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INTRODUCTION

PRIOR to 1887 the existence of two Grand Lodges in London during the second half of the eighteenth century was always referred to as "The Great Schism"; but in that year Henry Sadler published his *Masonic Facts and Fictions*, which, I believe, convinced all his readers but one (R. F. Gould) that no Schism or Secession had taken place, since the majority of those who founded the "Antients'" Grand Lodge had never owed allegiance to the premier Grand Lodge of 1717. Rather was it an invasion of the territory of the original Grand Lodge by Masons, most of whom derived their origin from the Grand Lodge of Ireland—an invasion at a time before any theory of exclusive territorial jurisdiction had been formulated.

It has often been taken for granted that the Lodges which banded themselves together to form the "Antients'" organisation in 1751 were some of the independent "St. John's" Lodges, which had been in existence some say from 1739, some from 1730 and some from 1717 or earlier; so far as I know, there is not the slenderest evidence that any of the five Lodges who formed the first nucleus had, in fact, been in existence for more than a matter of months, or possibly even weeks. And the fact that, when they arranged to have Warrants, they back-dated them only to July, 1751, precludes, in my opinion, any possibility that they could have been entitled to any materially greater seniority.

Unlike the older Grand Lodge, which expected a Lodge to be Constituted *before* it could begin to work, the Rules and Orders of the "Antients" (v. Rule 8) require that

"No . . . Warrant shall be granted to any Brothers to hold a Lodge until such time they have first form'd a Lodge of Ancient Masons and sitt Regularly in a Credible House and then to Apply by Petition . . ."

indicating that they expected a Lodge to be working for several weeks before it was regularised, and suggesting that that is probably what had taken place in the case of the originating five Lodges.

Be that as it may, the beginnings of any *organisation* of the "Antients" can certainly be dated from Wednesday, 17th July, 1751, on which day a General Assembly "met (at the Turks Head Tavern in Greek Street Soho) to revive the Ancient Craft". At which meeting they appointed a Committee who formulated a code of 16 "Rules and Orders", which are recorded at the beginning of Morgan's Register.

Rule 1 allows for the Grand Lodge to meet monthly, and it is therefore reasonable to assume that at least six unrecorded meetings were held between that of July, 1751, and the first fully-recorded meeting of February 5th, 1752; but apparently Morgan did not see fit to keep any written Minutes of them—or, if he did, he did not hand over the Minute-Book to Dermott, who records, under date 14th September, 1752, that he does not "think that Brother John Morgan did keep any book of Transactions in this form, though there is no certainty that he did not". John Hamilton said on May 6th, 1752, that the Grand Committee had been "long held under the Title of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Massons of the Old Institution" at the Turk's Head Tavern, which is no doubt the language of exaggeration, but may be at least taken as confirming that the meetings during the second half of 1751 had been reasonably continuous; it also raises the question whether the body which from February, 1752, to December, 1753, is uniformly described in the Minutes as a Grand Committee, was, in fact, a Grand Lodge. Lane (v. *A.Q.C.*, v., p. 166) points out that throughout the "Rules and Orders" of 1751 the body is always styled a Grand Lodge, and it may well be that they only called it a Committee because it was not governed by a Grand Master. The evidence of the Minutes as to whether the meetings were opened and closed as a Lodge are equivocal; many things are done which we should imagine could only be done in open Lodge, but on the other hand, when a specific rehearsal of ritual was to be done, it was resolved that "this Grand Committee shall be formed immediately into a working Lodge of Master Masons".

This does not preclude the normal meetings from having been opened as a Grand Lodge; but evidence is lacking to make a decision possible.

Laurence Dermott. The salient facts about Laurence Dermott have been set out on many occasions, but it may be convenient to have them re-stated briefly here. He appears to have been connected with the family of the MacDermotts of Roscommon, whose Arms he uses on his Book-plate. He was born in 1720, and initiated in Dublin, while still under 21, on January 14, 1740-1, in Lodge No. 26. He served (v. Minutes, 2nd March, 1757) the offices of Junior and Senior Deacon, Secretary, and Junior and Senior Warden (the Lodge elected its

Officers half-yearly), and finally attained the Chair on 24th June, 1746; he also received the Royal Arch in the same year. The exact time of his coming to England is not known, but it is thought to have been in 1748. It has been frequently stated that in England he first joined a Lodge under the premier Grand Lodge of England; but this is deduced from his own reference to the time when he "was first introduced into that society" (i.e., the "Moderns"), and Bro. Heron Lepper pointed out that this may have merely meant when he first *visited* a Lodge under that Grand Lodge, and there is no evidence that he ever, in fact, belonged to a Lodge under the original Grand Lodge. Curiously enough, there is also no evidence that he belonged to any Lodge at all between 1748 and 1752, for he was not one of the 79 members of the five Lodges which united to form the Grand Committee, and he only comes on the Register as No. 114, when he became a founder of Lodge No. 10 on 1st February, 1752—only four days before the famous day on which he was elected Grand Secretary. However, no doubt the founders of No. 10 had been "sitting regularly in a credible House" for some weeks earlier than that date. Bro. Lepper also suggests (v. *Hist G.L. Ireland*, Vol. I, p. 233) that possibly Lodge No. 26 may have been transported complete to London; certainly we find in the Minutes of March 2nd, 1757, that Thomas Allen, of Lodge No. 2, was formerly the keeper of the house (? Innkeeper) where No. 26 was held, and Charles Byrne (Senr.), also of No. 2, was the person who installed Dermott in the Chair of No. 26 in 1746. One would like to guess that Lodge No. 26 became Lodge No. 2, but, if so, why did not Dermott become a member of No. 2 in 1751? The very transitory nature of Lodge membership at this period is illustrated by the fact that Dermott only remained a member of No. 10 for three weeks before he transferred to No. 9, from which in turn he resigned four months later, on 20th June; after which he appears not to have been a member of any Lodge for some time, except the Grand Committee. In 1756 he produced the first edition of *Ahiman Rezon*, and three further editions were issued in his lifetime—in 1764, 1778 and 1787.¹ He continued in his Office as Grand Secretary for nearly 20 years, until he became Deputy Grand Master in 1771, which Office he held until 1777, and again from 1783 to 1787. He last attended Grand Lodge on June 3rd, 1789, and died in June, 1791, at the age of 71.

Calendar. The Julian Calendar, dating from 46 B.C., was based on a year which exceeded the Sidereal year by some 11 minutes, and in the course of the centuries the cumulative error had become very great, until in 1582 Pope Gregory XIII had corrected it by dropping out 10 days. England, however, had declined to adopt the Gregorian year, and by 1751 the year (which, incidentally, began on March 25th) had an accrued error of 11 days. An Act of Parliament was therefore passed in 1751, to come into force as from the end of December, by which the year was to start on January 1st, and eleven days should be omitted from the Calendar between September 2nd and 14th, 1752.

" . . . and that the Natural Day next immediately following the said Second Day of September, shall be called, reckoned, and accounted, to be the Fourteenth Day of September, omitting for that time only the Eleven intermediate Nominal Days of the Common Calendar." (24 Geo. II, c 23).

¹ Since this was written, the following advertisement has been discovered in the *Public Advertiser*:—

November 16th, 1754

Now in the Press, and speedily will be published
AHIMAN REZON, or A complete

Pocket Companion for Free Masons; containing every Thing necessary for the true Regulation of Lodges and Behaviour of Free Masons. To which is added the grandest Collection of Mason's Songs, Prologues, and Epilogues, that were ever published.

By Brother LAWRENCE DERMOT, Secretary.

The above is chiefly collected from the Works of Dr. Anderson, Desaguliers, Deasigny and Spratt, with several Things never before published.

Subscriptions are taken in at Mr. Bedford's, the Crown in Paul's Alley, St. Paul's Church-yard; Mr. Jackson's, the Admiral Vernon in Bishopgate-street; Mr. Galbraith's, Watch-Finisher in Great Arthur-street; at Mr. Hamilton's, the King's Head, in Mary-le-Bone-street; and at Mr. Richmond's, the Cheshire Cheese, Savoy-Hill, Strand.

The Proposals are to be seen at all the above Places.

The title-page of the 1764 edition of *Ahiman Rezon* states that it is the *second* edition; therefore there can have been no edition earlier than that of 1756; so although the book was in the press late in 1754, it was not published until nearly two years later. The dedication to the Earl of Blessington, although it does not call him Grand Master, which he did not become until December, 1756, seems to indicate that the book was not published until towards the end of the year. I imagine that Dermott had deliberately held up publication until his book could be dedicated to a Nobleman.

Thus September, 1752, had only 19 days. As the Minutes of the "Antients" begin only on 5th February, after the new Act was in force, they contain no allusion to the alteration in the beginning of the year, but it can hardly be a coincidence that they arranged to meet on two consecutive days, Wednesday, September 2nd, Old Style, and Thursday, September 14th, New Style; the former was their regular meeting day, but the latter is labelled "on Emergency". It would appear that the change of Calendar left our Brethren in some confusion, for the meetings in October and November, which should have been held on the first *Wednesdays*, were held on the first *Fridays*. The Minutes of September 2nd show the meeting "Adjourn'd to the first Wednesday in Oct^r. next", while the Minutes of the following day show "Adjourned to the 6th of October next", which was the Friday, and the day on which the meeting was, in fact, held; and that meeting, in its turn, was adjourned to the first Wednesday in November, but held on Friday, November 3rd. It was not until December 6th that they got back to the right day of the week. It would have been interesting if we could have compared the reactions of the premier Grand Lodge to the change of Calendar, but their Minute Book affords no clue, for they held no meeting between June 18th and November 30th. Whether an intermediate Quarterly Communication should have fallen on one of the missing days of September and was for that reason omitted we cannot know, since their meetings were so irregularly held in any case.

Both these September meetings are of particular interest, for at the regular meeting on the 2nd the Grand Committee was formed

"into a Working Lodge of Master Masons in Order to hear a Lecture from the Grand Secretary Laurence Dermott. The Lodge was Opened in Ancient form of Grand Lodge and every part of Real freemasonry was traced and explained: except the Royal Arch."

A curious, and perhaps significant, omission may be noticed in this Minute: although the Grand Secretary was addressing an assembly consisting of one-third Masters and two-thirds Wardens, the Minute does *not* except the Installation ceremony.

The meeting of 14th is of great importance to us, for not only was it this meeting which decided that the Grand Committee should grant Warrants, but it also affords confirmation of the greatly expanded Minutes of the same day written up in "Morgan's Register", and shows that the Warrants of the original five Lodges were to be back-dated only to 17th July, 1751.

It is also noteworthy that the account given in Morgan's Register of the doings of 14th September show that, like the original Grand Lodge of 1717, the "Antients" claimed only to govern "the several Ancient Lodges held in and about the Cities of London and Westminster". It was not until October, 1753, that Lodges were warranted outside that area, with the establishment of Lodges 24 and 25 at Bristol.

Morgan's Register. This was brought to light by Bro. Sadler in 1885, and described at length by Bro. G. B. Abbott in 1886 in *The Freemason*. It begins with an alphabetical index to the Register of Masons, which forms the largest part of the book. This is followed by the code of "Rules and Orders" arranged by the Committee set up on 17th July, consisting of 16 original rules, believed to be in Morgan's handwriting, plus two which were added later, as noted with dates in the margin, and are written up by Dermott. Following the Rules come two resolutions passed at the meeting on 14th September (New Style); it would appear that these must have been written in subsequently on two pages previously left blank, for following these pages came originally 14 pages containing 27 By-laws for private Lodges, arranged by John Morgan and Philip McLoughlin; these were rejected by the Grand Committee on April 1st in favour of a set of Dublin By-laws produced by Dermott, and the 14 pages "were cut out and burnt by General Consent"; presumably these 14 pages had been written up by Morgan prior to February, 1752; but the book has been re-bound at some late date, and the pages have clearly been re-arranged out of their original order.

Next comes a brief "Black List", begun by Dermott, but incomplete, as can be seen from the Minutes. Then comes the main item of the volume, the Register of Members going up to No. 1014, dated August 14th, 1755, followed by blank numbers up to 1035.

At the other end of the book are three Lists of Lodges; the first from 17th July, 1751, to 11th December, 1752, containing 15 Lodges numbered from 2 to 16. The second List, which shows Lodges 7 and 10 erased and the remaining Lodges closed up, contains 36 Lodges (2-37) down to August 19th, 1754. The first 15 Lodges of this second List correspond exactly with the Engraved List of Lodges of 1753 (v. *A.Q.C.*, xix, pp. 93-99). The Third List of Lodges purports to show 64 Lodges, but as some 20 numbers are blank, many others imperfect and all lacking dates of Constitution, it is of little value and is omitted from this transcript.

Minute Book. This starts on 5th February, 1752, but a footnote by Dermott to the Minutes of September 14th confirms the account contained in Morgan's Register of "a General Assembly of Ancient Masons at the Turk's head Tavern in Greek's Street Soho" on

17th July, 1751. By February, 1752, the Grand Committee had moved to the Griffin Tavern, Holborn, and it was at this meeting that Morgan's impending departure on board ship was announced, and Dermott was elected Grand Secretary in his stead—perhaps the most momentous event in the whole history of the "Antients". It was their good fortune, and the tragedy of the "Moderns", that the former placed their affairs in such able, and the latter in such feeble, hands. As Calvert expresses it (*v. Grand Lodge Secretaries*, p. 9), "the older Grand Lodge . . . had been content to leave its secretarial work to a succession of mediocrities".

Royal Arch. The earliest known Minute referring to the Royal Arch is that of this Grand Committee, which at its second meeting on March 4th, 1752, dealt with two imposters, who "pretended to have made Royal-Archmen", but were found to have "not the least Idea of that secret". The only other references to the Royal Arch which fall within the period of this transcript are that already quoted, when on September 2nd Dermott explained "every part of Real freemasonry . . . except the Royal Arch", and on March 2nd, when "the Masters of the Royal Arch" were "summon'd to meet in Order to regulate things relative to that most valuable branch of the Craft".

Grand Master. As early as Rule 1 of the Rules and Orders, the Brethren had looked forward to the time when they should have a Grand Master and Grand Wardens to rule over them, and before April, 1752, an endeavour had been made to secure Lord George Sackville; but he replied that he was unable to accept, as he was leaving for Ireland in the train of his father, the Lord Lieutenant.

A suitable meeting-place was another difficulty; after a few meetings at the Griffin, they moved to the Temple Eating House, Temple Bar, but it was decided that they could not ask any Noble Brother to accept the Grand Mastership until they had a more reputable meeting place, and at the beginning of 1753 they moved to the Five Bells Tavern in the Strand, in spite of the strenuous opposition of the proprietor of the Griffin and his friends, and there they remained for the next 15 years.

In 1751 it had been arranged to place the Grand Mastership, so to speak, in commission, by authorising the Masters of the first five Lodges to sign Warrants, but later the situation is not so clear; in October, 1753, when the two petitions from Bristol came in, it was "Order'd that the Grand Secretary shall proceed according to the Antient Custom of the Craft during the inter magistrum", which, I presume, meant that the Grand Secretary alone was to sign; but this cannot be confirmed unless one of these old Warrants should come to light. Dermott was evidently the "Lord High Everything Else", for he was already the only authority on the ritual, and on October 18th he was ordered to act as Director of Ceremonies and regulate all processions.

The search for a Grand Master went on without success throughout the year, until finally, despairing of a Noble Grand Master, they decided on December 5th to elect one of themselves for the ensuing six months; and accordingly Robert Turner, Master of Lodge No. 15, was elected the first Grand Master of the "Antients", and was forthwith installed, with William Rankin as his Deputy, and Samuel Quay, of No. 2, and Lachlan McIntosh, of No. 3, as Wardens. Both Quay and McIntosh were original members of the organisation, and the first Masters of the two senior Lodges, Quay being No. 1 on the Register of Members, and McIntosh No. 16; but Turner and Rankin were both newcomers and were registered as Nos. 300 and 301 respectively on January 16th, 1753; Turner is described as "Gent", and Rankin as a Cardmaker. Turner had already presided over the Grand Committee on 6th and 19th June as Master of Lodge No. 15, and Rankin had signed the Minutes of April 4th as one of the representatives of Lodge 15. The following meeting, on St. John's day, is headed with great éclat "Grand Lodge in Ample form", and henceforth the meetings are normally termed "Grand Lodge".

In February, 1754, a Jewel was voted to Dermott, with instructions to design it himself, the award to be a personal one to himself, which he nevertheless notes at a later date to have been transferred to his successor. In October, Jewels for all the other Grand Officers were ordered to be obtained.

At the end of their six months of office the first three Grand Officers were all re-elected; but, in December, Turner and Rankin signified their wish not to be elected again; no elections are recorded, but presumably they duly took place, for on St. John's day in Winter all four new officers were installed, the Hon. Edward Vaughan being Grand Master and William Holford his Deputy; this time the election was for 12 months, probably because, in the meantime, Grand Lodge meetings had been reduced to six—four quarterly communications and the two SS. Johns' days. And a year later Vaughan was re-elected and Holford re-appointed for a further 12 months.

Attendance at meetings is not usually recorded in the Minutes, but it appears to have been good, for in June, 1754, 70 members are recorded to have been present; on the other hand, funds were short, and it was necessary to close the General Fund and pay for funerals by sub-

scription. During this period the Grand Lodge seems to have functioned mainly as a Benefit Club,¹ and it was decided that too much time was taken up with Charitable appeals; the Committee of Charity was, therefore, given wider powers, and in November, 1754, was renamed "The "Stewards' Lodge", but it seems doubtful whether it functioned as a Lodge; it certainly did not come on the Register as such.

The collection of arrears was a pressing problem, and in September, five Lodges were erased for non-payment; in this connection the very large number of Brethren, who are shown in the Register as excluded for non-payment, may be noted. It was probably the need to increase the funds that induced the "Antients" to sell vacant Warrants. In October, Lodge No. 37 was allowed to promote itself in this way to No. 6 for the very reasonable fee of one guinea. But later the price rose: in December, 1758, No. 63 became 13 at a cost of two guineas: while in June, 1759, No. 55 bid four-and-a-half guineas to become No. 3.

Dermott had no hesitation in making use of the "Moderns", even while he derided them; in January, 1755, he read over "The New and Old Regulations of Freemasons", which were no doubt identical with those later published in *Ahiman Rezon*; they do not, as one might expect, bear any relation to Morgan's "Rules and Orders", but are lifted, word for word, from Anderson's *Constitutions* of 1738, and even their method of presentation in parallel columns is copied in *Ahiman Rezon*.

Installation. It would appear that in the early days of the "Antients" the Installation ceremony was little better known than it was among the "Moderns". In June, 1755, Dermott was ordered to examine the Officers of Private Lodges, and a year later he reported that "Many of them were incapable of performance". Needless to say, Pooh Bah was ordered to do the Installations for them.

Thomas Grinsell. This Brother, who had for some years been a pensioner of his step-brother, James Quin the Comedian, applied to Grand Lodge for relief in June, 1755, and is then described as "infirm thro' great age". It was on the testimony of this veteran that Dermott, in the 1778 edition of *Ahiman Rezon*, gave eight names as the "geniusses to whom the world is indebted for the memorable invention of modern masonry". The eight names being, in fact, as Gould pointed out those who were recorded by Anderson as present at the Initiation of the Prince of Wales at Kew Palace on 5th November, 1737.

Noble Grand Master. At last, in December, 1756, the Grand Lodge attained their ambition by electing the Earl of Blesinton as Grand Master; but what good he can have been to them it is difficult to see, for he was installed by proxy, and though he retained the Office until the end of 1760, he never once put in an appearance in Grand Lodge. As far as one can see, he confined his labours to the signature of Warrants; one of the Warrants which he signed was for

The Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1. This Warrant is dated 13th August, 1759, but it has been pointed out that in the Minutes of Grand Lodge four Brethren are shown on March 13th, 1757, as coming from Lodge No. 1, while as early as 2nd September, 1756, Dermott gives his own Lodge as No. 1. It is, therefore, argued that the Grand Master's Lodge was in existence at least from this last-mentioned date; arrangements had been made in 1752 that any Warrants granted previous to the installation of a Grand Master should be subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master's signature after his appointment, and though Robert Turner was Grand Master from 1754 and was followed by Edward Vaughan, it is suggested that Dermott held over the Warrant of his favoured No. 1 until it could be signed by a Noble Grand Master. The United Grand Lodge has now acknowledged the seniority of the Grand Master's Lodge as dating from 2nd September, 1756, and without wishing to challenge this ruling, I would point out that there is an alternative possibility, namely, that the Grand Body itself was originally considered as being Lodge No. 1. This is to some extent suggested by the fact that, as mentioned earlier, the Engraved List of 1753 shows the Grand Committee in the space which would naturally fall to be occupied by Lodge No. 1. No engraved number is included, but the number 1 has been added in ink. When, or by whom, it is impossible to say; but it *could* have been by Dermott himself, and the fact that

¹ The following advertisement from the *Public Advertiser* for July 25th, 1754, is typical of the activities of the "Antients" at this period:—

To the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted MASONS.

Brethren,

YOU are hereby required to attend the Corpse of Brother *Richard Kitchen*, from the George in Piccadilly, late Post-master, and member of No. 29, on Sunday the 28th instant, as near the Hour of Four as possible, in order to proceed in due Form to the Place of Interment near Carnaby Market. The Brethren will be so good as to attend in proper Cloathing according to the Office they bear, and wait on the Secretary for Instructions concerning the Procession.

when Dermott resigned from Lodge No. 9 he made no motion for some time to join any other Lodge, might suggest that he considered membership of Grand Lodge sufficient, without membership of a private Lodge being a necessary prerequisite. The Minutes record that the Grand Master's Lodge was "proclaim'd and took the first seat accordingly as No. 1" only on September 5th, three days after the date of its Warrant.

Ritual. On March 13th, 1757, an emergency meeting was called, and attended by 46 Brethren from 25 Lodges, at which Dermott "Traced and Explained the 1st 2d and 3d part of the Antient Craft and settled many things (then disputed)". This was also the occasion for which the Masters of the Royal Arch were summoned to attend, but no record is given of their deliberations.

Treaty with Ireland. A treaty of amity with the Grand Lodge of Ireland was concluded on March 1st, 1758.

Carroll and Samuel Spencer. The Minutes of December 5th, 1759, record the appeal of William Carroll for charity, which was accorded to him by a private subscription amounting to five guineas. Dermott's comment on Spencer's famous gaffe, when the same Brother had previously applied to him, appears as a memorandum following the Minutes of the Emergency Meeting on December 16th.

Our final Minute records the proclamation of the second Noble Grand Master, the Earl of Kelly, and, although it lies outside our period, it may be pertinent to add that he remained in Office until 1766 and was just as regular in his non-attendance as his predecessor.

Illustrations. Our frontispiece shows the Title-page to Morgan's "Rules and Orders", and is self-explanatory; but the other illustration at page 26, which is the Tail-piece to the Index to Dermott's first Minute-book, requires some elucidation.

Bro. Carr informs me that the Hebrew characters in the lower compartment are a correct transliteration of Dermott's signature, the small characters at the end being the proper word for Scribe or Secretary, and prove that either Dermott was a better scholar than one would expect, or that he was helped by a real Hebrew Scholar.

In the upper compartment, the characters in the right-hand geometrical figures stand for the numbers 3, 4 and 5, though the one for "4" is badly formed. Those in the left figure stand for 6, 8 and 10, which are suitable numbers for the 3, 4, 5, triangle. The word in the Pentalpha is the Tetragrammaton. The word at the top was a puzzle, but Bro. Ivor Grantham suggests that it reads "Domino", the "D" being formed by the smallest square. The word below is Hallelu-Jah.

MORGAN'S FIRST REGISTER

[Begins with an alphabetical index to
the Register which is omitted]

[Items enclosed in square brackets are not part of the original]

RULES & ORDERS

to be Observe'd

By the Most Ancient and Hon^{ble}. Society of
Free and Accepted Masons.

As agreed and settled by a Committee appointed by a General Assembly
Held at the Turks Head in Greek Street Soho on Wednesday the
17th of July 1751 And in the Year of MASONRY 5751

By	{	Phil ^p . McLoughlin	James Shee	}
		Sam ^l . Quay	Jos ^{ph} . Kelly	

& Jn^o. Morgan G^d. Secret^y.
Viz^t.
for the Grand

1st

THAT the Masters and Wardens do meet on the first Wednesday of every Month at the Turks Head in Greek Street Soho, or such other place as shall be agreed on, there to hold a Monthly Committee for the better Regulation & Government of the Lodges, And to hear and determine all Matters and Disputes that may or shall arise in any of the Regular Lodges. And that the Chair shall be taken the First Night by the Master of the Sen^r. Lodge and every other Night by the other Masters each in his turn according to Seniority until such time as there shall be a Grand Master & Grand Wardens appointed, and then every Grand Lodge Night the Grand Master to take the Chair, and in his Absence by the Deputy Grand, and in the Absence of both by the Sen^r. Grand Warden, and in their Absence by the Jun^r. Grand Warden and if all the Grand Officers shou'd be Absent then the Master of the Eldest Lodge, & so on by all the Masters in their turn according to seniority.

2^d

THAT such meeting do Consist only of the Masters and Wardens of all Regular Lodges, and in the Absence of a Mast^r. or Warden a Past Mast^r. may attend and bear the Office in their absence for the time being and to have a Voice in the Grand equal to the present Members.

3^d

AND if any Members do not appear before the Roll is Call'd the s^d. Members shall be Fine'd in the Sum of Two pence and in case of Absence the whole Night six pence, Except Sick, Lying in Confinement, or three Miles from the place of meeting, that none be admitted but Mast^{rs}., Ward^{ns}. & Past Mast^{rs}. of Regular Lodges & such as have been Regularly Install'd and at the time of their Coming to be members of a Regular Lodge of ANCIENT MASONS.

4th

THAT No Brother be made either a Master or Warden of any Lodge except he hath been made a Mason One half Year and Member of a Regular Lodge for that time.

5th

NO Person shall be made a Mason in any Lodge until first his Name, Occupation and Place of abode shall be reported to the Secretary with the time he is intende'd to be made in Order that that the Secretary may apprise all Lodges of the same.

6th

THAT no Old Mason be admitted a Member of any Lodge except he hath been made in a Regular Lodge and hath a proper Certificate of his good behavior and his not owing any thing in such Lodge and in Case a Member of any Regular Lodge shall be desierous to become a Member of any other with an intent to belong to two or more Lodges then such Lodge he sues to come into must be assure'd that he is not Indebted to the Lodge he then belongs to — Regist^y. 6^d.

[In the margin] All good men Accept^d. upon proper Recommendation.

