-
ment of the same, subject to the approbation of the
Court of Directors. *viz*

James Pedder 25 Bank Notes £175. } Lost above
Francis Roberts 1 - 0 } 10 } 12 months.

Application of Jos^a
Bewley - Brother of
John Bewley *vid*.

On reading a Letter from Joshua Bewley,
Brother of the late John Bewley, a pay Clerk, deceased, -
stating, that the said John Bewley was, at the time
of his decease, indebted to sundry persons, to the
amount of £195-1-4 - that he had left four Orphan
Children, wholly dependant on the said Joshua
Bewley for support, and requesting to be permitted
to receive a Gratuity of £40 which has been
ordered to the said deceased, and the wages due to
him, for the sole benefit of the Children; and like-
wise an Aid, for their future support. —

Resolution
thereon.

Resolved. That the said Joshua Bewley be directed
to take Administration to the Effects of John Bewley,
and then to state his Case, as Administrator.

Minutes from the
Committee for Law
Suits.

Upon reading the following Minute of
the Committee for Law Suits *viz*

Respecting No-
tices on Unpaid Bills

At a Committee for Law Suits 27 Ap^l 1808
Mr Kay acquainted the Committee, that the prac-
tice respecting Unpaid Bills, in the first Instance, did
not

not appear to him, to accord with the decisions of the Courts of Law; as by the present Custom of the Bank, the Discounter has the next day after the Bill becomes due to take it up, and no notice is given to the other parties concerned, until the subsequent day.

— An Improved Notice proposed.

The following Notice was therefore submitted as an improvement of the customary one sent to the Discounter, on a Bill being dishonoured.

Bill Office Bank of England
 Acquaint _____ Discounter, of a Bill
 for £ _____ drawn by _____ and Indorsed
 _____ is noted - it is requested that the
 residence of the Drawer and Indorsers be immediately sent to this Office. —

— Recommended to the Governor with certain other Regulations relating thereto.

Resolved, That the said Notice be recommended to the Governor to be adopted, and that the Clerk who takes the Notice to the Discounter, should require an Answer at the time, and should return the Answer he receives to the Head of the Bill Office, who ought on that day to apply to the Drawers and Indorsers, for payment: if information is not received from the Discounter, of the residence of the Drawer & Indorsers, the Clerk must make inquiry elsewhere, to ascertain their residence.

Report of the Services of Mr John Lloyd, in detecting forgers of B. Notes.

Mr Hays represented to the Committee, that great personal exertions had been made by the Mr John Lloyd, of Paley in Merionethshire, a Magistrate for that County, in detecting & bringing to justice four prisoners convicted for uttering the forged Bank Notes.

— A Piece of Plate recommended to be presented to him.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Governor to Order a Piece of Plate of the Value of Fifty Guineas to be presented to the Mr John Lloyd, as an acknowledgment for his Service to the Public and the Bank, and that the following Inscription be engraved thereon. viz.

Presented

—for his signature per-
posed for the same.

"Presented, by the Governor and Directors of the Bank
of England to the Rev. John Lloyd, as a mark of their appre-
"bation, of the Services rendered by him as a Magistrate,
"to the Public and the Bank, in the detection & apprehension
"of Persons concerned in the Circulation of Forged Bank
"notes."

(Signed) Jas. Boddington Ch.

approbation of Bank
the foregoing minutes.

The Committee approved of the foregoing Minutes
as far as relates to the Motion proposed to be given to the
Discounters in Cases of Discounted Bills being disho-
noured - And it was

—to be carried into

Resolved, That the same be carried into effect.

West.
—The business re-
garding the Rev. John Lloyd, was postponed.

The consideration of the matter regarding the Rev^d
John Lloyd, was postponed.

Account No 2. of the
Lords Commissioners
of the Treasury, over-
drawn.

Mr Hase having stated, that the Account of the
Lords Commissioners of the Treasury No 2, had been for
a considerable time over paid on a warrant from
His Majesty, in the sum of £9150 - in consequence of
a like sum having been placed, in Error, to the Account
of Stephen Bagour Esq; as appears by a Letter from the R^t
Hon^{ble} Ch^l Lang, dated 4 Decr 1799 - written by Direction of the Lords of T^rasury.
Resolved,

—to be carried into
effect from the Account
of Stephen Bagour Esq; to make
good the same.

That the Chief Cashier do write off from
the Account of the said Stephen Bagour Esq; the said
sum of £9150 to the Account of the Lords Commissioners
of His Majesty's Treasury No 2.

Account of un-
claimed Money of
certain Monies unclaimed, and remaining in the
said before the
Committee.

Mr Hase laid before the Committee, Accounts
of certain Monies unclaimed, and remaining in the
Bank; and of Monies over in the late of Coin from the
Mint; & of sundry old Accounts, unbalanced.

—to be placed

to the Account of
Drawing Office, to the Account of Henry Hase and
Thomas Rippon, in the
Drawing Office.

Ordered, That the said sum be placed in the
Account of Drawing Office, to the Account of Henry Hase and
Thomas Rippon distinguishing the particulars of the
sundry items, and subject to the Orders of the Governor
& Committee of Treasury. The said Account to be Read -
"An Account of certain Monies unclaimed & remaining in the Bank
of England; & of Monies over in the late of Coin from the Mint"

Bad Silver reported

Mr. Hase reported, that there was bad silver and copper in the Treasury, amounting in tale, to £31.8-6.

To be cut and sold.

Ordered, That the bad Silver and Copper be cut & sold, and the produce reported to this Committee.

Amount of Bills Discounted, to be taken, once in each Year. —

Ordered, That the Chief Cashier and his Assistants do take an Account of the Amount of the Bills, discounted, once in each Year, and lay the same before the Committee, previous to the first half yearly Balance.

Mr. Governor
Mr. Deputy Gov.
Mr. R. Mead
Mr. R. Baker
Mr. Thaxter

Wednesday 11th May 1808.

The Minutes of the last Committee were

Minutes read.

read.

Affidavits exam.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank Notes, and Ordered Payment thereof, subject to the approbation of the Court.

William Cook	1 Bank Note	£10.	Lost above 12 months
Thomas Greathead	1 — do	5	5 ⁹ Six months
Russell Skinner	1 — do	5	5 ⁹ lost.
Thomas Balock	1 — do	5.	part destroyed

Petition of John Goodell

A Petition was read from John Goodell a Watchman, stating that he is much afflicted with illness, and is advised to go into the Country, for the benefit of his native Air; but that he has no money to pay the expence of such a Journey.

Relief granted by the Governor.

The Governor reported, on the above, that as it appeared to be an urgent Case, he had signed an Order for the payment of ten Guineas, to enable John Goodell, to go into the Country.

Approved.

The Committee approved of the same.

On

Petition of Geo
Lucas. -

On reading a Petition from George Lucas
a Bullion Porter, stating that his son was a Drummer in
the Bank Corps - that he is lately dead, and that on account
of his sickness and funeral he has £15. 6 s to pay, and is
incapable of discharging the same. And the Military Com-
missioners having recommended the said Petition, to the consi-
deration of the Governor, It was,

Recommended
by the Military Commission-
ers

Resolved
granted

Resolved, That fifteen guineas be allowed to
George Lucas, in consideration of his son having been
in the service of the Bank.

Petition of Maria
Long.

On reading a Petition from Maria
Long, stating, that her mother, Ann Long died, the
beginning of the present month - & therefore requesting
that the Quarters donation from the Directors benevo-
lent Fund from which her mother used to receive
an Annual Pension, may be paid, for the relief of
the said Petitioner, who is very poor.

Resolution
thereon.

Resolved. That as the Pensions from the above men-
tioned Fund, are only paid annually, at Christmas,
no allowance to Maria Long be paid from that Fund,
but that £6-15-0, the amount of a Quarters Pension,
be granted to the Petitioner, from Petty Cash.

Petition from
Susan Spilsbury.

On reading a Petition from Susanna
Spilsbury, the widow of John Spilsbury lately deceased,
who was a little more than ten years a Clerk in the
Bank - stating, that she is left with two infant
children in embarrassed circumstances & without any
means of support.

Resolution
thereon.

Ordered. That Susannah Spilsbury be put on
the Directors Charitable Fund; that £10-15- being the
sum which her Husband paid to the Clerks widows
Fund, without living long enough to be free of the
same, be made good to her, and that £3-13-6 the

the expense of her administering to enable her to receive her late Husband's Salary, and also £100- for her relief - be granted by the Bank. —

Minutes of the Committee of Law Suits recommended.

The Minutes of the Committee for Law Suits recommending that a piece of Plate of the Value of 50 Guineas be presented to the Rev^d John Lloyd, a Magistrate at Paly in Merionethshire, was again considered: And it was

Resolved,

— That the Governor be requested to carry it into effect.

That the Governor be requested to carry this measure into effect.

Resolved,

£100 granted to the Secy^r in lieu of Fees.

That £100 be granted to the Secretary, Officer in lieu of Fees, for one Year ending the 5th April last: Agreeably to a Minute of this Committee on the 15th April 1807.

Instructions to the Chief Accountant regarding —

The Committee proceeded to reconsider the Instructions given to the Chief Accountant, regarding Transfers of Stock by Powers of Attorney. And it was Agreed

— Powers of Attorney, that have been executed more than 12 months.

That in all Cases wherein Application is made to transfer Stock, under a Letter of Attorney that has been executed more than 12 months — the Chief Accountant shall be required to submit the Application to the Governor or Deputy Governor, before the Transfer is made out.

Mem. This Minute not to be acted on — See Page 111. —

List of the Persons who reside in the Bank.

The Chief Accountant laid before the Committee a List of the Persons who reside in the Bank: — the Consideration of which was deferred.

Resolved,

Accounts to be carried to the General Accounts mentioned against them, be carried to the Ledger.

That the following Sums, on the Account of Profit and Loss, through the Journal, into the General Ledger, viz.

Notes

Accounts to be entered
in the General
Ledger.

Titles of the Accounts.

Payment of £32,000 per annum
as an exemption from stamping
Bank notes and Bills -

1908
Apr 5th Paid 3 months } £8000.
one this day -

Profit & Loss to be debited for the above.

Lochequer Bills for £10,500,000
Supply 1807 - Purchased.

1908
Apr 30th Received Principal & Interest
in full.
Profit & Loss to be credited for the Interest - £193192-0-7.

Dr - - - - -
Dr - - - - -
Dr - - - - -

Apr 30th Received in full
Profit & Loss to be credited for the Interest - £23,708-15-0

A Bank note filled
up & countersigned
in error.

Mr. Halse stated to the Committee, that a Bank Note No 5333-7th Sept 1789 - £10 - appears to have been filled up and countersigned in error, by Charles Phillips; the Postings of the notes of £10, of that date, being now quite completed. That endeavour had been used to account for, and to correct this mistake, from the 13th Novemb. 1789 on which day the note was brought for payment - but without effect. - That there is no doubt of its being Bank Paper, and that the said Charles Phillips has always been a very good Clerk - is now a Sub-Cashier, & performs his duty in a commendable manner.

To be paid from
the Account of Pro-
fit & Loss.

Orders. That the amount of the above mentioned note, be paid from the Account of Profit & Loss.

Another Bank note
filled up & countersigned
in error.

Mr. Halse further stated, that a Bank Note No 9846 13 July 1807 £5. which came in for payment on the 23 Sept last, had also been filled up and countersigned in error, by Richard Oakden; that no credit could be found for it, nor could the mistake be accounted for. That Richard Oakden's general Character is good, but that he appears to be very nervous & frequently commits errors in filling up his notes. Mr. Willis, the Head of the Bank Note Office, confirmed Mr. Halse's Statement.

Mr. Oakden ad-
monished thereon.

Mr. Oakden was then called in, and admonished

by

by the Governor to be more careful & attentive, in future, and the amount of the said note was Ordered to be paid from the Account of Profit and Loss.

The Governor & full Committee.

Wednesday 13th May 1808.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Officers to examine.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding

the undermentioned Bank Post Bills & Notes and Ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors. viz

Robert Chaloner — 1 Bank Post Bill — £75. Lost about 12 months.
James Blitch — 1 Bank Note — 10. Sixty pence

The Chief Accountant presented the following List of Persons who reside in the Bank. viz

Mr Daves & Mrs Daves — with two Servants
(Chief Clerk)
Mr Hutchinson — two Servants
Dy. Account^t
Mr Rippon, Mr Rippon & 3 Children — One Dr.
1st April to the Chief Cashier.

George Banks — his wife & 4 Children — one Dr.
2nd Parlor Door Keeper —

Joseph Shackell — his wife & 4 Children —
3rd — 0 — 0

Richard Bromage — his wife & 1 Child
1st Messenger

Joseph Bruce — his wife, Daughter & one Dr.
1st Gate Porter Grand-Daughter — a son
occasionally sleeps in his
Apartment.

Thomas Shackell — his wife & 3 Children —
Gate Porter at
Lodging Gate

Resolved, That the Accommodations now given to the Porters, who reside within the Walls of the Bank be not increased; and that in future applications for these situations, regard be had to the number in the family of the party applying for the same. And

Resolution thereon.

An Accommodation recommended for one of the Secretaries.

That it be recommended to the Committee of Building, to consider of an Accommodation to be provided for one of the Secretaries. —

Petition of Mary
Shade.

On reading a Petition from Mary Shade widow
of Thomas Shade Dec^d who had been about 8 years, a Porter
and Watchman in this House.

Resolved, That £16. 3-0 the amount of Expenses
relief granted. attending Thomas Shade's sickness and Funeral, be
allowed, for the relief of his widow. —

The Committee Agreed,

in amount of Du-
plicate Keys, to be
deposited in the Com-
mittee Room.

That the undermentioned Keys, being Duplicates,
be sealed up in a Bag, and deposited in the Iron
Chest in the Committee Room. vizt

- ^m 6 — 1- 2 & 3 — Keys of the large Iron Closets in the
Cashiers Office.
- 2 — — — — — Keys of the new Iron Closet in the
Cashiers Room.
- 2 — — — — — Do — of the new Bullion Office, Center
of farther Door.
- 2 — — — — — Do — of the new Deposit Vault. Top one
marked L of No 3.
- 3 — — — — — Do — of the Treasury — 2 of the wooden
Door & one of the Iron Door.
- 2 — — — — — Do — of the Iron Door of the Vault, oc-
cupied by the Bullion Office — now
walled up.
- 1 — — — — — Key — of the Bill Office Chest (Cashiers)
- 1 — — — — — Do — of the Bank Note Paper Room.
- 1 — — — — — Do — of the Silver.
- 1 — — — — — Do — of the Deposit Vault No 4.
- 1 — — — — — Do — — — — — 5.
- 1 — — — — — Do — — — — — 6.
- 1 — — — — — Do — of the Padlock on the inner door of the new
Dollar Vault, under the Hall.

Deposited ^{to} December
1809.

Duplicate Keys
to be kept by the
Governor.

Also, That the Governor for the time being,
take Charge of the undermentioned Keys — which were
also sealed up. vizt

Duplicate Keys of the upper & lower Locks of the Iron
Chest in the Committee Room.

Two Keys of the Iron Chest in the Cashiers Office, in
which the Keys of the Treasury are nightly locked up

A Duplicate Key of the Iron Gate of the Deposit Vault
at the foot of the Lobby Stair Case.

Duplicate Key of the Iron Chest, in the Governor's late Room.

Given to the Governor
the 1st Decem^r

The Governor & full committee

Thursday 17th May 1808.

The Governor laid the following Letter before the Committee. viz.

Downing Street 18th May 1808.

Letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer regarding an additional Stamp Duty.

Gentlemen.

Having submitted to Parliament a Bill for imposing an Additional Tax upon Promissory notes for the payment of money to the Bearer on Demand amounting to one third of the present Stamp Duties upon such notes, I have to request that You will inform me, whether it is the wish of the Bank of England to compound for these additional duties in the same manner as they have hitherto done for those already existing; in which case, the Annual payment made by the Bank into the Exchequer on that account, will be increased in the proportion above mentioned.

I have the honor to be Sir
To the Governor & Deputy Governor of the Bank.
Yr Obedient Servant
Resolved.

Recommendation to the Court thereon.

That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to compound for the additional rate of Stamp Duty, about to be laid by Parliament on Bills of Exchange & Promissory notes payable on Demand.

A full committee.

Wednesday 25th May 1808.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Affidavits examined.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the following Bank Post Bill & Bank notes, and Ordered Payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors. viz

William Wilson Bagge 1. B. Post Bill } £250. respectively
65. Bank notes } parts to be
Alexander

Continued.

Alexander Smyth	2 B. Notes	£ 25.	} Depts parts lost.
Wm. Eeles	1 d	5	
Joseph Wallen	1 d	5	} Simister part lost
Richard Osborn	1 d	1.	
Joseph Bacon	1 d	1	} mutilated, & the numbers & Dates not ascertained.
Morris Lyons	1 d	2.	
John Ward	1 d	1.	
Vittore Zanetti	1 d	1.	
Robert Wood	1 d	1	

Letter from N. B.
French Esq.

The Governor laid before the Committee a Letter from Nathaniel Bogle French Esq, requesting a further renewal of the £18,000 on Acceptances of Jordan & Shaw. Rowcroft Flower & Green, which became due on the 27th instant.

Recommended
to the Court
thereon.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court to agree thereto.