No ReRegistry p^d. to y^e G. Sec. Except the Br.
Absolutely quit his former Lodge.

7th

THAT all Complaints and Appeals must come before this Lodge by Petition.

8th

NO Admission or Warrant shall be granted to any Brothers to hold a Lodge until such time they have first form'd a Lodge of Ancient Masons and sitt Regularly in a Credible House and then to Apply by Petition and such Petition to be Attested by the Masters of three Regular Lodges who shall make a Proper Report of them.

9th

THAT on St. Johns day the 24th of June and St. Johns day the 27th of Decem^r. the Master of every Lodge shall deliver into the Secretary of the Grand Lodge the Names of the Masters & Wardens that are appointed to serve for the Ensueing Half Year.

10th

THAT on the first Grand Lodge Night after each St. Johns day the Master of every Lodge shall deliver into the Grand Secret^y. the Names of the Members of his Lodge together with their Half Years Dues. THAT is the Members of each Regular Lodge, for the use of Indigent Brethren or otherways as the Grand Lodge shall think Proper, One Shilling each Member p^r. Quarter.

[In the margin] July the 1st, 1752 Jn^o. Doughty in the Chair. Agree'd that no Half Year's Dues be paid unto the Grand Committee until there be a Grand Master.

11th

THAT if a Lodge should grow to Numerous that Lodge to appoint Masters & Wardens to form a New Body they applying to the Grand Lodge for Warrants & Constitution in One Month after the first Sitting Night & that no Lodge shall sitt on the first Wednesday of each Month it being Grand Lodge Night when the Mast^{rs}. & Wardens are require'd to attend.

12th

THAT Every Person who shall be made a Mason in any Regular Lodge shall pay for his Register in the Grand Lodge Book the Sum of One Shilling.

13th

THAT No Person or Member of the Grand Lodge at the time of Sitting shall Interrupt the Grand Master or Grand Officers or any Brother then speaking to the Grand Master ti'l such Brother hath done. and not then to speak without first asking liberty in a Proper manner. Nor to hold any Private Committees during the Sitting of the Lodge, nor depart the Lodge without leave from the Grand Master under Penalty of being Fine'd at the Discretion of the Grand.

14th

THAT if any Member of a Private Lodge shall be desierous of leaveing the Lodge he belongs to to Join another, he must have a proper Certificate from the Mast^r. of that Lodge and Notice to be given to the Secret^y. of the Grand Lodge of his leaveing the same, and the Mast^r. of the Lodge of ^ the s^d. Brother shall join shall report him to the Grand Lodge in Order to have him Register'd in the Grand Lodge Book to y^e Number of the Lodge he is then removed to and to pay for the same the sum of Sixpence.

15th

THAT the following be the Charges & Paid for the Constitution of a New Lodge.

	viz. ^t	£	S	D	
FOR the Warrant		—	10	6	
Register for each Member		—	1	—	Each
Pursevant	} of y ^e Grand Lodge	—	3	6	
Tyler		—	2	6	

AND that all Warrants Constitutions Registers & Petitions for Constitutions be the Fees of y^e Grand Secretary, and that no Petitions be received but such as are wrote by the s^d. Secret^y. and he paid for the same.

[in the margin] This Rule was farther Confirm'd July 13, 1753.

Vide Transactions.

16th

THAT the Grand Master have Power to Call a Committee at Pleasure or Deputy G.M. or G.W. or whoever shall be in the Chair in their Absence; and such Committee to consist of Masters of Lodges only, & their Resolutions to be laid before the Grand Lodge, the Next insueing Night after such Committee held and that the s^d. Committee have Power to Adjourn from time to time not exceeding three Grand Lodge Nights.

17th

THAT each officer viz. Masters & Wardens of all Regular Lodges under the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, who thro: Negligence or Omission will be absent on a Grand Lodge meeting (he or they having a proper Summons sent him or them) shall be fin'd as the Grand Rules Specify and that all such fines shall shall be paid by the Body such Absenttee belongs to . . . and that if any of the Members refuse paying his or thire Dividend of said fines, such Member upon such his Refusal shall be Excluded.

[in margin] Apr. 6th, 1752, Jn^o. Morris in the Chair.

18th

THAT upon the death of any of our Worthy Brethren whose names are or may be hereafter Recorded in the Grand Registry &c. the Master of as he then belonged to Secretary such Lodge ^ Shall immadiately inform the Grand ^ of his Death and the intended time for his funeral, and upon this notice the Grand Secretary shall that summon all the Lodges to attend the funeral in proper Order, and ^ Each Member shall pay One Shilling towards Defraying the expenses of Said funeral or Otherwise to his Widow or nearest friend, provided the Deceased or his friends Really want and Require the same . . . otherwise the money so raised to be put to some other Charitable use, or as the Committee shall think proper &c.

It is farther Agree'd (To support the Dignity of this W.G. Lodge) that no Mem^r. hereof (on any Grand Lodge meeting) be admited to sit herein without his proper Cloathing and Jewell &c Except, upon some great Emmergency, in which Case the Transgressor shall give sufficient Reason for so doing.

[in margin] July 1st, 1752, Jn^o. Doughty in the Chair.

[in the margin] Sep. 14 1752 N. Stile. Geo Hebden, Mast^r. N^o. 4,
in the Chair

WHEREAS it is highly expedient for the Universal Benefit of the Ancient Craft that a GRAND MASTER and Grand Lodge shou'd govern and direct the proceedings of the several Ancient Lodges held in and about the Cities of London and Westminster. And as the present low condition of the Ancient Society of Free and Accepted Masons renders the hope of Obtaining the honour a Noble Personage to preside over us at this time very precarious.

In Order to preserve the present remains of the true Ancient Craft &c. We the under Named being the present Masters and Wardens of the several Masonical meetings called Lodges of true Ancient Masonry aforesaid, do agree (pursuant to the powers vested in us by our Respective Brethren of the several lodges) to form a Grand Committee (we mean such a Committee) as may supply the deficiency of a Grand Master untill an Opportunity offers for the Choice of a Noble Personage to govern our Ancient Fraternity: And that We will therein (by the Authority Aforesaid) make Statutes or laws for the better government and well Ordering the said Fraternity Receive petitions, hear Appeals, and Transact Business (that is to

say such Business as ought to be peculiar to a Grand Lodge) with Equity and Impartiality. — Dated in our Grand Committee Room on Thursday the fourteenth day of September New stile 1752. And in the year of Masonry 5752. In the presence of

N ^o . 2. John Doughty, Master	Rich. Coffy	Sen. Warden	Petr. Briton	Jun ^r . W.
4. Geo. Hebden D ^o	Hon ^{ble} . Edw ^d . Vaughan D ^o		Chr ^r . Pidgeon	Jun ^r . W.
5. Rich. Stringer D ^o	Owen Tudor D ^o		Barth. Scully D ^o	
6. Edw ^d . Ryan D ^o	John Dally D ^o		John Wilson D ^o	
8. Tho ^s . Blower D ^o	Alex ^r . Fife D ^o		John Smith D ^o	
11. And ^w . Francis D ^o	W ^m . Turner D ^o		William Weir D ^o	
12. John Cartwright D ^o	James Ryan D ^o		Barnaby Fox D ^o	

James Hagarth and Henry Lewis past Masters of N^o. 4 and
Thomas Kelly, past Master of N^o. 6

Lau. Dermott G.S.

And whereas several of the lodges have congregated and made Masons without any Warrant: (not with a desire of Acting wrong but thro: the Necessity above mention'd) In order to Rectify such irregular proceedings (as far as in our power) It is hereby Order'd That the Grand Secretary shall write Warrants (on Parchment) for the Unwarranted Lodges, viz., The lodges known by the Title of N^o. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and that all the said Warrants shall bare date

July the seventeenth One thousand seven hundred fifty and One being the day on which the said lodges met (at the Turk's Head Tavern in Greek Street Soho) to revive the Ancient Craft.

That the Secretary shall leave proper Spaces for the Grand Mast^r. Deputy G.M. and Grand Wardens to sign all the said Warrants according to Ancient Custom.

That as soon as we shall arrive at the Great happiness of installing proper Grand Officers the possessors of the Unsigned Warrants shall present them to the Grand Master for his Worship's Signature or Renewal, Until which time the said Warrants as well as those which have or may be (thro: necessity) granted in the like manner shall be deem'd good and lawfull.

Lastly this our Regulation shall be Recorded in our Registry to show posterity how much we desire to revive the Ancient Craft upon true Masonical principles.

Sign'd by Order

Lau. Dermott G.S.

Here were seven leaves (or 14 pages) which containd twenty seven Rules of By laws for private Lodges mention'd in the first page of the Transⁿ. book March 4 1752. which were cut out and burnt by General Consent.

Lau: Dermott G.S.

[The above date is incorrect; the question of the
Bye laws came up on April 1st, v. Minutes, p. 4.]

[Then follow 12 blank pages; following these, the
sheets have been wrongly assembled in re-binding;
in the transcript which follows they have been
re-assembled, as far as possible, in their proper
order.]

THE BLACK LIST

The under Named are Persons Deem'd unworthy of the Society

<p>Thos. Phealon</p> <p>Ino. Mackey alias Doctr. Mackey</p> <p>Moses Willoughby No. 9</p> <p>.... Sands</p> <p>Pedigree</p> <p>Geo. Codd</p> <p>Hugh Fitzpatrick</p> <p>Ino. Talbot</p> <p>Ino. Hamilton No. 19</p> <p>Thos. Floyd No. 8</p> <p>John Slivin No. 5</p> <p>Jas. Laurence No. 14</p>	<p>a Trading Impostor</p> <p>Do</p> <p>for breach of the 17th Rule } Private }</p> <p>Guilty of misdemeanors against Mr. No. 8</p> <p>viz. Geo : Wilson</p> <p>Deem'd unworthy of the Craft or any good Society</p> <p>Defrauding the Brethren</p> <p>for writing a false and scandalous letter to Bristol &c.</p> <p>for [illegible in the binding]</p>	<p>No. 17</p> <p>Lau. Rourke ^ deem'd unworthy of the society Vide his Letter</p> <p>Richd. String No. 18 Do for misdemeanors agst the Grand</p> <p>Richary Murphy for making Masons Clandestinely</p>
<p>Miles Hall No. 55</p> <p>Malachi Channon Do</p> <p>George Bevans Do</p> <p>Joseph Manica No. 18</p> <p>James King No. 77</p>	<p>For making Masans Clandestinely</p>	<p>[New page]</p>

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GENERAL REGISTER

1751

No.	Time of Ent ^{ce}	From Whence	By whom Report ^d	Name	When made	To what Lodge belong ^s .	Register S D		Time of Discharg ^d .	Reason why	Place of Abode & Occupation
1				Sam ^l . Quay		No. 2 Turks Head now the Ris ^s . Sun in Suffolk St. Haymarket					Habitmaker at the P : W : D ^o . Tavistock Street
				Jam ^s . Hagan							Peruke Maker, goat & ass Pall-Mall
				Wm. Taylor						No. 7 to No. 84	Bookseller Little Suffolk Street, Haymarket
				Jno. Doughty							Shoemaker at P ^{ce} of Wales Arms Pall : mall
5				Jno. Smith 1 st					Aug. 2 nd 51	Gon to Barbados	Taylor Steuarts Rents Drury Lane
				Jno. Morgan						No. 7 to No. 86	
				Jno. Mitchell			May	26	1754	Ex for imposing and demanding Ass ^s . from y ^e Grand when he was able to work	Dead
				Rich ^d . Coffy						deem'd unworthy	

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10	July 8 52			Nale Mc.Colm			1			Taylor at the Ship Fleet Ditch
	July 8 52			Fras. Mathews			1			Shoemaker Opp ^e y ^e W: Bear Prin ^s . Str ^t . Red Lyon Sq ^r . Hol.
5				Ja ^s . Murphy			p ^d .	Mor ^a .	Ex for non pay ^t . of dues	July 3 ^d 1754 paid his dues and got a Certificate from No. 2
				Wm. Cowen				Do.		
				Rich ^d . Price		No. 3 Cripple				
				Tho ^s . Evans						
				Jn ^o . Bandy						
				Loghlin Mc.Intosh						
				Mich ^l . Lynham						
20				Tho ^s . Humber						Carpenter Sheer Lane Temple Bar
				Jac ^b . Bixby						
				Edw ^d . Turpin						
22				Jn ^o . Smith 2nd						Victualer Cripple Little Britain
				Hen ^y . Looker						

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23	17 July	1751		Abr ^m . Ardezoif		No. 4, Cannon		July 17 51	Deem'd unworth of y ^e Society	Broad Court Bow St. Covt. Gard ⁿ .
				W ^m . Rog ^r . Flemin				Jan ^y . 1 st 52	Gone to St. Kitts ^{with} out pay ^g his Dues Exclud ^d .	
5				Jam ^s . Hagerty						Paint ^r . Leather Lane
				Jn ^o . McCormick				Sept. 1 st 51	Sept. Ireland with- out pay ^g . his Dues Exclud ^d .	} this was inserted Erroniously. Vide his Certificate from No. 4.
				Hen ^y . Lewis						a Mr. Fosters Jeweller Wood Street Cheapside
				Arth ^r . Lord				Jan ^y . 1 st 52	Gon to Liverpool left y ^e Lodge w th . honour	
				Geo. Hebden						Cabinett maker White Cross Street at y ^e Py'd Bull
30				Jam ^s . Owen						Enamell'd Snuff Box Paint ^r . Cold Bath Fields
				Jos ^{ph} . Bowlas				Jan ^y . 1 st 52	Exclud ^d . for Misbeh ^r & not pay ^g . his Dues	
				Christ ^r . Pidgeon						Shop keeper Aldergate Street
				Thos. Wonal				Jan ^y . 1 st 52	Exclud ^d . for Non paym ^t . of Dues	
				Owen Tudor					No. 5 to No. 48	Mr. Bromidge Ludgate Hill, Painter
5				W ^m . Boullough						Apothecary

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40				Jno. Patty					Jan ^y . 1 st 52	Exclud ^d . for non paym ^t . of Dues		
				Tho ^s . Bibby							Statueary Chairing Cross	
				Geo. Fay						No. 7 to No. 81		
				Jam ^s . Shee						Gone to Ireland	Attorney Fetter Lane	
				Jno. Gibson					Jan ^y . 1 st 52	Exclud ^d . for Non paym ^t . of Dues		
				Jno. Gaunt		No. 5 Plaister ^s . Arms					Middlesex Court Drury Lane	} Painter
				Hugh Chivers				June 24	Excluded for non payment	Orange Court Drury Lane		
				Rich ^d . Jones								
5				Geo : Robinson							Leicester Street Grays Inn Lane, Painter	
				Tho ^s . Figg							Victualer Plaisterers Arms Little Grays Inn Lane	
				Cha ^s . McCarty							Flower de Luce Court Grays Inn Lane	} Painter
				Wm. Waters							Coach & Horse's St. Martins Lane	
				Owen Tudor							Bride Lane	
		No. 4 from	34	Barn ^{by} . Fox		No. 5 Plais ^{rs} . Arms			Apr. 20 52	By Certificate		} Opposite y ^e Two Brewers Brick Lane Spital Fields Weaver
				Tho ^s . O Harah					Jan ^y . 13 52	By Certificate to No. 9 R ^r . 116		

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51	17 July 1751			Rich ^d . Allen		No. 5 { Plaist ^{rs} . Arms					Tash Court Grays Inn Lane, Snuf Box maker
				Rich ^d . Fowler							Kings Arms Little Moor Fields Clock Maker
				Jn ^o . Dowling							No. 3 Orange Court Drury Lane, Peruke Maker
				Jn ^o . Casey							Near y ^e Boot Dowgate Hill, Hair Curler
5				Jam ^s . Geo. Smith					June 24 52	Excluded for non payment	No. 2, Tash Court Grays Inn Lane, Breechess Maker
				Law ^{ce} . Folliot							Golden Seal, Castle Street Long Acre Taylor
				Jn ^o . Adams							Plaisterers Arms Little Grays Inn Lane. Painter
	June 17 1751			Jn ^o . Morris					Dec ^r . 27 51	To No. 9 R ^r . 115	Opposite y ^e two Brewers Brick Lane Spital Feilds Weaver
				Evan Gabriel							Next door to y ^e Black Dog Drury Lane Bricklayer
60				Barth ^w . Scully							Next the White Horse Hosier Lane paper Smith
				Jos ^{ph} . Kelly		No. 6 Globe					at the ^ Cheesemonger, corner Sey- moor Court Chandois Street
				Ant ^o . Gau							
				Phile. McLoughlin					July 29 51	} gon to Ireland	
				Christ ^r . Byrne							

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65				Jno. Dayly Edwd. Ryan And ^w . Byrne						Decla ^d . off	
				Alex ^r . Erwin					Dec ^r . 27 51	Decla ^d . Off by Certificate.	
			from No. 6 Br. McLaughlin	Jam ^s . Drumond	May 20 51					Ex for non pay ^t . Do.	Taylor No. 4 Saymour Court Chandos Street Covent Garden
70				Tho ^s . Kelly Pat ^k . Redman Robt. Sinclare Pat ^k . Conway					June 24 52	Exclud ^d . for Non paym ^t . of Dues by Cert ^{te} . to Num ^r . 4	
5				Jer ^h . Cailot Tho ^s . Weer W ^m . Carney Jam ^s . Cousins Jos ^{ph} . Cannon Jno. Keelly						by Certificate Ex for non pay ^t . Ex for Do. Do.	
80		St. John	New Constit ⁿ . by Pet ⁿ .	Jno. Hamiltonm ^t .		No. 7 Fountain			June 5 54	Deem'd unworthy of the Society	Victualer Globe, Bridges Street Covant Garden Painter Monmouth Street 7 Dials
81		L ^d ac 4 R ^r . 38		Geo. Fay					Oct ^r . 20 1751	Deem'd unworthy the Society from non payment of dues Breaking his Obligat ⁿ . and several misdemeaners at No. 6 and other Lodges	Bull Head Church Court St. Mar- tin in y ^e Feilds Tallow Chandler

Oct^r. 5th 1752 Rich^d. Stringer in the Chair } Br. Fay's Charge being re examined and found to be worthy and the }
 Accusation false and mallicious

[No meeting of Grand Lodge is recorded on Oct. 5th and no trace of Richard Stringer ever presiding]

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82	51			Jno. Willis		No. 7 Fountain		1			Upholder Hay Market
				Jno. Holland				1			Mason Monmouth 7 Dials
		Ldce No. 2	Rt. No. 3	Wm. Taylor				1			Bookseller Little Suffolk St. Hay Mark ^t .
5	[*]			Jno. Morgan		No. 6 Globe Bridges Str ^t .			Mar. 4 th 52	Gone on board a Station ^d . Ship to	✓ Peruke Maker Tower Street 7 Dials
			Br. Hamilton of No. 7	Steph ⁿ . Deveaux	Aug ^t . 15 51		1	1			Next y ^e . Red Lyon Portland St. Soho
	Aug ^t . 21	Star Alders gate St.	Geo. Fay D ^o .	Barnab ^y . Hackett	" " "			1			King Street Bloomsb ^y . Frame Work Kniter
	28 th	St. John	Sam ^l . Quay No. 2	Jno. Kenedy	" " "	No. 2		1	Dec ^r . 9 51	Gon to Ireland	Gt. St. Andrews St. 7 Dials, Taylor
90		"	"	Jno. Fern	" " "	"		1			Gent ^l . Golding Fan, Bucklers Bury
	Sep ^t . 2	"	Pat ^k . Redman No. 6	Jam ^s . Hartley	Sep ^t . 2	6	1	1	Sep ^t . 30 51	Exclud ^d . for Non paym ^t . of Dues	Opposite the Stationers Arms Safron Hill Hosier
	11		Jno. Kenedy No. 2	Tho ^s . Brenen	Sep ^t . 11	2	1	1		Ex	
	16		John Keely No. 6	Dan ^l . Keely	16	6	1	1	Nov ^r . 6 51	Gon to Ireland p ^r . Certificate from y ^e Grand	
	Sep ^t . 19		Alex ^r . Erwin D ^o .	Phil ^p . Cogan	19	"	1	1	May 15 53	Dead	Wine Merch ^t . Duke Street Lincolns Inn Feilds

[* No. 85 is blank as shown.]

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95	[Sept] 26 [51]	St. John	approved by y ^e Lodge	Wm. Brown		2	1			Pipe maker Vinegar Yard St. Giles
	Novr. 4		Barnby, Fox No. 5	Jno. Scarr	Novr. 4	5	1 1			Weaver in Hollywell Lane Shoreditch
	7	"	Jam ^s . Hagan No. 2	Wm. Furlong	" " "	7	1			Crown Green Street Leicest ^r . fields
	10 th	"	Jno. Morris No. 5	Rich ^d . Stringer	" "	5	1			Carpenter } Holy Well Lane Shore Ditch
		"	"	Jno. Hopkins	Novr. 10 th	"	1 1			Weaver }
100	7	"	Jam ^s . Hagan No. 2	Jno. McDowell	" "	7	1			Carpent ^{rs} , Crown Green Street Leicest ^r . fields
		"	"	Wm. McDowell	" "	"	1			
	Novr. 27 th	"	Sam ^l . Quay No. 2	Sam ^l . Fergusson	"	2	1			Horseshoe Chandois Street
		"	Rich ^d . Coffee	Britton Peter	Novr. 27 "	"	1 1		Ex for Declar'd off	Hatter Gravel Lane Southwark
	Decr. 2 ^d	"	Rich ^d . Stringer No. 5	Wm. Gordon	Decr. 2 "	5	1 1	June 24 52	Excluded for non payment	Weaver Holy well Lane Shore Ditch
5	5 th	"	Chas. McCarty 5	Wm. Garven	5	5	1 1			Apothecary at Mr. Hooper St. Martins Lane
	23 ^d	"	Jno. Keely No. 6	Rob ^t . Keely	23	6	1 1			
	Jan ^y . 8 52	"	Christ ^r . Byrn 6	Jno. Higgins	Jan ^y . 8 52	"	1 1			
108		Crown & Anchor	Jno. Hamilton 7	Wm. Woodman	" "	7	1			Smith, Golden Key Tower Street 7 Dials

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109	Feb'y. 1 st 52	New Constitun.		Edw ^d . Feild		No. 10			Brcke up his L in his M ^r .ship without Reason	
110				David Crawley					Do. non Attend ^{ce} .	
				Josph. McGannon						
				Rich ^d . Hatch					non Attend ^{ce} .	
				Dudley McGees					Do.	
		No. 26 Dublin		Lau ^{ce} . Dermot	Jan. 14 1740-1	G. Secretary		Feb. 24 th 52	No. 9	Painter Buttlers Alley More fields
5	Jan'y. 30 th „	No. 5 R ^r . 58		Jn ^o . Morris		No. 9		Aug. 15 „	Declared off	Mr. Rottenburys Quaker Street Spittle ffeilds
		Do. 50		Thos ^s . O Hara				June 24 „	Ex for non attendance	Do. X
				Thos ^s . Kaan			. 1		Ex non payment and Declar'd off having no regard for y ^e Craft	Brick Lane Weaver
				Isaac Daking			1 1	Ap ^l . 4 52	Declared off	Quaker Street Cooper
				John Disrali			1 1			Do. Weaver
20				Mos ^s . Willoughby			. .	Aug ^t . 5 „	Ex Deem'd unworthy in Breach of the 17 Rule: Private	Do. Victualer
				Cha ^s . Murray			1 1		Ex non Attendance	Castle Street, Shore Ditch Weaver
				Josph. Whitehead			1 1			Hounds Ditch, Distiller
				Josph. Henley						Shore Ditch, Baker

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5	Feb ^y . 29			Jam ^s . Bradshaw		No. 8					Peruke maker - - - Temple
				Tho ^s . Blower							Tallow Chandler Sheer Lane Temple Bar
				Rich ^d . Dar-ling Guest						for non Attendance having no Regard to Summonses &c.	Approved of and Accepted R. D. Guest
				Alex ^r . Fife							Beaufort Buildings Strand
				Rob ^t . Glave							Vintner Sheer Lane Temple Bar
30	Mar. 5	St. John	Jam ^s . Bradshaw Mr. No. 8	Mich ^l . Healey		9				non Attendance	Weaver
				Hen ^y . Jones	Mar. 5 52	8					Temple & Sun Sheer Lane
				Lau ^{ce} . Dermot	Mar. 4 52 now GS.	9			June 20 52	not convenient being at to great a distance from ye L	Ship & Anch ^r . Quaker St. Spittle Feilds Pa - - -
				Br. Glave of No. 8	12 "	8	1	1			Breechess Maker Sheer Lane Temple Bar
				Br. Carney of No. 6	Ap ^l . 27 "	6		1			Jeweller St. Martins Le Grand
5	Ap ^l . 23 "	St. John	Br. Smith of No. 8	Elamuel Church	Ap ^l . 23 "	8		1			Taylor in White hart yard
				Br. Bradshaw Mr. No. 8	May 7 "	8		1	June 2 ^d 52	Dead	Printer in Grafton Street
				Do.	May 7 "	8		1			Glass Shop Bloomsbury
				Br. Disrael N. 9	May 16 "	9		1			Weaver Ship & Anchor Quaker Str ^t . Spittle fields
				Jn ^o . Flinter		5		1		Gone to Ireland by Certificate from the Grand	Carpenter
40	June 3 "	St. John		Tho ^s . Lynch		10		1		non Attend ^{ce} .	Weaver King John's Court, Holly lane Shore ditch
				Ja ^s . Ryan		10		&[*]			Weaver half moon Alley B.Gate Street
				Ja ^s . White		6		&		Dead	Taylor Whitehorse yard

[* This is the nearest representation of an inexplicable figure.]

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141	June 3 52		Br. Burk No. 10	Peter Mackway	Feb.	No. 10	&		Non Attendance	at the D: Cumberland's head Victular Winthworth Street White Chaple
	June 6	From the Moderns	Approved by ye Lodge	Tho ^s . Floyd	made Antient June 6 52	9	1			Turner in Browns lane Spittalfields
		New C		Henry Hughes		10	&		non Attendance	Weaver
	June 12 52	New Constitu ⁿ .		David Lyon		11	1			Taylor White Horse Hungerford Market
5		"		And ^w . Frances		"	1			Taylor Next Door to ye Dial little wild Street
		"		Will ^m . Turner		"	1			Peruke maker Mr. Fry's in Swallow Str ^t .
		"		Will ^m . Weir		"	1			Painter Stainer Church Court Strand
		"		Geo: Chalmers		"	1	July 14 52	Gone to Scotland by Certificate from the Grand	Granider 3 Rig ^t . foot gards
		"		Alex Legerwood		"	1			Victular Thistle & Crown Ch. Court Strand
50		"		Jn ^o . Macfarquhar		"	1			Peruke maker corner Clifford Street
		"		Rich ^d . Kitchen		"	1		by Certificate	opposite the Church Victular the George Piccadilly
		"		Patt Kenney		"	1			Taylor Godwins Court Bedford burry
		"		And ^w . Johnson		"	1	Jan. 26 53	Ex for paym ^t . of Dues	Victular Charing Cross
		"		Alex: Shand		"	1	Jan. 12 53	(Dues Ex for non pay ^t .	Peruke maker Savoy
5		"		Ja ^s . Christy		"	1			Soldier
		"		Tho ^s . Moffat		"	1			Taylor Chandos Street

* No. 141 is entered twice as shown

No.	Time of Entee	From Whence	By whom Report'd	Name	When made	To what Lodge belong's.	Register R ^t . R ^t .	Time of Discharg'd	Reason why	Place of Abode & Occupation
60			Br. Dermot Sect ^y .	Jn ^o . Gordon	Dec. 51	No. 10	1	June 22 52	Declar'd off not having time to attend	Taylor Gent. Garden Court Temple
				Geo: Gray			1			Peruke maker Ch. Court Strand
				Sam ^l . Watson			&			House Keeper Harwoods Brew house Shorditch
				Geo Pinfold	June 15 52	No. 5	&			Weaver King John's Court Holywell lane Shoreditch
				Jas. - - - Evans			&			Painter Queen street Oxford Road
				Jn ^o . Wilson			1			Peruke Maker Snow Hill
				Edwd. Vaughan			pd Mor			Churgeon Blue Ball Fleet Street
				Thos. Floyd No. 9			1			Cabinet maker Brown's lane Spittalfield
				Jas. Read			1			Soldier
				Willm. Kinnaird			1			Taylor next Door to y ^e W Lyon Chandois St.
				Willm. Lee			1			(an erasure)
				Jn ^o . Disrael No. 9			1			non Attendance
				Willm. Pendlebury	July 6	"	1			Weaver Ship & Anchor fields
70		St. John The Moderns	Alex ^r . Legerwood	Willm. Davies	June 26	"	1		Ex : non paymt.	Britches maker at Sun & Do. Curry Str ^t . Lincolns Inn fields
				Jas. Lauder	"	"	1			Gent.
				Jos ^{ph} . Settree	July 29	"	1			Tallow Chandler St. Martin's Le Grand
				Jo ^s . Kelly		2	6			
				Pat Conway		4	&			
	Aug ^t . 4 52	From D ^o .	from No. 6 by Certificate							

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[The Register continues down to No. 1014, dated Augt. 14 1755, & further vacant numbers to 1035 on page 81, followed by 159 blank pages.]

LIST OF LODGES

Time Warranted	No. of Lodge	Where held	Lodge Night		
		Now the Rising Sun Suffolk Street Haymarket			
July 17 th 51	2	Turks Head, Greek Street Soho	2 ^d & 4 th Wednesd ^y .		
"	3	Criple, Little Britain	2 ^d & 4 th Tuesd ^y .		
1 Remov'd "	4	Cannon, Water Lane Fleet Str ^t .	1 st & 3 ^d Do.		
1 Remov'd "	5	Plaister ^s . Arms, Grays Inn Lane	2 ^d & 4 th Monday		
"	6	Globe, Bridges Str ^t . Covant Gard ⁿ .	1 st & 3 ^d Do.		
29 th "	7	Fountain Monmouth St. 7 Dials	1 st & 3 ^d Thursd ^y .	Ex	
Febr ^y . 1 52	10	Dukes Head Winfeild St. } Spittle Feilds	every other Monday	Ex	
Jan ^y . 30 "	9	Ship & Anch ^r . Quaker St.	1 st & 3 ^d Mond ^y .		
" 29 "	8	Temple & Sun Sheer Lane } Temple Bar	2 ^d & 4 th Thursd ^y .		
June 12 "	11	Thistle & Crown, Church Court Strand	2 ^d & 4 th Friday		

2 Removed	2	Rising Sun in Suffolk Str ^t . Haymarket			
	4	Temple & Sun Sheer Lane Tempe ^r . Bar			
Sept. 15 52	12	Vernon B : Gate Str ^t . without	1 & 3 Friday		
	5	Horse Shoe on Ludgate Hill	Thur ^y .		
	2	Thistle & Crown Church Court Strand	2 ^d & 4 th Wednesd ^y .		
Nov. 4 52	14	Carlisle Arms Q ⁿ . Str ^t . Soho	Friday		
Nov: 13 "	13	Mitre Broadwall Southwark	2 ^d & 4 th Mond ^y .		
Dec ^r . 7 52	15	Marshalsea Tap House	Every Mond ^y .		
Dec ^r . 11 "	16	Plaisterers Arms Little G ^s . ^{Inn} ^ Lane	2 ^d & 4 th Mond ^y .		

[*]
Decr. 27th 1752 Anno Lap. 5752

GRAND LODGE in due form assembled at the Five Bells Tavern in Wich Street, Strand London

Members of

B^r. Tho^s. Blower Mast^r. of (then) No. 8 in the Chair. Order'd the [^] No. 7 and 10 shou'd be discontinued in this Book for their disobedience of the 21st Rule of the Grand, And the following be the true List and Numbers of all the Antient Regular Lodges in and about London Anno Lap 5752 5752

Time Consti ^d .	Num ^r .	Where held	Lodge Nights	
July 17 th 1751	2	Thistle & Crown Church Court Strand	2 & 4 Wednesday	Kings Head Hewitts Court Strand
" "	3	Crown in St. Paul's Church yard	1 & 3 Tuesday	
" "	4	Temple & Sun Shire Lane T : B.	2 & 4 Tuesday	Red Hart in Shoe Lane, now at the Bedford Arms Bedford Court C Garden
" "	5	Horse Shoe Ludgate Hill	2 & 4 Thursday	Now at the Red Lyon Dirty Lane Long Acre
" "	6	Globe in Bridges Str ^t . Ct. Gard ⁿ .	1 & 3 Mon ^y .	Brown Bear in the Strand } Now at the Rose and Crown Clare Court Drury Lane
Jan. 29 1752	7	Temple & Sun Shire Lane T : B.	2 & 4 Thursd ^y .	Angel Inn Wich Street D ^o . [former No. 8]
30 "	8	Vernon B : gate Str ^t .	2 & 4 Tuesd ^y .	[former No. 9]
June 12 "	9	Thistle & Crown Ch. Court Str ^d .	2 & 4 Friday	[former No. 11]
Sept. 15 "	10	Vernon B gate Str ^t .	1 & 3 Tuesd ^y .	[former No. 12]
Nov. 13 "	11	Mitre Broadwall S Wark	2 & 4 Monday	

[* There are no Minutes of any meeting on St. John's day : in the Minutes of December 6th the Grand Committee is said to have been "Adjourned... to the... 3rd day of January Next," under which date the next Minutes are recorded. Note that this St. John's day meeting is said to have been a "Grand Lodge in due form," not a Grand Committee.

The first Lodges on this list (Nos. 2-16) correspond exactly with those shown in the Engraved List of 1753 (v. A.Q.C. XIX, pp. 93-99), and in that list the position of No. 1 (though without a number) is occupied by the Grand Committee at the Five Bells.]

Nov. 4	"	12	Carlisle Arms Q ⁿ . Str ^t . Soho	2 & 4 Wednesday	Now at the White Hart Shug-lane/now at the White Swan New Street [Covent Garden]
Decr. 7	"	13	Marshalsea Tap House	every Thursd ^y .	Now at the Tigers Head in the Borough } at the Black Bull D ^o .
" 11	"	14	Plaisterers little Gr. Inn Lane	2 & 4 Monday	Thistle an Crown Church Court Strand } Now at the Turks head East Str ^t . [Red Lyon Sq.]
Jan ^y . 9	1753	15	Kings Head Mary le Bone Str ^t .	2 & 4 Tuesday	14 Now at the Crown in Crown Court fleet street
Jan ^y . 10	1753	16	K. & Queen Caple Street	2 & 4 Wednesday	
March 13	"	17	Scots Arms Hay Market	2 & 4 Mond ^y .	Now at the White Hart Shug Lane/13 Cantons } Dorsets head Villiers street
May 4	"	18	Vernon Bp : Gate street	2 & 4 M \wedge day	17 Now at the Star & Garter St. Martins Lane
" 15	"	19	Fountain in Monmouth str ^t . 7 Dials	1 & 3 Monday	The 3 Suggar Loaves in S. John's street Spittal fields / ^{now} Bull & Butcher R ^s . Fair
July 9	"	20	Hampshire Hog Gosswell Str ^t .	1 & 3 Monday	George ^{Broad} St. Giles's
" 10	"	21	The one Tun in ^{the} \wedge Strand	1 & 3 Tuesday	2d & 4 th Monday Now at the Cheshire Cheese Savoy Alley
" 12	"	22	Kings Head little Suffolk Street	1 & 3 Mond ^y .	on the 2 & 4 Monday } Bull's head St. Martin's Lane
Oct ^r . 10	"	23	White Lyon Hemings Rowe	2 & 4 Wed ^y .	George Piccadilly 1 & 3 Thursd at the P Wales head Castle Str ^t . L Acre
Octo 17	"	24	Eden ^h . Castle Marsh Str ^t . Bristol	1 & 3 every other Tues ^d .	
" "	"	25	Unicorn West str ^t . Laffords Gate D ^o .	2 & 4 every other Fri ^d .	Now at the three Indian Kings small Street Bristol
Nov. 8	"	26	Rosemerry Branch R ^{se} Merry lane	2 & 4 Thurs ^y .	
9	"	27	P Wale's head Capel street D ^o .	1 & 3 Tuesday	
15	"	28	Royal Oak Charring Cross	2 & 4 Wednesday	
"	"	29	George Piccadilly	2 ^d & 4 th friday	
Jan. 7	54	30	Goal Puv'd Alley St. Ja ^s . market	2 ^d & 4 th Monday	
9	"	31	Prince of W. head Butcher Rowe Tower Hill	2 & 4 Wed ^y .	

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Constituted

List of Lodges Continued

Feb. 10	1754	32	Black Horse Boswell Court Strand	1 st & 3 ^d Monday	Now at the Craven's Head Drury Lane
Mar. 13	„	33	Star and Garter Strand	1 st & 3 ^d Monday	
Apr. 18	„	34	Star and Garter Panton str ^t . H ^y . Mark ^t .	2 ^d & 4 th Thurs ^y .	
19	„	35	Kings Bench Prison	2 ^d & 4 th Friday	
Aug ^t . 14	„	36	Blue Ball Horse Alley moor fields	2 ^d & 4 th Wed ^y .	No at the Red Cross in the Minories
19	„	37	Red Cow Holywell Street Strand	2 ^d Thursday	

[Page 246 is blank. A third list of Lodges, dated 24th June 1755, on pages 247-250, purports to show 64 Lodges, but as some 20 numbers are blank and many others imperfect, and no dates of Constitution are given, it is of little value and is omitted from this transcript.]

THE FIRST MINUTE BOOK

February 5th 1752 — December 27th 1760

Transactions
of the
Grand Committee

Of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity
Of Free and Accepted MASONS

At the Griffin Tavern in Holborn London Feb the 5th 1752
Mr. James Hagarty in the Chair.

Also Present the Officers of N^o. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 being the
Representatives of all the Ancient Masons in and adjacent to
London.

Brother John Margan Grand Secretary, Informed the Committee
that he being lately appointed to an Office on board of one of His
Majesty's Ships, he rec^d. Orders to prepare for his departure
and therefore Advised the Grand Committee to chuse anew
Secretary immediately.

Upon which Brother John Morris past Master of N^o. 5. And
Brother Laurence Dermott of N^o. 9 and 10, and Past Master
N^o. 26 in Dublin were proposed and admitted as Candidates
for the Office of Grand Secretary. And Grand Secretary
Morgan was Ordered to Examine the Candidates seperately &
report his opinion of their Qualifications

to
After a long & minute Examination Relative ^ Initiation
passing, Instalations, and General Regulations &c., &c., &c..
Brother Morgan declared that Brother Laurence Dermott
was duly qualified for the Office of Grand Secretary.
Whereon the Worshipful Master in the Chair put up the
Names of John Morris, and Laurence Dermott, seperately
when

when the latter was Unanimously Chosen Grand Secretary: and
was

accordingly he ^ installed (in the Ancient Manner) by the Worshipfull Mr. James Hagarty Master of N^o. 4 then presiding Officer, Assisted by Mr. John Margan late Grand Secretary and the Masters present. After which Brother Morgan (at the request of the president) proclaim'd the new Grand Secretary thrice, according to ancient Custom. Upon which the new Secretary received the usual salutes. And then the president and late Grand Secretary John Morgan delivered the books &c &c into the hands of the new Secretary; upon certain Conditions which was agreed by all parties, and which Conditions the said Worshipful Bro^r. James Hagarty can Explain.* The Grand Committee Unanimously Joined in Wishing Br. Morgan Health and a Successful voyage and then Closed with the greatest Harmony. Having Adjourned to Wednesday the fourth of March next.

* Be it Remembered that Mr. John Morgan late Grand Secretary, had a certain Claim on the Manuscripts here said to be delivered to Laurence Dermott, Which Claim was acknowledged by the G^d. Committee as good and lawful. And for that and other good Reason which can not be committed to writing The Worshipful Grand Committee did agree with Brother John Morgan late Grand Secretary, That the new Secretary Lau Dermott should be solemnly bound never to deliver the said Manuscript (viz a Large folio bound in white Vellum) to any person, But him the said John Morgan or his Order in Writing.

Note the above Mr. James Hagarty is a painter and lives now (1752) in Leather Lane London.

Grand Committee at the Griffin Tavern Holborn

March 4. 1752.

Brother John Gaunt Master of N^o. 5. In the Chair

The following Brethren viz Thomas Figg of N^o. 5. Laurence Folliot of the same Lodge, Samuel Quay of N^o. 2. Richard price of N^o. 3 & Henry Lewis of N^o. 4. made formal Complaints against Thomas Phealon and John

—Macky, better known by the name of the leg of Mutton Masons—
In course of the examination it appear'd that Phealon and Mackey had initiated
a leg

many persons for the mean consideration of ^ Mutton for dinner or supper. to the disgrace of the Ancient Craft. that it was deficult to discover who assisted them if any. as they seldom met twice in the same Alehouse. That Macky was an Empiric in phisic; and both impostors in Masonry. That upon examining some brothers whom they pretended to have made Royal -Archmen, The parties had not the least Idea of that secret. That Doctor Macky (for so he was called) pretended to teach a Masonical Art by

any man

which ^ ——— could (in a moment) render himself Invisible. That the Grand Secret^y. had examined Macky, at the house of M^r. James Duffy Tobacconist in East Smithfield who was not a Mason and that Macky appear'd incapable of making an Apprentice with any degree of propriety. Nor had Mackey the least Idea or knowlege

he

of Royal Arch masonry. But instead thereof ^ had told the people whom he deceived, a long story about 12 white Marble stones &c &c and that the Rain Bow was the Royal Arch, with many other absurdities equally foreign and Rediculous ———

The Grand Committee Unanimously Agreed and Order'd that neither Thomas Phealon nor John Mackey be admitted into any Ancient Lodge during their natural lives.

This was the first time that Laurence Dermott acted as principal Secretary. Nor did he take any fees before the 27th April 1752.

GRAND COMMITTEE AT THE GRIFFIN HOLBORN Ap. 1st 1752

Brother Christopher Byrne Master of No. 6 in the Chair

The Copy of the Byelaws for private Lodges as Written by the late G Secretary J Morgan, was read and compared with Brother Lau: Dermott's Copy of the Byelaws of his former lodge N^o. 26 in the City of Dublin, and the latter being deem'd the most correct. it was. —————

Unanimously Resolved that the most Correct Copy should be received & acknowledged as the only Byelaws for private lodges in future. And public thanks given to Bro^r. Philip McLoughlin and J Morgan for their good intentions, and trouble in drawing up the former bye laws.

The Pursuivant Bro^r. William Lilly gave notice that Bro^r. John Garnt Master of N^o. 5. desired admittance, and upon his admission the Worshipful President Resign'd the Chair to him * —————

The new president call'd on John Morgan James Hagan and Laurence Dermott, to know what success they had in petitioning Lord George Sackville to accept the Chair ——— Their † report was That they had waited on Lord George Sackville at Somerset House in the Strand, that having read the petition His Lordship told them politely That he had the highest veneration for the Ancient Craft, and wish to promote it; But he was engaged to attend His Father the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and was inform'd that the Grand Lodge of Ireland had lately chosen him Grand Master: and that upon his return to England he would accept the Chair, or recommend them to another Noble Man.

Unanimously Resolved, and Ordered that the thanks of the Ancient Craft be given to the Right Honorable Lord George Sackville for His Lordship's polite and very kind answer. and that Laurence Dermott Grand Secretary, Ensign McIntosh and Owen Tudor be a Committee to deliver the said Thanks.‡

Clos'd harmoniously: and adjourned to the first Wednesday
in May next

* Not as his Right, But for his acknowledged skill & Judgment.

† The report was made by Hagan & Dermott, Mr. Morgan then out of Town.

‡ Lord Sackville was out of Town and went to Ireland without their seeing him.

Grand Committee at the Griffin Tavern Holborn

May 6. 1752

Brother John Smith Master of N^o. 7 in the Chair

A Motion was made by John Hamilton past Master of N^o. 7.
That this Grand Committee be removed back to the Turk's head Tavern
in Greek Street Soho where it had be long held under the Title
of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Old
Institution. this motion was not seconded & therefore dropt.
A motion was made by Brother Christopher Byrne Master of N^o. 6
that Grand Committee be removed from the Griffin in Holborn
to some other House as the Majority shall think more proper
This motion was seconded thirded and finally carried in the
affirmative

Brother James Bradshaw of N^o. 8 moved that the G Committee
be removed to the House of Brother Robert Glave in Shire lane
near Temple Bar.

This motion was strongly supported and carried by a great
Majority And the Secretary was Order'd to summon the
meeting at the Temple Eating House the sign of the Temple
in shire lane near Temple Bar London.

Closed and Adjourn'd to the first Wednesday in June next.

Grand Committee at the Temple Shire lane June 3^d 1752Brother James Bradshaw Master of N^o. 8 in the Chair

Heard a formal Complaint by B^r. John Robinson of N^o. 9 against
B^r. Moses Willoughby of the said lodge N^o. 9 for wronging the
said Robinson the sum of Nine Shillings in a fraudulent
Bargain in the exchanging a loomb.

Order'd that Brother Thomas Kane Thomas Ohara and
John Morris all Weavers & of the said lodge N^o. 9 shall make
a deligent enquiry and examination into the Cause of complaint
and report the same with their opinions thereon before the
Grand Committee upon the first day of July next.

And that the Accuser and Accused shall be summoned to
appear at the same time and place

The Grand Secretary proposed several things for the
benefit of the Ancient Craft. But it being late they were
postponed to a more favourable Opportunity

Close'd and Adjourn'd to St. John's day at
Noon

Grand Committee at the Temple Shire lane Temple Bar

June 24: 1752

Brother John Morris Master of N^o. 9 in the Chair.

Having no Grand Master nor Grand Warden to Install, the Grand Secretary was Reinstall'd according to the Ancient Custom and manner of installing Grand Secretaries. And having gone through that ceremony he was proclaim'd and saluted accordingly. — After which he repeated the whole Ceremony of Installing Grand &c in the manner which he had learn'd from Brother Edward Spratt Esq^r. the Celebrated Grand Secretary of Ireland. The long Recital of this Solemn Ceremony gave great satisfaction to the Audience, many of which who never had an Opportunity of hearing the like before.

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to the first Wednesday in
July next.

Grand Committee at the Temple Shire lane July 1. 1752

Mr. John Doughty Master of N^o. 2 in the Chair.

The following Brethren viz Thomas Kane Thomas Ohara, and John Morris of N^o. 9 appeared before the G Committee and gave testimony concerning the Complaint by John Robinson against Moses Willoughby, as mention'd in the Transactions of June last.

And the said T. Kane T. Ohara and J. Morris all and every of them did then & there declare that Moses had wronged John Robinson of Nine Shillings.

The said M. Willoughby & J Robinson were Order'd in before the Committee, and all any every part of the matter in dispute were again minutely examin'd and proved. When the Committee Unanimously determined That Moses Willoughby aforesaid shall Return the sum of Nine Shillings good and lawful money of Great Britain to John Robinson aforesaid to receive and keep as his just right. And in case of non compliance to this decision, The transgressor to be expelled from this Society, according to the 17th Regulation.

The Grand Secretary having read the foregoing determination and sentence, Mr. Willoughby declared they might Expell him,
he

for ^ would not conform to the Rules of any Society upon Earth by which he should lose nine shillings.

Therefore he was Unanimously Expell'd: and deem'd unworthy of this or any Other good Society.

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to the first Wednesday in Aug^t. next.

[In spite of the above Minute, the Register (N^o. 174) shows that Moses Willoughby was still a member of N^o. 9 on August 3rd, on which day he sponsored the admission, "from the Moderns", into that Lodge of one Peter Lacour. For a transcript of the "Rules and Orders for Private Lodges", see *A.Q.C. xxxii*, p. 115-118. By 1771 considerable alterations had been made in these Rules, and Rule 17 had become Rule 18.]

Grand Committee at the Temple in Shire lane

Aug. 5 1752

Ensign Lachlan McIntosh Master of No. 3 * in the Chair

Heard several remarks and amendations proposed by the G. Sec^y. which were all admitted and acknowledged necessary, but could not be mention'd in Writing.

The Secretary again Urged the necessity of Chusing a Grand M^r. Upon which the Worshipful Master in the Chair made an Excellent Speech wherein he labour'd to fire the brethren with a spirit to persue the Grand design: and concluded with saying "Future Ages will bless your memories, for preserving and reviving the Ancient Craft in England."

Resolved Nem Con. that the Grateful thanks of this Grand Committee be given to Ensign Lachlan McIntosh the steadfast friend of the Ancient Craft.

Resolved Nem. Con. That the thanks of the ancient Craft in general be given to the G.S. Lau Dermott for the great service rendered to the Craft by his labour and Instructions, particularly for his Generously refusing to take One Shilling for each person reported to become a Mason in any Ancient lodge, exclusive of Registry & of

which fee ^ one shilling for Report was always demanded and Rec^d. By M^r. John Morgan late Grand Secretary.

Clos'd & Adjourn'd to the first Wednesday Sep^r. next.

* The lodge No. 3 ceased to meet regularly in the latter end of the year 1751. Nor could Brother McIntosh the Master persuade them to re Assemble at this time, Yet for his great integrity & fidelity he was permitted to sit as Master of No. 3 And this priviledge was Unanimously allow'd him as a Courtesy: not as a Right. L.D

Grand Committee at Temple Eating house &c

Sep. 2^d 1752

M^r. George Hebden Master of N^o. 4 in the Chair.

Propos'd and Agreed that every sick member shall receive one penny per week from every Registered mason in London & Westminster. The money to be immediately advanced by the Landlords where the lodges are held. And the Landlords to be re-imburs'd at the next meeting of the lodge stated or Emmergency.

That is to say by a Collection from every individual of the lodge.

Resolved that this Grand Committee shall be formed immediately into a Working Lodge of Master Masons in Order to hear a Lecture from the Grand Secretary Laurence Dermott

The Lodge was Opened in Ancient form of Grand Lodge and every part of Real freemasonry was traced and explained: except the Royal Arch.

The Lecture ended, and the Lodge was Closed with the most agreeable and harmonious humour

Adjourn'd to the first Wednesday in Oct^r. next.

Grand Committee on Emergency

Thursday 14 of Sep^r. 1752 New Stile Temple Eating House

M^r. George Hebden Master of N^o. 4 in the Chair

Brother John Doughty of N^o. 2 moved that the Grand Committee should grant Warrants and dispensations for forming and holding Lodges Otherwise the Ancient Craft must dwindle into nothing Resolved Nem con that Dispensations and Warrants for preserving and augmenting the Ancient Craft shall be issued under the Grand Seal and sign'd by the Grand Secretary. Which Warrants nevertheless must be confirm'd by the next Grand Master according to a Regulation inserted in the front of the G^d. Registry *

The whole being a Case of Necessity.

Clos'd and Adjourned to the 6th of October next.

* An order of this sort was made in a General Assembly of Ancient Masons at the Turk's head Tavern in Greek's Street Soho. Upon the 17th day of July 1751. Wherein the Masters of N^o. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & seven were authorized to Grant Dispensations & Warrants & to act as Grand Master. And Richard price Master of N^o. 3. Henry Lewis Master of N^o. 4. John Gant Master of N^o. 5. And Christopher Byrne Master of N^o. 6 did actually exercise such Authority in Signing the Warrant N^o. 8 To James Bradshaw, Thomas Blower, and Richard Darling Guest, for holding a Lodge at the sign of the Temple & Sun in Shire lane Temple Bar, London, from which Warrant this note is written for Dermott never Received any Copy or Manuscript of the former Transactions from M^r. Morgan late G^d. Secretary, Nor does Laurence Dermott the present Grand Secretary think that Brother John Morgan did keep any book of Transactions in this form. though there is no certainty he did not.

Grand Committee at the Temple in Shire lane
Temple Bar. Oct. 6. 1752.

Mr. John Gaunt past Master of N^o. 5 in the Chair.

A motion was made from the Chair That application be immediately made

^ to some honorable Ancient Brother to accept the Honor of the Grand Mastership or Recommend us to another.

Resolved it is the unanimous Opinion of the Grand Committee that the Craft has flourish'd most and best when Governed by a Noble Grand Master. For 'though General or Grand Committees have power to form new laws for the Fraternity, Yet to render them binding or Render Stability, a Grand Master is Absolutely necessary to Confirm them.

Therefore Resolved and Ordered that every Brother of this Society shall make all necessary enquiries concerning proper persons for the Office of Grand Master ——— And lay the product of such enquiry before this Grand Committee on the first Wednesday in November next. to which this Committee Is Clos'd and Adjourn'd

Grand Committee at the Temple Eating House
Shire lane Temple Bar. Nov 3^d 1752.

Mr. Edward Ryan Master of N^o. 6 in the Chair

The names of several Noble and Honorable Gentlemen said to be Ancient Masons were laid before this Committee In order to petition some one of them to undertake the Grand Mastership & Government of the Craft.

The principal personages spoke of were the R^t. Hon^{ble}. Lords Chesterfield, Ponsöby Inchiquin and Blesinton —

Ordered that the Grand Secretary shall draw up a proper petition To the R^t. Hon^{ble}. Philip Earl of Chesterfield an Ancient Mason, begging His Lordship's Sanction as Grand Master.