Petition of Ann
Ball.

Upon reading the Petition of Ann Ball Widow of the late Edward Ball, who was executed at Hoxham, for forging Bank notes, stating — that she is now in Spital fields Work-house, in a Declined and incapable of procuring common necessaries — praying relief, and acknowledging the Receipt of 10 Guineas granted to her by the Committee for Law Suits, in December last: —

Not complied
with.

Resolved, That the said Petition be not complied with.

Bank note pre-
sented in a mis-
related State.

As was laid before the Committee a Bank Note of £5. presented for payment by John Tupper of Lewin Court, Lewin St. who received it from a Mrs. Kennett of Mythe; who, in order to put the Note into a Letter, had cut off the Cashier's & Countersigners names, declaring that it was done through ignorance, and not from any design.

to be paid.

Ordered, That the said note be paid.

Accounts proposed
to be carried to the
General Ledger.

The Sum laid before the Committee the fol-
lowing Account of Interest &c on Exchequer Bills, viz
£5979.16.7. having been deducted at the Exchequer from
Account of Property Tax from the Interest on Exche-
quer Bills, from 4th Nov. 1806 to 4th Nov. 1807 on Personal
Estates and Malt Duty; it is proposed to carry the
said Sum to the Debit of Profit and Loss, which
will close the Account in the General Ledger,
entitled "Premium for Circulating Exchequer
Bills, from the 4th Nov. 1806, to 4th Nov. 1807." -

The Accountant also proposed, that the fol-
lowing Entry be made in the Journal.

Interest on Exchequer Bills (by virtue of the
Contract with the Lord's Commissioners of the Treas-
ury) from the 4th Nov. 1807 to 4th Nov. 1808.

Dr. to Profit and Loss. For three months
due from 4th Feb'y to 4th May 1808. viz

On Malt Duty 1806 - - - £1699.1.4

do - - - 1807 - 7397.5.2

do - - - 1808 - 9869.2.5

17,266.7.7

Deduct Property Tax 1726.12.2 15,539.14.10

£ 17,238.16.2

A/B. On Malt Duty 1806, the Property Tax is not
chargeable.

— Approved.

The Committee approved thereof.

Report of a Confe-
rence with the
Chancellor of the
Exchequer regard-
ing an additional Duty
on Promissory Notes.

The Governor acquainted the Committee, that
agreeably to the request of the Court, the Deputy Governor
and himself had waited on the Chancellor of the Exche-
quer regarding the additional Duty about to be laid
on Promissory Notes, payable on Demand - When it
was agreed, that the Bank should pay the Sum
of £10,000 per Annum, in addition to the Sum of
£32,000 now paid by the Bank as a Composition for
the Stamp already laid on Promissory Notes of every
Description. —

Wednesday 1st June 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

A Petition was read from George Pitt, one of the House Porters, stating, that on account of the sickness and death of his wife and three of his children, he is much distressed in his Circumstances, and has the following sums to pay. vizt

For Advice & Medicines — £ 21.

Undertaker's Bill — — — — 8

The Chief Accountant reported, that the said George Pitt has been only about 3 Years in the Bank, but that he has always conducted himself in a suitable manner.

Resolved, That in consideration of the expensive & afflicting Circumstances of George Pitt's family, and of his good Character £20, be granted for his relief. —

Thursday 9th June 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the following Bank Post Bill and Bank Notes and Ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors. vizt

William Miller	1 B. Post Bill	£10.	Lost by Post
Samuel Fisher	5 B. Notes	22.	Stinted & lost
Hannah Wilkins	1 do	10	Burnt
James Racine	1 do	5	} Dept. parts lost
James Morgan	1 do	5	
Mary Brooks	1 do	5	} Lost above 12 months
Charles Green	1 do	2	

Matthew Betts	1 B. & d.	£ 1	} numbered & dated not ascertained
Edward Bidale	1 d.	1	
Mr. McKee	1 d.	1	

Resolution on -

Resolved, That the following Inscription be engraved on the Gold Cup which has been Voted to Mr. Newland by the Court of Directors. viz

17th September 1807.

The Inscription to be engraved on the Newland's Gold Cup.

Presented by the Court of Directors of the Bank of England to Mr. Abraham Newland, in consideration of his unremitting attention to the Affairs of the Corporation, and in testimony of the high sense this Court entertains of his long and meritorious Services of sixty years; near thirty of which he was Chief Cashier.

Letter from Mr. Cotton regarding Powers of Attorney.

A Letter addressed to the Chief Accountant was read, from Mr. Thomas Cotton late Partner with Mr. Lambert deceased - Stating, that as he has received his Certificate, it is the Wish of many of the Parties that he should continue to act under the Powers of Attorney granted to Lambert & Cotton; and therefore requesting to be informed if any objection will be made by the Bank, to his so doing.

Mr. Kaye's Opinion to be taken thereon.

Resolved, That Mr. Kaye's opinion be taken on Mr. Cotton's Letter.

Letter from Mr. Joseph Weedon regarding Bills which he has accepted.

A Letter was read from Mr. Joseph Weedon, regarding three Bills which he has accepted for the accommodation of Mr. Thomas Weatherall, of Cheap side, which Bills have been discounted at the Bank, but on account of the mental derangement of Mr. Weatherall, cannot be honored, when they become due.

To be laid before the Court.

Resolved, That Mr. Weedon's Letter be read to the Court of Directors. —

Wednesday 15th June 1808.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the following Bank notes, and Ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors. vizt

Lucy Churchman	1 B. note	£5 sinister part lost
Thomas Howard	1 do	10 do do do
Benedict Hoffmeyer	1 do	10 sinister do
Thomas Atkinson	6 do	8 hundred Dales not ascertained.

affidavits examined?

Resignation of John Sparke.

A Letter of resignation was read from John Sparke, a Clerk in the Bank note Office - And it was Agreed, that, it be laid before the Court of Directors.

Report & Propositions on Mr Cotton's Letter.

The Governor acquainted the Committee that Mr Cotton's Letter (mentioned in a Minute of the last Committee) had been referred to Mr Kaye, who had proposed, that the respective Parties who have given Powers of Attorney to Messrs Lambert and Cotton should signify their wishes to the Bank, by Letter, that the said Powers should continue to be acted on, and that the Letters be affixed to the respective Powers of Attorney.

The Committee Agreed thereto.

Agreed to.

A Halmouth note shown as an improved specimen to the Committee, by Mr Kase; and it appearing to be a very improper imitation of the notes of the Bank, the Governor was requested to see one of the Partners in the Firm of Sir Matthew Blosam & Co - at whose House the Halmouth Notes is payable in London, and to make a suitable remonstrance on the impropriety of this Proceeding.

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Petition of Mary
Smith.

not complied
with. —

the Governor
Dep. Governor
Sir R. Head.
the Warden of
the Long. —

Affidavits examined.

A Petition addressed to the House, was read, from
Mary Smith, the widow of John Smith deceased, who
formerly worked as a Painter and Glazier at the Bank,
but the Committee did not think it expedient to
grant any relief, from the Bank.

Wednesday 22^d June 1808.

The minutes of the last Committee were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regard-
ing the following Post Bill, and Bank notes; and
Ordered Payment of the same, subject to the approbation
of the Court of Directors: vizt.

Thomas Goode	1 Bank Post Bill	£50	Lost by Post
John Edie	1 Bank note	£5	Mutilated
Ann Smallcombe	1 do	2	£100

Date not ascertained.

Report of the Gover-
nor regarding the
Falmouth Promisary
note.

The Governor reported to the Committee,
that he had seen Sir Matthew Blosam, on the subject of the
Falmouth Promisary note, and that Sir Matthew had shown
him the Copy of a Letter which had been sent from their
House, to Mr Hatfield at Falmouth, on the 13th Inst, expressing
their disapprobation of the attempt to make the Promisary
note appear like a Bank note — advising that no more
of them be issued, and that the Plates be altered; as it
would not be pleasant to have such notes payable, at
their House. And the Governor now presented a Letter
from Sir M. Blosam, acquainting him, that Mr Hatfield
is hurt at having incurred the Censure of the Bank —
that the matter has originated from a misunderstanding
between him, and the Engraver of the Notes. And that
the Engraver has been directed to alter the Plates, so as
to remedy the present impropriety.

Further Letter from Mr. Cotton.

A Letter from Mr. Thomas Cotton was read, complaining of the determination of the Bank, on his application to act on the Powers of Attorney formerly given to Lambert & Cotton; insisting on his right to act on the said Powers, without the Letters from the respective Parties which the Bank have required; and hoping that their determination may be altered.

Report of the Chief Accountant thereon.

The Chief Accountant stated, that in several instances, Mr. Cotton has produced Letters from the Parties, and has therefore been allowed to receive Dividends, on the Powers of Attorney. It was therefore

Mr. Piggott's Opinion to be taken thereon.

Resolved, That Mr. Piggott's Opinion be taken, on this matter: and that, in the mean while, the determination of the Committee, on Mr. Cotton's first application be still adhered to.

Petition of David Francis.

On reading a Petition from David Francis a Carpenter, stating that he has been allowed 8/- per week by the Bank, since the year 1798, on account of a severe hurt which he received by a fall from the top of the Rotundo; that he is now 74 Years of age, and is quite incapable of doing any thing for his support:—

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That the said David Francis be allowed six Shillings per week, in addition to the sum before granted, in consideration of the hurt which he has received, his good character, & his increased Age and Infirmities. —

Petition of Thomas Patrick to resign.

A Petition was read from Thomas Patrick, a Clerk in the Cheque Office, stating, that he has been attacked with a fit of Apoplexy, and is thereby rendered incapable of attending to the Duties of his Office, and therefore praying leave to resign the Service of the Bank. A Minute from the appropriate Committee of Inspection was also read, recommending that his resignation be accepted.

Report thereon.

The Chief Accountant stated, that Thomas Patrick is 70 Years of Age that his Salary is £230 per

per Annum, and that he has been an attentive & diligent Clerk. It was therefore

Mr Patrick's resignation recommended to the Court —

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to allow Thomas Patrick to resign, and to grant him a Pension of £230 per Annum, during pleasure.

Letter from Mr Lee & Son Receivers General for the County of York, addressed to the Chief Cashier for Yorkshires.

A Letter from Mr Richard Lee and Son, Receivers General for the County of York, addressed to the Chief Cashier was read; requesting that the Bank would agree to discount such of their Bills, as are not in Cash, against the 3^d July, and when not any of the Bills running will have more than about 3 weeks to run, and where no objection arises to the Bills; and allow the same till September next, in order to make their Payments into the Exchequer.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That the Chief Cashier be directed to inform Mr Lee and Son, that their request will be complied with upon a reliance that they will not have further occasion to apply to the Bank for that purpose.

Petition of William Johnson to resign.

A Petition from Mr William Johnson, a Cashier, was read, praying leave to resign — the consideration of which was deferred till a future Committee.

— Defered —

Mr Governor
Dep Governor
Sir W. B. Pearce
Mr W. B. Pearce
Mr W. B. Pearce
Mr Long.

Thursday 23^d June 1808.

The following Note from the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the East India Company, was read, viz^t.

Note from the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the E. I. Company.

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the East India Company, present their Compliments to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank, and take leave to inform them, Parliament has voted the sum of £1,500,000 to be paid to the Company in part of the Debt due from the Public, which is to be paid in Exchequer Bills; that as these Bills will not be issued in time to allow of their being put into Circulation, soon enough to meet

heavy

heavy demands on the Company, which will be due early in the ensuing month; they have to request the Bank will be pleased to make such advances, on the credit of the same, as the Company may require.

East India House

22^d June 1808.

Resolved,

Recommended
to the Court of Directors

That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to comply with the request contained in the foregoing note, for any sum, not exceeding One Million.

Mr Governor
Mr Dep^y Governor
Mr R. Pearce
Mr Wm. Hall
Mr Long.

Wednesday, 29th June 1808.

The Minutes of the two last Meetings were read.

Mr. Pitt Rivers

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank Post Bills & Bank Notes, and Ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

Capt. Jas Campbell	1 B. Post Bill	£36.	Lost, not indorsed.
Saml Thos. Allitford	1 B. Note	40	Lost above 12 months.
Richard Higginson	1 B.	20	Exp. in bank lost.

Officers & Heads
of Office examined

The Committee conversed with Mr Bosh, Mr Dawes and Mr Case regarding the business of their respective Offices and the conduct of their Assistants; and also examined the undermentioned Heads of Offices respecting the conduct of the Clerks and the execution of the business, during the present Quarter.

Mr Collins	Head of the Cashiers in the Hall of Treasury.
Mr Humble	Head of the Bullion Office
Mr Madden	of the Exchequer
Mr Holland	Storekeeper.

The

Accounts of Attendance
examd.

The several Accounts of Attendance were also Examined, & the Committee remitted the forfeiture of Salary, in every Case of occasional absence, and Ordered the Morning Money to be paid to the Clerks, according to their respective attendance. In proportion to each of the following Clerks, was Doubled on

Mr Smart	Head of the Clerks in the Cashiers Office
Mr Maddon	Head of the Exchequer Office.
Mr Watts	Clerk, in the Secretary's Office.

Report to be made
to Court.

Resolved, That a Report conformable with the above Examination, be made to the Court of Directors.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court, to Order the

Annual Allowances
recommended to be
paid

and mentioned Annual Allowances to be paid, to the Officers who are not included in the general distribution of the Morning Attendance Money. viz

Mr Smith	Sept Secy	£40
Mr Knight	Asst Secy	40
Mr Humble	Head of the Bullion Office	40

Letter from Mr Foster
Chancellor of the
Exch. for Ireland.

A Letter was read from Mr Foster, requesting, that if the exigencies of the Irish Government should require a temporary Advance before the Deposits on the Loan are made, the Bank would Discount to Mr. Pugh, Mainbridge & Parnell, Bills, drawn by the Lords of the Treasury of Ireland on the Pay Masters General, for any sum, not exceeding £620,000, at 2 months date.

Recommended
to the Court.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to comply with Mr Foster's request.

Petition of Elizabeth
Godsell

On reading a Petition from Elizabeth Godsell widow of John Godsell dec'd late a watchman belonging to the Bank, stating, that on account of the sickness & funeral of her late Husband, she has £9.18.6 to pay — that she is the daughter of John Blevis who was upwards of 30 years a Porter in the Bank, and that she is now in distressed Circumstances. —

Ordered

Relief granted to
Jyth Goddell.

Ordered, That in consideration of this case, the foregoing
sum of £9.18.6 be allowed to Elizth Goddell and that £25, in
addition thereto, be granted for her relief.

Bank notes to
be paid.

Ordered, That a Bank note of £2 dated 30 April 1803 (the
number mutilated) which was found in 1803, by Hannah
Munwin & has been advertised, and which is yet outstanding,
there being only 6 numbers of that date reported, be paid;
the said Hannah Munwin giving the usual indemnity for
the same.

Bank note Paper
used, in trying the
new Press.

Mr. Threlkeld stated to the Committee, that
for the purpose of trying the new Printing Press, which
has been made by Mr. Mapleson, the following Paper
had been printed.

Bank note Paper, with the Plate 4 notes	20	Sheets
in a Sheet	23	4
Common Paper	8	18.
Do with a Plate of 2 notes		
in a Sheet		10

And that the said Paper had been delivered to Mr. Hare.

to be burnt.

Resolved, That as the above mentioned Printed Paper
is of no use, it be burnt, by Mr. Hare.

In Wth beam
Mr. Winstrop &
Mr. Long.

Wednesday 6th July 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were

Minutes read.

read.

Affidavits exam^d.

The Committee examined Affidavits re-
garding the undementioned Bank notes, and Ordered
Payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the
Court of Directors.

Ignatio Slavi	1 Bank note	£1	mutilated & the No ^s & Dates not ascertained.
Chas. Mortimer	1	0	

P^r of the witness
James, not admitted.

The Affidavit was read from John Will^m Turner stating that
Bank notes of £1 each had been accidentally burnt by him, that he
could not ascertain the numbers & Dates of them, & that the whole of the
said notes had been consumed. As the Committee had never ordered
payment of Bank notes, under such circumstances, it was agreed,
that it be declined, in the present instance.

sums to be written off
in the General Ledger.

The Chief Accountant reported, that the Gold and
to the Mint for Coinage, having been all returned, there
remains on the Debit side of the Account, in the General Ledger
entitled "Gold at the Mint" the sum of £95. 11. 3, arising
from Charges for Assaying, and Paterage; to close which, it
is proposed to carry the said sum to the Debit of Profit & Loss,
by a Journal Entry.

Or —

Also, that the sum of £8000 having been paid
into the Exchequer, as an Exemption from stamping Bank
notes & Bills for 3 Months, to the 5th Instant — the said
sum be carried to the Debit of Profit and Loss, by a Journal
Entry.

The Committee approved of the same. —

Mr Governor
etc Depy Govt.
Sir R Pease
etc Mr Montagu
etc Mr Winstanley
Mr Long.

Wednesday 13th July 1808.

The Minutes of the last Committee were

Minutes read. read.

Affidavits examined. The Committee examined Affidavits re-
garding the undenominated Bank notes, and ordered
payment of the same, subject to the approbation
of the Court of Directors, vizt

Samuel Rastford	1 Bank note	£5.	Lost above 12 months.
Richard Otley	1 do	5,	Exchanged lost
William Parker	1 do	1	
George Cayne	1 do	1	Mutated & the number & Dates not at
Thomas Cartwright	1 do	1	
James Lind	1 do	1	

A Petition was read from Mr William
Resignation of Mr Johnson, one of the Cashiers, stating, that from his
Mr Johnson — advanced age and from close application to business
his health is much on the decline; therefore request-
ing to resign the service of the Bank, but hoping for
some annual mark of the favor of the Bank.

etc

the House Reports
under this case.

Mr. Hase stated, that Mr. Johnson is in the 61st year of his Age - that he has been nearly 36 years in the service - has always been a faithful and diligent Clerk - is a single man, and that his Circumstances are very good, so far as he knows them.

Resignation of
Isaac Cooper -

A Petition from Isaac Cooper, a Clerk in the Bank Stock Office, was also read: Stating, that he is in the 51st year of his Age, and has been nearly 28 years in the service of the Bank: that his eye sight and hearing are defective, and that he is afflicted with a complaint in his breast. He therefore prayed leave to resign, and hoped for the wounted bounty of the Court.

Report on Mr
Cooper's Case.

Mr. Dawes stated - that Mr. Cooper has always done his Duty tolerably well. And Mr. Cooper being called in, mentioned to the Committee, that the confinement of the Bank, is injurious to his health - that he is engaged in a business, out of the House, which he wishes to carry on for the benefit of his children; in doing which, he hopes that his health will be benefitted.

Resolution on Mr
Cooper's Petition.

Resolved, That as the Committee find no Precedents wherein they have recommended to the Court, of Directors to grant Pensions to Clerks retiring from the Service, except in Cases of more advanced Age & of greater bodily infirmity, than of the present Petitioners - It be submitted to the Court whether any Pension should be allowed to the Parties now applying for leave to resign? and if any Pension be granted, whether it should not be a very limited one?

Petition of Messrs
Parkinsons.

A Petition was read from Messrs Elizabeth & Messrs John & James Parkinson Stating, that out of the Bills for £8000, which were discounted for them by the Bank, in 1805 - £5000 has been repaid, and that they have been indulged till Sept. 1808 to pay the

the remaining £3000. They were therefore prayed, that being unable to pay the whole of this sum, so soon, it may be granted them to pay £1500, on the 4th Sept. next - £750, on the 4th Sept. 1709, and the remaining £750, on the 4th Sept. 1710 - with Interest, on each Instalment.

Resolved,

That it be recommended to the Court, to comply with the said Petition.

Letter from Mr. Harrison of the Treasury, desiring Accounts.

A Letter from Mr. Harrison was read, stating the desire of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, that an Account of certain Dividends paid to William Milford Esq. as Attorney to the Lord High Treasurer, and as Attorney to the Commissioners of the Treasury, be made out and transmitted to the Treasury.

The Accounts presented.

Mr. Dawes presented the said Accounts - and it was Ordered, That they be sent to Mr. Harrison.

John Smith Esq. Harrison.

Petition of Mathew Briggs, for relief

On reading a Petition from Mathew Briggs a House Porter stating that he has had much illness in his family - and that he sustained the loss of £7. 11s. by a Fire, while he was on duty, at the Bank: -

Ordered,

Relief granted.

That £10 be granted to Mathew Briggs, in consideration of the loss he has sustained, by a Fire, while he was on duty at the Bank.

Mr. Governor Mr. Wintthrop Mr. Long.

Minutes read

Affidavits examined.

Wednesday 20th July 1868.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the following Bank notes, vizt

William Hopes - 51 Bank notes £136. respective parts 10s.
Chitton Hugall - 1 do - 1 - } mutilated & the 10s.
Maria Smith - 1 do - 1 - } Date not known

Payments

Payment Ord.^d

Payment of the foregoing notes was Ordered to the Parties respectively, Subject to the approbation of the Court.

Report of inconvenience
arising from a
delay of the 11 May
regard Powers of atty.

The Governor reported to the Committee, that he had stated to the Court, the considerable inconveniences that had arisen from delaying Transfers on Powers of Attorney executed more than 12 months, till each application for such Transfer, was submitted to the Governor, according to the Minute of this Committee on the 11 May last: And that the Court was of opinion, the business of Transfers and Dividends, on such Powers of Attorney, ^{should be carried on,} as it was, before the Instructions, founded on the before mentioned Minute, were given to the Chief Accountant.

Opinion of the
Court thereon.

Petition of Ann
Fleming.

On reading a Petition from Ann Fleming the Widow of James Fleming Esq. late a Clerk in this House, stating, that she is left with 3 small Children totally unprovided for:-

Resolution
thereon.

Ordered, That Ann Fleming be put on the Directors Charitable Fund, and that £100 be granted to her relief.

Petition of Hannah
Griffin.

On reading a Petition from Hannah Griffin, widow of John Griffin Esq. who had been Twenty three years in the Service of the Bank, as an Assistant Door Keeper & Messenger to the Chief Cashiers Office - stating, that on account of her Husbands sickness and funeral she has £13-4-0 to pay - and that she is left, in destitute circumstances, with 8 Children, five of whom are incapable of doing anything for their own maintenance - and therefore soliciting relief:-

Resolution
thereon.

Ordered, That Hannah Griffin be put on the Directors Charitable Fund - that the above mentioned Sum of £13-4-0 be paid to her, and that £50, in addition thereto be granted for the relief of herself and her family. -

Petition of G. Oakley
Deputy of John Taylor

A Petition was read from George Oakley, the
Deputy of John Taylor late Head of the Drawing
Office for Private Accounts - Stating that Mr Taylor had
been about 27 years in the service of the Bank ^{and} that he has
left two Orphan Daughters, for whom support he had
saved only about £500. He therefore prayed for further
relief for the said Children.

Resolution
thereon.

Resolved, That as it appears the Children of Mr
Taylor are not left in a state of distress, it is not
expedient to grant any sum from the Bank for their
support.

Petition of Elizabeth
Canty and of

A Petition from Elizabeth Canty, soliciting
pecuniary relief on account of her husband having on
the year 1799, taken a forged note of £50. And

William Lay

Another Petition from William Lay or
Carpenter, praying that the weekly allowance which
he receives from the Bank, on account of a hurt he
received in one of his knees, may be increased -

Not complied
with.

were not complied with. —

Wm^r Caulier to be
appointed a Cashier.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of
Directors to appoint William Caulier, to be a Cashier,
in the room of William Johnson, whose resignation
was lately accepted.

the Governor
Deputy Governor
Sir R. Meade
Mr Thompson
Mr Windhop
Mr Long.

Affidavits read —

Wednesday 27th July 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

An Affidavit regarding the following Bank
note was read. viz

Forham Ellis — 1 B. note — Lt. Minuted the sum
but date not ascert.

Also an application from Messrs Brown &
Bankers, on behalf of John Lawrence for payment
of the following Bank Post Bill, irregularly indorsed. viz
1 B. Post Bill — 16 Nov. 1775. — £10. payable to Mr
George

George Harrison, a Order.

Payment ordered

Payment was ordered to the respective parties subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

Letter from Mr French

A Letter, addressed to the Governor, from Mr Nathl. Bogle French, was read, requesting, that the Bills dis counted for him, by the Bank, and which became due on the 29th Inst may be renewed.

Resolution thereon

Resolved. That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to comply with Mr French's request.

Application from Messrs J. & G. Batten & Co. signed was read - requesting the Bank to advance the next, & subsequent payments on the Loan for the current Year.

Resolution thereon

Resolved. That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to advance the 3^d. 4th. 5th. 6th & 7th Payments, on the said Loan, on condition that they be redeemed, on or before Friday the 20th January 1809.

In Governor.
on Sep 7th 1808.
on Wm. Thos. of
on Long.

Wednesday 3rd August 1808.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Affidavits read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the following Bank notes; and Ordered Payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court.

Daniel Marquis	1 Bank note	£10.	Lost above 12 months.
Charles Churchyard	1 do	5	do do
Joseph Garry	2 do	20	divided parts each.
Phillip Jackson	2 do	10	partly destroyed
Josiah Hawkins	1 do	1	misstated the No. & Dates not ascertained.
John Guest	2 do	2	

Petition of Robert Gray.

A Petition from Mr Robert Gray, was read, praying, that the Court of Directors would reinstate him, in his privileges, as a Stock-broker, by again permitting him to sign to the Identity who may employ him, and transfer Stock

Stock, at this House.

—referred to the Court.

Resolved, That the said Petition be referred to the Court of Directors.

Resignation of William Hodder.

A Letter was read from William Hodder, a Clerk in the Exchequer Office—requesting to resign the service, on account of increased lameness, which renders him unequal to the Duties of his Situation.

—referred to the Court.

Resolved, That William Hodder's Letter be referred to the Court.

General Court fixed.

The Committee Agreed to recommend to the Court, that the General Court, for declaring the ensuing Dividend on Bank Stock, be holden on Thursday the 22^d September next.

Alteration in a Printed Notice, agreed to.

The Committee also Agreed, on the alteration necessary to be made in a public notice to be reprinted & hung up at the Bank, regarding the legal responsibility which attaches to the Identifying a Person transferring Stock from the Public Funds.

Petition of Joshua Bewley—reconsidered.

On reconsidering the Petition of Joshua Bewley, the brother of John Bewley dec^d—who had been eleven years in the service of the Bank:—

Resolved,

Resolution thereon.

That £5-8-10—the charge for the Administration taken by Joshua Bewley, to enable him to receive the Salary due to his brother, from the Bank, be made good to him. And that £150 be granted for the relief of 4 Orphan Children left in destitute circumstances by the death of John Bewley:—to be appropriated under the direction of Mr Smith, Esq^r Secretary.

Ordered,

£10—to Mrs Kohler. That sum being short paid on her Dec^d account.

That £10 be paid to Mrs Kohler—that sum having been paid short, when she received two Dividends, in March last, and accounted for by the Ex Teller.

Ordered,

£38.15.3.10 to be carried
to account, in the Gen-
eral Ledger.

Ordered,

That the sum of £386-15.3, being the difference
between the Amount of Discounted Bills and Notes in the Dis-
count Journal, and the Amount in the General Ledger on the
7th Feb'y 1807 - be carried to the Account of Bills & Notes Dis-
counted, in the General Ledger; from the Money over on
the Out and In Sellers Accounts.

In Governor
Dep^y Gov^r
L^{td} R^{ch} Meane
In Thornton,
In Minister of
Industry.
Affidavits exam'd.

Wednesday 10th August 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the
undiscounted Bank Notes, and Ordered payment of
the same, subject to the approbation of the Court.

John Carpenter	22 B. Notes	£ 250	-	Simster parts lost.
Fred ^k C. Mortlock.	1 Do	20	-	Dopton part lost
John Flaherty	1 Do	1	-	} mutilated, the number & Date not ascertained
John Watson	1 Do	1	-	

Memorial of Wm
Esbaldeston, regard-
ing a wrong joined
Bank note.

A Memorial was read from an

William Esbaldeston of Great Tower Street. Stating,

That in May last, he took a Bank note of £10, from
a Chance Customer, which has since been detained at
the Bank, and payment refused, on account of its being
wrong joined, and by alterations made to appear, as of
one number and date. That these respective parts of
notes, with many others, had been lost; and payment
of the other respective parts had been granted by the
Bank, on an indemnity being given by Mess^{rs} Hammett,
and Esdaile; that having applied to them, they decline
to assist him in bearing the loss of the Note above men-
tioned - and therefore hoping that the Bank will afford
him some relief.

Not complied
with.

The said Memorial was not complied
with. —

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Application of Arch.
Salzell —

A Letter from Mr Arch^d. Salzell, accepted from
Harriman was read — stating that the Acceptances to the
Amount of £20 000, which the Bank had discounted for
his accommodation, expired on this day, — that he is unable
at present, to discharge this engagement, and therefore
requesting an extension of the time of payment, half
for 4 months, and the remainder for 8 months, in the
usual way of renewal & on the same securities.

Recommended
to the Court.

Resolved. That a renewal of the said Acceptances be
granted; and that it be recommended to the Court of Directors
to grant the extension of time requested by Mr Salzell.

Old Papers exam^d
reported on —

Mr Amutoli, having been directed to look over
some Old Papers that have been for a long time kept
in 2 Boxes in the Parlor — reported the Contents of the said
Boxes — when the Committee ordered part of them to be
preserved, and the remainder to be burned.

Mr Governor
Deputy Governor
Ministers &
Long. —

Wednesday 17th August 1808.

The Minutes of the last Committee were read.

Affidavits exam^d.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding
the following Bank Notes, and Ordered payment of the
same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

John Burton Lucas	4 B. notes	£23	Minister parts lost —
Edmund Godwin	1 do	20	
Clare Blyth	1 do	5	Deputy part lost.
John Line	1 do	2	
William Buller	1 do	2	
John Porter	1 do	1	Minister parts lost — the Minister's Dates not ascer- tained.
Roger Farell	1 do	1	
Hugh Brodie	1 do	1	
Hugh Croker	1 do	1	
Catharine Hargrave	1 do	1	

The

Henry Miller re-
commended to be a Signer
of the Warrants.

The Committee of Suspension for the Printing Office
having reported, that Henry Miller is a suitable person
to sign Dividend Warrants, and that this business would not
interfere with the regular Duties of his Office, as Librarian
to the new Accountants -

Recommendation
to the Court then to appoint

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors
the said Henry Miller, to be a signer of Dividend
Warrants, in the room of Samuel Andrews - removed to
the Bank Stock Office.

Petition of Sarah
Wrling, widow of
George Wrling Esq.

A Petition from Sarah Wrling, the wi-
dow of George Wrling deceased, was read - Stating, that
her Husband died in embarrassed Circumstances - that
he had not subscribed to the Clerks Widow's Fund - that
she is left with 3 Children, two of whom are wholly
dependent on her - and therefore soliciting Relief.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That as the above mentioned George Wrling
had been upwards of eleven years a Clerk in the Bank,
his widow be put on the Directors Charitable Fund; &
that £100 be granted for the relief of herself and her
Children -

Mr Garrard, Bide
for Mr Newland's Gold
Cup to be paid.

Ordered, That £354-4-6 be paid to Mr Robert
Garrard - being the balance due to him, on his Bill
of £1054-4-6 - for the Gold Cup presented by the Bank
to the late Mr Newland - And also pay to the Account of Robt
Garrard £700, being so much advanced to him by the Bank on the 13th
Sept. 1847.

Resignation of Mr
Fildes - One of the
Bank's Counsel.

A Letter was read from Mr Fildes
one of the Counsel employed by the Bank, resigning
that appointment, and expressing his acknowledg-
ments to the Governors & Directors of the Bank.

Referred to the
Law Committee.

Resolved, That Mr Fildes's Letter be referred
to the Committee for Law-Suits.

Propounded, to the plan
a new Plate laid be-
fore the Committee -

Mr Hase laid before the Committee several Bank
notes of £1 each, engraved from a new Plate, and accom-
modated to printing the numbers and Dates thereon, by
Mr Bramah's machines.

The numbers Dates
engraved thereon by
Mr Bramah's machines

Several specimens of the operation of one
of the said machines in printing different numbers
on the words Promisor and Bearer, in the said notes, were
also shewn to the Committee, and were approved.
And it was Resolved,

Approved. And

A Recommendation
to the Court thereon -

That the said notes be laid before the Court
of Directors, with the recommendation of the Com-
mittee that this mode of Printing Bank notes
be adopted, and carried into execution. —

Mr Governor
Supt Governor.
Sir Rich^d B. Meane
Mr Winthrop
Mr Long.

Wednesday 24th August 1808.

Minutes read. read.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were

Affidavit examined

An Affidavit regarding the following Bank
note was read - Payment of the same Ordered subject
to the approbation of the Court. viz^t

David Lyle — 1 Bank note £1. Mutilated the No.
Date not known

Supplementary
Journal to be kept

Resolved, That a Supplementary Journal be kept
by the Chief Accountant, for such Entries as the
Committee may from time to time, think proper to
order.

Sums to be carried
to the General Ledger

Resolved, That the following Sums be carried from
their respective Accounts in the General Ledger, to
the Credit of Profit and Loss, by Journal Entries -

£949-1-8
26,250 —
7,500 —
18,750 —
14,802 —
60,000 —
50,000 —

Being 6 months Annuities received at the
Exchequer, on the permanent Debt from
Government to the Bank.

- Continued.
- £ 76,622-10-0. From the Account of Exchange Bills at 3¹/₂ per Cent per day, on Advances on Supplies, 1807 - being for Interest received.
 - £ 1,216-8-9. From the Account of the Hudson's Bay Company, to the Account of Interest on Private Loans.
 - £ 26,622-1-6. The Quarterly Account of Interest on Exchange Bills on which Entry 1807-1808, to 4th Aug^r instant has not been made out and sent to the Exchange, it is necessary to Debit that Account in the General Ledger, and Credit Profit & Loss. —

Other Accounts proposed to be carried to the General Ledger.

The Chief Accountant reported, that preparatory to making up the General Balance for the six months to the 28th February and 31st August in each year, it is necessary to close sundry Accounts in the General Ledger, by Debiting or crediting Profit and Loss, for their respective Amounts, as the Case may be. The

Agreed to, & directed of them to be made.