Order'd that the G^d. Secretary with the Masters of five lodges shall wait on the R^t. Hon^{ble}. Lord Chesterfeild with the said petition.

The Secretary return'd thanks for the honor done him, in appointing him of the Committee to wait on Lord Chestirfield. And begged the Grand Committee would postpone the business untill they had made choice of some proper place to receive and Install his Lordship, the Temple Eating House being very unfit for that business.

Brother James Bradshaw and other friends of B^r. Rob^t. Glave the Landlord objected to the Grand Secretary's request, Upon which there were many altercations on both sides, not fit to be written, the consequence and conclusion was that the matter was wholly postponed, and the Committee Closed and Adjourn'd to the first Wednesday in Dec^r.

Next.

Grand Committee at the Sign of the Temple in Shire lane
Temple Bar. Dec 6. 1752

Mr. John Smith Master of N^o. 7 in the Chair

Resolved Unanimously That the lodges who by neglect or disobedience have forfeited their Rank or Numbers shall be discontinued on the Registry. And the Junior lodges who have proved themselves faithful friends of the Ancient Craft, shall hence forth bear the Title or Number so forfeited. The distribution to be according to seniority.

A motion was made by Brother John Gaunt Master of N^o. 5. for an immediate Application to the R^t. Hon^{ble}. Earl of Inchiquin to become our Grand Master.

which

Upon [^] the Grand Secretary moved for the Opinion of the Majority Whether they thought the Temple Eating House, a proper. place for the Instalation of a Noble Grand Master.

Which question being being put to the vote it pass'd in the Negative

The Grand Secretary propos'd moving the Grand Committee to the House of M^r. Richard Huntledge the five Bells Tavern in the Strand, a place both suitable & Reputable.

The motion was seconded and thirded and after many Arguments the matter was determined by vote as follows

viz	For moving to the 5 Bells	16
	Against	11

Majority

5.

The president declared the Majority and ordered the Grand Secretary to Summon the next meeting, at the five Bells Tavern in the Strand.

Brother John Gaunt Master of N^o. 5 renewed his motion of making Choice of the R^t. Honorable Earl of Inchiquin Grand Master But some of the Brethren having inform'd the Committee that Lord George Sackville would soon return from Ireland, It was thought most prudent to wait his Lordship's return, as he had formerly given a very

friendly and Oblidging answer to the Brethren who waited on him for the same purpose.

The Grand Secretary desired to know whether there was any other books or Manuscripts more than had been delivered to him by the Worshipful Mr. James Hagarty the presiding Officer Upon the 2^d of Feb. 1752 and Mr. John Morgan late Grand Secretary.

To which several of the Brethren answer'd that they did not know of any. Others viz Brothers Samuel Quay, James Hagan, — John Doughty, John Smith Richard Price John Bandy — Lachlan McIntosh, Abraham Ardezoif and others said that they knew Mr. Morgan had a Roll of parchment of prodigious length which contain'd some Historical matters Relative to the Ancient Craft. which parchment they did suppose he had taken abroad with him. It was further said that many Manuscripts were lost amongst the lodges lately Modernized where a vestige of the Ancient Craft ~~has not been left~~ was not suffered to be revived or practized; And that it was for this Reason so many of them withdrew from lodges (under the Modern sanction) to support the true Ancient System. That they found the freemasons from Ireland and Scotland had been initiated in the very same manner as themselves which confirm'd their system & practice as right and Just. Without which none could be deem'd legal, though possessed of all the books and papers on Earth.

The Grand Secretary (Dermott) produced a very Old Manuscript written or copied by one Bramhall of Canterbury in the Reign of King Henry the Seventh which Manuscript was presented to Bro^r. Dermott (in 1748) by one of the Descendants of the writer. On perusal it proved to contain the whole matter in the 'fore mention'd parchment, as well as other matters not in that parchment. The Grand Secretary expatiated much on the subject of this old M.S. to the great satisfaction of the hearers. And on his conclusion Brother Samuel Quay made a Motion for the Thanks of the General Committee to be given to the G.S. Dermott "for the many pleasing Instructions which he had so often Administer'd to the Brethren". Upon which Brother

James

Transactions of Dec^r. 6: 1752 Continued

James Bradshaw, Thomas Gibbons, Robert Glave & Evan McKenzie protested against any thanks or even Approbation of the Secretary's conduct, who instead of being useful had actually Sung & lectured the Brethren out of their senses. And had then proposed to move the Grand Committee out of the House of a worthy Brother Mr. Robert Glave to the House of a Man who was not a Mason.

That the only way to promote the Society was to chuse a new Secretary. Continue in the house where they then were and not run blindly into needless expences at a Tavern which in the end would bring ruin on them And then what would they think of him who had Lectured and sung them out of their senses.

As soon as the paper containing the above protest was publickly read and Copied, The Secretary beg'd to be heard in answer to the Landlord and his freinds. This request being Granted The Secretary said that he did not desire to continue in Office longer "than he should be found really useful. That if a Candidate (better Qualified) offered himself, he the Secretary would for the benefit of the Craft resign in favour of such Candidate without the trouble of a General Election. And if he was so unfortunate as to sing any Brother out of his Senses, he hoped the Worshipful Master in the Chair and the Grand Committee would allow him an hour's time and he would endeavour to sing them into the senses again.

The Request was granted with great good humour, the Secretary made proper use of his time. And the Worshipful M^r-John Smith Closed and Adjourn'd the Grand Committee to the Five Bells Tavern in the Strand. Upon the 3^d day of January
Next

Transactions of the Grand Committee at the five Bells
Tavern in the Strand Jan: 3. 1753

Mr. Thomas Loyd Master of N^o. 8 in the Chair

Resolved Unanimously, That every Member of a Regular Ancient Lodge in and about this Metropolis Shall Contribute the sum of four pence per month Towards raising a Charitable Fund for the Relief of Idigent Free Masons.

Resolved Unanimously that a Chest shall be immediately made by Brother George Hebden of N^o. 4. for the use of this Society And that Mess^{rs}. Thomas Loyd of N^o. 8. John Doughty of N^o. 2 & Laurence Dermott GS. shall give directions for making the said Chest. That there shall be four locks and four keys to the s^d. Chest, Which Keys shall be disposed of in the following manner. until Grand Officers can be install'd. viz One Key to the presiding Master pro tempore. One Key to the last Master who presided in the Chair. One Key to the ensuing Master And one Key to the Grand Secretary.

Resolved and Order'd that a certain part of the said Chest shall be divided and adapted for the use of the Grand Sec^{ys}. Books & And that no person be admitted to have and Communication with the Secretary's part, books or papers.

Closed and Adjourn'd to the first Wednesday
in February next.

Transactions at the five Bells Tavern
February 7th. 1753.

Mr. William Turner Master of N^o. 9 in the Chair.

Proposed and Unanimously Agreed that all Charitable Contributions shall be paid monthly into the Grand Committee for the future, And not collected as formerly.

Resolved and Agreed that the private Lodge to whom a distressed Brother doth belong shall support him (if demanded) untill the monthly meeting next ensuing where ~~the~~ his Master or Wardens shall attend
shall be
with a bill of the Expence which bill \wedge immediately paid out of the Grand Fund, provided such bill doth not exceed the sum of Ten shillings p week to a sick Member and seven shillings p week to a Member Confin'd for debt: This method to hold in full force and virtue untill the fund is at least fifteen pounds strong.

Resolved and Ordered That all Brethren of Good Character shall be and are intituled to this Charity without regard to the length of time since they were admitted or made.

Resolved and ordered that Brother David Jennings Master of N^o. 6 shall pay a fine of five shillings for the Indignity offered to this Grand Committee; and that upon his non Compliance to this decision He shall be totally expelled.

Closed and adjourned to the first Wednesday
in March next

Transactions at the 5 Bells Tavern March 7 1753

Mr. John Woodward Master of N^o. 11 in the Chair.

Rec^d. and Read several sick Bills, from N^o. 5, 10. & 14 all, which were paid: as appears by the Cash book.

Agreed — That Brother John Mitchell of N^o. 2 shall continue to Receive five shillings p week during his residence in the country. for the benefit of his health.

Agreed That no sum of money be paid to any Brother (on acc^t. of sickness or lameness) untill his Master or Warden shall first vouch the petitioner Worthy of such Relief.

Agreed Thomas Reily of N^o. 14 shall Receive five shillings p week untill he can be conveyed to an Hospital.

Brother David Jennings of N^o. 6 having (this night) made full and proper concession & submission for his fault on the 7th of February last — He is now unanimously Accepted and reinstated

Ordered that Brother William Turner Master of N^o. 9 shall summon Geo Fay to answer some irregularities laid to his Charge.

Ordered That for the better despatch of business & preserving Harmony. In the absence of the Master appointed to preside. The ensuing Master shall fill the Chair, and the two succeeding Masters shall act as Wardens pro tempore

Carried over

Transactions of March 7th 1753 Continued

Brother William Turner of N^o. 9 proposed that all Officers Absent on a Grand Committee, Grand Lodge, Stated, or Emergency, (when duly summoned) shall be fined ~~and then~~ and shall pay such fines whether, sick, well, confined, or at Liberty, in Town or Country.

The Grand Secretary arose and said he thought it his duty to apprize the Brethren that such a law would be unconstitutional & tyrannous. Nevertheless the question was put and carried by a Majority

Viz —	for the Question	26
	Against D ^o .	16
	Majority	10

Mem

president John Woodard Master of N^o. 11 D^r to Stock
3. 15. 2

Closed and Adjourn'd to the 4th day of April
Next

Transactions at the Bells Tavern April 4th 1753.

Mr. John Abercromby Master of N^o. 13. in the Chair.

A motion was made for making a New Regulation concerning the moiety to be spent by each Member on every meeting

Agreed and Order'd that the old Custom of pay^{ing} [^] One shilling each be still continued.

Heard a petition from Richard Gough Grand Tyler &c
Order'd that the petition shall be refer'd to another meeting.

Agreed That Brother James Bradshaw Master of N^o. 12 shall Receive ten Shillings for the week ensuing and also five shillings towards defraying his expences to get into an Hospital.

Order'd That Bro^r. George Hebden shall deliver the chest (bespoke of him) on or before the 12th day of April Instant. and in case of non compliance a Chest shall be bought from some other person.

Propos'd that each Member shall pay sixpence p month in order to raise the Grand Fund.
this motion is postpon'd to the first Wednesday in May next. In the meantime the Groats shall be paid as usual.

Agreed that Brother John Keely Member of N^o. 6 shall receive seven shillings per week during his sickness

Carried over.

Transactions of April 4th 1753 Continued

The Grand Secretary proposed a method for increasing the Grand fund. viz. that every Lodge shall pay Two shillings and sixpence for every new-made Mason. Which Motion was carried in the Affirmative and thanks return'd to the proposer.

Agreed That each Member who shall remove from one lodge to another shall pay One Shilling (to the Grand fund) for every such removal.

Agreed That (according to Ancient Custom) the Grand Secretary (for the time being) shall be free from all contributions to the General fund or Reckonings and that said Grand Secretary by virtue of his Office shall be intituled to every benefit of the Grand Lodge except a vote in chusing Grand Officers.

Order'd (at the request of the present Grand Secretary) that the Names of the Brethren who were present at the confirming these Transactions shall be annex'd to the said Orders. &c—

Rich ^d . Coffee	M	} N ^o . 2	John Gaunt	} N ^o . 5	Geo Wilson	} 8	Jn ^o . Rutherford	} 11
Jam ^s . Murphy	SW		Ja ^s . Evans		Ben Fournear		Ja ^s . Glover	
William Lee	JW		Ben: Hobbs		Sam Cope		Ja ^s . Say	
Lachlan M ^c Intosh	M	} 3	Day ^d . Jennings	} 6	Will ^m . Weir	} 9	Alex M ^c Kenzie	} 12
Tho ^s . Wilson	SW		John Jones		Geo: Gray		Jer ^h . Evans SW	
John Haughton	JW				Will Kinaird			
Henry Lewis	M	} 4	John Smith	} 7	Jn ^o . Cartwright	} 10	Jn ^o . Abercromb	} 13
Anth ^y . prichard	SW		Will ^m . Webb JW		Jn ^o . Osborn		N ^o . 13	
Ed ^d . Shea	JW				Nath Franks			

Transactions of March the 7th. Continued *

James Lowney	N ^o .	Hugh Horan	N ^o .
Richard Nowlan	14	Martin Norton SW	16
Mich ^l . Lutterell			
William Rankin		James Reily	N ^o .
John Allen		Rich ^d . Clarkson SW	17
And ^w . Leakey	15		
		Unanimous 41 Members †	

Close'd and Adjourn'd to the 2^d. of May next

May the 2^d. 1753 Jeremiah Coleman Master of N^o. 14
in the Chair

Heard a petition from James Ryan and Others praying to be constituted into a Regular Lodge

D^o. a petition from John Hamilton & Others praying to be Constituted into a Regular Lodge

Order'd that the Grand Secretary with proper Assistants shall Constitute the former on Friday next and the latter on Monday the 7th Instant

Rec^d. the Bills and vouchers of N^o 2 and N^o. 3 and paid them accordingly as appears by the Cash Book.

D^o. the Bills &c of N^o. 7 and 10 and paid as above

Order'd that Bro^r. Gear shall Receive Ten shillings and
Sixpence on account of Locks made for (but ^{not} used
in) the Grand Lodge.

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to June 6th. next

* This is obviously an error for "April 4th".

† These 41 names are written by the Secretary, not signatures.

June the 6th. 1753 — 5 Bells Tavern

Mr. Rob^t. Turner Master of N^o. 15 in the Chair

Heard — a petition from John Doughty and others
praying to be Constituted into a regular lodge
the petition was rejected.

Rec^d. — Several bills &c which were paid as appears
by the Cash book.

Heard — Several complaints against Bro^r. Mitchell
(now supported by the Charity of this Lodge)
alleging and proving that he is unworthy of
being supported by his Brethren &c

Order'd that Mr. Mitchell of N^o. 2 shall be struck
of our list of pensioners ———

Proposed that One Guinea shall be given to
Bro^r. Geo: Hebden towards defraying ~~the~~
the expences he may be at on account of
a Chest formerly mentioned in these Transac-
-tions. this motion was postpon'd to the
next meeting.

Closed and Adjourn'd to the Kingshead
in Mary le bone Street June 19 Instant

Grand Committee of Masters (by Order
of Mr. Robert Turner Master of N^o. 15) at the
Kingshead Head Mary le bon Street June 19 1753
Emergency

Mr. Robert Turner (aforesaid) in the Chair

Order'd—That Brother Richard Duffy of N^o. 14 shall not receive any more money from this Society on Acc^t. of his pre-sent Illness.

Order'd that Brother John Keely shall be continued as usual.

Report—Brother Alexander McKenzie declared that

of No. 12
Bro^r. Collin McKenzie ^ was lying sick unable
to support himself.

Order That Bro^r. Collin McKenzie aforesaid be supported according to Regulations.

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Agreed that such as are ^ Hospitals shall not receive any
money from this Society during their stay in such
Hospital.

Order'd That the over-plus of the money Order'd for Bro^r. Cogan's Funeral shall be put into the grand fund.

Agreed That the Grand Fund shall be closed for six months except to those who are now on the Grand Charity.

Heard many debates concerning clandestine makings not Necessary to be recorded here.

Heard the complaint of Bro^r. John Doughty against the Members of his lodge N^o. 2 Alledging that they had made a false Election and offer'd him many Indignities &c &c

Agreed That the Election of Officers lately in the lodge N^o. 2 being Untimely and without the Master's Knowledge is thereby render'd null and void

and that it is lawfull for Brother Doughty to cause the Officers to be re Elected for the ensuing half Year. Nevertheless it is the Opinion of this Committee That the Brethren of N^o. 2 Aforesaid are hearty friends to the Craft and that their Zeal was the cause of their runing into such Errors.

Order'd a Dispensation for Mr. John Doughty for the purpose of congregating and making of Freemasons at the One Tun in the strand from this day unto the first wednesday in July next.

Order'd That the said Bro^r. Doughty shall not admit Thomas Gibbons Jun^r. late of N^o. 7 the said Gibbons being deem'd unworthy of this most Antient and honourable Society.

Present the Masters of N^o. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to the
King and Queen in Cable Street
Rosemary lane July 4: 1753

Post Tran^s.

The Grand Secretary having inform'd the Brethren that it was not lawfull to summon a Stated meeting at the King and Queen Aforesaid he rec^d. Orders to Summon them as usual. _____

Grand Committee at the five Bells Tavern
July 4 1753

Mr. Hugh Horan Master of N^o. 16 in the Chair

Read the proceedings of June the 19 last.

Heard the Case of Brother Thomas Gibbons Junior after many debates thereon it was Rejected.

Heard a petition from John McCormick praying to be Constituted &c

Order'd that John McCormick and Others shall be constituted &c

Order'd That Alexander Clarke shall have a Dispensation to form a lodge and make Masons for the space of one month.

A motion was made, that all Absentees shall be fin'd Six pence.

Order'd That every Member who shall be absent at the hour of Eight o'Clock shall be fin'd Sixpence.

Brother Thomas Gibbons above mention'd having made due sub-mission before the Brethren was forgiven and recom-mended to N^o. 7 in Order to obtain a Certificate &c

Heard Two petitions from Brothers Doughty and Molan — both Accepted.

Closed and Adjourn'd to the King
and Queen in Cable Street
July 13 Ins^t.

Grand Committee on Emergency by Order of
Mr. Hugh Horan Master of N^o. 16. July 13 1753
King & Queen Cable Street Rose mary lane

Mr. Hugh Horan in the Chair

Also present the Masters of N^o. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22.

Proposed and Unanimously agreed that the Grand Fund
shall be Closed untill St. John's Day viz the 27 of
December next.

Propos'd that a new Regulation be made for Collecting and the
expences of Funerals i.e. that instead of Collecting One
shilling p man (as the form now is) the money for the
future shall be paid into the Grand fund and from thence
dispos'd of According to proper Orders.
after many debates it was put to a poll and on
casting up the votes they appear'd thus

For the Question	-	-	-	16
Against	-	-	-	3
Majority	-	-	-	13

Nevertheless the presiding Officer and the rest of the Brethren
thought it most prudent to postpon this matter to the
Stated meeting which was accordingly done.

Propos'd and agreed that a Mahogany Box or Chest be made
for the use of the Grand Committee not exceeding
five pounds in vallue.

Propos'd and agreed that the Business of this Grand Committee
shall be conducted in the following manner viz.

- 1st — The Roll shall be call'd and dues paid.
- 2 — The Reckoning shall be Collected.
- 3 — Demands on the Grand shall be paid.
- 4 — Petitions for Lodges shall be heard.

Transactions of July 13 1753 Continued

5th — Debates on the Craft or formal Complaints shall be heard &c

Order'd — that each member of all our Antient Lodges shall contribute the sum of Sixpence towards defraying the funeral Charges of Bro^r. Cogan and the Over plus if any to be put into the Grand fund.

Propos'd and agreed that no petition shall be read in the Grand Committee but such as are written by the Grand Secretary & he paid for the same

The Grand Secretary return'd thanks to the Brethren for their friendship to him and remarked That taking money from a poor Brother for writing a petition wou'd be inconsistent with that noble spirit of brotherly love
hath ever
which & distinguished the Antient Craft.

Proposed and Agreed that the thanks of this Society shall be given to Bro^r. Lau Dermott G.S. for this fresh proof of his Generosity and great love of this Fraternity.

A motion was made for an Amendment of the above proposal concerning petitions, viz. That no petition for a new Constitution or Dispensation shall be Read in the Grand Committee except they are written by the Grand Secretary and he paid for the same.

Agreed That all petitions for Constitutions shall be written by the G.S. and he the said G.S. paid at the rate of Two shillings and sixpence each.

The G.S. having return'd thanks for the many favours confer'd on him by his Brethren, he humbly beged that the Lodge wou'd please to appoint some certain person to deliver the summons's for the future that he the said Secretary was under the necessity

of delivering or paying for the delivery of them for several months past in fact ever since he was install'd, which service was exceeding troublesome to him as he was obliged to work twelve hours in the day for the Master Painter who employ'd him.

The Worshipfull Master in the Chair demanded why Bro^r. William Lilly and Bro^r. Richard Gough who seem'd to be Grand pursuivant & Tyler did not deliver the summons and why the Grand Secretary kept the matter a secret so long, to which the Secretary answer'd that Lilly and Gough wou'd not deliver the summons's untill they were first paid for service done during the time M^r. John Morgan was G Secretary. and that the Fund being closed it was in vain to mention it.

he

yet ^ was resolved that no part of the business shou'd be neglected whilst he was able to forward or promote it.

Order'd that the Grand Secretary shall pay the pursuivant or Grand Tyler two shillings for each time of summoning, and that it shall be lawfull for the Secretary to charge three pence for each summons in order to reimburse the money paid to the Tyler & the remainder to himself for the Trouble he had in Summoning &c.

The Grand Secretary Return'd thanks for this Order but wou'd not accept any such Contribution —

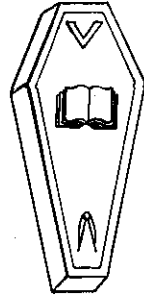
A motion was made for the Regulating of Funerals

in the course of the debate it appear'd that some persons of late had walked before the Corps in imitation of a Modern Lodge who had so done.

It also appear'd that the Antient Masons had formerly walked in the following manner viz

Funeral Procession

Tylers
 Corps
 Mourners
 Youngest Members of the Junior Lodge
 Eldest D°. D°.
 Past Officers of D°.
 Secretary of D°.
 Deacons
 Wardens
 Master
 The next youngest Lodge in the same manner &c
 The
 Grand Officers (if attending) in the Rear
 and
 The whole procession revers'd in coming back



The Worshipfull Master in the Chair thank'd the
 G.S. for the last new song which he composed and
 hoped that the applause of his Brethren wou'd
 induce Bro^r. Dermott G.S. to compose another
 against the next S^t. John's day which the G.S.
 promised to attempt.

Closed and Adjourn'd to (the Five-
 -Bells Tavern Strand on the first
 day of August Next.

Grand Committee at the Five Bells Tavern
 August 1st. 1753

Mr. Laurence Rooke Master of N°. 17 in the Chair.

he
 The Grand Secretary humbly moved that ^ might have
 liberty to call the Roll or list of Lodges before any
 other business was done which was accordingly Or-
 der'd to be done.

Therefore the Roll was call'd &c

Proposed and Agreed that the Lodge N°. 7 shall be dis-
 -continued in the Grand Lodge Books for nonpaym^t.
 of dues.

Rec^d. the following sums (from the lodges prefix'd) on Account
 of the late Brother Cogan's Funeral viz —

N°. 2	— L 0. 6. 0	N°. 12	— 0. 2. 0
3	— 0. 4. 0	13	— 0. 3. 6
4	— 0. 4. 0	14	— 0. 6. 0
5	— 0. 6. 0	15	— 0. 7. 0
6	— 0. 6. 6	16	— 0. 9. 0
8	— 0. 4. 0	17	— 0. 2. 6
9	— 0.10 .0	18	— 0. 2. 6
		22	— 0. 2. 6
	2. 0. 6		
			1.15. 0
			2. 0. 6
			3.15. 6 Total

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to the Scotch Arms in
 the Haymarket Aug. 8th. Instant

Grand Committee of Masters at the Scotch Arms
in the Haymarket August the 8th 1753

Mr. Laurence Rooke Master of N^o. 17 in the Chair.

Proposed and Agreed that every Antient Lodge on the Registry shall pay all their dues on the second (stated) meeting of the Grand after they become due otherwise the sick or distress'd of such diffident lodges shall not be intitled to relief from the Grand fund.

Agreed that Brother Alexander M^cKenzie shall be allowed all the fines now dues on his lodge N^o. 12 in consideration of the expence he the said Alex^r. M^cKenzie has been at in supporting his Bro^r. Collin M^cKenzie during his distress.

Heard Bro^r. James Lowney's affair concerning N^o. 14 Agreed that Bro^r. Jeremiah Coleman shall be excused the fine of five Shillings for refusing to stand Master of the said Lodge.

Order'd that no Committee of Masters shall be call'd for the future except upon some Extraordinary Occasion which does not seem to be the present Case.

The Cash Remaining Undisburs'd, being four pounds seven shillings and Two pence, the presiding Master paid it into the hands of Brother James Ryan (the ensuing Master for the Chair) who immediately gave his Note for the same.

to
Clos'd and Adjourn'd ^ the Bells
on the 5th of Sep^r. next.

Grand Committee at the Five Bells Tavern
Sep^r. 5th. 1753

Mr. James Ryan Master of N^o. 18 in the Chair.

Call'd the List and Received Dues as appears
by the Cash Book.

Heard the Complaint of Brother John Smith Master of
N^o. 7 against Thomas Gibbons (Jun^r.) William-
-Bowen, Richard Storer and Others wherein it
Apear'd that the s^d. Gibbons, Bowen, and Storer &c
were guilty of misdemeanors and irregularities in
the s^d. Lodge N^o. 7. particularly divesting the said
Master without any Just Cause &c

Agreed and Order'd that our worthy Brother John Smith
aforesaid shall be reinstated in his Chair and
Dignity on Thursday the 13 Ins^t. ———

Agreed and Order that Bro^r. Geo: Hebden shall Receive the
sum of three Guineas for the Chest made for this
Society (being vallued at so much) and upon his
refusal the Chest to be return'd to him. And
it is further Order'd that no future mention,
dispute or debate shall ~~ever~~ never be heard in
this Committee, on or about the said Chest.

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to 3^d Oct^r. next.

Grand Committee October 3^d. 1753. Bells Tavern

Mr. John McCormick Master of N^o. 20 in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll as usual and Rec^d. Cash as appears by the Cash Book.

Heard a petition from John Browne John McCoy Thomas Hancock and others praying to be Constituted &c Accepted and Order'd to be constituted on Wednesday the 12th Ins^t.

Heard a petition from some Brethren residing in the City of Bristol praying to be Warrented &c

Order'd that the Grand Secretary shall proceed according to the Antient Custom of the Craft during the inter Magistrum.

Paid Mr. Alex^r. McKenzie's Bill as appears by the Cash Book.

Order'd a Dispensation for Bro^r. Alex^r. Dixon of N^o. 16 in order to Congregate and form a Lodge at the Rosemary Branch in Rosemary lane.

Clos'd & Adjourn'd to October the 18 Ins^t.

Emmergency

Grand Committee at the Bells Oct^r. 18 1753

Mr. John McCormick Master of N^o. 20 in the Chair.

Proposed and Agreed That the Grand Secretary shall* attend and Regulate all processions, and at Funerals, take particular care that all persons walk in proper Rotation.

Proposed that Bro^r. Burgoyne shall have a petition to go round the Antient Lodges.

They G.S. made a long speech against such petitions &
^ was

being put to vote it ^ carried in the Negative.

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to Nov: the 7th next.

* From this point to the end of the paragraph one word and two lines have been rubbed out, and the text as shown written over the erasure, which is not legible.

Grand Committee Nov: the 7th 1753

Mr. Richard Coffee Master of N^o. 2 in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll &c as usual.

The Cash (which amounted to seven pounds One shilling & ten pence) having pass'd thro' the hands of James Ryan and James Broadhurst is paid into the Hands of Sam^l Quay past master of N^o. 2.

Closed and Adjourn'd to the 5th Dec^r. next.

Grand Committee Dec^r. 5th 1753 Bells Tavern

Mr. Lachlan McIntosh Master of N^o. 3 in the Chair.

The Roll call'd, and dues Rec^d. as appears by the cash Book.

The G.S. made a Motion i.e. That as the Fraternity had not made choice of any of the Noble personages formerly mention'd in those Transactions and it being doubtfull whether the Antient Craft cou'd be honour'd with a Noble G M at this time, he humbly beg'd that the Brethren wou'd make choice of some worthy and skillfull Master to fill the Chair for the space of Six months Successively.

Accordingly Bro^r. Rob^t. Turner Master of N^o. 15 was nominated and Unanimously chosen to fill the G Master's Chair for six months, and being Instal'd and Saluted &c &c His Worship chose Bro^r. William Rankin for his Deputy who was also immediately Install'd saluted &c &c &c

Then the Lodge proceeded in the choice of G^d. Wardens when Bro^r. Samuel Quay past Master of N^o. 2 was
chosen

chosen Sen^r. G^d Warden and Brother Lachlan McIntosh of N^o. 3. was chosen Junior G Warden who were also instal'd and saluted according to Antient Usage. and concluded with the most agreeable harmony.

Closed and Adjourn'd to St. John's day next.

Grand Lodge in Ample form Dec^r. 27th 1753

The R^t Worshipfull Robert Turner G:M: in the Chair.

The whole Ceremony of Grand Instalation was repeated for the Instruction and Entertainment of the Fraternity. after which the R:W:G:M: made an excellent speech relative to the Day and gave Orders to his Deputy who Clos'd and Adjourn'd, to the 2^d of Jan^y next.

Grand Lodge &c Jan 2^d 1754

RW: G: M. in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll & Rec^d the dues as Appears by the Cash Book.

Heard a petition from Jeremiah Coleman and others praying to be warranted &c.

Order'd That the petitioners shall be constituted on the seventh Ins^t. at the House of Lau: Boyne St. James's markit.

Heard a petition from Henry Lewis and Others praying to be Constituted &c

Order'd That the petitioners shall be constituted on the 9th Jan^y. Instant. at the house of peter Duffy in Butcher Row East Smithfield. Clos'd & Adjourn'd to Feb. 6th. next.

Grand Lodge &c Feb. 6th 1754

RWG Master in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d dues as appears by the
Cash Book.

Heard the petition of John Hewitt and Others praying to
be Warranted and Constituted &c

Order'd That the petitioners shall be Constituted (at the
Black Horse in Old Boswell Court) on Monday
the 18th Ins^t.

Proposed and Agreed Nem: Con: that the Grand fund shall
be further Clos'd to the 24th of June next —

Unanimously Agreed That Brother Laurence Dermott
our Grand Secretary shall be presented with a
proper Jewell (such as he shall please to devise)
for the many services by him perform'd for the good
of the Antient Craft. that Bro^r. Henry Lewis shall
make the said intended present. which shall be paid
out of the Grand Fund providing the vallue shall
not exceed the sum of five Guineas. including
the Collar, Engraving &c Brother Dermott's name
on the said Jewell it being intended for the G.S.
and not as the property of the G^d Lodge for the
future.* Wittness — Rob^t Turner G:M

The G. Secretary having return'd thanks &c the G Lodge was
Closed and Adjourn'd to the 6th of March next.

* Dermott delivered the Jewell to his Successor M^r. William Dickey
and was worn by succeeding Grand Secretaries.

Grand Lodge &c March 6th. 1754

The R:W:G:M: Turner in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d dues, and paid Bills as appears by the Cash book.Order'd that John Hewitt and Others (who have formerly petition'd for a Warrant) shall be Constituted on Monday the 18th Inst.

Note the above Order was also made last month (but a Complaint being exhibited against John Hewitt of which the said John is this night acquitted) the orer is repeated and it is agreed that the Warrant shall bear date the 18 of Feb 1754.

Heard a Complaint against W^m Holford Jun^r. Warden of N^o. 29 for Irregularity in the Lodge &cOrder'd that Brother Holford shall ask pardon in the G^d. Lodge and on refusal he shall be excluded.Heard some proposals by Bro^r. Norton Master of N^o. 16 the first proposal was totally rejected. the 2^d: 3^d and 4th were in some measure agreed to but forbid to be recorded till further notice.Heard petitions (for Warrants) from Bro^r. Matthews and Bro^r. McCall.

Order'd A warrant for the Former and a Dispensation for the latter.

The fund being Closed The following Lodges paid the sums annexed towards defraying the Funeral Charges of the late Bro^r. Molloy viz.

N ^o . 2 — L 0. 5. 0	N ^o . 8 — L 0. 6. 6	N ^o . 18 — L 0. 2. 0
3 — 0. 5. 0	13 — 0. 3. 6	20 — 0. 2. 6
4 — 0. 4. 0	14 — 0. 7. 0	22 — 0. 5. 4
5 — 0. 5. 0	16 — 0. 8. 0	
6 — 0. 7. 0	17 — 0. 4. 0	
		1. 6. 0
		1. 9. 0
1. 6. 0	1. 9. 0	
		Total 3. 4.10

heard two petitions from Matthew Finley & Nich^s. Byrne both were reliv'd by private Contributions.Adjourn'd to the Thistle & Crown Church Court in the Strand on March the 14th next.

Grand Committee of Masters (only) at the Thistle
and Crown in Church Court in the Strand Mar. 14th 1754

G M in the Chair.

Also present, the Sen^r & Jun^r Grand Wardens with the
Masters of N^o. 5, 7, 9, 20, 21, 29, and 33. ———

that

The Grand Secretary remarked ^ the proper business of the Grand Lodge
was continually interrupted and retarded by numerous petitions
for Charity &c therefore most humbly proposed that a Charitable
Committee of Masters might be instituted to inspect the merits
of such petitions either to relive the peti^{rs}. if found Worthy or
to recommend them to the Grand or reject them if thought unworthy
Agreed that a Committee of Masters shall be immediately form'd and
Continued under the Name of The Committee of Inspection
or any other Title which shall hereafter be thought more
applicable.

That such Committee shall Consist of Eight Masters of
Lodges (or Past Masters to represent them) with or without
Grand Officers (the Secretary & books always present) out of
which (when the Grand Officers are all Absent) one of them
shall be Chosen to fill the Chair.

That all debates shall be decided by ~~vote~~ the Majority of votes. And
the

that all ^ debates and Resolutions of this Committee shall be (con-
stantly laid before, and) subject to a General Grand Lodge.

That such committee shall be renewed every Kalendar Month
and that such Committee shall meet on the 3^d Wednesday
in Every month. And for the Conveniency of the Society
in General we recommend the Crown in S^t. Paul's
Church Yard for the Assembling the said monthly Com-
mittee. to which place this Lodge is Adjourn'd on the
seventeenth day of March Ins^t. ———

Unanimously Agreed ^ that John Woodard late Master of N^o. 11
be expelled for defrauding the Charitable fund of the sum of
three pounds fifteen shillings and two pence.

Clos'd & Adjourn'd to the 17th Ins^t.

Grand Committee at the Crown in St Paul's Church Yard
on the 17th day of March 1754

The R W Sen^r G Warden in the Chair.

pres^t. also the Jun^r G:W. and the Masters of N^o. 3, 7, 11, 12,
13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 26, 30, 32, 33. —————

Agreed that the Transactions of March the 14th. last (so far as it re-
-lates to a Committee of Charity) shall be pass'd into a Law. amongst
the Antient Fraternity. And that the first Committee shall be
form'd by the following Masters viz. the Masters of N^o. 14, 15,
13, 16, 17, 12, 18, and 11. And so on (for the future) Backward
and forward in their turns.

That the hour of meeting shall be at Eight of the Clock in the
Evening. And that if any Member be Absent after the
hour of meeting he shall pay One Shilling.

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to the Bells Tavern
April 3^d 1754

Grand Committee again, Open'd to hear a proposal for a
play to be perform'd in the little Theatre in the Hay Market
for the Benefit of Indigent Free Masons.

Agreed that The abovemention'd play shall be perform'd
under the direction and Inspection of Bro^r. James Lauder[*]
and that all and every of the Tickets shall be sign'd and
Number'd by the Grand Secretary. and the Number and the
delivery of them shall be faithfully laid before the Grand
Lodge when call'd for.

ReAdjourn'd as bove to April 3^d 1754.

[* Two years later we find Lauder advertising his Benefit in the *Public Advertiser* of
April 2nd 1756 as follows:—

To the Free and Accepted MASONS
The Brothers who intend to favour Mr.
Lauder with their Company at his Benefit on Thursday
the 8th inst. at the New Theatre in the Haymarket, are desired to
meet at Brother Rankins, in Bear-street, Leicester Fields, at Four
o'Clock that Afternoon. A Free Mason's Song to be sung by Mr.
Lauder.]

Grand Lodge &c April 3^d. 1754 Bells' Tavern.

G: M. in the Chair. Confirm'd the minutes of the Grand
Committees _____

The Roll call'd, and dues Rec^d as appears by the Cash
Book. viz: _____

[two lines obliterated]

Rec^d M^r. Lauder's Bill and paid accordingly viz for the expences
of a play for the Benefit of Indigent Masons Brother Lauder Charg'd
four pounds Eight shillings and sixpence more than was Rec^d. at
the Theatre or otherwise on Acc^t. of the play which Charge was
immediately paid

Also Two pounds twelve shillings for the G Secretary's Jewell
and after paying the pursivant & Tyler five shillings, the
Clear Stock was Twenty five pounds three shillings and
eight pence.

Heard a petition (for Constitutions) from Michael Thorp &
Henry Payton & Others,
Thorp

Order'd that Bro^r. ^ shall be Install'd on the 18th and Brother
Payton on the 19th ins^t.

Order'd That all Masons indebted for Tickets of admission
to the late Benefit play shall pay the said Debts
into the Grand Lodge on the next meeting.

Adjourn'd to the first of May next.

Grand Lodge May: 1st 1754

R W G M in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d. Cash as appears by the Cash Book

Heard the petition of John Chace specifying some hardships which the pet^r. underwent on Acc^t. of a Member of the Lodge N^o. 2 after some debate the petⁿ. was refer'd to the Committee of Charity.

Order'd that all Lodges shall immediately pay all their Arrears
Otherwise they shall not be intitled to vote for Grand Officers on the next Grand Lodge meeting.

Order'd that John Hamilton the Master of N^o. 19 shall be
Summon'd to Answer several Complaints laid against him One in particular by Bro^r. Sam^l. Galbraith
Sen^r. Warden of N^o. 20.

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to the 5th June
1754

Grand Lodge &c June 5th 1754

R: W. G: M Turner in the Chair

The Roll call'd and dues paid as Appears by the Cash Book

Heard the Complaint of Brother Samuel Galbraith & Others
against John Hamilton Master of N^o. 19. wherein
it appear'd beyond Hamilton's Contradiction that
the said Hamilton had willfully villified every part
of a Master Mason so as to render the Charge inca-
-pable of being committed to writing &c &c &c

Agreed Unanimously (in the presence of the said J: Hamilton)
that it is our Opinion That John Hamilton late
Master of N^o. 19 is Unworthy the Name of a
Freemason and consequently unworthy of this or
any other good Society.

Order'd That this Transaction shall be recorded in the Grand
Lodge

Lodge Books to inform our worthy Successors that the foregoing Character of the said Hamilton is the well proved and undoubted Opinion of us the Grand Officers and Officers of N^o. 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 27, 30, 31, 35. the whole composing a Grand Lodge of

4 G^d. Officers
1 G S
14 Masters
28 Wardens
23 past Members

Amounting in the whole to ——— 70 Members
Witness, by Order ——— Lau: Dermott G S

Upon which John Hamilton was turn'd down stairs and a General Order given that he shou'd not be admitted into any Antient Lodge directly nor indirectly.
shall

Order'd that Bro^r. Robert Whitehall ^ have a dispensation to congregate and make freemasons for the space of one Month. at his House in Horse Shoe Alley Moorfields.

Then proceeded to the Election of Grand Officers when the following Gentlemen were Chosen and continued
viz The R W Robert Turner G M for 6 months
The R W: William Rankin D G M
The R W Sam^l Quay ——— S G W
and the R W John Abercromby J: G: W

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Clos'd & Adjo ^ rned ^ the 24 June Ins^t.

Grand Lodge &c June 24th. 1754

Grand Lodge Open'd in form at Noon after which were
Solemnly Install'd the following persons viz

The Right Worshipfull Robert Turner G M

The R W William Rankin D G M

The R W Sam^l. Quay S G W

The R W John Abercromby J G W

and the W^m Laurence Dermott G^d. Secretary

The whole was perform'd with all the Antient usages, customs
and Salutations necessary on the Occasion

Clos'd with Great Harmony and Adjourn'd
To the 3^d. of July next.

Grand Lodge &c July the 3^d 1754

The Right Worshipfull D G M: Rankin in the Chair.

as

Call'd the list and Rec^d dues ^ appears by the Cash Book.

The Grand Secretary inform'd the Brethren that the limited
time of the Fund's being Closed was expired on the last
St. John's day and therefore humbly moved that it might
be closed for six months more. which proposition was
put to the poll and carried in the Affirmative by a
Majority of Twenty seven votes.

Order'd that every lodge in Arrears shall be summon'd to
pay all their dues to this G^d. Lodge on or before the
wise or Warrants
seventh day of August next other ^ their Numbers ^ to be
declared vacant.

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to the 7th of Augst. next.

Grand Lodge &c Aug: 7th 1754

The R. W. G. M. Turner in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d dues &c as appears by the Cash Book.

Heard petitions (for Warrants) from John M^cCormick and William Cowen and Others &c

Order'd That John M^cCormick shall be Install'd on the 14th Inst^t. and William Cowen on the 19th Inst^t.

Debated on the funeral Charges of Brother Mitchell late of N^o. 2.

Unannimously and Chearfully Agreed that the said funeral Charges shall be paid for by a volluntary

ⁿ
Coⁿtribution of Two shillings each Lodge.

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to the 4th of Sep^r. next.

Grand Lodge Sep^r. 4th 1754

The Right: W. G. M. Turner in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d dues as Appears by the Cash Book.

Propos'd and Agreed, that the several lodges who have been regularly sommon'd to pay their Arrears and have Omitted to do the same shall be (this Night) declared Vacant. &c
Which was Accordingly done viz N^o. 9, 12, 16, N^o. 19 and 26 Declar'd vacant null and void —

Order'd that all our monthly meetings shall be publish'd in the daily Advertiser with the Grand Secretary Lau Dermott's name Annext that the said Secretary shall draw up such Advertisements as prudence shall direct him and the Expences

attending said publications shall be reimbursed to him the said Secretary on every Grand Lodge meeting. [*]

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to Oct^r the 2^d. next.

Grand Lodge Oct^r the 2^d 1754.

G: M: Turner in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d the dues as appears by the Cash Book.

The Master of N^o. 2 is Excused his fine for non attendance at the meeting in S^t. Paul's Church Yard.

Agreed by a Majority of 12 votes, That the Committee of Charity shall have full power and Authority to inspect into the Case, Circumstances, Indigency, &c of all and every petitioner for Charity. and that such necessary enquiry shall not be subject to Censure nor deem'd unbrotherly nor uncivil such enquiry being thought necessary to reward the deserving as well as reject impostors.

The Grand Secretary Remarked how much he was Oblidged to the Fraternity for their present of a Jewell and said that he wou'd be more so, if they wou'd Order a sett of Jewells for the G^d. Lodge, the presiding Officers of G: L. being always reduced to the necessity of wearing the Jewells of their private Lodges.

Orderd, Unanimously that a new sett of Jewells be made by Brother John M^cCormick (under the direction of Bro^r. Dermott G S) Silver Gilt &c.

Brother William Cowen Master of the Lodge N^o. 37. proposed paying one Guinea into the Grand Fund for N^o. 6 (now vacant) this proposal was accepted and the Brethren of N^o. 37 are to rank as N^o. 6 for y^e future.

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to N^o. 6 next.

[* These Advertisements are not in the *Public Advertiser*, of which a complete file is in the British Museum. The file of the *Daily Advertiser* is mainly missing.]

Grand Lodge Nov^r. 6th 1754 at the Bells

G: Mr Turner in the Chair.

The Roll call'd and dues paid as appears by the
Cash Book.

A motion was made viz That Brethren who are not
Officers of Lodges shall be admitted as members in the
Grand, to fill the places of Absentees. After many debates
it was determin'd thus "Resolved it is the Opinion of
the Majority of this Grand Lodge (that is to say fifty
Eight votes to three) That no Mason has a Right to
Sit in this Grand Lodge untill he is a regular Member
hereof. That the past and present Grand Officers, the
Grand Secretary & Treasurer, with the Masters and
Wardens of all Warranted Lodges under the Constituti-
-on, with their past Officers as prescribed by the
Regulations are the only proper Members of this
Grand Lodge.

Read and confirm'd the Transactions of the Committee
is
of Charity which \wedge to be call'd the Stewards Lodge
for the future. and in Consequence of this institu-
-tion it was,

Order'd that the Grand Lodge cease meeting on the first
Wednesday in every Kalendar month and instead
thereof They shall (only) meet on the first Wednesdays
in March June Sep^r. and Dec^r. and on both S^t.
John's days yearly Except in cases of emmergency
this Regulation to Commence on the Twenty seventh
day of December next.

Order'd that all Lodges in Arrears (who shall pay their
respective dues on or before the said 27th December) shall be
reinstated. Except the Lodges which declared off in Contempt

Contempt viz N^o. 16 & 19, who are not to be readmitted upon any
Consideration.

It being a General Custom with the Masons of Old never
to make choice of the Landlord of a Tavern or Ale house for
a Master of a Lodge Especially if held in his own house

Therefore It, was propos'd that no person who keeps an
Alehouse shall be made (or put in Election for) a Grand-
Officer.

To

After many debates this matter was \wedge the prudence and
Circumstances of the Grand Lodge.

Order'd that the G: S. shall expressly mention the payment of
Arrears and Election of Grand Officers in the Sum^s.
for Dec^r. the 4th next.

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to the 4th of Dec^r aforesaid

Grand Lodge Dec^r. 4th 1754 Bells Tavern

D: G: Master Rankin in the Chair.

Call'd the List and Rec^d. dues as appears by the
Cash Book. & referred the Choice of G.W: to the G^d Com^{tee} Dec 18th

N^o. 33. paid their Arrears and took their places as formerly

Read and confirm'd Thomas Loyd's Expulsion. vide S: Lodge

Read a Letter from the Grand Master: as follows

"To the Worshipfull Laurence Dermott G^d. Secretary

"Worthy Brother,

By this, please to acquaint our Worth

"Deputy or the Sen^r Grand Officer present and

"the rest of the Brethren, That duty compels me to

"be absent. I have endeavour'd to persuade our

"Brother Rankin to stand in Nomination for the

"Chair. but he seemed not inclin'd, I rest Assured

"the Judgment of our Officers and Brethren will

"Elect right worthy Brethren for each Office I wish

"the Brethren peace Unannanimity and the desired

"Success And remain their Sincere

"and Affectionate Bro^r."

"Sign'd, Robert Turner."

"P.S. let there be Orders given for the Attendance of each

"Lodge (on S^t. John's day in the morning) at the Instalm^t.

of the Grand Officers according to the custom of Antient

"Masonry." which orders were given. and then

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to S^t. John Day Next

Ten o'Clock in the morning

Grand Lodge Dec 27th: 1754 Bells Tavern

The R W: Robert Turner in the Chair.

The Grand Lodge was Open'd in the Antient Form &c

after which his Worship made a long and Ex^cellent Speech
on the Antiquity and Utility of the Antient Forms
and then proceeded to the Instalment of Grand Officers
for the Year 1755. viz.

The honorable Edward Vaughan Esq^r. G M

William Holford Esq^r D G M

M^r John Jackson S G W

M^r Samuel Galbraith J G W

These Gentlemen being severally Installed the were proclaim^d
and Saluted according to Antient Custom. &c &c &c.

Thanks was also given to the Former Officers for their
service done for the Craft. And the present Grand
Officers made speeches, relative to the Occasion
and then Adjourn'd to the first day of Jan^y. 1755.

Grand Lodge in Ample Form Jan: 1: 1755 Bells Tavⁿ.

R W Ed^d Vaughan Esq^r. G. M. in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d. dues as appears by the Cash
Book.

The New and Old Regulations of Freemasons were

Read by the Grand Secretary upon which he made
many usefull remarks at the Conclusion of which
the G M gave the Brethren some Excellent charges
which he expected they wou'd observe for the future

Heard a dispute between the Brethren of N^o. 17. wherein
it appear'd that that they had devided into two parties
and that each party had claim'd the Warrant &c

Agreed, It is the Opinion of this G L. That the Warrant N^o 17
is the property of the present possessors and their

adherents. Nevertheless in consideration of some ill Usage offer'd to the other party by the remaining Members of N^o 17 Lodge

aforesaid. This Grand ^ Unanimously Agreed that the brethren agrieved viz Thomas M^cGinnes, — Kennedy John Makins &c, shall have and possess the Warrant N^o. 37 for the future: providing that each and every of them shall pay all dues to the day of taking rank as N^o. 37.

Read the funeral Bill (of the late Bro^r. Mitchell) P- Thomas Allen both of N^o. 2.

This bill was refer'd to the Stewards Lodge

Heard a petition from Bro^r. John Chace S. Warden of N^o. 4 setting forth and craving a Restitution of Expences which he had been at in serving a Brother viz John Flinn of N^o. 2.

Order'd that this Case shall be laid before the Stewards Lodge.

The present Stock was deliver'd to the new G^d. Officers viz Sixty three pounds, six shillings and three pence which Cash acc^t. gave general Satisfaction. And the Grand Lodge was Clos'd with the most agreeable Harmony and Adjourn'd to April 2^d next.

Grand Lodge &c April 2^d 1755 Bells Tavern

Esq^r

The R W: Ed^d Vaughan & G M in the Chair.

Heard and confirm'd the Transactions of the Stewards. Lodge
Call'd the Roll and Rec^d. dues as appears by the Cash
Book.

Thomas Eastman the Master of N^o. 18 stood up and "de
" -clared that his business to the Grand Lodge on this night
" was to make a formal declaration that neither he nor
" any of the members of his lodge N^o. 18 wou'd contribute
" to the Grand Fund nor attend this Grand Lodge for the
" future "

Upon which the R:W:G. Master told M^r. Eastman that
" he was wellcome to stay away and further that if he
" knew any body of like principles in this Assembly
" he was also at liberty to take him or them "

Heard the petition of Thomas Byrne Past Master of N^o. 32
in distress (thro: sickness) Order'd that the petitioner
shall Receive one pound fifteen shillings at the
rate of seven shillings P Week by the hands
of George Birney Master of N^o. 32 aforesaid.
providing that in case the said pet^r. Thomas Byrne
shou'd die within five weeks in such case the
said George Birney shall return the Remainder
of the Money to the Grand Lodge.

Heard a petition from James Towbin a Sojourner in
distress. a private Collection was immediately
made for and deliv^d. to him.

G W Galbraith begged leave to resign his office on acc^t
of the ill Usage which he rec^d. from Lau: Rooke
the Master of N^o. 17. The Grand Warden was recon-
-ciled to his Office. And Laurence Rooke Declar'd
off the Grand Charity and demanded two shillings

which he had formerly Contributed to the Fund for relief
of worthy Brethren in distress.

The G M. told him " That taking him in every sense

the
he did really believe him to be one of the poorest creatures
in London, but wanted merit to receive a single farthing
out of any Charitable fund in the Universe.

Clos'd and Adjourn'd June 18th. 1755.

Grand Lodge &c June 18th. 1755 — Bells

The R W. G M. Vaughan in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d dues and Steward's fines
as appears by the Cash Book.

Heard a petition (for a Warrant) from Brothers Collins
Radford and Bridge &c of Manchester

Order'd that a Warrant shall be made and convey'd to the
peti^{rs}. with such Other things as the Grand Sec^y.
shall think most prudent and necessary.

Heard a petⁿ. from Thomas Grinsell of N^o. 3 in dis-
tress on Acc^t of his Bro^r James Quin Comedian
having omitted to send him his yearly stipend
which the said James Quin Esq^r. hath allowed
for several years past.

Order'd that the pet^r. shall Receive forty shillings directly
by the hands of G. W. Galbraith. but this order
shall not be made a precedent to Others, they
said Thomas Grinsell not being sick only
infirm thro great Age.

Heard a second petⁿ. from Cain Hacket (Sick) Order'd

that the petitioner shall be Continued at five shillings P week during the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

Heard the petⁿ. of Ben: Landers of N^o. 2 (sick) the pet^r not being sufficiently known it is agreed that a proper enquiry shall be made into the pet^{rs}. Character and if approved of he shall receive the sum of five shillings P week (for the space of one month) by the hands of Thomas Allen of N^o. 2.

A Complaint was made against James Molan N^o. 22

Order'd that the said Molan now Master of N^o. 22 shall be summon'd before the Grand Lodge to Answer
-swer

him
the Charge exhibittd against ^ And upon his being found Guilty or refusing to Answer he shall be excluded.

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to St. John Day next.

Grand Lodge &c St John's Day, June
1755

G M Vaughan in the Chair.

The Grand Secretary was order'd to examine the Officers of particular lodges as to their Abilities in Instaling
was
their successors Upon which Examination it ^ thought Necessary to Order the said Secretary to attend the Instalation of several Lodges, which the G S. promis
-ed to perform.

The G M having made an Eloquent speech relative to the day the Grand Lodge was Clos'd and Adjourn'd
To the 17th day of Sep^r next.

G M. Vaughan in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d dues as appears by the Cash Book.