Committee Agreed, that this be done, and directed the Chief Accountant to report the particulars of the said Accounts, on this day fortnight. —

Opinion of the Committee of Law Officers, that it is not necessary to appoint an additional Counsel to the Bank.

The Governor acquainted the Committee, that the Committee for Law Officers had come to a Resolution, that it is not necessary to appoint another Counsel, in the room of Mr Fielding. —

Letter from Mr Marshall, regarding the practice of the Bank, in detaining forged notes.

A Letter, addressed to the Governor, was read, from Mr Marshall, one of the Partners in the Banking House of Rowton & Co at Newbury, stating that many inconveniences and Losses are sustained by the Bank's detaining forged notes, and delivering only Investigators Tickets certifying the same. And therefore submitting, that an exception to this regulation may be made, in favor of Banking Houses and Persons of respectability, so far, as to allow of the original Notes being returned to them, marked, "Forged"; or in

in any other way, that the Bank may deem advisable.

Resolved, That a Letter be written to Mr. Morhall
— Answer to be returned to Mr. Morhall, acquaint him, — that whilst the Bank are sorry for the inconveniences which Bankers and Private persons feel, on account of forged Notes which have passed through their hands, being detained at this House, it is nevertheless deemed necessary to continue to rely upon this System; in order to prevent the possibility of forged Notes being again circulated, such Cases having arisen, by obliterating the word *Forged*, stamped thereon, and that the Bank may always possess the means of tracing and instituting Prosecutions, on such forged Notes.

Mr. Governor
Sept 4th 1808.
In R. Meave
Mr. Stanton.
In Winthrop
Mr. Long.

Wednesday 31st August 1808.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Affidavits examined.

The Committee examined Affidavits, regarding the undermentioned Bank notes, and Ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors, viz^t.

Deborah Coker Wallace	3 B. Notes	— £ 11 —	} Minister paid left
John Bryan	1 do	— 5 —	
Eleanor Owen	1 do	— 1 —	} mutilated the first Dates not ascertained.
James Burton	1 do	— 1 —	

The Salary due to
Rich^d. Staines due to
be paid to his mother.

It having been stated to the Committee, that the Mother of Richard Staines dec^d late a Clerk in this House, had settled all the expenses attending his Lodgings, Funeral &c. and that she requested permission to receive that salary due from the Bank, to the said Richard Staines, amounting to £10.3.4 — without taking Letters of Administration for the same; —

The Committee Agreed thereto. —

Represent Stamp Act
considered with reference
Persons who keep
Cash Accounts at the
Bank &c

It being represented to the Committee, that by the
late Stamp Act, such parties as keep Cash Accounts, at
this House, independent of Discounts, and are occasionally
more than 10 Miles from London, are precluded from
drawing Checks on the Bank; and that it is not the
custom to pay stamped Drafts. —

~~The opinion of~~
~~the Court of Directors be taken~~ Whether it may not be expedient, in conse-
~~quence of the new regulation, to admit Drafts to be~~
~~passed upon stamped Paper, by such Persons as keep~~
~~Cash at the Bank, when they are beyond the prescribed~~
~~distance —~~

~~Ordered.~~ That the Committee be summoned to
meet, on Tuesday the 20th instant to examine the
half-yearly Accounts. —

~~Ordered.~~ That the undermentioned Sums, be
carried, through the Journal, to the credit of Profit and
Loss, in the General Ledger.

For the allowance made to the Bank for receiving
the Subscriptions to the Loans & Lotteries for 1807.

The Chief Cashier & Receivers of £14,200,000

by Annuities for the Year 1807 ————— 11,442.4.10

The Chief Cashier & Receivers of £1,500,000

by Annuities for the Service of Ireland, for } 1,208.13.9
Year — 1807 —————

The Chief Cashier & Receivers of the Contribu-

tions, for raising a Sum of Money, by Lotteries } 3,000.0.0
for the Year 1807 —————

The Commissioners of the Treasury, on Account of the Contribu-
tions granted by Parliament for the Year 1807 — For the
Allowance made to the Bank for receiving & paying the
Sum of £2,383,763.14.7 — On Account of Property Tax } 2979.14.1.

In Governor
 Dep. Governor
 Sir Richard Meade.
 Sir Wmthrop.

Wednesday 7th Sep 1808

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Affidavits examined.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank Post Bill, and Bank Notes, and Ordered Payment of the same, Subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors, viz^t

Randall Norbury	1 B. Post Bill	£100	Lost above 12 mos.
William Saunders	1 B. Note	20	Lost ^{The Minister paid}
Jeremiah Owen	1 do	1	} mutilated & the No. & Date not ascertained.
James Griffiths	1 do	1	

Resolved,

Gratuity to write
 Harris —

That a Gratuity of £10 be allowed to William Harris, Principal of the Dividend Warrant Office in consideration of the difference between his usual Gratuity, & those which he would have received, in the Chief Cashier's Office.

Reports of Sums
 carr^d to Accounts
 in the Gen^l Ledger

The Chief Accountant Reported, that the undermentioned Sums had been carried through the Supplementary Journal, to the General Ledger, agreeably to a Minute of this Committee, on the 24th Ult.

To the Credit of Profit and Loss, from the following Accounts.

From Interest on Bills & Notes Discounted	£ 305,476-2-11
Interest on Private Loans	2,164-12-8
Stamps for Transfers	168-5-9
Rents	920-6-5
Silver Pieces of Eight. (Profit)	26,083-6-9
Exchequer Audit & Roll 1808, for management.	95,413-18-5
Government of Ireland — for do	609-4-1

To the Debit of Profit and Loss, from the following Accounts

From General Charges	61,988-1-10
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Wages	49,748-2-4
Taxes & Ecclesiastical Dues	2,137-18-5

From

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From - Tradesmen's Bills	£ 38.059 - 9 - 2
Gold in Bars - (Ld)	20,447 - 3 - 6
Dutch Gold Coin - (Commission)	33 - 5 - 7
Spanish Dr - (do - 1)	66 - 0 - 5.

Plan to prevent the
forgery of B notes.

not adopted.

A Specimen of Engraving to prevent the forgery
of Bank notes was laid before the Committee from Mr Jas
Archer; and Mr Terry having reported, that in his opinion
it could easily be imitated, and would afford no security
to the Bank - The Secretary was therefore directed to
acquaint Mr Archer, that his Plan is not thought
suitable to be adopted by the Bank. —

in Governor
Deputy Governor.
Wm. Thompson &
Long.

Minutes read.

Affidavits examined.

Wednesday 11th September 1808

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits, regarding
the undermentioned Bank notes, and Ordered payment
of the same, Subject to the approbation of the Court. —

George Webb	8 Bank notes	£50. 5 in 2 parts lost
Joseph Hunt	1 do	10 - 8 do
William Till	1 do	1 - 1 imitated, & the number & Date not ascertained
Benjamin Watson	1 do	1 -

Application from
Messrs Williams & Co

An Application from Messrs Williams & Co
of 6th Bankers at Peter was read, requesting that a forged
Bank note of £2, which has passed thro' their hands, &
since been detained by the Bank, may be sent to them,
in order that they may be enabled to trace from whom
they received it; and promising to return the note to
the Bank.

Complied
with.

Resolved, That the Application from Messrs Williams
& Co, of 6th be complied with. It was also

Resolved,

Resolved,

Forged Bank notes to be
sent to Bankers in the
Country that they
may be traced.

That in future, forged Bank notes, with
the word "Forged" stamped thereon, be sent to Bankers in
the Country, on application being made for the same,
and upon their engaging to return them, within a
reasonable & limited time.

Bank Note Paper used
to try a new Press -

Mr. Shrubsole stated to the Committee that
for the purpose of further trying a new Printing Press, a
Ream of Bank Note Paper had been printed.

— The Court.

Ordered, That as the above mentioned Printed Paper
is of no use, it be burnt by Mr. Hare.

Petition of Marg^t
High.

On reading a Petition from Margaret High
widow of Peter High Esq. who had been about 9 years
and a half, a Clerk in this House,

— £100 granted to
her.

Ordered, That £100 be granted for the relief of
Margaret High and her two young Children; to be
appropriated, under the direction of Mr. Taylor, of the
L4 for Ct Office.

Adj. Governor
Deputy Gov.
Sam. Thornburn
Winthrop.

Tuesday 20th Septemb. 1808.

The Minutes of the last Committee were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding
the undermentioned Bank notes, and Ordered Payment
of the same, subject to the appropriation of the Court.

Ann Jordan	1 B. note	£5. Sixteen pence	} mutilated & the date not ascert.
Thos. Pritchard	1 do	2	
James Tucker	1 do	1	

The Committee examined the Half Yearly
Half Years Accounts. —

On

Letter from the Chan-
cellor of the Exchequer
requesting the Bank
to purchase Exchequer
Bills.

On reading a Letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, stating, that it will be a great accommodation to the Public Service, if the Bank will consent to purchase Exchequer Bills, to the amount of Two millions; and requesting the Governor and Deputy Governor, to move the Court to consent to such purchase:—

Letter from the
Court of Directors
to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Resolved. That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to comply with the Chancellor of the Exchequer's request. —

The Governor laid before the Committee the following Letter from Messrs Winter & Kay. viz.

Letter from Messrs
Winter & Kay. —

Sir. As we are about to separate as general Partners in Business, it becomes our Duty to make such arrangements for the future conduct of the professional Business of the Bank, as may be most likely to meet with your approbation and that of the Court of Directors, and prevent the Concerns of the Bank from being subjected to any inconveniences. With this view, we have agreed upon the following arrangement, which we beg leave to submit to your consideration.

Mr Winter's state of health has for some time prevented his giving much personal attention to the Concerns of the Bank, but in future, he trusts he shall be able to give his assistance, when requisite.

Mr Kay will pay the same attention to the general management and superintendence of the Business of the Bank, which he has hitherto done, and will attend at the Bank, whenever he is wanted. He has taken a House in Token House Yard, where he intends to carry on his business, and where it is proposed the Business of the Bank shall be

Letter continued.

be conducted, and all applications made for professional assistance. If Mr Winters personal attention shall become requisite, he will, on all occasions render it; but should his state of health be such, as to prevent his giving his personal attendance, he proposes to supply, or have competent Professional assistance, to afford Mr Kay such aid as he may require.

It is Mr Winters intention to continue his House of Business, in Swinburn's Lane.

We are, very respectfully,

Sir, Your much obliged & most obed^t
20th Sept. 1808. Servants. John Winter &
Joseph Kaye.

It is Mr Kaye's intention to appropriate one Room in the House he is about to remove to, entirely to the Papers and Business of the Bank.

The Gov^r of the Bank.

Resolved.

Is to be laid before the Court.

That Mr Winters & Kaye's Letter be laid before the Court of Directors.

the Governor
Deputy Governor
Law Thornton
Wintthrop.

Thursday 22^d September 1808.

The Minutes of the last Committee were read.

Resolved,

Report to be made on the Bank Stock Dividend due 10th Octo^r.

That this Committee having examined the State of the Bank's Accounts, are of opinion, that a Dividend may be made of Five pounds per Cent Interest and Profits, for the half Year, ending the 10th October next. And that a Report be made to the Court accordingly.

26th Sept 1808

Affidavits signed
by the Governor & the
Winthrop -

This day, the Governor and Winthrop, two of
the Commissioners appointed by the Court of Directors
under the Act of 45 Geo. 3 Cap. 65, signed the undermen-
tioned Affidavits: viz

On the Proprietors of Irish Loan & Ann^y — £4530. 14. 11
Do — of Irish Ann^y for 15 years } — 419 —
from 25th March 1794 — }
Do — of Irish Ann^y for 15 years } — 1314. 19. 9
from 25th March 1795 — }
On the Holders — of Irish £5 per Cent Debentures — 66. 10 —
Do — of Irish Annuity Do — 1 —
£ 6332 " 3. 8
All for the half Year Dividend and

Payment due 25th Sept 1808.

The Governor
Deputy Governor
Winthrop -

Wednesday 28th Sept 1808.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of the last Committee were

read.

Affidavits exam^d.

The Committee examined Affidavits regard-
ing the following Bank notes, and ordered payment
thereof, subject to the Approbation of the Court of Directors.

Samuel Atkins	313 notes	£40	} Depts parts lost.
William Newnham	2 do	30	
James Edwards	1 do	10	} Sinister parts lost.
Alex ^r Dallas	1 do	10	
James Lander	1 do	1	Mutilated, & the W. & D. date not known

Letter from Mr French
respecting the Bills
discounted for him.

A Letter was read from Mr French, re-
questing that the Bank will not insist on a dimi-
nution of the Bills, discounted for him when they
next become due.

Resolved

— a recommendation
that Mr French's request
be complied with —

Resolved,

That it be recommended to the Court of
Directors to comply with Mr French's request.

Application for the wages
due to S. W. Sawyer a Lawyer, a Widow, and the mother of John Mycliff
a Clerk —

On an application being read from Mrs

— Mrs Sawyer to
receive the same.

Sawyer deceased a Clerk in this House — the Committee
Agreed, that Mrs Sawyer be permitted to receive
£3-15-6 the amount of wages due to her son, from
that Bank.

Petition from Elizabeth
Godsell.

A Petition was read from Elizabeth Godsell
the Widow of John Godsell deceased a House Porter,
praying for an annual or weekly allowance from
the Bank.

— not complied
with.

Resolved, That Elizabeth Godsell's Petition be not
complied with.

A Bank Note of £20
put into Circulation
after having been paid
£ Posted.

Mr Hase produced a Bank note of £20
to the Committee, in a very mutilated state, and reported
that it had been presented for payment by Mr William
Keeve a Butcher on the Hackney Road. Mr Hase fur-
ther stated, that the said note had been previously
paid and posted, but that by some means it had
been again put into Circulation.

— Payment of it de-
clined till inquiry be
made thereon —

The Committee Agreed to decline pay-
ing the said note to Mr Keeve, till they shall be
satisfied that he took it in the fair & usual course
of business.

— Committee of
Inspection again-
ted therewith —

The Governor acquainted the Committee
that the appropriate Committee of Inspection had
been made acquainted with the above business, &
that they had examined the Heads of Offices thereon.

Monday 5th October 1808.

Gov. Gen.
Stanton
Winthrop.

The minutes of the last Committee were read.

Officers examd.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank notes, and ordered payment thereof, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

Robert Stanton	1 Bank note	£5. Sixster part lost.
Joseph Miller	2 do	2 mutilated, the number & date not ascertained.
Jonas Winn	1 do	1 do

Examination of
Principal Officers
Heads of Offices.

The Committee conversed with Mr Bosh Mr Dawes and Mr Case, regarding the business of their respective Offices, and the conduct of their Assistants: and also examined the undermentioned Heads of Offices respecting the conduct of the Clerks, and the execution of the business during the present quarter, viz

Mr Collins	Head of the Cashiers in the Hall & Treasury.
Mr Hebble	Head of the Bullion Office.
Mr Chadden	Head of the Exchequer do.
Mr Holland	Stockkeeper.

Accounts of Attendance
examined.

The several Accounts of Attendances were also examined, and the Committee remitted the forfeiture of Salary in every case of occasional absence, and ordered the missing money to be paid to the Clerks, according to their respective Attendances. The proportion to each of the following Clerks, to be doubled, viz

Mr Smart	Head of the Clerks in the Cashiers Office
Mr Chadden	Head of the Exchequer Office.
Mr Watts	Clerk in the Secretaries do.

Resolved,

Report to be made
to the Court.

That a Report, conformable with the above examination, be made to the Court of Directors.

On

Petition of Ann Carter
for relief.

On reading the Petition of Ann Carter, stating that she is the daughter of Mary Crouch lately deceased, who was a Pensioner on the Directors Charitable Fund, and requesting that as she is very poor, and gave great attention to her mother, that she may be permitted to receive the quarter of a years pension due to her mother who died, in March last: -

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That as the Pensions from the above mentioned Fund, are only paid annually, and to the parties every Christmas, no allowance to Ann Carter be made from that Fund; but that Ninety pounds, the amount of a Quarters Pension, be granted to her, from Petty Cash.

^{stop}
A £1. Note, passed by
Mr Bridger a Cashier.

Mr Halse reported to the Committee that Mr Richard Bridger, one of the Cashiers, had passed a Note of £1. on Saturday last, without having it inspected; that the Note had proved to be forged, but that the amount of it, it is supposed, will be recovered.

Mr Bridger
admonished thereon.

Mr Bridger was therefore called in, and was reprimanded by the Governor, to be more careful, in the execution of his business, in future.

One of Mr Bramah's
Machines Reported to
be completed.

Mr Halse further reported, that One of Mr Bramah's Machines for printing the Numbers and Dates on Bank Notes, has been completed, and he presented several Specimens of its operation. And it was Agreed,

That the Matrices in
which the Letters and
Figures have been cast
to be purchased of Mr
Bramah - under certain
limitations -

That it will be expedient for the Bank to purchase the Matrices, of Mr Bramah, in which the Letters and Figures have been cast, and to employ him to cast others if it them for the Machines, as they shall be wanted; but with the liberty to purchase Matrices, Letters and Figures of any other person if it shall be found necessary so to do.

Wednesday 12th Octo. 1808.

The Minutes of the last Committee were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank notes, and Ordered payment thereof, subject to the approbation of the Court. vizt

Samuel Humphreys — 3 B. notes — 25 — partly destroyed.

William Simpson — 1 do — 1

William Clark — 1 do — 1

Michael Madden — 1 do — 1

} mutilated; and the
numbers & Dates not
known

A Letter from Messrs. Bedford Herberts & Co. was read accompanied with a mismatched note of £1 — payment of which had been refused to Messrs. Hoare Barnett & Co. —

Ordered. That the said note be paid to Messrs. Hoare & Co. — upon their giving the usual indemnity.

Resolved. That £41,300 £3 per Cent Reduced Annuitied, standing in the joint names of Abraham Newland, Henry

Widows of deceased Hase, William Dawes and William Hutchinson, being

Stock belonging to the Charitable Subscription for the Widows of deceased Clerks, be transferred into the joint names of

Henry Hase,

Thomas Rippon,

William Dawes &

William Hutchinson, who shall constitute the future Trust, for the said Fund. —

The Chief Accountant proposed to the Committee, to Credit the Account of Bank Dividend for 229, with the Amount Dated 22^d Sept. last; and to Debit Profit and Loss for the same: £582,119-4-0

Fractions abate — 1. 16 0

And also to Debit Profit and Loss, with £8000 for 3 months payment of £32,000 per annum, as an Exemption from stamping Bank notes & Bills, due 10th Octo 1808, by Journal Entries. The Committee approved thereof.

the Governor
 Dep. Governor
 Wintthrop.

Wednesday 19th Octo. 1808

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Affidavits examined.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank Notes; and Ordered payment thereof, subject to the approbation of the Court. vizt

Thomas John Burgoyne — 1. B. Note — £50 — Sixty two parts lost
 John Hill Blanchard — 1. Do — 10. — Lost above 12 parts.
 Capt. Wm Roycroft — 1. Do — 5 — Sixty two parts lost
 Susan Shakeshaft — 1. Do — 1 — Burnt —

Petition of George
 Hogsflesh —

On reading the Petition of George Hogsflesh brother to Thomas Hogsflesh, lately deceased, who quitted the Bank on the 5th July 1804, and was allowed £100 per annum, in consideration of his deranged state of mind.

— £63-9-7 granted
 thereon —

Ordered, That £63-9-7 — the amount of Bills due to Mr Warburton of Hoxton, and to Mr Cooper of Bishopgate Street, for funeral expences, be paid by the Bank.

Petition of Elizabeth
 Godsell reconsidered.

On reconsidering the Case of Elizabeth Godsell, Widow of John Godsell our late a House Porter; And it appearing, that she is not intitled to any relief from the Directors Charitable Fund, that she is the Daughter of John Blewitt, who was about 30 years a Porter in the Bank, and that she can obtain admission into an Almshouse, if she has an allowance of 2½^s per week:

— 2½^s per week
 to be allowed her.

Ordered, That, in consideration of the above Circumstances, Elizabeth Godsell be allowed two Shillings & six pence per week, during pleasure.

Two Letters, addressed to the Governor by Messrs

Letter from Bell &
Brodrick regarding
collection between
H. A. Fleetwood &
Messrs Thornton & Co.

Bell and Brodrick attorneys, were read; requesting, that on account of the Trial of an Action between Henry Paul Fleetwood and Messrs Thornton and Bayley, the Books in the Discount Office may be referred to, to ascertain by which of the Clerks, certain Bills, drawn by John Watson & Sons of Preston, upon Messrs Thornton & Bayley, and Discounted at the Bank, have been received. And that a Clerk from the Discount Office may be permitted to attend, with the Book in which the said Bills are entered, that they may be identified, in the absence of the original Bills which Messrs Thornton & Bayley, are not bound to produce.

Resolved,
Resolution thereon —

That Messrs Bell and Brodrick be informed — that the Bank invariably refuse giving Ex-parte information of business transacted by their Clerks; and that they will therefore be pleased to follow their own Course, in sending Subpoenas, in the Suit they have referred to. —

Letter from Donaldson
and Glenney, Donaldson
& Thompson requesting
further indulgence.

A Letter from Messrs Donaldson Glenney

and Donaldson & Thompson was read, requesting farther indulgence for the repayment of the Loans of £15,000 and £30,000, due from them, respectively.

Resolved,
Recommendation
Bank of London thereon —

That it be recommended to the Court of Directors, that the Accommodation at present granted to Messrs Donaldson & Glenney & Donaldson & Thompson be continued, without engaging for any specific time. —

the Governor
 D^ys Governor
 to R^d Pearce
 in Clarke's
 in Windsor —

Affidavits examined.

Wednesday 26th October 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank Post Bills and Bank Notes, and Ordered payment of the same, Subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors only.

Rachel Bethell	— 2 Bank Post Bills	— £50	respectively parts
Joseph Burrows	— 1 Bank note	— 5.	Lost at sea.
Mary Ann Dudley	— 7 — do —	— 26.	} sinister parts
Robert Friday	— 21 — do —	— 37.	
Thomas Rowkinson	— 1 — do —	— 5.	} sinister parts
Grace Parker	— 1 — do —	— 30.	
Richard Bland	— 2 — do —	— 6	sinister parts, lost — }

Ordered, That £10 be granted for the relief of ^{the} relief of Thos Carrick, Thomas Carrick, one of the Bullion Porters, he having had leave to go into the Country for the recovery of his health.

The Chief Accountant proposed to Debit the Account of Exchange Bills "at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent per Annum for £4,500,000 on Bills on Supplies 1808" with £65,222.5.0 being amount received for Interest; and to Credit the Account of "Profit and Loss" for the same, by Journal Entry.

The Committee Agreed thereto.

A Complaint against one of the Porters. The Governor having received a Letter from Mr George Doltett of the Minorities, stating that he has been insulted by one of the Porters; the Chief Accountant was desired to inquire into, and report on the same: who stated, — that it did not appear that the Porter had exceeded his Duty or behaved improperly to Mr Doltett. —

Mr Governor
 Lys Gov.
 Mr R. Meade
 Mr Thomson
 Mr M. L. King
 Mr Long.

Wednesday 2^d November 1808.

The Minutes of the last Committee were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank Post Bills and Bank Notes, And Ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors. *vizt*

John Davis	1 B. Post Bill	£ 20. Lost above 12 months.
Samuel Pitt	3. B. Notes	65. Lost parts lost.
Richard Fizes	1 do	1. Mutilated & the No & Date not known.

£3.4.6 granted to Mary High

The Governor acquainted the Committee, that he had signed an Order for payment of £3.4.6 to Mary High, widow of Peter High dec^d late a Clerk in this House, that sum having been paid for Letters of Administration, to enable her to receive the Salary, due to her Husband, from the Bank.

Mr Vane's Disbursements & Services conferred.

The Secretary presented Accounts which he had received from Mr Vane, Surgeon, of his disbursements for medicines &c on account of the Clerks, Porters and Labourers employed by the Bank, from the 1st October 1807, to the 30th Septem^r 1808. The amount of which was £36.5.1. Also an Account of Mr Vane's professional Attendances in the Cases above referred to.

£100 granted for the same.

Ordered, That £36.5.1. be paid to Mr Vane; and that a further Sum of £63.14.11 be presented to him, to make up £100.

Specimens of Bank Notes intended for operation of Mr Bramah's machine.

and were laid before the Committee, specimens of Bank Notes, of every amount issued by the Bank, engraved in such a manner as to suit the intended operation of Mr Bramah's Machines. The same were

Approved, with small alterations

Approved by the Committee; in addition to which, it was

was directed, that a Line be engraved to show, where they should be cut, so as that the number and date may be preserved on each part of the note, and also that a Scroll, after the word Pounds, be added, in those Specimens wherein it has been omitted.

Petition of Ambrose Roles.

On reading a Petition from Ambrose Roles, one of the House Porters and Watchmen, stating that he has been very ill, that he has £5⁰ 2⁰ to pay to his Apothecary, & that he is unable to discharge this Bill.

£5⁰ 2⁰ granted him.

Resolved. That in consideration of Ambrose Roles being taken ill, while on duty at the Bank, the sum of £5⁰ 2⁰ be granted for his relief.

Resignation of Thos Thompson.

A Letter was read from Thos. Thompson Assistant at the Journal, expressing his thanks for the indulgence of 12 months leave of absence which had been granted to him, and acquainting the Committee, that altho he is somewhat recovered from his indisposition, he has no expectation of being able to resume and to continue in, his situation at the Bank; and therefore requesting leave to resign. The Chief Accountant Reported, that Mr Thompson had been about 13 years in the service of the Bank;—was appointed to the Journal in June 1806, & that his character and conduct had been, in the highest degree, commendable.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors, to accept Thomas Thompson's Resignation; And that in consideration of the confidential situation he had filled, and of the fidelity & diligence with which he had discharged his duty, the sum of Two hundred Guineas be presented to him; And that the Chief Accountant be directed to acquaint him, therewith.

The Chief Accountant having stated, that William Lince has been employed at the Journal, during Mr Thompson's absence, and that he has performed his duty in a satisfactory manner -

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to appoint William Lince to be Assistant at the Journal, in the room of Thomas Thompson. -

Resolved, That in future, no Drafts be taken in payment for Bills of Exchange, ^{except in the case of Public Offices}; but that such Bills be required to be paid in Bank notes or Cash, or, be addressed for payment, to a Banker.

Wednesday 9th November 1808.

The Minutes of the last Committee were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank notes, and Dividend Warrant, and ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors; vizth

John Hudson	2 B. Notes	£ 20.	} Minister's parts lost
Peter Hay	1 do	10	
John Remier	1 Divid ^d Warrant	20-11-6.	Lost up wards of 12 months.

The Governor reported, that he had permitted three Dividend Warrants to be signed and paid, under the following circumstances.

In January 1808, three unpaid Dividend Warrants, in the name of Margaret Tennant wife of John Tennant, for £3 each, in the 105th-106th & 107th Dividend, of the £3 per Cent Consol. Annuities, were copied for the Exchequer Balance by William Wastell, and the warrants read against the Sheets, by James Boulton and William Wastell. About the 26th Feby 1808, the unpaid Dividend Warrants, Letter T, from

from 101st to the 107th Dividend, were taken out & sorted by William Christmas and William Knight - copied into the Unclaimed Sheets by John Over, and the Warrants read against the Sheets, by Joshua Harris and James Tenn, at which time, the before mentioned three Warrants were missing; and though every possible search has been made for them, they have not been found.

— It is reported to the Court —

The Committee Agreed to Report these Circumstances to the Court of Directors.

Letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the Exch^t - regarding an Exchange of some Exchequer Bills.

A Letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer addressed to the Governor and Deputy Governor, was read - stating that it will be an accommodation to the Public Service, if the Court of Directors will consent to exchange the sum of £1,500,000 in Exchequer Bills issued to the Bank, under the Act of 47 Geo 3 - Chap 2 Cap 7, for the like amount to be made out pursuant to an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament Cap 54.

— It is recommended to the Court —

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to comply with the Chancellor of the Exchequer's request.

the Governor.
Deputy Governor
Sir Rich^d Pearce
Sir Winthrop
the Long.

Wednesday 16th Novem^r 1807.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Affidavits, and

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the under mentioned Bank notes, and Ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors. viz

Mary Comber	1 Bank note	£5	} sinister parts lost.
Charles Sims	2 do	6	
Edward Dean	1 do	1	partly destroyed The Number not ascertained.

Consideration of the
State of the Silver
now in the Bank.

The Committee having taken into consideration

the present state of the Silver now in the Bank, which
appears as follows.

Dollars ————— 497,990 3/4
Bar Silver ————— 1,558,528 3/4 of which, the

Governor acquainted the Committee, there was to be delivered
to Government, by agreement with the Chancellor of the
Exchequer — Dollars — to the amount of £ 61,229.

Bar Silver — £ ————— 364,878.

Resolved,

That the Governor and Deputy Governor be

A Representative —
thereof, to be
requested to wait upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer,
and to communicate with him on the subject: as in case
of the Exchequer.

Government should continue to require to be supplied
with Bullion in any manner, to the amount it has
lately been applied for, it will not be in the power of
the Bank to accommodate them, without breaking in
upon their store of Gold which has been collecting
with much anxiety, for several years. —

The Chief Accountant laid before the Com-

An Account of Summs
proposed to be given to
Clerks in the Stock
Office, in lieu of per-
quisites for registering
Wills &c

mittee, an Account of the Summs proposed to be allowed to the
Clerks in the Stock Office (Agreeably to a Report from the
Committee of Inspection for the Stock Office) in lieu of the
Perquisites which used to be shared by the said Clerks, for
registering Wills &c, before the establishment of the present
Office for that separate Duty. vizt

£ 3 per Ct Com ^d Office —————	£ 266. 11. 3.
£ 3 per Ct Ad ^d — Or —————	191. 11. 8
£ 4 and £ 5 per Ct Or —————	385. 16. 6
Bank Stock — Or —————	173. 18. 4.
Imperial Army Or —————	70 ———
	<hr/> 1087. 17. 9

Resolved,

— £1087-17-9 to be allowed to the Clerks in the
Stock Office.

That it be recommended to the Court of Directors, that £1087-17-9 be paid to the Clerks in the
several Stock Offices, agreeably to the before mentioned
Account; for one year, ending the 10th Jan^y —

Item: The sum first proposed to be allowed, was — £1140 —
The sum now given is ————— 1087-17-9
Reduced amount, by the death resignation — 52-2-3
of several clerks —————

The Governor Directed that the following Minutes
be entered, on the Minutes of this Committee. viz^t

at a Court of Directors, the 20th Decr. 1808.

Resolved,

Appointments of a
Committee, to enquire
into the Conduct of the
Clerks, connected with
the Insolvency of Messrs
Walsh & Nesbitt.

That a Committee be appointed, con-
sisting of the Committee of Treasury and the Chairmen
of the other Committees, to enquire into the Conduct of
the Bank Clerks connected with the recent Insolvency
of Messrs Walsh and Nesbitt, Stock-brokers.

At a Meeting of the Committee 26th
Decr 1808.

Present.

Minutes of the
Committee.

Mr Governor, Mr Deputy Governor, Messrs Raikes, Winstrop,
Boddington and Mellish —

The Minute of Court, appointing the
Committee, was read.

The Chief Cashier
called in —

The Chief Cashier was called in, and was
desired to give every information in his power, on the
Subject of this Inquiry, and to submit it, to the next
Meeting.

The Chief Accountant
called in.

The Chief Accountant was then called in
and desired to procure the like information.

Wednesday 2^d November 1808

Present -

Mr Governor, Mr Deputy Governor, Mr Sand Thornton, Mr Wintthrop
Mr Long, Mr Boddington & Mr Mullish -

Report from the Chief
Clerk & Chief Ac-
countant.

The Chief Accountant and the Chief Cashier, re-
ported, that from all the inquiry they were enabled to make
they are of opinion - that none of the Clerks in either of their
Departments, have been improperly concerned in ^{the} Lottery
Transactions of Mess^{rs} Walsh and Nesbitt; but, that some
of them have subscribed in the customary manner -

John Gandon ex-
amined.

John Gandon of the High Street Court Office
was called in and questioned, as to any concern he has
in the business of the Lottery Office of Swift & Co. He
stated, that he has a share in the Freehold which they
occupy, and money in their Concern; but that he has no
share in their business, either directly or indirectly; nor
is he employed in transacting any part of it. That
the John Gandon, whose name appears in their Firm,
is his nephew; that he has always subscribed for a
number of Tickets, to the Contractors for the several
Lotteries, and that, as an individual, he has about
£4000 engaged with Walsh and Nesbitt; which sum
he paid them, as a Subscription.

Wednesday 16th November 1808.

Present.

Mr Governor, Mr Deputy Governor, Mr Richd Brown, Mr
Wintthrop, Mr Long, Mr Boddington, Mr Craunham &
Mr Mullish -

Resolved.

That the following Report, be made to the
Court of Directors.

Report to be made
to Court.

The Committee appointed by the Court of
Directors on the 20th Ult^o - to inquire into the Conduct of the
"Bank Clerks &c"

Report,

Report to the Court
of Directors.

Report,

That having directed the Chief Accountant & the Chief Cashier to give every information in their power, on the subject of the present inquiry, these Officers have acquainted the Committee that they are of Opinion none of the Clerks, in either of their Departments, have been improperly concerned in the Lottery transactions of Messrs Walsh and Nesbitt; but, that some of them have subscribed in the customary manner.

The Committee having considered the loss, which many of the Clerks are likely to sustain by the recent Insolvency of Messrs Walsh and Nesbitt, and the inconveniences to which the Bank may be liable, by any of their Clerks subscribing to future Lotteries, while they continue to be conducted in the manner they have lately been; Recommend to the Court, to Direct,

That the Clerks of the Bank be informed by the Chief Cashier and Chief Accountant, that as the present mode of managing Lotteries, is attended with much greater risk to the Subscribers, than the former practice, and appears liable to occasion heavy loss and inconvenience to the Individuals concerned in them, and may especially be prejudicial in every point of view, to any of the Clerks of this House, who may be induced to subscribe - The Court of Directors cannot but very seriously disapprove of such Subscriptions by any of their Clerks & Servants, and they recommend to them to refrain from being concerned in such Lotteries, for the future.

Bank. 16th
Nov. 1808 }

14th - John Whitmore
Gov.