Heard a petⁿ. (for a Warrant) from N^o. 25. in favour of some worthy Brethren Residing in Bristol —

Order'd that the Grand Secretary shall prepare the necessities for Constituting the pet^{rs}. Aforesaid —

Heard a like petition from some Brethren in Coventry
But the petitioners not being sufficiently known
the Grand Secretary was order'd to endeavour to
find out the real Character of the pet^{rs}. and if satis-
-factory to him, he shou'd be at liberty to proceed
as became his Office.

Heard a petition from Thomas Warren Master of N^o. 20
(Sick) Order'd that the Pet^r. shall Receive forty
Shillings at the rate of five shillings P week.

D^o from Michael Wade of N^o. 8 (sick) Order'd that the
pet^r. shall Receive One pound five shillings at
five shilling P week both these donations to be paid
by the hands of our worthy S G W John Jackson.

D^o from Daniel Alexander a pris^o ner in the King Bench
the pet^r. having no Title by Certificate or otherwise
except the Title of a Freemason. he, is refer'd to the
Stewards Lodge which will meet on the 3^d, wednesday
in October next.

Closed with the most Agreeable harmony
and Adjourn'd to the first Wednesday
in December next.

Grand Lodge Dec 3^d. 1755

The R: W. G Master Vaughan in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d. dues as appears by the Cash Book.

Heard a Letter from the Deputy Grand Master Holford, contents as follows,

“Right Worshipfull Grand Master and the rest of my Worthy
“Brethren

“This I make free to trouble you with, first to shew you the cause of
“Absence which I cannot possibly avoid, thro: an Ill state of health

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“that I have for some time labour'd under. And has frequently been
“the means of hindering that Attendance the post you honour'd me with
“often required of me. And secondly I beg you will receive my thanks
“as it is due to this Antient and honourable Society. for every particular
“favour that you have thought prudent to confer on me as a member
have

“and Brother I must confess you I Just reason to condemn your Choice
“in the Want of my Abilities to fill a place of so much Consequence
“as you then thought proper I shou'd discharge. And thirdly if I
“may be permitted to give my Opinion in the Choice of your ensuing
“year's Grand Officers Which if present I have an Undoubted right
“you can never fix better than to reElect your now present Grand
“Whose Office has been fill'd by him with prudence Chairity and
“Fraternal love and Anxiety over you and your Affairs. And as
“to me I humbly beg my Brethren you will still continue with the
“same Affection towards me as you first began with And excuse
“me for what I have not had in my power to Act in as bound by
“duty. I make not the least scruple but out of a Body composed
“as I hope out of so many worthy Brethren) but you may find one
“that will readily fill my place and supply my many defects this
“is what I must seriously beg to lay before you and beg leave to conclude
“with wishing more & more of that Spirit which shou'd be most predomi-
“nant in every Brother's heart. And well Understanding in all your
“proceedings. I am R W. Grand Master Your most Obedient Humble
“servant, and all the Brothers.

Sign'd ——— Will^m. Holford.

Then the Grand Lodge proceeded to the Election of G:M when the
GM

Honorable and RW Edw^d Vaughan Esq^r. was Rechosen ^ for the year 1756. And his Worship thought proper to appoint the RW M^r William Rankin his Deputy. who being Saluted &c the Grand Lodge Unanimously chose the RW. Brother M^r. John Abercromby Sen^r. Grand Warden who was also Saluted according to Antient Custom &c &c &c The Jun^r. Grand Warden's Chair being declared vacant the following Candidates were nominated to stand the Election, And upon closing the poll the numbers appear'd thus

	N ^o	Votes
James Nisbett -	21	19
William Osborn -	6	7
Barn ^d Jackson -	5	4
Thomas Allen -	2	4
James Hagarty -	4	2
Henry Lewis -	31	5

Upon Which M^r. James Nisbett was Declar'd duly
Elected and was Accordingly Saluted &c as the above &c

Proposed and Agreed that every new Admitted Member shall pay full Quarterage on the next Grand Lodge or Stated meeting which shall happen next after his Admission.

Clos'd and Adjourn'd St. John's day next
between the hours of Eleven & Twelve
o'Clock

Grand Lodge St. John's Day 27 Dec^r. 1755

The Grand Lodge being Open'd &c The Hon^{ble}. and R.W
Vaughan

Edward [^] Esq^r. was Install'd (after the Antient Manner)

G M of Masons in that part of Britain called
England &c

The RW Mr. William Rankin Deputy G M

The RW Mr. John Abercromby S G W. and the

RW Mr. James Nisbett J: G: W. were all severally

Install'd and Rec^d, all the Usual honours &c on the
Occasion. After which the RW Grand Master

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made [^] suitable speech and gave the ~~the~~ Necessary
Orders and Charges to the Masters and Wardens, &c
concerning their future behaviour &c and then closed and

Adjourn'd the G Lodge to the

third Wednesday in March next.

Memorandum

This Year 1755. the Modern Masons began to
make use of Certificates: Though the Ancient Masons
had granted Certificates time immemorial.

Grand Lodge Mar: 5th: 1756 at the Bells &c

G M Vaughan in the Chair.

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Call'd the Roll and Rec^d, dues viz 10, 15, 0
and paid the demands on the Grand Lodge
all which appears by the Cash Book.

The Master of N^o. 4 made a motion that no brother of
N^o. 4 shall be Oblidged to petition the Grand or
Stewards Lodge for Charity for the future
but instead thereof he or they so necessiated
shall peremptorily and verbally demand the
same by virtue of his or their contributing
to the Grand fund.

The R W Grand Master desired the Grand Secy
to deliver his private Opinion on the Affair
then before the G^d Lodge To which the Secretary
answer'd in the following manner.

"Gentlemen and Brethren, I rise in Obedience to

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"the RW Grand Master 'tho ^ Imagine it requires
"but little Argument to shew you that the con-
"tributions to our Grand fund are too small to
"support such Absolute demands in the nature
"of Common money Clubs That the small dona-
"tions paid into the fund were design'd for real
"distress and that to such (only) as wou'd
"petition their Brethren in writing. And I
"shall beg to remark That in all well
"Governed Lodges it was the usual Custom to be
"petition'd in writing without regard to form &c
"such petitions being attested by some Members
"of the Lodge &c.

Then the RW Grand Master Order'd that the following Qus-
tion be put to the vote, which being done the poll-

appear'd ~~vvv~~ as below.

Q — Whether a petitioner for Charity shall apply by verbal or by written petition				Votes
For written petitions	-	-	-	36
Against	-	-	-	9
Majority				27

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to Wednesday the 2^d June next.

Grand Lodge Open'd in Ample Form June
the 2^d. 1756 Bells Tavern.

RW Ed^d. Vaughan in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d the dues as appears by the Cash
book.

Heard the petition of B^t. Abr^m. Menzies — Thompson and
others for a Constitution, Order'd that the petitioners
shall be regularly Warranted and Constituted on
Monday the 14 Ins^t. seven o'Clock in the Evening at
the Union Arms in panton Street Haymarket.

Heard the petition of Thomas McClure of N^o. 23 in dis-
-tress. The petitioner not being qualified (according
to the General Regulations) to Receive assistance
from the Grand fund &c The Grand Lodge ac-
-cording to their wonted Custom of Brotherly love
and Charity made a private collection for the
Brother in distress which was imediately de-
-liver'd to him.

Heard another petition from John Eare of N^o. 5. Sick
Order'd that the petit^r. shall Receive seven shill^s.
per week during the pleasure of this Lodge.

Tran^s. of June 2^d 1756 Continued

Debated whether we shou'd purchase a set of Candle

-sticks made by Brother Thomas Allen of N^o. 2

The Question being put the votes stood thus —

For purchasing the s^d. Candlesticks

- - - - - 27

Against - - - - - 16

Majority - - - - - 11

Then a Motion was made, whether the Candlesticks
shou'd be paid for, out of the Grand fund, or whether
by Subscription amongst the Lodges.

This motion produced many debates which grew so warm that
some were for repealing the above Order and declaring
against purchasing any Candlesticks &c —

At this time the Grand Secretary begged an Audience which
being granted He told the RWG Master & Brethren, that
he wou'd propose a scheme by which they wou'd be
enabled to purchase (even silver) Candlesticks without
out

drawing anything ^ of the Grand fund, nor any contribution
from the Lodges. this was Rec^d. with Applause and an
Explanation required,

Upon which the G. S. observed that Warrants were —
Granted (for the holding of Lodges) at the small expence
of the Secretary's fees. And therefore humbly proposed
that One Guinea shou'd be levied on Every new Warrant
for the future.

Unanimously Agreed That One Guinea (exclusive
of the G^d. Secretary's fees) shall be Charged on every new
Warrant for the future

Ordered that the thanks of this Grand Lodge shall be
given to our Grand Secretary for his Excellent pro-
posal and intreat him to continue in the Study of
the Interest and honour of the Antient Craft.

Trans. of June 2^d 1756 Continued

Some Brethren said that the Candle
-sticks already mention'd were not worth the money charged for
them viz £8. 8. 0.

Order'd that some Brethren who are supposed to be proper Judges
of work shall examine the said Candlesticks and declare the true
vallue of them.

Accordingly Edmond Field of N^o. 37. John Byrne of N^o. 4
Brother Venables of N^o. 4 and Lau Dermott G.S were Or-
-der'd to withdraw into the Antichamber And from thence
give their Opinions. But the said referees not agreeing
they return'd and the affair was postpon'd to another
Opportunity.

Therefore the Grand Lodge was Closed
and Adjourn'd to St. John's day
next between 11 & 12 oClock

Grand Lodge in Ample Form June 24th 1756

R W: G^d. Master Vaughan in the Chair.

The Grand Secy. was Order'd to Examine several Masters
in the Ceremony of Installing their Successors. and de-
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clared that many of them were incap^{le} of performance
Order'd that the Grand Secretary shall attend such deficient
lodges and having obtain'd obtain'd the consent of
Members of the said Lodges he shall solemnly
Install and invest the several Officers according
to the Antient Custom of the Craft.

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The G Master gave < Excellent Charge Relative to the Day Closed
the G Lodge to the 2^d of September next.

Grand Lodge Sep^r. 2^d 1756 Bells Tavern

RW. G M Vaughan in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d. dues as appears by the Cash Book.

Order'd that no Mason's Funeral shall be advertised in the public papers for the future —

A motion was made for purchasing the Candlesticks (formerly mention'd in these Transactions) ^{to} which some of the Brethren Objected that the price was not settled

Upon which a Committee was Immediately Appointed to inspect &c the said Candlesticks. viz Lau Dermott of N^o. 1 Abraham Menzies of N 54. John Byrne of N^o. 4 Bro^r. Chalmers of N^o. 54 Brother Venables of N^o. 4 and Ishael Reeve of N^o. 46 this Committee having with-drawn for a few minutes they return'd and deliv'd their Join'd Opinion i.e. That the Candlesticks were unworthy of a place in the G^d. Lodge. But in case the Majority shou'd think proper to purchase all the Candlesticks their Unanimous Opinion was that the sum of five pounds Ster: was the full vallue of them. Accord ly it was put to A Ballot, whether the G L shou'd purchase the said Candlesticks at £5. 0. 0 Upon casting up the votes the poll stood thus

For purchasing at £5.0.0	-	26
Against	- - - -	29
Majority	- - - -	3

Transactions of Sep^r 2^d 1756 Continued

Cash Disburs'd				£
To the pursuivant Gough	-	-	-	0. 4. 0
To the Tyler Jones	-	-	-	0. 1. 0
To the G Secretary Expen ^c e	-	-	-	0. 1. 0
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				0. 6. 0

Closed and Adjourn'd to the first Wednesday in December next.

Grand Lodge &c December the 1st, 1756 Bells Tavern

R.W.G Master Vaughan in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Received dues as Appears by the
Cash Book.

Read the Transactions of the Stewards Lodge and Received
the fines for non attendance.

Heard a petition from Brother Robert M^cCrory and others
in the Garision of Giberalter praying to be Constituted
Order'd that a Warranted shall be granted Imediately to the
pet^{rs}.

Heard an Application from Thomas Allen requesting
the purchasing of his Candlesticks already mention'd
in These Transactions, which Application or
petition being Read &c the Brethren refused to
speak for or Against the Question —

Heard the petition of John Games of N^o. 32 who having
sprain'd his Wrist was thereby rendered incapable
of working and then much distress'd &c
Order'd that the petitioner shall Receive One Guinea Imediately.

Transactions of December 1st: 1756 Continued

The Master of the Lodge N^o. 54 proposed to pay
Fund

One Guinea into the Charitable ^ for the Title
of N^o. 12 now Vacant.

Agreed that the Lodge N^o. 54 shall henceforth be called
and known by the name or Title of N^o. 12 on their
paying One Guinea towards the relief of distressed
Freemasons. The said Master of N^o. 54 having
paid the Guinea he and his Wardens took Rank
as N^o. 12.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the choice of G^d. Master &c
when the R^t. Honorable William Stuart Earl of
chosen

Blesinton was Unanimously ^ G^d. Master &c
Then M^r. James Nisbett and M^r. John Abercromby were
put in Election for the Sen^r. Warden's Chair when
upon casting up the Poll, the numbers stood thus:

For Nisbett	-	-	-	46
For Abercromby	-	-	-	12

Majority	-	-	-	34 for Nisbett
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Therefore James Nisbett was declar'd duly Elected.

And William Osborn and John Abercromby were
put in Election for the Junieur Warden's Chair
Upon Casting up the poll the numbers stood thus

For Abercromby	-	-	-	31
For Osborn	-	-	-	28

Majority for Abercromby	-	-	-	3
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Therefore John Abercromby was declared duly Elected.

Orderd that the Grand Secretary shall write a letter of thanks
To the R^t. Hon^{ble} Earl Blesinton for his Ldships great
Condescension and humbly beg his Ldship will please
to appoint his Deputy, &c

Cash disburs'd to the following persons viz.

To John Games of N ^o . 32	-	-	-	-	1. 1. 0
To Gough the Pursuivant	-	-	-	-	0. 4. 0
To Jones the Tyler	-	-	-	-	0. 1. 0
To the Secretary Dermott for Postage &c.	-				0. 1. 8
To D ^o . for Removing the Chest	-	-	-		0. 1. 6
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					1. 9. 2

Clos'd with the most Agreeable Harmony and Adjourn'd
to St. John's Day at Noon.

Grand Lodge in Ample Form St. John's Day
27 Dec^r. 1756

The Hon^{ble}. Edward Vaughan Esq^r. G^d. Master
in the Chair,

The Grand Secretary Acquainted the G L. that he had wrote to
the Grand Master Elect a copy of which he read as follows

To the Right Honorable William Earl of Blesinton
in Margret Street

My Lord,

"I have the Honour of conveying the Unanimous
" thanks, of the Grand Lodge of the most Antient and honorable
" Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, for the great
" honour your Lordship has done the Fraternity in conde-
" -scending to fill SOLOMON'S CHAIR, I am also order'd
" to Assure your Lordship that the several Members which
" compose this Grand Lodge are firmly resolved to pursue
" such measures as will convince your Lordship that this
" great favour is not Ill bestowed. I have the honour to be
" My Lord &c &c Lau Dermott G^d. Secretary

Transactions of the 27 December 1756 Continued

The Grand Secretary having waited on the G Master Elect
with the foregoing letter but cou'd not gain admittance he
return'd and wrote another letter in which he enclosed the former
and sent them by post to his Lordship.

Upon Receipt of these letters his Lordship wrote the following
answer which he sent by William Holford Esq^r. whom his
Lordship Appointed Deputy Grand Master.

letter

"To M^r. Dermott Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Free and
Accepted Masons at the five Bells Tavern in the Strand.

"Dec 16, 1756

"Sir,

"I am much concerned that I happen'd not to see you when
"you call'd on me the other day. but my being denied was owing
"to a mistake having given my Orders not with regard to you
"but another person who has been very troublesome. As I shall
"be out of Town St John's day, I must beg leave to act by Deputy
"I am very sensible of the Honour done me by the Fraternity
"in chusing me Grand Master, And if you shall hereafter have
"any business to Transact with me, you have but to let me
"know beforehand when you will call, and I shall give
"proper orders to receive you.

I am Sir your Humble Serv^t.

(Sign'd) Blesinton

Then the Grand Lodge proceeded to the Instalment of
Grand Master which was done by proxy in the
person of the Honorable Edward Vaughan Esq^r.
who Rec^d all the Honours &c &c &c and then the
Grand Secretary Laurence Dermott proclaimed
The Right Worship^l and Right Honorable William Stuart
Earl of Blesinton, Viscount Mountjoy, Baron of —

Ramalton and Baronet, Grand Master of Masons! &c

Then the Right Worshipful William Holford Esq^r. was

Instal'd Deputy Grand Master.

The Right Worshipfull James Nisbett Esq^r. Senior Grand Warden and the Right Worshipfull James Abercromby Esq^r. Junior Grand Warden who Rec^d all the Masonical honours due on the Occasion and the whole ceremony was perform'd with great Solemnity and decorum. And closed with an Eloquent Speech and Charge from the Chair.

Adjourn'd to the first Wednesday in March next.

Grand Lodge in due form William Holford Esq^r. D G M
in the Chair — Mar 2^d. 1757

The Roll call'd and dues Rec^d as appears by the Cash Book.

A motion was made for a new Regulation of the dues to be paid by Country Lodges

Order'd that this affair shall be refered to the Stewards lodge who are hereby Impower'd to draw up what Regulation they shall think most convenient for the honour and benefit of the Craft in General. Nevertheless such Regulation or Order shall not take place intill first Confirm'd by this Grand Lodge

Heard an appeal from John Hamilton (an Excluded Mem^r) setting forth the unhappiness of his mind and the many injuries which he had Rec^d. through his being Excluded from all lodges. And most humbly desired to be admitted for a few moments when he wou'd make it appear that sentence against him was not only cruel but also unjust. &c After many debates the said —

John Hamilton was Admitted. And being order'd to fullfill what he had asserted in his appeal &c
 He said that the former Complaints against him were all groundless and Malicious and carried against him by the cunning and wickedness of an Imposter viz Lau Dermott the Secretary who had imposed on the whole Craft in saying that he was Regularly Made in Ireland &c
 Whereas the said Dermott was only a Clandestine Mason made by James Hagan and Others at a House in Long-Acre some years before, That his whole drift was to keep the society in ignorance and with his singing and tricks to lull them on untill they had accumulated a considerable sum of Money and then to Robb them: &c
 The late G M Edward Vaughan Esq^r. stood up and said
 unhappy

"That he found himself very \wedge in hearing such a slanderous vile Character of the Grand Secretary who he had taken for a most deserving brother, And therefore earnestly moved that the said Secretary shou'd be immediately Order'd to make his defence.

This motion was put into execution, When the Secretary arose and beged leave to Read a Certain Regulation which being granted he Read as follows.

"If a Complaint be made against a Brother by another Brother, and he be found Guilty, He shall stand to the determination of the lodge, But if a Complaint be made against a brother wherein the Accuser cannot Support his Complaint to conviction, such Accuser shall forfeit such penalty as the person so accused might have forfeited had he been really convicted on
 "on such Complaint.

Then the Grand Secretary Address'd himself to the Chair
 Worshipful
 and said Right \wedge Sir, and Brethren, this is the Antient and most Equitable law made and observed by our

Ancestors, always approved and Confirmed by you, and therefore by this law I stand or fall.

To which the R W. in the Chair replied "As the law of Masons
"has decreed, so shall all things here be done" Then his Worship
him

call'd on the Accuser and told ^ that he must prove his Assertion
the accuser then Order'd James Hagan before the lodge who
being asked whether he did ~~ae~~ make Lau: Dermott (the G S)
a freemason he answer'd and declared that he did not, neither
thing

did he ever teach him any ^ relative to Masonry. nor cou'd
he devise what reason M^r Hamilton had for saying so.

The G M then askd M^r Hamilton if he had any other
person to call on this Occasion, Upon which Lau: Rooke
arose and said that he verily believed that Bro^r John -
- Hamilton's Accusation was true, Being asked his reas
-on for thinking so, He answer'd "because Brother Hamilton
told him so, and at the same time swore to it, in such a
manner as to leave no doubt behind."

Then the Secretary was Order'd to make his final defence &c
He address'd the Grand, and said RW G Master and the
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rest of ^ worthy Brethren here Assembled

By my conduct hitherto, I hope you are convinc'd that I
have not done you any wrong. As to my intention of
Robbing you &c This must be left to the great tell-Tale
Time, it being impossible to convince this lodge as to my
present way of thinking much less what I may think in future.
And as to the Other Charge of Imposing on you and being
made in a Clandestine manner in London I shall beg leave
to have the present and Past Masters of N^o. 2 examin'd
on that head, And I humbly and earnestly beg that the
said Master and past Mater may be put to the Master
- Mason's Test, on this Occasion.

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Then arose Bro^r. Thomas ^ past Master of N^o. 2 and proved
that Brother Dermott had faithfully served all Offices in

a very Reputable Lodge held in his house in the City of Dublin which servitude was prior to the said Dermott's coming to England: And further declared that he had never heard any crime (in or Out of the Lodge) laid to his Charge.

Brother Charles Byrne (Sen^r.) Master of N^o. 2 proved that Bro^r. Lau: Dermott having faithfully served the Offices of Sen^r. and Jun^r. Deacon Jun^r. and Sen^r. Wardens and Secretary was by him Regularly Install'd Master of the good Lodge N^o. 26 in the Kingdom of Ireland upon the 24th day of June 1746. and that all these Transactions were prior to M^r. Dermott's coming to England.

lastly Brother Dermott produced a Certificate (sign'd Edw^d. Spratt G.S) under the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Ireland of his good behaviour and servitude &c &c &c which gave intire satisfaction. Upon which the G: L: came to the following Resolution viz.

Resolved it is the Opinion of this Grand Lodge that John Hamilton late of N^o. 19 is unworthy of being Admitted into a Mason's Lodge or any other good Society and therefore it is hereby Order'd that the said John Hamilton Shall not be admitted within the door of any Antient Lodge during his life. the said John having been several times excluded for malpractices and again reinstated yet still continue in his vile offences, of which Clandestine making are not the least.

The Grand Secretary made a Motion for a New Regulation concerning the making of new Masons

After many debates it was Agreed and Order'd that no person shou'd hereafter be made a Mason in an Antient Lodge under the sum of One pound five shillings and sixpence and Cloath the Lodge if required, And also that every person

Made under a Temporal Dispensation shall pay as much as those made in Warranted Lodges. On default hereof the Transgressors shall be dealt with according to the Eight General Regulation This Regulation to extend to all Masons whether Members or visitors, if found Makeing or Assisting to make in a Clandes-tine Manner.

Order'd that a General meeting of Master Masons shall be held in this Room on the 13th Ins^t. in Order to compare and Regulate several things (relative to the Antient Craft) which cannot be committed to writing

Order'd the Masters of the Royal Arch shall also be Summon'd to meet in Order to regulate things rela-tive to that most valluable branch of the Craft.

Heard a Complaint against John Clemenson by some of the Members of his Lodge N^o. 20 After some debate the Majority were of Opinion that Bro^r John Clemenson was innocent of the Charge.

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The Cash Rec ^d this night amounted to	16.18. 0
More Return'd from N ^o . 23 - -	0. 5. 0
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	17. 3. 0
Disburs'd	
To the purs ^t Gough - -	0. 4. 0
To the G Tyler Jones - -	0. 1. 0
To the G S Dermott - -	0. 1. 0
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	0. 6. 0

Adjourn'd to the 13th. Ins^t 5 o'Clock afternoon.

Grand Lodge (in ~~due~~ form) on Emergency
at the Five Bells Tavern March 13th 1757

The RW James Nisbett Esq^r. Sen^r G^d. Warden
in the Chair.

the Grand Lodge being Open'd according to the Antient
Custom &c the cause of meeting was declared and
certain

the G^d. Secretary call'd on a \wedge Number of the Masters
to attend the Grand Masters orders and work the
Lodge in the Course of this business the G^d Secretary
Lau Dermott Traced and Explained the 1st. 2^d and
3^d. part of the Antient Craft and settled many
things (then disputed) to the intire satisfaction
of all the brethren present who faithfully pro-
-mised to adhere strictly to the Antient System
and to cultivate the same in their several lodges
The Names and Numbers of the freemasons pre-
on this

-sent \wedge Occasion Were,

RW: James Nisbett Esq ^r Sen ^r Grand Warden	N ^o . 1
RW: John Abercromby J:G Warden	- 1
W Lau Dermott G S -	- 1
Bartholomew Warren J W -	- 14
Thomas MaGuire P M -	- 14
James Glover P M -	- 11
Storer Mathews S W -	- 38
John Hutchins P M -	- 27
Robert Goodman P M -	- 15
William Duggan Master -	- 27
— Bennett Mem ^r . -	- 13

William Osborn	Mem ^r .	N ^o .	6
Leonard Holiday	J W	-	6
Robert Turner	G M	-	1
John Byrne	P M	-	4
Rich ^d Raw	Master	-	46
Will ^m . Grayson	S W	-	6
Tho ^s . Howe	Master	-	47
John Croan	Mem ^r .	-	47
Rob ^t Hughes	Master	-	14
Sam ^l Quay	D ^o	-	2
William Foster	P M	-	21
John Barrow	J W	-	9
Cha ^s . Stuart	Mem ^r .	-	9
Will ^m . Grant	S W	-	57
— James	J W	-	15
— Bourke	J W	-	23
John Penny	Mem ^r .	-	57
John Wilson	J W	-	7
Patrick Regan	Mem ^r .	-	2
Cha ^s Byrne	P M	-	2
— Chambers	Mem ^r .	-	8
Sam ^l Beaver	Sec	-	8
— Atkinson	Mem ^r .	-	8
— Yeaman	J W	-	12
John Smith	S W	-	12
Geo Edwards	P M	-	57
— Jones	Mast.	-	23
John Games	D ^o	-	32
Robert Jesson	S W	-	30
Tho ^s Devenish	J W	-	30
John White	P M	-	7
— Lee	Mem ^r .	-	47

W ^m . Dignam	Mem ^r .	-	-	N ^o .	17
Dav ^d Fisher	Mast ^r .	-	-	-	48
Hen Lewis	P M	-	-	-	31

in all 46 freemasons
belonging to 25 Lodges

Adjourn'd to the
1st. Wednesday in June
Next

Grand Lodge at the five Bells Tavern
June 1st 1757

RW William Holdford Esq^r. D G M: in the Chair.

The Roll call'd and Rec^d cash as below —

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Several Complaints were heard against unruly Members
Whereupon the Grand Lodge though proper to make
the following Order.

Unanimously Order'd that If any Master Warden or
presiding Officer or any Other person whose business
it may be to admit Members or Visitors, Screen, Admit
Harbour or enterain in his or their Lodge or Lodges during
Lodge hours or the time of Transacting the proper busi
Member or Visitor [†]

-ness of Freemasonry any Mason ^ (more than once) not
an Antient Mason [†]

Strictly ^ conformable to the Grand Lodge's Rules and
Orders (Certified Sojourners excepted) such Lodge so
the same [†]

Transgressing shall forfeit their Warrant and ^ may
be disposed off by the next Grand or Stewards Lodge

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Cash Rec ^d this night	-	20. 0. 6

	-	0. 7. 0
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Clos'd and Adjourn'd to S^t John's Day next
at Noon

* here the minutes of the Stewards Lodge were Read, and the
clause Relative to the pursuvjants fees was confirm'd
& became a General Regulation, but omitted by mistake
vide page 277 *Lau Dermott*

[† These three interpolations are in pencil.]

Grand Lodge June 24th 1757 Bells Tavern

The R^l. W: William Holford Esq^r. D G M in the Chair.

The Grand Lodge Open'd in Antient Form, &c
Some of the Master's of Lodges beg'd that the Grand
-Lodge might be form'd into a Grand procession & that
the Grand Secretary shou'd exhibit the Method of in-
-stalling Grand Master &c for the instruction of the
Several Lodges present.

Upon which the R W Deputy Grand Master gave
the Necessary Orders for performing the whole
Ceremonies (except one which cannot be written)
which Ceremonies were perform'd with General
Satisfaction. The Deputy Grand Master made
and Excellent Speech Relative to Harmony, So-
-briety, and the business of the Day. And the
Officers of 36 Lodges With the Grand Officers
Return'd thanks to the Grand Secretary for
his most Excellent behaviour on this Day.
Which is here Wittnessed by *W^m. Holford* D G M 5757

Disburs'd to Gough - - - - £
0. 2. 0

Clos'd & Adjourn'd to the 1st of of Sep^r. next.

Grand Lodge Sep^r. 1st: 1757
at the Bells Tavern

The R W. William Holford Esq^r. D G M in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d the dues as below —

Heard the Case of William Turner late of N^o. 9 Who beg'd
to be reinstated in his lodge N^o. 9. aforesaid
After many complaints, Arguments, and debates,
it appear'd that ~~the~~ the said William Turner
had been Guilty of many Evil practices against
the Brethren and craft in General.

Therefore, it was Unannimously Order'd that the said
William Turner, past Master of N^o. 9 shou'd
not be admitted within the doors of this Grand
Lodge directly, nor indirectly. Neither shall
he be admitted, a Member of any Lodge.
(vide Regulation of the 1st June 1757)

Heard the petition of N^o. 14 in favour of Bartholemew
- Warren (insane) see the Transactions of the
Stewards Lodge) It is the Opinion of this
lodge that the parish Officers are the
only persons who ought to act in this
Affair.

M^r. George Roth Master of N^o. 37 (being intoxi-
-cated) interuped the proper business of the
Grand Lodge therefore was order'd to quit the
G^d Lodge Room and Render'd incapable of read-
-mittance untill he make full submission and

his Grace be Granted.

confirm'd

The minutes of the Stewards Lodge being Read ^ wherein it appear'd that William Weir a Member of N^o. 9 had Rec^d. a Charitable Donation &c

Upon which Mr. Charles Stuart Master of N^o. 9 together with the Officers of that Lodge declared that William Weir made Application for the above Charity without the Concurrence or even the knowledge of his lodge. and furthermore that the said Weir was unworthy of the Assistance or notice of the Fraternity. he having committed many Irregularities.

to

Resolved, That in Order ^ avoid Impositions for the future All petitions for Charity shall be sign'd by the Officers of the Lodge to whom the petitioner did (last) belong and that such Officers shall attend with the petition if within Twenty Miles of London. Certified Sojourners are not meant under this Regulation. —

Cash Rec ^d	-	-	-	-	-	£	15. 5. 6
Disburs'd To Gough	-	-	-	-	-		0. 4. 0
To Jones	-	-	-	-	-		0. 2. 0
For Advertisement	-	-	-	-	-		0. 3. 0
For Postage	-	-	-	-	-		0. 2. 0
							0.11. 0

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to the 7th of December next.

Grand Lodge at the Five Bells Tavern
Dec^r. 7th. 1757

The R W. William Holford Esq^r. D: G: M: in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d dues as below —

Debated on the affairs of Robert Browne of N^o. 55
viz whether the said Browne was intitled to Receive
for himself or vote to others any part of the
Grand fund: he the said Browne being upwards
of 12 months in Arrears. —

Order'd that the said Brown shall pay all his
dues and contribute for 6 months to the G^d. fund
before he has any Title to Receive or vote for
the distribution of any part of the said fund, except
the Title of a Sojourner.

Heard the complaint of the lodge N^o. 57 against their
late Master Rich^d. Turner Alledging that he
did not deliver up his charge to the present Master
in the manner requisite in such cases particularly
concerning the Reception and distribution of Cash —

Order'd that this affair shall be reffer'd to the Stewards
Lodge and there determin'd on the 21st day of Dec^r.
Ins^t.

Heard a petitions from His Excellency Charles —
Lawrence Governor of Nova Scotia, Major Erasmus
James Philips Esq^r. William Nisbett Esq^r. Alexander
Murray Esq^r. and 57 Others praying to be warranted

viz One provincial Grand Warrant and to private Warrants
for the province of Nova Scotia.

Order'd that the Grand Secretary shall immediately pre-
pare the said Warrants &c.

Heard a Letter by way of petition from John Spencer formerly
a Member of N^o. 23. this petition was not vouch'd nor attested
by any person therefore Rejected. —

Order'd that Bro^r. Laurence Boyne now under Dispensation shall
be constituted and Install'd &c on the 14th Ins^t.

Heard a petition from peter Dunn of N^o. 63 (sick). —

Order'd that the Pet^r. shall Receive 2 Guineas immediately.

The R W. in the Chair gave orders for chusing Grand Officers.
when the Grand Lodge Unannimously Rechose the prest.
G. M. viz the R^t W and R^t. Hon^{ble} William Earl of
Blesinton &c Grand Master of Masons! for the
year of Masonry 5758. And the following Gen-
tlemen were put in Nomination for the Grand Wardens
places. viz M^r. Robert Goodman p^t. Master of N^o. 15
M^r. William Osborn past Master of N^o. 6 M^r.
David Fisher Master of N^o. 48. and M^r. W^m. Foster
past Master of N^o. 16. The first Ballot or poll
the

was to chuse two Candidates out of ^ four above
mention'd in Order to be again Balloted for whereby
a final choice might be made of One of them, for
the Sen^r Warden's Chair. the Majority Return'd
M^r. Goodman and M^r. Osborn as the proper Candidots
Accordingly they were Balloted for when the
Numbers stood thus

For M ^r . Rob ^t Goodman	-	-	33
For M ^r . William Osborn	-	-	13

Majority for Goodman	-	-	20
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Therefore M^r. Robert Goodman was declared duly Elected.

some of the Brethren desired that M^r. William Foster and M^r. Fisher might be put in Nomination with M^r. Osborn for the Jun^r. Grand Wardens Chair which after some debate was granted. and upon casting up the poll the numbers stood thus

For M ^r . William Osborn -	-	-	28
For M ^r . William Foster -	-	-	9
For M ^r . David Fisher -	-	-	8

Majority for M ^r . Osborne -	-	19
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Therefore M^r. William Osborn was declar'd duly Elected.

Cash Rec ^d from the Lodges -	-	-	-	18. 3. 0
More from G. S. Dermott for the Nova Scotian Warrants viz for the prov ^l . Warrant 2.12.6				4.14. 6
For 2 private Warrants 2.2.0				

22.17. 6

Disburs'd

To peter Dunn of N ^o . 63 -	-	-	-	-	2. 2. 0
For a Deal Box Lock & Key -	-	-	-	-	0. 5. 6
For postage and Advertisements -	-	-	-	-	0.10. 4
To Em ^l Keeffe of N ^o . 37 on immediate pet ⁿ . -					1. 0. 0
To — Macklin of N ^o . 2 D ^o -	-	-	-	-	0.10. 0
To Gough Pursuviant -	-	-	-	-	0. 4. 0
To the G Tyler -	-	-	-	-	0. 2. 0

4.13.10

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to St. John's day next at Noon.

Grand Lodge St. John's Day Dec 27 1757

Grand Lodge Open'd in the Antient Manner.

The R W. William Holford Esq^r. D G M in the Chair.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the Instalation of the G^d. Officers when the Grand Secretary proclaimed The Right Wors^h. and Right Honorable William Stuart Earl of Blesington Viscount Mountjoy, Baron of Ramalton and Baronet Grand Master of Masons! for y^e Year 5758 To whom all Masonical honours were paid in the person of W^m. Holford Esq^r. —

This Ceremony being Over Bro^r. Holford aforesaid produced his Ldship's Letter wherein his Worship was pleased to Appoint him his Deputy.

Therefore the R^t. Worshipful William Holford Esq^r. was Install'd and Salluted &c &c &c Deputy Grand-Master of Masons.

The Right Worshipfull Rob^t Goodman Esq^r. was Install'd Sen^r. Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipfull William Osborn Esq^t. was Install'd Junior Grand Warden with all the Usual Ceremonies of Antient Masons. After which a Speech was made from the Chair Relative to the day and Craft in General. And the Grand Lodge was Adjourn'd to the first Wednesday in March next.

Disburs'd

To the pursuivant	£
& Tyler	0. 5. 0

N. B. the whole Acc.^{ts} and Cash were adjusted to general satisfaction. and the stock viz £123.2.3½ was deliver'd to the G^d. Wardens Goodman & Osborn. who took charge of the same.

Grand Lodge March 1st: 1758 Bells Tavern

The R W William Holford Esq^r. in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d. dues as below

Heard the petition of ——— Jones, Tyler of N^o. 7 (sick)

Receive

Order'd that the pet^r. shall \wedge one Guinea immediately given him by the hands of Br. James — Lauder of N^o. 7 aforesaid.[*]

Heard a Letter from M^r. John Calder (GS) in Dublin wherein he assured the Grand Lodge London

of Antient Masons in ~~Xxxxxxx~~ that the Grand Lodge of Ireland did mutually concur in a strict Union with the Antient Grand Lodge in London and promised to keep a Constant Correspondence with them

Order'd that the Grand Secretary shall draw up an Answer in the most Respectful and ly

Brother \times Terms wherein the General thanks of this Grand Lodge shall be convey'd, and Assure them that we will powers

to the Utmost of our ~~Endeavours~~ promote the wellfare of the Craft in General.

Heard the Minutes of the Stewards Lodge concerning the removal of Lodges &c

Order'd that the said Minutes shall be Confirm'd and henceforth become a Standing Regulation.*

Heard a Letter from the following Brethren

* vide printed Regulations the 8th

[* Presumably the same James Lauder, the Actor]

of the Lodge N^o. 60. in Worcester viz Thomas Nash,
 Richard Broad, Robert Moriss, Edward Abby, John Cox,
 John Stott, James Burnett, William Field, John Evans,
 James Ashars, Robert Hanway, Edward Kitchen
 Thomas Higgins, William Jenkins. and Andrew —
 Townshend (a visiter) Charging William Welch (p M)
 with gross violations of the Rules of his Order namely
 drawing false notes and Attempting to Ravish two
 of the Brethren's Wives &c &c &c. —————

These Charges were Attested in such manner as left
 no doubt of the truth of the Charge

Orderd that the said William Welch shall be excluded from all
 lodges and that the Grand Secretary shall give notice
 of such Exclusion to the Grand Lodge of Ireland
 and to all other Lodges under the sanction of this
 Grand Lodge.

Orderd That Henry Lewis of N^o. 4 and N^o. 31 shall
 be excluded from all Lodges for his Evil practices
 Also George Lingham of N^o. 60 likewise Excluded
 and that the Grand Secretary shall report each of
 them to all Lodges as men unworthy of any
 Good Society. —————

Order'd that no dues shall be received in the Grand Lodge
 after the hour of Nine o'Clock in the Evening —————

					£
Cash Rec ^d	-	-	-	-	17. 0. 6
Disburs'd					
To — Jones of N ^o . 7	-				1. 1. 0
To Gough purs ^t .	-	-			0. 4. 0
To the G Tyler	-	-	-		0. 2. 0
Cash Return'd to N ^o . 9	-	-	-	-	0. 2. 6
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					1. 9. 6

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to the first Wednesday in June
 next.

Grand Lodge June 7th 1758 Bells Tavern

The Worshipfull M^r. William Rankin (former) D G M
in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d. dues as below ———

Read over the Minutes of the Stewards Lodge which
were confirm'd.

The Masters of N^o. 48, 38, and 5 paid their fines and
N^o. 15: and 36 were fin'd one shilling each. And
N^o. 30, 31. and 49 were Excused for sufficient reasons

Heard a Letter from M^{rs}. Mary Dunn widow of peter
Dunn late of N^o. 63.

Resolved this Grand Lodge will proceed according to the
printed Regulations with Justice and Equity
to the Craft and to M^{rs}. Dunn. ———

Heard the petition of John Dignan of N^o. 17 (in Distress)
Order'd that the said petitioner shall Receive Two
Guineas (by the hands of W^m. Dignan of N^o. 17)
towards defraying his charges to Dublin.

Heard the petition of Brother Bryan Toole beging
the funeral Expences of his Deceas'd Brother
John Toole (both of N^o. 2 formerly) this petiⁿ.
was Rejected for several Reasons. ———

Heard the Petⁿ. of Henry Hollenpriest N^o. 30 (sick)
the petition not being properly vouch'd it was
refer'd to the Steward's Lodge

Debated on the Affair of William Welch formerly mention'd
in the Transactions.

Order'd that the Grand Secretary shall acquaint the said
~~Willia~~ Brethren of N^o. 60 That the said W^m. Welch

Requires the Women to make an Affidavit (before some
Magistrate) of the crime they lay to his Charge -----

	£
Cash Rec ^d	18. 6. 0
More for the Warrant N ^o . 69	1. 1. 0
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	19. 7. 0
Disburs'd	
To Dignan (for Toole)	2. 2. 0
Gough the pursuivant	0. 4. 0
Webb G Tyler	0. 2. 0
Printing of Summons's	0. 6. 4
Postage	0. 1. 4
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	2.15. 8

Closed and Adjourn'd to St. John's day next.

Note, after the Grand Lodge was closed, Br. Webb who Tyled
voluntarily this night, (the office being Vacant) was appointed
Grand Tyler, in the Room of Jones deceased -----

Grand Lodge at the Bells Tavern
St. John's day, June 24, 1758

R W: Rob^t. Goodman Esq^r. S. G. W. in the Chair.
After the Usual Ceremonies the R W Grand Wardⁿ
Order'd the proper healths to be drank &c
which were accordingly done viz
The R W and R^t. Hon.^{ble} William Earl of Blesinton &c &c
Grand Master ! - - - 9 - - 9
The R^t. W. William Holford Esq^r. D.G.M. - - 7
The R W Rob^t Goodman } Esq^{rs} G Wardens - 5
The R W Will^m. Osborn }
To all Regular Lodges &c - - - 5
A speedy Recovery of health to the Grand Secretary
with - - - 3

Closed with Harmony and Adjourn'd to the
Sixth day of September next

N.B. the Grand Secretary was confined to
his bed with Illness and the minutes were
taken by Grand Warden Goodman

Grand Lodge Sep^r. 6: 1758. Bell's Tavern

D.G:M W^m Holford Esq^r. in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d the dues as appears below.

Read the minutes of the Stewards Lodge which were Unannimously confirm'd.

Order'd that William Duggan and John Hutchen both of N^o. 27 and David Harper of N^o. 55 shall be Summon'd to attend the Stewards Lodge, in order to hear and determine the dispute between the said Hutchen and Duggan.

Debated on the Exclusion of Will^m. Grant of the Lodges N^o. 23 and N^o. 57 for dues and non attendance in N^o. 23 aforesaid

In the course of the debate it appear'd that the said Brother Grant was an Officer in N^o. 57 and gave constant attendance at the said Lodge therefore it is the Opinion of this Grand Lodge that the said Grant can not be excluded from the Grand Lodge during his Office in N^o. 57 aforesaid for any fault now exhibited against him. tho: he the said Grant may be refused Admission into N^o. 23 until he has done the duties of the Lodge and Upon non Compliance he may be excluded the whole Fraternity on the next St John's day Nor shou'd he be admitted as a Member in any other Lodge during the said time without a Certificate from the Lodge N^o. 23.

Trans of Sep^r. 6 1758 Continued

Heard the petition of Samuel Beaver of N^o. 8 setting forth that he was in great distress and craving some small relief &c

Order'd that this petition shall be refer'd to the next Stewards Lodge.

	£
Cash Rec ^d - - - - -	13.14. 0
Disburs'd	
To Gough — G P - - - - -	0. 4. 0
To Webb — G.T - - - - -	0. 2. 0
Printing Sum ^s &c - - - - -	0. 8. 0
Postage - - - - -	0. 0. 7
To the G Sec ^y . Expence - - - - -	0. 2. 0
	<u>0.16. 7</u>

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to the 6th of Dec^r. next.

Grand Lodge Dec^r. 6 1758 Bells Tavern

R W Rob^t Goodman Esq^r. S.GW in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and rec^d dues as below.

The lodge N^o. 27 having exhibited a Complaint agst
Brother Tinwell of the same lodge and the said com-
-plaint being proved to satisfaction it was Order'd
that the said Tinwell shall pay all his dues imme-
-diately otherwise he shall be discontinued on the
books of the said Lodge.

Debated on the dues from remote lodges (in the Army)
after many debates it was agreed that all lodges
in the Army shou'd be excused from contributing
in the General manner, according to that meⁿtion'd
In the Transactions of the Stewards Lodge.

Rec^d. some fines (as below) for non Attendance at the
Stewards lodge.

The Grand Secretary Read the Copy of a Letter sent
to the Grand Master, ————— as follows
"The the R^t. Worshipful & R^t Hon.^{ble} William
"Earl of Blesinton Grand Master of the
"most Antient and Honorable Fraternity of
"Free and Accepted Masons
"My Lord and R^t. Worshipful Sir
"We the Grand Lodge of Free and
"Accepted Masons of the Old institution beg leave to
"return your Lordship our most sincere and hearty
"thanks for the great Honour your Lordship has
"been pleased to have done the Fraternity in

“condescending to be our Grand Master for two years last
 “past And we hope your Lordship will excuse our
 “non attendance in a public manner, which we
 “shoud have (gladly) done, but were given to under
 “stand that it wou’d be more agreeable to your Ldship
 “if sent by our Secretary in this private manner.

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“The number of Warrants sign’d ^ your Worship
 “is a convincing proof of the prosperity of the Craft
 “under your Ldship’s Sanction, And we have

Worship

“the pleasure to Assure your ^ That (notwithstanding
 “the troublesome time of war the bane of all good
 “Society) we have not only been able to relieve
 “a Great number of Indigent Brethren but also
 “have bought An Hundred pounds stock in the
 “3 PC Annuities 1726, and have still money
 “enough in the Grand Lodge Chest to answer
 “all demands that are likely to be made on us.
 “We are sensible that it will be very pleasing
 “to your Lordship to hear of a great number
 “of Worthy Freemasons Ardently and Industri-
 “ously engaged in Brotherly love and Charit-
 “-able works, As such we most humbly
 “entreat your Ldship may be pleased to con-
 “-tinue to us the great honour of being our
 “Grand Master for the Year 1759 and as Masons
 “we firmly promise that it shall be our constant
 “care to endeavour by every laudable means to
 “deserve to the great Hon^r. confer’d on
 “My Lord

Your Lordship's,
 Most Oblidged,
 Most Humble Serv^{ts}.
 and faithfull Brethren
 For the Antient Fraternity
 Sign'd, *Will^m. Holford* D G M

His Lordship's Answer,

very
 "I am ^ sensible of the great Honour done me by
 "the Fraternity, and very glad to hear of their pros-
 "-perity, And with all my heart accept of their
 "kind Offer and shall always be willing to
 "promote the Antient Craft.

Sign'd *Blesinton*

Order'd that the thanks of this Grand Lodge shall
 be convey'd (by the G. S.) to his Lordship &c

Heard an Application from Brother Jn^o. Abercromby
 who beged to have leave to continue N^o. 13 on his
 constantly paying his own private dues until he
 of
 cou'd congregate a sufficient number ^ brethren to
 form a Lodge, but on puting the Question the
 Majority Not only refused to continue N^o. 13 but also
 Order'd it to be made vacant, therefore N^o. 13 was
 Declared Vacant.

Upon which the Master of N^o. 63 (amongst many
 others) Applied for N^o. 13 and Offerd to pay two
 Guineas into the Grand fund for the said Number 13

Trans of Dec^r. 6th 1758 Continued

Order'd that the Lodge now known by the Title of N^o. 63
shall (upon paying Two Guineas to the Grand Charity)
henceforth bear the Name Number and Rank of Lodge
N^o. 13.

The Grand Master having left the choice of Deputy
G M to the Grand Lodge, the following Brethren
were proposed to be balloted for in Order to make Choice
of one of them To be recommended to his Worship viz

Brother Robert Goodman

Brother William Osborn

When upon casting up the votes the poll stood thus —

For Goodman	-	-	-	30
For Osborn	-	-	-	20

Majority for Goodman	-	10
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therefore M^r. Rob^t. Goodman,

Was Recommended to the G.M.

and Bro^r. William Osborn, Was chosen Sen^r. G W for the
year 1759.

Then the Grand Lodge proceeded to the Choice of Jun^r.
Grand Warden when Bro^r. Carr of N^o. 21 Bro^r. David —
Fisher of N^o. 48 and Bro^r. Cha^s. Stuart of N^o. 9 were
nominated to stand the poll for the J G Warden's Chair

Votes for {	— Carr	- 11	} Majority for Fisher to stand the poll against Stuart	10
	David Fisher	23		
	Cha ^s Stuart	13		

Upon which the Candidates were thus poll'd for

For Fisher	-	-	-	27
For Stuart	-	-	-	18

Majority for Fisher	-	-	9
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declared

Therefore David Fisher was \wedge duly Elected J: G: Warden for
the year 1759.

Many Complaints were heard against the G Pursuivant and

Grand Tyler charging each of them with Neglect of Duty —
 Order'd that if either the G^d Pursuviant or G. Tyler shall hereafter
 suffer any Member of the G Lodge to depart with leave from the
 presiding Officer such pursuviant or Tyler shall forfeit his
 or their night's Salary or Wages. —

Orders were given for Two Funerals vide Cash Book.

	£	
Cash Rec ^d - - - - -	18. 3. 0	
Disburs'd		
To Gough - - - - -	0.12. 0	
To Webb - - - - -	0. 2. 0	
To Expences for Wine &c for a Sojourner }	0. 3. 6	
	0.17. 6	

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to S^t John's Day next at 12
 Eleven o'Clock precisely —

Grand Lodge at the Bells Tavern
 S^t. John's Day 27th Dec. 1758

The R W. Robert Turner (former G M) in the Chair, produc'd
 a letter from the R^t Hon^{ble}. and R W. William Earl of Blesington wherein his Lordship Appointed him (the said
 R^t. Turner Esq^r.) proxy. And therefore the Grand Lodge
 proclaim'd (according to Antient custom) the R^t Hon^{ble}
 and R W. William Stuart, Earl of Blesinton &c &c &c
 G Masters of Masons! and all the usual honours
 were paid to the R^t. Worshipfull proxy. —

Then Robert Goodman Esq^r. Was Install'd D G M
 William Osborn Esq^r. D^o S G W
 David Fisher Esq^r. proclaim'd J G W
 and the Grand Secretary (for the Instruction of the Mem^s)
 Installing ~~Antient~~

went thro: the whole Ceremonies of & all the & Officers [*]
 To whom he deliver'd the Cash (with great satisfaction to
 the Fraternity) viz £150.0.7½ and the Grand Lodge
 was clos'd with the utmost harmony. And

Adjourn'd to the 7th day of March next.

[* I am doubtful if the scratched-out word is "Antient"; it looks to me more as if the word
 "Installing" had been inserted first in the wrong place.]

Grand Lodge at the Bells Tavern
March the 7th, 1759

The R^t. Worshipfull William Osborn Esq^r. S:G:W. in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d. the dues as below —

Heard — a petition from Patrick Kenny of N^o. 9 (Sick)
Order'd the pet^r. Two Guineas immediately by the hands
of George Grigg Master of N^o. 9 —

Heard — a petition from Rob^t. Anderson a Sojourner from
the Antient Lodge of Killwining in Scotland.
Order'd that the pet^r. shall be relieved with One Guinea
immediately.

					£
Cash Rec ^d	-	-	-	-	16. 3. 0
Disburs'd					
To Kenny (N ^o . 9)	-	-	-	-	2. 2. 0
To Anderson a Certified Sojour ^r .	-	-	-	-	1. 1. 0
To Gough purs ^t	-	-	-	-	0. 4. 0
To Webb — Tyler	-	-	-	-	0. 2. 0
To Postage &c	-	-	-	-	0. 6. 0
					<hr/> 3.15. 0

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to the 6th day of June next.

Grand Lodge at the Bells Tavern
June 6th. 1759

The R W. Rob^t. Turner in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll & Rec^d. the dues as Appears below

Heard — a Dispute between the Lodge N^o. 16 and
N^o. 17 concerning the Entering some persons in
the latter,

Order'd that both Lodges shall be summon'd to
attend the Stewards Lodge to whom the matter
is refer'd for determination.

£

The Master of N^o. 55 proposed to pay 4.14.6
for the Vacant N^o. 3. which proposal was Accepted
and the money paid the Members of N^o. 55 took
the Rank of N^o. 3 accordingly ———

Heard — two petitions from — Williams and —
Mulhall (late Members of N^o. 4) confined in
the Compter for debt, these pet^s. were referr'd to
the Stewards Lodge

Order'd that Brother John Byrne shall Receive the
full sum of £43.0.0 — for the Candlesticks —

Order'd that the Sen^r Warden of the Lodge N^o. 16 —
shall immediately withdraw, he being deem'd
unworthy of sitting in this Grand Lodge.
because of his disrespectfull speeches and de-
claring off.

	£	
Cash Rec ^d - - - - -	17.11. 6	
More for the Warrant N ^o . 77 -	1. 1. 0	
D ^o for N ^o . 3 - - - - -	4.14. 6	
	23. 7. 0	

Trans of June 6 1759 Continued

Disburs'd	£	
To John Byrne for Candlesticks - -	43. 0. 0	
To the G ^d Secretary's bill for sundries	1.13. 9	
To the G Purs ^t - - - - -	0. 4. 0	
To the G Tyler - - - - -	0. 2. 0	
	44.19. 9	

Adjourn'd to St. John's Day (next) at Noon.