Wednesday 23rd Novemb^r 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the uncomm Bank Post Bill and Bank notes, and Ordered payment of the same,

Subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors. viz^t

Charles Waldie	1 Bank P. Bill	£10	wanting an indorsement
John Tarrant	1 Bank note	20	lost upon 12 th inst.
Joseph Humbery	1 do	20	partly burnt
William Cook	2 do	30	Dexter parts lost
Math ^o Linwood	6 do	12	
Hannah Gates	5 do	96	Linger parts lost
Elizabeth Mitchell	1 do	10	
Richard Ashley	3 do	5	
John Daw	1 do	1	mutated, & the ind. Dates not recent?
Ralph Johnson	1 do	1	

sums to be carried
the accounts in the
General Ledger.

The Chief Accountant proposed, to Debit the undermentioned Accounts, and to Credit Profit & Loss, for the following sums. viz^t

Interest on Exchequer Bills, by virtue of the Contract with the Lords of the Treasury - for 3 months Interest to 4th Nov. Property Tax deducted - £19,796-11⁰6

Exchequer Bills - Supply 1807 at £3⁰00⁰00
£3,000,000.

For 1 year Interest at 5⁰00⁰00 - Property Tax deducted - } £1,000 -

Exchequer Bills, Supply 1807 at £5⁰00⁰00
£1,500,000.

For 1 year Interest at 4⁰00⁰00 - Property Tax deducted - } £7,500 -

By Journal Entries.

The Committee Agreed thereto.

Thursday 24th Novemb^r 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The

in Governor
Ld^s Governor
in R^d heard
in Thornton
in Wintthrop
in Long.

Conferance with the
Chancellor of the Ex-
chequer, on the state
of the Bank's Silver
Bullion & —

The Governor reported, that the Deputy Governor and himself had yesterday waited upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and reported to him the reduced state of the Bank's Silver Bullion, and the apprehension the Committee entertained that in case Government should continue to require to be supplied with Bullion, in any manner to the amount it has lately been applied for, it will not be in the power of the Bank to accommodate them, without breaking in upon the store of Gold, which has been collecting with much anxiety, for several years. —

In answer to which the Chancellor of the Exchequer said, that at the present moment, he did not see a necessity for calling upon the Bank, for any of its Gold Bullion; every possible measure having been adopted by him for necessary supplies, through other channels; but, that should it become absolutely necessary, he would give sufficient previous notice, for the Subject to be considered by the Bank. —

Mr Governor.
Depy Gov.
Mr P. Mead
Mr Wintthrop &
Mr Long.

Wednesday 30th Novem. 1808.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Letter from Mr Dr. B.
French.

A Letter, addressed to the Governor, from Mr Nathl. Boyle French, was read, requesting that the Bills discounted for him, by the Bank, & which become due, on Saturday next, may be renewed, he having paid off £4000 of them, since the last renewal.

Resolved. That it be recommended to the Court of Directors, to comply with Mr French's application

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A Letter from Mr Kaye to the Governor was read, stating the insufficiency of the salary that had been proposed to be given to Mr Kaye, att. for his Superintendence on the Registration of Wills; and inclosing a Letter from Mr Hyatt to Mr Kaye, on this subject.

Resolved,

That the above Letters be referred to the Committee of Inspection for the Stock Offices. —

The Secretary laid before the Committee,

a Letter which he had received from Mr Trevelyan Secretary to the Post Office requesting information of the payment of certain Bank notes, alleged to have been lost, by Post, and also stating a request from their Lordships the Postmaster General that when such failures happen in future, Mr Trevelyan may be furnished with immediate information, of such notes being brought for payment to the Bank.

Resolved,

That a Letter be written to Mr Trevelyan by the Secretary, to acquaint him, that the Bank will endeavor to comply with the wishes of their Lordships, the Postmaster General, by giving information, as early as they conveniently can, of the Payment of notes, which shall be alleged to have been lost by Post.

An Application from Messrs Batley, James

Application regarding the redemption of £6⁰⁰ was read, requesting that the redemption of the Subscription to the Last Loan, which has been fixed for the 20th of January next, may be modified, & that the Proprietors may be allowed to redeem their Subscriptions by 3 successive payments.

Deferred —

Consideration of the above, was deferred, till the next Committee.

Application, regarding Stock, standing in the name of W. Beveridge, is stated to be the property of —

The Chief Accountant reported, that there was £5000 £s in A. Const. Annuities standing in the name of William Beveridge of Edinburgh, written to

—Continued—

to the Signet, who is deceased, and the Administrator alleges the same to be Trust Property, and has rendered the necessary Affidavits thereon, which have been sworn in Scotland before a Magistrate; but that the Act, under which relief in such Cases is afforded, directs the Affidavits, if required by the Bank, to be made before a Master Ordinary or Extraordinary in Chancery. That the Party prays the Documents he has presented may be admitted, as, in Scotland there is no Law Officer of the description just mentioned.

The Committee agreed thereto.

Application granted.

Report of Mr. Hase
regarding Mr. Bramah's
Machines —

Mr. Hase reported, that Mr. Bramah's machines are nearly completed and will soon be delivered to the Bank. He therefore suggested to the Committee, that it will be necessary to make the following Provisions; viz.

- 1st A Superintendent of the Machines, to keep them in a proper state for working.
- 2^d Two or three Porters; one of whom should understand something of Letter Press printing.
- 3^d A Room, with a good light, for commencing the working of the Machines. The room over the Chief Cashier's former Office was mentioned, as suitable for this purpose; the Wall in the Bullion Court not requiring to be taken down, till the end of March next.
- 4th Printing Balls, Ink, and a Machine for cutting the Paper, after printing it. Mr. Hase was desired to consult Mr. Jones, on this Subject.

Petition of Amos
Barnes —

— not complied
with —

A Petition from Amos Barnes, Bullion Porter, stating, that he has to pay £20 13. 6 for an Apothecary's Bill, and praying relief: — was not complied with.

Wednesday 7th Decr 1808

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Dividend Warrant and Bank notes, and ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors. viz^t

Christ. Thomas	1 Div ^d warrant	£15.	Lost above 12 months
Henry Crops	1 Bank note	2	
Thos. Waller	1 do	2	
Robert Allington	1 do	1	Mutitatis & the amount of dates not ascertained.
William Evans	1 do	1	
Peter Watts	1 do	1	
James Bowler	1 do	1	

Petition of Fitzjohn Wade, to exchange Securities on some Bank Notes; con- sidered with.

On reading a Petition from Fitzjohn Wade, the Committee agreed, that he be permitted to exchange the Securities which have been accepted by the Bank, on Account of the loss of Bank notes to the amount of £150; provided the new Securities which he has now proposed, be approved by the Committee in Waiting.

Sum to be carried to General Ledger-

The Chief Accountant proposed, to carry £32,000 received for Interest from the United East India Company for Loans, on Mortgage of £3 per Cent and other Securities, to the Account of Private Loans, in the General Ledger, by Journal Entry.

to allow to Elizabeth Frances.

Ordered. That £10 be granted to Elizabeth Frances, for the interment of her father David Francis deceased late a weekly pensioner on the Bank

the Governor
Raides
Winthrop &
Long. —

Thursday 8th December 1808.

Application from Bankers, Davies & others, requesting that the redemption of the Subscription to the Loan of the present Year, pledged to regard the redemption of the advances made on the last Loan — of the Subscription to the Loan of the present Year, pledged and fixed for the 20th Jan^y next, at the 10th rank, may be modified & made by three successive payments; and application having been made to the Governor, by one of the Parties, that the before mentioned date should be altered to the 27th Jan^y. It was

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors, that the redemption of the advances on the Loan of 1808 — be made as follows. viz^t

£ 30 per Cent. on or before the — 27th Jan^y 1809.

£ 30 per Cent. — — — — 3 Feb^y — "

£ 40 per Cent. — — — — 17th — — "

The Proprietors of the Receipts to pay the instalment of £ 15 per Cent. which is to be made on the 15th Jan^y 1809.

A request of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, reported to be accommodated in a conversation yesterday, with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, a desire was expressed by him, to be accommodated, occasionally, with some Foreign Gold Coin.

The Governor reported to the Committee, that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, a desire was expressed by him, to be accommodated, occasionally, with some Foreign Gold Coin, for the sake of a more easy conveyance, than that of Silver, to the British Army, serving abroad.

Resolved, That upon application being received to be granted to a limited amount, from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, he be accommodated with Foreign Gold Coin, to an amount, not exceeding £ 100,000.

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Wednesday 14th December 1808. -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were

read.

The Committee examined Affidavits

regarding the undermentioned Bank Notes, and ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors. viz.

Thomas Parsons	200 Bank notes £244	1. Lost 2. 200 - sinister part lost.
William Bennett	3 - do	35. Debit part lost.
Richard Dolves	1 - do	1. mutilated & the hol. & date
Thomas Lambert	1 - do	1. } not ascertained
Captain George Cole	1 - do	2. Debit part lost.

do 1 - £10 - Debit part lost. The sinister part of this note having been brought to the Bank by Will^m Harris, a Corporal in the Cornwall Militia, and Captain Cole having stated, that Harris has since confessed his having received it from certain persons, who, it is supposed stole it from Capt. Cole - the Committee agreed - that if an acknowledgment from Harris be procured, of his relinquishing all claim to the said note, it be paid to Captain Cole on his giving the usual Security.

Petition of Mary
Fawcett -

On reading a Petition from Mary Fawcett

the Widow of Will^m C. Fawcett dec^d, late a Clerk in this House,

Ordered.

That £7. 3 - 0, the sum paid by W. C.

Fawcett to the Clerk's Widows Fund, be paid to his widow; he not having subscribed the prescribed term, to become free of the said Fund.

No other relief was granted to the said

Mary Fawcett, her Circumstances not being ascertained, to the satisfaction of the Committee.

On

Petition of William Wilders
House Porter & Watchman (employed in the Army)
Wilders—

On reading a Petition from William Wilders,
stating a long illness of himself and his wife, and that
he has the undermentioned sums to pay, vizt

To a Substitute for his watch duty	£ 6.5.0
To an Apothecary (chiefly for his wife)	14.3.11
To a Nurse for do	6
	26.8.11.

Ordered,

Relief granted.

That Fifteen Guineas be granted for
the relief of the said William Wilders. —

Application from Miss
Dilworth & Co. regarding
£ Bank Notes of £1 each
allotted to £2 notes.

On reading an Application from Miss
Dilworth & Co. of Lancaster, stating that some Bank
notes of £1 each (but which had previously ^{been altered} to £2 notes)
had passed thro' their hands; & requesting to be paid
the amount of the notes, as they were originally issued
from the Bank.

Agreed to.

The Committee Agreed thereto. —

Ordered,

The Foreign Gold Coins
laid to Government, to
be charged at 4 per Cent.

That the Foreign Gold Coin lately
granted for the accommodation of Government, be
charged, at 4 per Cent.

Directions from the
regard the issue of
Notes to the Public.

Mr. Hase attended the Committee, &
received Directions to issue the Half Crowns, and some
of the stamped Dollars in the Store of the Bank, with
the Sixpences & Shillings that shall be paid in
change by the Bank to the Public. —

Report of the Chief Ac-
countant, on Powers of
Attorney required to
act on the same day
they are not, by Bank.

The Chief Accountant stated to the
Committee, that applications for leave to act on
Powers of Attorney for the sale of Stock, on the same
day they are brought to the Bank, are very numerous,
and that, in some instances, the Parties do

not

not produce the Documents, on which such immediate Transfers are requested; in which Cases, he has declined to comply with the Applications. The Committee approved of his Proceedings; and Directed, that no Sale of Stock be allowed to take place on the same day that the Powers of Attorney, authorising the same, are brought to the Bank; without special & satisfactory Reasons being given for the same).

Instructions given
to the Bank

Mr Governor &
full Committee.

Minutes read.

Officer as it stands.

Examination of
Officers & Heads of
Offices.

over,

Of Accounts of
Attendance.

Wednesday 21st Decemr. 1808.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Committee examined an Affidavit regarding the undermentioned Bank Post Bill, and Ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court.

John Jenkins — 1. B. Post Bill — £10. wanting an Indorsement

The Committee conversed with Mr. Collins, Mr. Daves and Mr. Hase, regarding the business of their respective Offices, and the conduct of their Assistants: And also examined the undermentioned Heads of Offices, respecting the conduct of the Clerks and the execution of the business, during the present quarter.

- Mr Collins — Head of the Cashiers in the Hall and Treasury.
- Mr Humble — Head of the Bullion Office.
- Mr Madden — Head of the Exchequer &c
- Mr Holland — Storekeeper.

The several Accounts of Attendances were also examined, and the Committee remitted the

the forfeiture of Salary, in every Case of occasional Absence, and Ordered the Morning Money to be paid to the Clerks, according to their respective Attendances. The Proportion to each of the following Clerks, to be doubled. viz^t

Proportions to be doubled. —
 To Mr. Madden ——— Head of the Policy Office
 Mr. Smart ——— Head of the Clerks in the Cashier's Office.
 Mr. Watts ——— Clerk, in the Secretary's Office.

Resolved.

Report to be made to the Court —

That a Report, conformable with the foregoing Proceedings, be made to the Court of Directors.

Letter from Mr. Bramah made —

A Letter from Mr. Bramah was read, stating, that he has finished and delivered one Printing Machine, and that he is proceeding with the remaining 29 Machines, sixteen of which have been ready for delivery about a fortnight, and have been delayed, only on account of some improvements, which have been proposed by Mr. Hase, in the casting & applying the Type: but that should this delay be continued, he could not be answerable for any risk of Fire, or otherwise, while in his possession. He also requested to be paid for the 16 Machines, which have been already completed.

16 of his Machines to be sent to S^d Bank —

Resolved.

That Mr. Bramah be directed to send the 16 Machines mentioned above, to the Bank; and that upon their being inspected and approved by Mr. Hase, £3000 to be paid to Mr. Bramah, on account —

One of his Machines inspected, & approved, in conformity with the propositions made by Mr. Hase thereon —

One of Mr. Bramah's Machines was then shewn to the Committee, together with a stereotype Case for printing the Date on a Bank Note. And Mr. Hase having proposed, that the

the Casts be made in 3 pieces, for the purpose of lessening the number of them that must be made for every day, in every year, if in one piece — Mr Bramah was requested to confer with Mr Wilson on this subject; and also to learn from him, the terms on which he would agree to supply the Bank with such Stereotype Casts, as may be wanted.

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Resolved,

Directions regard
Minutes of Court
of Chief Accountant
Chief Cashier.

That the Secretary be directed to transcribe, every Court day, in Books to be kept for that purpose, such part of the Minutes of Court, as relate to the Chief Cashier's and Chief Accountant's Departments, respectively: That the respective Books be kept by the said Chiefs, or by their Deputies, for their use only, in their Offices; that on the Mornings of the Court, they send the same, into the Secretary's Office, to be by the Secretary returned, on the same Evening, with the necessary Entries made therein.

The Governor acquainted the Committee with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, that the Bank may purchase such Spanish Doubloons as might at this period be procured in the market at a price, not exceeding 85 per ounce: which he had consented to do; and proposed to the Committee, that on such purchases being made, an Advance should be allowed to Mr. Hase, to pay for the same, in order that this business may be kept from the publicity of the usual transactions of the Bullion Office.

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Agreed to

The Committee Agreed thereto.

Mr Governor
 Mr Deputy Governor
 Mr Thompson &
 Mr Winstrop.

Friday 23^d December 1808.

The following Letter from the Chancellor of the
 Exchequer having been read, viz^t

Treasury Chambers 23^d Dec. 1808

Letter from the Chan-
 cellor of the Exchequer.

Gentlemen,
 I beg leave to represent to you, that it will
 be a great accommodation to the public Service, if your
 Court will consent to purchase Exchequer Bills, to the
 Amount of Two Millions. — I request therefore you will
 have the goodness to move your Court to consent to such
 purchases, accordingly. I have the honor to be &c
 To the Governor & Deputy Governor
 of the Bank.

Yr Perceval.

— Statement of
 Mr Alcock thereon.

And Mr Alcock having stated to the Committee
 that it had been from inadvertence, the above Request had
 not been sooner made, and that the Accommodation is,
 at this moment, essentially necessary — It was
 Resolved,

— Resolution of the
 Committee thereon.

That One Million of the above Bills, be
 this day purchased; And that it be recommended to the
 Court to comply with the further Request contained in
 the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Letter. —

Mr Governor.
 Mr Deputy Governor.
 Mr Barker
 Mr Winstrop &
 Mr Long.

Wednesday 4th January 1809.

The Minutes of the two last Meetings were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits respecting
 the following Dividend Warrant, Bank Post Bills and
 Bank Notes, and ordered payment of the same, subject
 to the approbation of the Court & Directors.

William Cartwright 1. Div^d Warrant — £2. Lost above 12
 months.

Jacob

- Jacob Whitbread Esq	1 B. Post Bill	£50 -	Debit part lost
- Edw ^d Kelsey Rockett	1 - do	10 -	Lost above 12 months
- David Simpson	1 B. note	10 -	do do
- William Cooke	1 - do	5 -	Debit part lost
- William Tighe	11 - do	20 -	do do
Pierce Roberts	1 - do	1 -	} mutilated & the number not dated not ascert.
Edward Morris	1 - do	1 -	

Ordered,

That the Secretary be directed not, in future,

Dividend warrants, lost
not to be advertised.

to require that Dividend warrants, which are lost, be advertised;
when applications are made for payment of the same.

in Governor & Dep^y Sec^y.
in Banker
Shanton
Winthrop &
Long.

Wednesday 11th January 1809.

The Minutes of the last Committee were read.

Affidavits exam^d.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the
following Bank Post Bills and Bank notes, and ordered payment
of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

Charles Heath	1 Bank Post Bill	£15.	not insured.
Joseph Burrows	1 Bank note	5.	Lost at Sea.
John Cardley Wilmoth	1 - do	10 -	} Baruk
Thomas Clare	1 - do	2	
Elija Roberts	1 - do	1	
John Dunn King	2 - do	6.	Debit parts lost
Henry Liddon	1 - do	2.	do & Date not ascertained.

Resolved,

That Luke Sturley the senior Clearer, be ap-
pointed Librarian to the Hall Department, in the room of John
Sparkes Cox, who has been placed at the head of the Post Bill
Office.

Luke Sturley
Appointed Senior
Clearer.

Petition of Rich^d
Jones.

A Petition from Richard Jones, formerly a
Clerk in this house was read, requesting further relief from
the Bank, on account of illness and poverty. The Committee
in reference to their Minute of 24th Feb. 1808 - on a former petition
from Mr Jones, declined to comply with his present request.

Ordered,

Gratuity allowed to
John Mott, for carrying
papers to of Chancery Office.

Ordered. That a gratuity of £10 per annum be allowed to
John Mott, one of the messengers of the Chief Cashier's Office for
carrying the daily duplicates of the ^{Bank} Chancery Office, to the Chancery
Office in Lincoln's Inn: that sum having been allowed to John
Griffin ^{senr} for this service.

Application of Samuel
Cooper, Door Keeper.

An application was read from Saml Cooper
the Head Door Keeper, for an increase to the sum granted to
him, for House Rent, Coals &c - on account of the loss of his
apartments at the Bank.

Resolved.

A Special Meeting
of the Committee to consider
the same & other matters
connected therewith.

That a special meeting of this Com^{tee}
mittee be summoned for Friday the 20th instant, at 12 o'clock,
to consider the above application; and also other matters
connected therewith. And that the Committee meet on
Thursday tenth night at eleven o'clock, instead of Wednesday,
for the current business.

Mr Governor
Depy Governor
Wentworth
Long. —
D

Wednesday 18th January 1809.

The Committee met this day, instead of tomorrow,
and the Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Affidavit of and.

An Affidavit regarding the following Bank
notes was read, and payment of the same Ordered, subject
to the approbation of the Court of Directors. viz^t.

George Devon — 5 Bank notes — £34. Deter parts lost.

Mr Bramah & Wilson
Propose to furnish the
Stereotype Plates.

Mr Bramah and Mr Wilson, attended the
Committee, and delivered proposals, on which they were
willing to supply the Bank with Stereotype Plates, to be
used in the new machines for printing the numbers and

Mr Kaye to draw
up an Agreement for
the same.

Dates in Bank notes; The Committee Agreed thereto; &
directed Mr Kaye to draw up an Agreement to bind
the Parties to the fulfillment of these engagements.

The

The Terms were, as under,

Transferring 21,900 Middle pieces (the two rates and the word
London, in each piece) at 2 1/2 p. piece — £2190 —
14,500 End pieces (Years) at 3 each — 180 —
Eleven Punches for the years — 22 —

And to cast in stereotype metal as many single figures,
and No's as may be required, at the rate of 3 p. the.

The Governor
Lynn Governor
Rankin
Thomson
Winthrop

Friday 20th January 1809.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr Cooper's Applica-
tion considered.

The Committee having taken into consideration
the application of Samuel Cooper, the Head Door Keeper, for
an increase of the sum granted to him for House Rent,
Taxes & Coals, on account of the loss of his Apartment, at
the Bank; And, it being deemed expedient to know the
Amount of the various Articles which certain of the
Officers and Servants of the Bank are accustomed to
order for their use — The Secretary presented and ac-
count of the amount of Articles of Tinware, Turnery,
Upbolstery Coals and Candles, which have been sup-
plied to the ^{paid} Officers, Doorkeepers, Gate Porters and
Messengers, in the year 1808.

Accounts of
Messengers & cer-
tain Officers & ser-
vants presented.

Resolved, That an Account similar to the above, be
rendered to the Committee, for the years 1805. 1806 & 1807,
separately. It was also

Other Accounts
read.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of
Directors — to allow an annual sum to such Officers
Doorkeepers, Gate Porters and Messengers, as do not live
within the Bank, in lieu of the several Articles which
they have been accustomed to order for their use; but
that these allowances be not granted to such Officers
and

Recommendation to
the Court, to allow an
annual sum to certain
Officers & Servants
instead of the Arti-
cles they have usually
ordered —

Continued—

and Servants, as shall succeed them, in their respective appointments. And that it be also recommended to the Court, that Coals only, from the Store, be granted, in future, for the use of such of the Officers and Servants, who have Apartments in the Bank; And that an annual Sum be granted to each of them, in lieu of all the other Articles, which they have been ^{long} accustomed to order from the several Tradesmen, at the expense of the Bank.

the Governor
Syr Gov.
Rdke.
Thomson,
Winthrop &
Long.

Wednesday 25th January 1809.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding Affidavits examined.

the undermentioned Bank Notes; and ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court: viz

William Smith	— 1 B. note —	£5. Burnt.
Thomas Cripe	— 1 do —	5. part burnt.
Elizabeth Fay	— 1 do —	5. part burnt & lost.
Arthur Richards	— 1 do —	10. in receipt &c.

Petition of Thomas Gould-Horn Paten.

A Petition was read from Thomas Gould one of the Announcers and House Porter, stating that he has been subjected to considerable expenses, on account of the sickness of his Wife and Child, and therefore praying for relief. The Committee rejected the same.

Rejected.

Accounts to be carried to the General Ledger

The Chief Accountant proposed, to credit the Account of Profit and Loss, in the General Ledger, with the amounts of the half yearly Payments from the Exchequer, amounting to £178 254 1-8. And also to credit the said Account with £150 9-5. received from Messrs Battye & Fowler, to make good deficiencies, on the account of Robert Aslett: by Journal Entries.

The

Agreed to

The Committee Agreed thereto.

late of Stock in the name of John Campbell No. applied for

The Chief Accountant reported, that Mr John Tanno, Attorney to Mr Thomas Thompson, acting Executor of Colin Campbell late of Kingston Jamaica Esq had be-
manded to sell £4000 to Mr O'Connell (part of £10,000) standing in the name of the deceased, which he has bequeathed to his four daughters. That the words of the Bequest having been considered, and Mr Kaye's Opinion taken thereon,

The Bank send transfer had been refused, in consequence of which the with a writ.

Bank has been served with a Writ, to appear in the Court of King's Bench, to defend the action.

Resolved,

That it be recommended to the Court of

Recommendation of Court thereon

Directors, to Order, that Messrs Winter and Kaye do appear for and defend the Bank, in the above action.

Dividend warrant lost, and paid on security since found

The Chief Accountant further stated that a Dividend Warrant, No 116091 - £35-5-0 - being half a years interest due 5th Jan'y 1803, on £2350 to Mr O'Connell and had been lost by Mr Robert Hankey; and that a Duplicate Warrant had been paid him, on Security, and transmitted to the Exchequer. That the original Warrant had lately been found, and brought to the Bank, by Mr Hankey, in consequence of which the Security Board had been delivered to him. And it was now proposed, that the Original Warrant, be destroyed.

The Original Warrant to be destroyed

The Committee Agreed thereto.

Mr Governor
Deputy Governor
Messrs
Messrs
Messrs
Messrs

Wednesday 4. February 1804.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The

affidavit open.

The Committee examined an Affidavit, re-
garding the undermentioned Bank note, and Ordered payment
for the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.
Benjamin Bernard — 1. Bank Note — £50. — *Minister's part*
lost —

The Chief Accountant laid before the Com-

Scheme for holding
a General Court and
for the Annual Meet-
ing —

notice the following Propositions —

The General Court for declaring the ensuing

Dividend on Bank Stock — to be on Thursday the 23rd March

Dividend Warrants to be promised — do — 6 April

Lists of Proprietors to be delivered — Tuesday — 28 March

Governor and Deputy Governor to be
Elected — do — 11 April

Directors to be Elected — Wednesday 12th do

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— The laid before
the Court.

Resolved.

That the above be laid before the Court of

Directors, tomorrow.

Two Letters from Mr Bernard to Mr

Letter from Mr Ber-
nard, to Mr Thornton

Samuel Thornton were read, and also the Heads of
Clauses proposed to be inserted in an Act, for the Enact-
ment of Charities — These Papers were referred for the
consideration of the Chief Accountant.

— referred to the
Chief Accountant

Thursday 2nd Feb^y 1849.

Mr Governor
Deputy Gov.
Baikes
Thornton
Winstrop
Long.

The Governor laid before the Committee the
following Letter.

My Dear Sir.

Letter from Mr B.
Francis.

By a mistake, I omitted applying to
you before, to say that the Bills of Mess^{rs} Rowcroft & Co.
are due on Saturday, and that I hope the Bank
will again indulge me by their renewal.

Thursday,

I am &c

Wm Bogle Francis.

To the Governor of the Bank.

Resolved

Mr French's Request
complied with the
request to see two
Bank notes with re-
ference to the inquiry in-
to the conduct of the Duke
of York

Answer of the
Committee.

Further answer.

Mr Governor.
Ldps Gov.
Parker
Thomson.
Winthrop
Long.

Resolved. That the accommodation requested by Mr French be granted; and that it be reported to the next Court of Directors. —

The Governor stated, that Mr Kaye had applied for the sight of two Bank Notes, in order that it might be known through whose hands they have passed, with reference to the inquiry now going on, in the House of Commons, regarding the conduct of the Duke of York.

Mr Hall was directed to acquaint Mr Kaye, that the Bank never give ex parte evidence; but that if one of their clerks be summoned to attend the House of Commons, the requisite information might be obtained.

Mr Kaye afterwards came to the Committee, & leave was given him to look at the said notes; but with an understanding, that the other parties, should have the same permission granted to them, if they should apply for the same.

Tuesday 7th Feb 1809.

The minutes of the last Committee were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding Affidavits examined the following Bank Post Bills and Bank notes; and Ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors. vizt

Sarah Glynn — 1. Bank P. Bill — £57. 8. 6. Lost by Post
Samuel Carter — 1. B. note — 5 — part lost
Robert Watters — 1. do — 1 — mutilated & the re-
Data not ascertained

Petition of Charles
Carter

On reading the Petition of Charles Carter House Porter and Watchman, stating that he received a Hurt while on duty at the Bank, and in consequence has an Apothecary's Bill to pay, amounting to £5. 9. 0.

Ordered

— Relief granted to
that Carter.

Resolved. That Long's be granted for the relief of Charles
Carter; but that his application for payment of the Apothecary's
Bill, on account of his wife's illness, be not complied with.

Mr Hase having Reported that ^{Mr} B. Kelly had

B. Kelly, defunct - not made the 8th payment on £1000 Omnium deposited by him
in a payment on
the loan, &c

at the Bank, and that the Bank for its own security had made
thesame. That Mr Kelly had stated to Mr Hase his total
inability to repay it to the Bank, except he were permitted to
redeem part of the Omnium, without producing the acknow-
ledgment he received when it was deposited, which he had
lodged with another person, without giving an Order on the
Bank thereof; and that Mr Kelly had also failed to repay
the £60 per Cent of the advances made for him, on the said
Omnium; —

Resolved,

— Directions to
Mr Hase thereon.

That if Mr Kelly does not redeem the
Omnium, before the 15th Inst Mr Hase be authorised to sell
so much of it, as will repay the Bank the Advances it
has made thereon, together with Interest on the same. The
disposal of the remainder, to be for the future consideration
of the Committee.

Articles of Agree-
ment between Mr
Bramah Wilson and
the Bank presented.

Mr Hase presented, from Mr Kaye, the
Articles of Agreement between Messrs Bramah & Wilson
on the one part, and the Governor & Company of the Bank
on the other part, for supplying the Bank with certain
stereotyped Plates, to be used in Mr Bramah's new machinery
for printing the numbers and Dates on Bank notes; agree-
ably to a Minute of this Committee on the 18th Ult^o. Messrs

Bramah & Wilson having executed their Copy of the
Agreement, it was Agreed, that the other Copy be laid
— before the Court, for the purpose of being Sealed. —
before the Court.

Thursday 9th Feb 1809.

This day the Governor signed an Order for the payment of £6.5.0 to Mr Mitchell of the Vote Office, for transmitting Bills he brought into Parliament, and for Copies of certain Bills, in the last Session. —

Wednesday 15th Feb 1809.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits respecting

the undermentioned Bank Post Bills and Bank Notes, and ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors. viz

- Chas Aug^r Busby — 1 Bank Post Bill £20. Lost above 12 months.
- John Claudius Beresford — 1 Do — 100 — part lost.
- Blorp^r Harvey Jun^r — 1 B. Note — 50 — Lost above 12 months.
- William Bennett — 1 Do — 40 — Simultaneously lost.
- Thomas Stephenson — 1 Do — 1. { mutilated, the Principal lost
- Peter Ryder — 7 Do — 7 — not ascert?

A Letter was read from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, requesting that the Bank will consent to advance the sum of Three Millions, on the Credit of Exchequer Bills, to be charged on the Annual Duties on Malt, Sugar, Tobacco, & Snuff; and on Pensions and Offices, when the Act of Parliament shall have passed.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to comply with the Chancellor of the Exchequer's request.

An Application from Mess^r Butters, Agents to the Bristol Dock Company is as read, requesting that the Bank will consent to extend the advance of £50,000 (part of the £100,000 which had been advanced by the Bank) for one year; from the 30th April 1809 to 30th April 1810, on Bills to be drawn

as

Application from
the Bristol Dock Company
continued.

as follows.

£25,000 - To be drawn on Bills, at 2 months, up on Messrs. Thellipson
Brothers & Co. to the order of Messrs. Butters, and by them
to be presented for Discount.

£25,000 - To be drawn on Bills at 2 months, up on Messrs. Finnis
De Tastet & Co. to the order of Messrs. Hunt & Co. and by
them to be presented for Discount.

It was also stated, that £35,000 has been dis-
charged, and that £15,000 more will be paid, by the seventh
of March next: leaving only the sum of £50,000 which it
is the intention of the Company to pay off, gradually, in the
course of the period above mentioned. The application then
stated the reasons, on which the continuance of £50,000 has
been solicited.

Recommended
to the Court.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors
to comply with the above application. —

Petition of Susanna
Coleman.

On reading the Petition of Susanna Coleman
the Widow of William Coleman dec'd - late a Clerk in the
Discount Office, but who had retired, on a Pension; —

Who put on the
Directors' Fund.

Ordered, That Susanna Coleman be put upon the
Directors' Charitable Fund, to receive an annual Allowance
from the same.

Resolved, That the following Report be made to the
Court of Directors.

Report to the Court
proposing Allowances
to certain Officers and
Sewants, in lieu of
Fire, Wares, Coals, &c.

The Court of Directors, having approved of
the Resolution of this Committee, on the 20th Ult^o recommending,
that an Annual Sum be granted to certain Officers and Ser-
vants, in lieu of the several Articles which they have been
accustomed to Order for their use; and referred it to this Com-
mittee to carry the same into effect. — The Committee proceeded
to examine an Account of the amount of Articles of Fire, Wares,
Turnery, Upholstery, Coals and Candles, which have been
supplied to the said Officers and Servants, for several Years
past, and of the average ^{annual} amount of the same, and

Report continued.

it was Agreed to recommenced to the Court of Directors, that the following sums be granted to the Officers and Servants, respectively, in lieu of the several Articles which they have been accustomed to order and received. viz

resides out of the Bank.	To Mr Hase	Chief Cashier	In lieu of Lin ware Turnery ware & Candles	£ 50 per Ann
" In the Bank	To Mr Rippon	his Deputy	In lieu of Lin ware Turnery & Candles	40 —
" do	To Mr Dawes	Chief Accountant	do do	40 —
" do	To Mr Hutcheson	his Deputy	do do	40 —
" Out of the Bank	To Wm. Cooper	Boat Keeper	In consideration of the loss of his apartments in the Bank and fuel, Lin ware Turnery, Candles & Candles	90 —
" In the Bank	To Geo. Banks	2 ^d do	In lieu of Lin ware Turnery & Candles	12 —
" do do	To Joseph Shackell	3 ^d do	do do	12 —
" do do	To Joseph Bruce	4 th Gate Porter	do do	12 —
" Out of the Bank	To James Elliot	2 ^d do	In lieu of Coals and Candles	10 —
" In the Bank	To Thomas Shackell	3 ^d do	In lieu of Lin ware Turnery & Candles	12 —
" Out of the Bank	To Jas. Rotten	4 th do	In lieu of Coals & Candles	10 —
" In the Bank	To Rich ^d . Bromage	1 st Messenger	In lieu of Lin ware Turnery & Candles	9 —
" Out of the Bank	To John Bales	2 ^d do	In lieu of Coals & Candles	10 —
" do do	To James Thornton	3 ^d do	do do	10 —

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The Committee have to mention, that no Annual Allowance is proposed in the above Account, in lieu of Articles of Upholstery which have been supplied to several of the Officers and Servants; it being the opinion of the Committee, that as a sum has been allowed for fitting up the Houses in the Bank, when they were first occupied by the said Officers and Servants, it is not expedient to grant an Annual Sum for Upholstery.

The Committee have also to observe, that agreeably to a Resolution of the Court, on the 20th Ult^o. the allowances proposed to be granted to the Officers & Servants who reside out of the Bank, are to cease, whenever the Situations which they occupy, shall be filled by other Persons. And that if the Court shall Approve of the regulations

Report continued.

regulations now submitted to them, they may take place, at Lady Day next. And that it will be necessary to give directions to the Storekeeper, that, after that time, no Articles, (except Coals from the Store to such Officers & Servants as live within the Bank) are to be allowed for any Officer or Servant of the House.

Bank 15th Feb'y 1809.

Resolved,

That the following Report, be also made

Report to the Court,
regarding the residence
of the Chief Officers of
the Bank, in the House.

The Committee having taken into consideration the reference of the Court of Directors, of the 26th Ult^o "to consider the propriety of allowing the Chief Officers of the Bank, to reside out of the House".

Report,

That having caused the Minutes of the Court to be examined, as well as of those Committees which have been, from time to time appointed, to regulate the business of the Bank; they find,

That as far back as the year 1694, when the business of the Bank was transacted at Grocers Hall, Apartments were provided for the Chief Cashier, and that at a subsequent period, the Chief Accountant seems to have taken the Apartments, formerly allotted to the Chief Cashier. And it appears to the Committee, (though it is not on record) that from time to time, the Governor has given directions regarding the residence of the Chief Cashier and Chief Accountant, within the Bank.

It also appears, that the regulations which of late have been established, are more perfect than they have been at any antecedent period; and that the residence of the Chief Cashier, or his Deputy, as well as of the Chief Accountant, or his Deputy, are indispensibly necessary. But care being taken in the

Report contd—

the appointment of the Deputy, it is of little consequence¹⁶⁷ which of them occupies the House, provided that in the occasional absence of the one residing in the Bank, a point be made, of the attendance of the other.

Joint Committee is, however, of opinion, that instead of having Houses for the Chief Accountant and his Deputy, it will be more convenient, to have only one of them, within the Bank; and more so, to have one of the Secretaries, instead of the other Accountant.

Friday 17th February 1809.

The Chief Accountant laid before the Committee

the Governor
Mr R. Pearce
Mr Winstrop.

Accounts laid before
the Committee of the Gains
& Profits of the Bank,
with reference to an
Appropriation thereon.

the Account of the Gains and Profits of the Bank, on an Average of 3 Years, to 23rd February 1808, for the purpose of making an Appropriation thereon for the Year, ending 5th April 1809; And also the Amount carried to the Debit of Discounted Bills unpaid, for the Years 1806, 1807 & 1808, with the sums received thereon, to the present time; as stated by Mr Harris, the Clerk who has the management of the Unpaid Bills, by which it appeared, that the Amount — Unpaid Bills discounted in that period is £32528.19.8; and the Accountant submitted for consideration, whether the same should not be deducted from the Aggregate of the three Years?

Average of Discounted
Bills unpaid for
20 Years past—

On reference to Mr Harris it appeared, that the Average for the last 20 Years, was about $1\frac{1}{3}\frac{1}{2}$ in the pound, received on the Amount of Discounted Bills, unpaid.

On which,

A Sum to be deducted
on account of losses
paid on Bills, now, & at
future Appointments.

The Committee directed, that £32528.19.8 should be deducted from the Aggregate Profits for the 3 Years; And that the Accounts for the Appropriation should, in future, be made out on the same principle. —

Saturday.

Saturday 18th February 1809.Mr Governor
Windsor.Sir Arthur Piggott's Opinion
on the Will of John
Campbell &c.

Mr Kaye laid before the Committee the Opinion of Sir Arthur Piggott, on the Case of John Campbell &c. and John Tunnis Attorney to Mr Thomas Thayer on the acting Executor John Campbell, as mentioned in a Minute of the 25th ult. to be referred to the Court of Directors, and which Minute was agreed to, by the Court. Mr Kaye mentioned, that this Cause had been removed from the Court of King's Bench, into the Court of Chancery.

— Another Opinion
on the Will.

Resolved, That the joint Opinion of Sir Arthur Piggott and Mr Richards, be taken on this Case.

Memorial of W. B.
Kelley.

The Governor laid before the Committee a Memorial from Mr Barnaby Bland Kelley, regarding the Omnium which he has deposited at the Bank, under the circumstances mentioned in a Minute on the 7th instant. And Mr Hase reported, that Mr Kelley has since proposed a Mr Wilkinson to be a joint security to indemnify the Bank, against any action or expence which may hereafter be incurred, by delivering up the Omnium, without the return of the acknowledgment which had been given to Mr Kelley when the Omnium was deposited; and which, he states to be in the possession of Mr Mr. Dan Rose, who refuses to give up the same.

It being the Opinion of Mr Kaye, that as the said Printed Acknowledgment engages for the delivery of the Omnium to Mr Kelley, or his Order, it is thereby a negotiable instrument; and if at any future time endorsed by Mr Kelley might subject the Bank to an Action & Expences.

— Directions given
to Mr Hase, to act in
the Case of Mr Kelley.

Mr Hase was directed to inquire into the Circumstances of Mr Wilkinson, who is stated to be willing to unite with Mr Kelley, to indemnify the Bank, in the present Case: And if the inquiry should prove satisfactory, to desire the Bank's Directors to draw up a Bond of Indemnity to be executed by Mr Kelley and Mr Wilkinson; and that the Omnium be then delivered

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to Mr Kelley, on his repaying all the advances which have been made by the Bank, with interest thereon.

Tuesday 21th February 1809.

Statement on the
Gains & Profits of the
Bank - signed -

This day, the Governor, Deputy Governor John Raikes, three of the Commissioners for the Bank, under the Property Act, signed an Affidavit of £110,700 - On the Gains and Profits of the Bank and also of £35,650-40-4 on the Interest of the permanent Debt from Government to the Bank - for the year ending the 5th April 1809. -

the Governor
Deputy Governor
Raikes
Thomson
Wintthrop &
Long.

Wednesday 22^d Feb 1809.

The minutes of the meetings of the Committee, since Wednesday last were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undermentioned Bank notes, and ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

Francis Rivers	1	Bank note	£10-	} Lost above 12 months.
Henry Bray	1	do	5	
James Harris	1	do	50-	} Lost.
John Synges	1	do	5-	
Thomas Bruton	2	do	7-	} Respective parts lost.
J. Watson Green	1	do	40	
Drayson Moore	1	do	10-	} Similar parts lost.

Petition of Mary Roberts -
Widow of George Roberts Esq. who had been about 7 years a Clerk in this House,

Resolved,

Resolution
thereon. -

That £10. which it appears George Roberts had paid to the Clerks Fund, but to which he had subscribed long enough to be free of the same - be made good to his Widow, by the Bank. And

That in consideration of the good character which he bore in the Bank; his long and expensive illness; his having left a Widow and two infant Children, in destitute Circumstances, and of his not having served the Bank a sufficient time to entitle his Widow to any benefit, either from

from the Clerk's or the Directors Charitable Fund - that £150-
be granted for the relief of his Widow and Children.

A Bill of Exchange pre-
sented, that had 12 months
to run.

A Bill of Exchange which has nearly twelve
months to run, having been sent from the Treasury to be placed
to one of the Public Drawing Accounts kept for Government at
this House.

Directions to Mr
Halse thereon with
regard to other Bills
that have more than 3
months to run.

Mr Halse was directed to get a Tin Box, in order that
the said Bill, and also any others that have more than 3 months
to run, may be put therein, and deposited in the Director's Drawer
in the old Committee room, until they shall be wanted to be
presented for payment.

Resolved,

Mr Cuell to be put
on the List for the
Sunday Attendance.

That Mr Cuell the Head of the Discount
Office be put on the List of Clerks, to attend, in rotation at
the Bank, on Sundays; in the room of Mr Reid deceased.

Accounts to be carri-
ed to the General Ledger.

The Chief Accountant proposed to Debit the
Account of "Interest on Exchange Bills, by virtue of the
Contract with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, from
4 Novemb. 1808 to 4 Novemb. 1809" for 3 months Interest to
the 4 Feb'y ————— £8985-16-1

Deduct Property Tax ————— 897-11-7
And to Credit Profit & Loss for the same. Net. 8087-4-6

Also, to carry to the Credit of Profit & Loss 1/- from
the Account of Interest on Exchange Bills, by virtue of the
Contract &c. to 4 Nov. 1808: for Fractions to balance that
Account: — by Journal Entries. —

The Committee approved of the same.

The Court approves of
the Reports of this
Committee.

The Governor acquainted the Committee, that
the Court of Directors had approved of both the Reports which
had been presented on Thursday last; And had referred them
back to this Committee, to be carried into effect.

Instructions to be
given to the Store-
keeper, regard the House
allow'd to certain Officers
& Servants, in hire of
Furniture, Coals &c

The Committee then directed their Secretary to inform the
Treasurer, that after Lady-day next, the several Officers
and Servants, who have been accustomed to Order Tin ware,
Scurry, Coals and Candles, from the several Tradesmen
who

who supply the Bank, are to have an Annual Sum allowed, in lieu of the same. And that the several Porters and Messengers, who have been allowed a certain quantity of Coals and Candles, annually, are, after Lady day next, to have a Sum of money, in lieu thereof. Also, that, after Lady day next, no Articles for coft Coals from the Store to such Officers and Servants as live within the Bank are to be allowed to any Officer or Servant out of the Bank.

Resolved,

That the Chief Cashier be directed to confer with the Bank Solicitors, for the purpose of making such an alteration in the form of the printed Acknowledgment, given to the Public on Subscription Receipts for Loans being left at the Cashiers Office, to have Advances made by the Bank thereon, as may prevent the recurrence of such a Difficulty as the Bank have lately met with in the Case of Mr Kellay, mentioned in the recent proceedings of this Committee.

for the sake of the Bank
upon an alteration
in the Acknowledgment
given by the Bank, when
Loan Receipts are
deposited.

Opinion of Sir Arthur
Piggott & Sir Richard
Widdicombe Campbell
will do

The Bank Solicitors laid before the Committee the joint Opinion of Sir Arthur Piggott and Sir Richard Widdicombe Campbell, which the Committee, on the 17th Inst. had directed to be taken, on the Question - Whether the Bank are intitled to any and what relief against the Defendants? And whether under the Circumstances stated in the Bill, the Defendant Thompson (who alone has proved the Will) is intitled to make sale of £4000 Stock, as desired by him?

The Opinion stated - "As this Bill was filed before the Case of the Bank v. Lunn was argued, we recommend that it should remain until it be seen what Course the D^{ft} pursues, should he demur we would recommend the Demurrer to be argued; But if the Bank should wish the late instance of the Chancellor to be reconsidered, we think it would be more advisable to have the Demurrer in the Bank v. Lunn reheard, as it appears to us of the two Cases, that is rather the most favorable for the question to be maintained by the Bank. As the Chancellor, however, has bestowed much consideration upon the Case of the Bank v. Lunn, we do not think it very probable that any alteration in his opinion will be effected, in consequence of another Argument. If the D^{ft} in the Bank v. Thompson should not demur but answer, what Course the Bank should pursue will depend on the nature of his Answer". Signed - A. Piggott - Richard.

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Letter from Browder
regarding a Power of
Attorney arising from
the Will of C. Campbell.

A Letter from Messrs Cooney & Lawrie was then read, desiring
to know whether Mr Kaye, on the part of the Bank, would admit
the due execution of the Power of Attorney for transferring the
Stock, in the before mentioned Case one of the Witnesses thereto
being in Ireland?

The Bank Solicitors
instructed thereto about the due execution of the said Power.

The Committee instructed the Bank Solicitors

Mr Rankes
Mr Thornton
Wm Shrop
Lang

Mr Governor } about
Dep't Govt } on
Bank business.

Wednesday 1st March 1809.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding

The undermentioned Bank Notes, and ordered payment of
the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors, viz.

Stephen Duffield	1 Note	£1	} presented the number of Dates not ascertained
Thomas Collins	1 do	1	
William Mox	1 do	1	

The Chief Accountant proposed to Credit

Accounts to be car-
ried to General
Ledger

Profit and Loss, with the Amount received for Interest on
Loans, on Annuities 1808 / Scrip / — £46,922.1.1.

To Credit Interest on Loans advanced to Government, for the
purchase of Gold Bullion - rec'd of Henry Kaye — 16.5.3

To Debit Profit and Loss with the Sum of £8000, and to
Credit the Account of "Annual Allowance to the Governor
Deputy Governor and Directors" for the same.

To Debit General Charges with the Sum of £4534.17.6 from
the Account of Winter & Kaye, being the amount of their Bills
paid 10th Nov. 1808 /

To Credit Profit and Loss with the Amounts of the under-
mentioned Accounts: viz^t

Interest on Bills and Notes Discounted

do on Private Loans

Stamps for Transfers

Rents.

The Government of Ireland, for Management.

And

Continued

And to Debit Profit and Loss, with the Amounts of the under-mentioned Accounts, vizt
General Charges
Wages.
Taxes & Ecclesiastical Dues.
Tradersmen's Bills

The whole, by Journal Entries.

Also, to Credit the Account of Profit and Loss, with the following Sums vizt

£623. 11. 4- Profit on the Sale of Portugal Gold Coin.
4469. 16. 10 — Dr — — Spanish Dr.
13,782. 16. 10 — Dr — — Silver pieces of Eight.

Stock purchased
into the name of
John Ryan, in
error. —

Mr Olive stated to the Committee, that his House had received instructions, to purchase £700 Consols, into the name of John Ryan, and that by mistake £400 had been purchased. That the said John Ryan lives at Newfoundland & therefore Mr Olive requested to know, whether the Committee would allow of such an attestation in the said Transfer, as would rectify this Error, on an Indemnity being given to the Bank for the same.

Answer of the
Committee thereon,
to Mr Olive —

The Chief Accountant having Reported, that there is not any precedent of such an attestation being made, as is now requested — The Committee acquainted Mr Olive therewith, and stated the expediency of his obtaining a Power of Attorney from John Ryan to transfer the sum placed to his account, in error; and they Agreed, that in the mean time, a Stop be put on this Account, to prevent any improper transfer being made therefrom. —

Mr Governor.
Deputy Governor
Wentworth.

Thursday 2^d March 1809.

Ed. Puller's Bills
to be renewed, by
order of the Court.

The Court of Directors having consented to the Application of Mess^{rs} C & R Puller, that the Bills which have been discounted for their accommodation may be renewed for 6 months, from the times when they fall due; £6000 on the 11th and £4000, on the 26th Inst^o And referred it to this

this Committee, to carry the same into effect:—

The Committee gave directions to Mr. Bull, Head of the Discount Office, accordingly. —

Mr. Governor, and a
Full Committee.

Wednesday 8th March 1809.

The Minutes of the two last Meetings were read.

The Committee examined Affidavits regarding the undenominated Bank notes, and Ordered payment of the same, subject to the approbation of the Court of Directors.

Thos. Henry Tyler	17 Bank notes	— £101.	} Minister parts lost.
John Paulinus	2 — do	45.	
Rev. Sandford	3 — do	36.	

Mr. Hase acquainted the Committee, that a £1 Bank note, from a parcel of notes sent to the Inspecting Office, by Messrs. De la Rue & Co. on the 3rd Ult^o had been lost. Mr. Pincau, one of the Inspecting Cashiers, on that day, was therefore called in, and it appearing, that he had not marked the parcels of notes which he had examined and delivered to the Cash Book Office, the Committee informed him, that he must make good the loss of the said note; and they also admonished him, to be more attentive to his duty, in future.

Ordered,

That this Committee meet on Tuesday the 21st Instant, at 2 o'clock, to examine the Half Years Accounts: And, on Tuesday the 28th Instant, for the Advance of Salaries, and Gratuities. —

A Petition was read from Frances Sparke, Widow of Joseph Sparke, who died in the year 1800, after having been 27 Years in the Bank; 16 Years of which time, he was Assistant to the Chief Accountant. — It appeared, that the Court of Directors had granted £200 to Mrs Sparke's after her Husband's Death, And she

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she now stated, that her Income had been £120 per Annum, with a
reversionary Interest in £220 per Annum, on the demise of Mrs
Elizabeth Blotloe of Bedford, who is 92 Years of Age, but that she
had been obliged to sell part of her property from the Funds, by
which her Income has been reduced to £85 per Annum, for the
maintenance of herself and two Daughters. She therefore
prayed Relief.

Resolved, That in consideration of the Character and
Services of the late Joseph Sparke, and of the present condi-
tion of his Widow and her Daughters, it be recommended to
the Court, to grant a Pension of £40 per Annum to
Frances Sparke during pleasure, but not to be continued
longer than the life of Mrs Elizabeth Blotloe of Bedford: and
that at her death, and on Mrs Sparke coming into possession
of the reversionary Interest mentioned in the Petition, this
Pension from the Bank do cease and be discontinued. —