[On a slip pasted in]

Rec^d. June 6th 1759 from Mr Laurence Dermott G^d. Secretary
forty three pounds in full for five Mahogany Candlesticks
made according to the five Orders of Collumns

By me Jn^o. Byrne

£ 43. 0. 0

Grand Lodge at the Bells Tavern
June 24 1759

The R W. James Nisbett G.W. in the Chair.

The usual Healths &c were Ceremoniously drank
and the presiding Officer gave a Charge Relative to the
day, and then Clos'd and Adjourn'd to the fifth of
September next.

N. B. for the Disbursments, Vide next Stewards Lodge

Grand Lodge at the Upper Ship in Dukes Street in the Town of
Reading and County of Berks.

By the R W Grand Master's Authority. Open $\frac{1}{4}$ before 8 o'Clock
in the Evening

R W. John Jackson Sen^r G Warden in the Chair

Also present Lau Dermott G.S. peter Loubier, John Loubier
Christopher Belfour and Edmund Chamberlayne Master Wardens &
Members of N^o. 10. The Grand Officers (pro tempore) being in form
They proceeded to Install the Revern'd & W^{ll}. George Goldwyer Master
The W^{ll}. peter Rowbottom Sen^r Warder, The Wors^{ll}. Tho^s. Hilman J Wardⁿ.
M^r. Abraham Hobbs Sen^r Deacon, M^r. Joseph Clarke J. Deacon — and
M^r. George Tucker Sec^y. of the Lodge N^o. 80. The whole business
being executed according to Ancient Ceremonies Usage & Custom
the Grand Lodge in the space of three hours after Opening
(according to order) was solemnly Closed and Adjourn'd to the
London

G^d. Lodge Room at the five Bells Tavern ^ upon the 5 of Sep^r. next

Grand Lodge At the Bells Tavern
September 5th 1759

The R W: G M. Rob^t Turner in the Chair.

The following G^d Officers were also present viz W^m. Holford Esq^r
Captⁿ. James Nisbett, W^m. Rankin, Rob^t Goodman Esq^r D G M
W^m. Osborn Esq^r S G W — and David Fisher Esq^r. J.G.W. Elect
The G^d. Master's Lodge proclaim'd & took the first seat
accordingly as

N^o 1 —————

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d dues as below. —

Heard — a petition (for a provincial Grand Warrant) from the
Brethren at Philadelphia which petition was
Seconded by the Officers of N^o. 2.

Order'd that G^d. Secretary Dermott shall draw up a proper
answer and deliver the same to Brother Joseph
Read of N^o. 2 who is appointed to convey the
answer
said ^ to philadelphia.

The Lodge N^o. 38 having seperated one party to the
Queen's Head, the Other party to the Feathers
(both houses) in Oxford Road & Humbly beged that the
dispute might be decided by Ballot in the G^d Lodge
which was accordingly done, thus

For the Feathers	- - - - -	31
For the Queen's Head	- - - - -	17

Majority for the Feathers	- - - - -	14
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Order'd that the Brethren at the Feathers shall have the
Warrant and be deem'd the Lodge N^o. 38 —

£		
Cash Rec ^d . 17.19.0	}	Disburs'd
		To the purs ^t -
		To the Tyler -
		Expencc -
		0. 4. 0
		0. 2. 0
		0. 1. 0
		0. 7. 0

Adjourn'd to Dec^r 5th next

Grand Lodge at the Bells Tavern
Dec^r. 5th. 1759

The R W Robert Goodman Esq^r. D G M in the Chair
also present the following Grand Officers viz John —
— Abercromby, W^m. Rankin, James Nisbett and William Osborn
and David Fisher Grand Wardens.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d dues as below —————

The Grand Secretary Read ~~a~~ ~~be~~ the Copy of a letter which
(by advice of the Grand Officers) he wrote to the G M —
proposing a Play for the benefit of Indigent Brethren.
To which the Grand Master answer'd that the Managers
of the Theatres required an Unreasonable sum (between
fifty and ~~sixty~~ sixty pounds) That his Ldship
to
would agree Even that sum providing he might be
allowed to have a play and Entertainment of
his Ldship's Chusing which was ~~denied~~ refused.

The R^t. W D G Master Inform'd the Grand Lodge that
he had lately waited on the G M (according to annual
custom) to intreat his Ldship's Continuance in the
Office of G. M. but his Ldship being then en-
gaged very much cou'd not give a direct answer
and Order'd the D G M to wait again. In the
meantime it was thought most prudent to Elect
some brother to be Recommended as a Deputy and
to make Choice of Two Grand Wardens ————
The R: W Deputy Grand Master Goodman was unanni-
-mously requested to keep his Office but he declined
such office and Alledged sufficient reasons for his

behaviour, for which as well as the whole of his proceedings he rece^d. publick thanks —

Then the G Lodge proceeded to make choice of ^a worthy Bro^r. to be recommended to the G M for the Deputy's Chair

The persons Nominated and balloted for were

William Osborn	S G W	-	-	31
David Fisher	J G W	-	-	18

Majority for Osborn	-	-	-	13
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Order'd that in case the G M shall not chuse any private friend of his own as Deputy the Grand Lodge shall Recommend the R W. William Osborn Esq^r. as a person duly Qualified.

Then the Grand Lodge Unanimously chose David Fisher Esq^r. Sen^r. G W for the year ensuing.

And M^r. William Dickey Sen^r. and M^r. Cha^s. Stuart (of N^o 9) were nominated for the Jun^r. G. Warden's Chair when the poll appear'd thus

For William Dickey	-	-	-	30
For Cha ^s . Stuart	-	-	-	18

Majority for Dickey	-	-	-	12
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Upon which M^r. William Dickey (Sen^r.) was declared duly Elected.

Many disagreeable altercations arose from Bro^r. Cha^s. Stuart and friends on Account of his not being chosen G Warden and some of the disputants declar'd that N^o. the members of N^o. 9 shou'd never pay another shilling into the G^d Charity

Heard — a petition from William Carrall a Certified Sojourner in distress — vide Memorandum below. —

Order'd that a private subscription shall be immediately made and deliv^d. to the said Carroll, which was accordingly done to the great relief and satisfaction of the petitioner.

The G Secretary made a Long and labour'd speech against any victular being chosen a Grand Officer, which speech gave

great Offence to some persons in the Grand Lodge
 The Secretary owned that he had treated the subject freely, yet he —
 humbly conceiv'd that considering the dignity of the Craft &
 his duty to the Society he had not exceeded the bounds of
 Brotherly love and good manners, and therefore humbly
 moved that the Sense of the Grand Lodge might be taken
 on his present behaviour.

The R W D: G: M. put the Question viz

Whether the Sec^y Lau Dermott for his last speech

—— Merited applause

—— or Deserved Censure

For Applauding the Secretary - - - 44

Against - - - - - 4

Upon which the R W Deputy said, Brethren, there are

44 votes for the Secretary and 4 against him by which

it seems there are only 4 Publicans in the Room —

Cash Rec^d. - - - - £ 19.17. 6

Disburs'd To Gough, purs^t 0. 4. 0

To Webb, Tyler 0. 2. 0

N^o.

To Tho^s. Allen for the funeral Rich^d Walter 37 3. 8. 0

To — Biss for D^o. William Smith 22 3.10. 0

To X-xxxx-xx Irwin 3 1. 1. 0

8. 5. 0

Bro^r Kelly of N^o 49 having petition'd which petⁿ —
 cou'd not be duly consider'd on this night —

Order'd that the Master of N^o. 49 shall advance fourteen
 shillings for the immediate support of the petitⁿ.

unto the next Stewards lodge to whom this petition is
 refer'd with orders to repay the fourteen shillings afore-
 -said

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to the 16th of Dec^r Inst^t and
 then to meet (at the usual hour) On Emmergency.

Grand Lodge at the Bells Tavern
on Emergency Dec^r. 16 1759

The R W Robert Goodman Esq^r. D G M: in the Chair.

The Grand Secretary according to the nature of his office
having order'd several of the Masters to produce their
be

lodge books & fore the G Lodge, &c in consequence of
the perusal and regulating such books the following

Sums were paid into the Grand fund viz

From N ^o . 8	-	-	0. 5. 6
N ^o . 16	-	-	0. 9. 0
N ^o . 31	-	-	0.13. 0
			1. 7. 6

Disburs'd

To Gough the purs^t - 0. 2. 0

The Tyler did not attend—

Adjourn'd to St John's day next at 11 o'Clock
Forenoon

Memorandum

The private collection made for Carroll above mention'd amounted to five Guineas:
It appeared that William Carroll a Certified freemason of Dublin petitioned the Modern
Masons (not knowing any difference) and that M^r Spencer then Secretary to the
Modern Society sent out the Answer to Carroll's petition in the following
words viz. "Your being an Ancient Mason, you are not intitled to any of our
"Charity the Antient Masons have a lodge at the five Bells in the Strand, &
"their Secretary's name is Dermott. Our Society is neither Arch, Royal Arch
"or Antient so that you have no Right to partake of our Charity."
The petitioner Carroll delivered the original paper Written by M^r Spencer
to M^r Dermott G S. in whose custody it remains

Grand Lodge Dec^r. 27 1759
at the Bells Tavern

R W Robert Goodman Esq^r. D G M in the Chair.

The G L. being Open at Noon, the R^t. W^{ll} in the Chair gave orders for proclaiming The R W, and R^t. Hon^{ble}. William Earl of Blesinton & G M of Masons for the year of our Lord 1760, which was Accordingly done with the formalities customary on such Occasions (id est) in the absence of the G M)

Then Deputy Goodman produced his Lordships Letter wherein his Worship was pleased to Constitute and Appoint Bro^r William Osborn his Deputy for the year 1760. Who was presented and immediately in-stal'd proclaimed and saluted &c &c &c —
Mr. David Fisher Sen^r. G W. Elect was confin'd to his bed thro: an Indisposition his Instalation was post-pon'd to a more favourable Opportunity with strict orders that he the said S: Warden Elect shou'd not assume the G Warden's Chair untill he was first Install'd according to Antient Usage.* —

Then the G. L. return'd thanks to the late D G M for the many services (by him) done the Craft during his good Government. To which his Worship made a Suitable answer and concluded with Recommending peace and Harmony among the Brethren

And then the R W D G Master Adjourn'd the G Lodge to the first Wednesday in March 1760.

Dusburs'd

To the Pursuviant	£	
and G Tyler	-	0. 5. 0

• Here William Dickey (Sen^r) Esq^r was Installed and proclaim'd J. G Warden for the year 1760 —

Grand Lodge Mar 5: 1760 Bells Tavern

R W William Osborn Esq^r. D. G. M in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d. dues, as appears below

Heard several appeals &c which were all refer'd to the Stewards Lodge

	£
Cash Rec ^d - - - - -	19. 6. 6
More for the Warrant N ^o . 81 -	1. 1. 0
	20. 7. 6

Disburs'd

To the purs ^t - - - - -	0. 4. 0
To the Tyler - - - - -	0. 2. 0
To Expence P G S - - -	0. 1. 0
	0. 7. 0

Closed and Adjourn'd to the 4th of June next

Grand Lodge June 4th 1760 Bells Tavern

R W William Osborn Esq^r. D G M in the Chair.

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d dues as below. —

Debated on a Certain Certificate from N^o. 9 to Brother
Nich^s. Wade.

Agreed (Unanimously) that the said Certificate
is sufficient to recommend the said Wade to any
Antient Lodge within the Bills of Mortality

Heard a petition from Brother Joseph Martin (of N^o. 32)
(sick) Order'd that the petitioner shall immediately
Receive One Guinea by the hands of Deputy Osborn

Heard a petⁿ. of Bro^r. Hanway of N^o. 63 praying to
be appointed Grand Tyler

Upon which Bro^r. David Lyon of N^o. 15 was also
nominated and the Grand Lodge proceeded to Election
and upon Conclusion the poll stood thus

For Lyon	18
For Hanway	16

Majority for Lyon	2
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In consequence of this Majority M^r. Lyon was declared
duly Elected.

Cash Rec ^d	£ 21.19. 0
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Disburs'd

To Gough	0. 4. 0
To Martin of N ^o . 32	1. 1. 0
To M ^r Windell for Sundries	0.14. 6
To M ^r Lyon Tyler	0. 2. 0
	<hr/> 2. 1. 6

Clos'd & Adjourn'd to St. John's Day next

Grand Lodge June 24 1760 at the
Bells Tavern

Esq^r. D G M

The R W: William Osborn \wedge in the Chair.

The Grand Lodge was Open'd in Ancient Form
after which the Grand Secretary L. Dermott explain'd
the nature and form of Instalations in General
and the R W D: G: M gave a Charge relative to the
admission of visiters and Concluded with the follow-
-ing Toasts viz

1	The King & the Craft	-	-	9
2	The R W G M Earl Blesinton			9
3	Deputy Osborn	-	-	7
4	G Wardens	-	-	5
5	Lodges in General	-	-	9
6	The G Sec. Dermott	-	-	3

Disburs'd		£	
To Geo Saunders (Pet ^r)	-		1. 1. 0
To the Purs ^t & Tyler	-		0. 5. 0
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			1. 6. 0

Clos'd & Adjourn'd to the 3^d of Sept^r. next

Grand Lodge Sept^r. 3^d. 1760. Bells Tavern

Grand Warden Fisher assumed the Chair and Order'd
the G Secretary to proceed to business.

which

Upon \wedge the Secretary gave Broth^ren to understand
that Brother Fisher not being properly Instal'd he cou'd
not act as Sen^r. G. Warden neither cou'd the G L
Instal him without ~~Xxxxxx~~ the presence of one
of the Grand Masters or an Order in writing from
one of them.

Accordingly a Messenger was dispatched
to the D G M who sent a proper power to the G S

was

for Installing the G Warden which \wedge Immediately
the

done, and then proceeded to \wedge usual business &c &c

Call'd the Roll and Rec^d dues as below

Heard an Appeal from Abraham Mondett of N^o. 38.

craving part of the Money, Furniture &c of

N^o. 38 as mention'd in the Stewards Lodge

Order'd — That this affair shall be refer'd to the Stewards
Lodge and there finally determined.

Heard the Complaint of John M^cCoy of N^o. 23 against
peter Duffy of N^o. 31 for Ill usage Offer'd to him
said

the \wedge John, By the said peter Duff in the dwelling
-house of the said peter. &c &c

The Grand Lodge having thoroughly Examined and
heard both parties, it was —

Order'd, That the said John M^cCoy & peter Duffy shall
immediately shake hands and be (and continue) friends
which decision was Instantly complied with.

£

Cash Rec ^d — 17.18.6	Disburs ^d . To the Tylers	0. 6. 0
	To the Fun ^l of P: FitzGerald N ^o . 17	3.10 0
	To Windell for Wax Candles	0.14. 2
	To Sum ^s . printing	1. 4. 0
		<hr/> 5.14. 2

Clos'd & Adjourn'd to Dec^r 3^d 1760.

Grand Lodge Dec: 3^d. 1760 Bells TavernThe R W: William Osborn Esq^r. D: G M. in the Chair.Call'd the list and Rec^d. dues as below ———

Heard a Calculation (made by the lodge N^o 24) of the Effects
of Lodge No. 38. at the time of separation as mention'd in the
Stewards lodge.

Resolved it is the Opinion of this Grand Lodge That the Breⁿ.
of N^o. 38 have got a sufficient share of the Effects a-
foresaid, which Opinion is grounded on the Estimates
now before us.

Heard a petⁿ. from William Lay (vide Former Transactions)
beging to be forgiven and Reinstated in his Lodge
the said petition being properly Recommended by the
presiding Officers of N^o. 8. it was ———

Order'd that William Lay shou'd be restored to his former
Lodge N^o. 8. —————

Heard a petⁿ. from Thomas Cusack N^o. 37 (sick) to whom was
Order'd Two Guineas (by the hands of G. S. Dermott) ———

	£
Cash Rec ^d .	20. 0. 6
Disburs'd	
To Cusack (as above)	2. 2. 0
To Gough	0. 5. 0
Lyon	0. 2. 0
G Secretary's bill for sundries	0. 6. 0
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	2.15. 0

Clos'd during pleasure

Grand Lodge on Emmergency Dec^r 24th 1760
5: Bells Tavern

The R W: William Osborn Esq^r. D G M in the Chair.

The Deputy G M declar'd to the Grand Lodge that he had Rec^d a Message from G M Blesinton wherein his Ldship had signified his desire of Quitting the Chair And furthermore that he the said D G M with G Warden William Dickey and Secretary Dermott, had waited on the Right Hon^{ble} Earl of Eglinton (An Antient Mason) and importuned his Lordship to accept of the Office of G.M. That his Ldship Rec^d. them with great politeness said "he was very sensible of the honour intended him, but "the situation of his Family Affairs perticularly what "concerned his Brother's Estate who was then an Officer "in the Army in America wou'd take up most of his time
not
"in Scotland consequently cou'd ^ give attention to the
"G Lodge in London ; but (added his Ldship) I will rec-
"commend you to an-Other Earl who will suply my
"place "

That the Recommendation was directed ^ to
Earl of Kelly who was pleased to signify his intention of filling the Chair.

Which answer and Resolution was Rec^d. with great Joy and an Orrer Given for returning public thanks to his Lordship. And after the usual Ceremonies the lodge was

Clos'd & Adjourn'd to St. John's day next.

£
paid Gough 0. 4. 0

Grand Lodge Dec 27th 1760 Bells Tavern

The R^t W. William Osborn Esq^r D: G M in the Chair.

The Grand Lodge was Open'd in Antient form, and then proceeded to the Instalation of the Grand Master which was Accordingly done thro: all the Ceremonies at Large after which the Grand Secretary Dermott proclaim'd "The
" R W: and R^t Honorable Thomas Erskine Earl of Kelly —
" Viscount Fenton, Lord Barron of Pittenweem in Scotland "
Grand Master of Masons ! &c &c &c

His Lordship having signified his Worship's good pleasure of continuing all the Officers of the G Lodge they were each Install'd (except David Fisher who was Absent) proclaim'd and saluted as customary amongst Antient Masons.

And the Grand Lodge Unanimously Order'd the G S to re-
-turn the thanks of the Brethren in General to Deputy
-Osborn and G Warden Dickey for their indefatigable
pains to serve the Antient Craft. &c.

The Grand Lodge also unanimously Order'd that Bro^r.
George Donovan shall stand upon the middle Table
in the Grand Lodge, and shall there Audiably read
a Certain paper given to him for that purpose
which paper contain'd the following words viz
"The Grand Lodge of Antient Masons (now under the
" sanction of the Right Honorable Thomas, Earl of Kelly)
" truly sensible of the Eminent and disinterested services
" (done by their Secretary Laurence Dermott (particular-
" -ly in his Office at the Instalation this day.)
" have this day thought proper to Order the General thanks
" of the Fraternity to be given to him the said Laurence
" Dermott, and that this Resolution shall be recorded in
" our Transactions, Not only as a Testimony of our
approbation and high Esteem, but also as an Encourag
ment

"-ment to future Secretaries to endeavour to immetate him".
 The Grand Secretary in his place Told the Grand Master
 and Fraternity, That the Extravagancy of the last Reso-
 -lution in favour of his conduct, had surprised him so much
 that he was totaly incapable of making a suitable Ans'.
 Nevertheless the Grand Lodge wou'd do him strict Justice
 in believing two things viz. "That he thought himself as-
 happy in his Secretaryship, as the *Great Pitt* was
 in being Secretary of State. 2dly 'that he wou'd exert his
 utmost powers for the good of the Antient Fraternity so
 long as he lived"

All the usual Healths been drank in form &c &c &c
 The Deputyv G M gave a Charge relative to the
 day, and then

Clos'd and Adjourn'd to the 1st Wed^y in March 1761

Disburs'd by Dermott

N:B. paid by Dermott: G.S.	}	To Gough	}	£
		and Tyler	}	0. 5 0

[There follow a further 92 pages of Minutes, up to December 7th 1768, followed by
 an Index, concluding on P. 233 (Illustrated) and Tables of Fees payable to the
 Grand Secretary, Pursuivant and Tyler occupy pages 253-271.]

APPENDIX

REGISTER OF MEMBERS
OF THE ROYAL ARCH
(Antients')

NOTES ON THE REGISTER

It is frequently stated that "The Royal Arch Minutes of the 'Antients' begin in 1783"; but this phrase is, to say the least of it, most misleading. If it is intended to imply that there are Minutes of an "Antient" Grand Chapter from 1783, it is definitely untrue. There are NO Minutes of any "Antient" Grand Chapter, and it is, in fact, very doubtful if any Grand Chapter of the "Antients" ever had anything but a shadow existence, being merely of the nature of a Committee of Grand Lodge; it had no funds, no Officers and no powers other than those borrowed from Grand Lodge; and at the Union, although an Union of two Grand Chapters is said to have taken place in 1817, what actually happened was that, on 30th November, 1813, the Grand Chapter ("Moderns")

"Resolved That H.R.H. The Duke of Sussex, M.E.Z. be invested with full and unlimited Powers to negotiate and conclude an Union on behalf of this Supreme Grand Chapter with the Grand *Lodges* [italics mine] under their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Sussex and Kent"

and thereafter there are no Minutes until 18th March, 1817, when there is a record that meetings of two Grand Chapters were held, and that subsequently an United Grand Chapter was formed, but we note that the Officers of the United Grand Chapter were all "Moderns", with the one exception of Edwards Harper, Joint Grand Secretary, who became Grand Scribe N. Can we believe that this would have been the case if the "Antients" had had any recognisable Grand Chapter and Grand Officers?

What is presumably meant by the "Royal Arch Minutes of 1783" is to be found on the first four pages of the Register of Royal Arch Masons ("Antients"), and consists of a statement that on 5th November, 1783, "A General Chapter or Grand Lodge of Royal Arch Masons" was held, which re-affirmed the regulation of Grand Lodge of December 4th, 1771, and a decision of a General Chapter of January 3rd, 1772, and then adopted nine Resolutions for the future conduct of the Royal Arch; in other words, Bylaws to be appended to the Grand Lodge Laws, after having been (v. Resolution 8) "Respectfully laid before the General Grand Lodge [not Chapter] upon the first Wednesday in December, 1783".

These four pages are transcribed here, together with the first page of the Register, which demonstrates how few "Antient" Royal Arch Masons existed when the Register was begun in 1783. The Register continues with very sporadic and muddled entries down to 1792, after which date much more systematic registration took place, and is continued in this volume through some 167 folios down to October 2nd, 1807.

A noticeable feature of the Register is that the exaltations seem to have been carried out only in certain Lodges. Other Lodges were perhaps unable to raise a quorum.

BE IT,
for ever,
REMEMBERED,
By the
MOST ANTIET, and HONORABLE,
FRATERNITY ;
of Free, and Accepted,
MASONS:

That upon the fifth day of November, which was in the year of Our Lord One thousand, seven hundred, Eighty and three ; being the first year of the Grand Mastership of the Most Potent and Puissant Lord, the Right Honorable William Randal MacDonnell Earl of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce, Knight of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the County of Antrim: And Right Worshipfull Grand Master of Masons! A General Chapter or Grand Lodge of ROYAL ARCH Masons, was held in the Chamber or Room of No. 5 (the fifth Lodge upon Record) Wherein the Right Worshipfull Laurence Dermott Deputy Grand Master of Masons the Right Worshipfull James Read Senior Grand Warden, and the ~~Vvvvv~~ Worshipfull John McCormick past Master of the Lodge No. 6, presided as the three Chiefs, When and Where the Resolutions of a former Grand Lodge held upon the fourth day of December which was in the

Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred seventy and One.
Being the first year of the Grand Mastership of the Most Noble
Prince, His Grace John the 2^d Duke of Atholl Grand Master of
Masons ! Was read aloud as follows
Dec. 4th 1771

RESOLVED that no person for the future shall be
made a Royal=Arch=mason, But the Legal Representative of the Lodge
except a brother that is going abroad who hath been twelve months a
Registered Mason, And must have the Unanimous voice of his Lodge
to Receive such Qualification. And in Order to render this Regulation
more Expedient, it is further Ordered, That all Certificates granted
to the Brethren from their respective Lodges shall have inserted the day
wherein the brother or Brothers Joined or was made in the said Lodge
And that this Regulation shall take place and become a General Regu-
-lation upon, from and after the Twenty seventh day of December
One thousand seven hundred seventy and One.

IN the said General Chapter was also Read the Reso-
-lutions of a former General Chapter held upon the third day
of January which was in the year of our Lord One thousand
Seven hundred seventy and two: Being the second year of
the Grand Mastership of His Grace the Most Noble prince
John 2^d Duke of Atholl aforesaid as follows

January 3^d 1772

WHEREAS some persons through Ostentation, Want of Skill in
Masonical Language or sinister views have lately pretended to
teach Masonical Mysteries superiour to, or necessary to be
added to the Mystery of the Royal Arch &c.
This General Chapter having minutely investigated the pretensions
aforesaid, And carefully examined the most Antient & Skillfull
Brethren amongst us, Whose faithfull Traditions were Corroberated
by the Testimonies of Holy Writ, Undoubted Histories, Lexicons,
Rabbinical, and other books, in the Lingua Sacra.

RESOLVED that it is the Clear opinion of this
General Chapter that Royal Arch Masonry is (in Itself) so
Stupendiously Excellent that it IS, truly what the Roman Masons
of Old said Ut Nihil possit ultra Cogitari, Nothing cou'd be
imagined more. Therefore to attempt an Amendment or Addition to
the Mystery of the Holy Royal Arch, wou'd be a profanation of

that Which every good man (especially a freemason) wou'd and ought to preserve pure and undefiled.

RESOLVED That those Brethren who have been introduced contrary to Antient Custom into the Mystery of the Royal Arch, shall be remade (gratis) upon a Recommendation (to a General Chapter) from their respective Lodges which shall be convened for that purpose. And before such Recommendation shall be signed by the Officers, they shall have the Unanimous voice of the Lodge or Lodges.

Nov^r. 5: 1783

1st RESOLVED

THAT this Chapter do perfectly coincide with the foregoing Resolutions. And that Masters and pastm;^s (Bona fide) only ought to be admitted Masters of the Royal Arch: And that such persons whose present Titles to the Excellent Mastership seems doubtfull shou'd be recommended to the lenity of (this or) a future Chapter. And therefore this General Chapter do recommend Brother John Dogherty, Brother John Dooley, Brother Hatcherly Connyers, and such other Brethren in their situation, To their Respective Lodges in Order to obtain a General Recommendation for passing them through the Royal Arch According to the former Resolutions of Jan. 3^d: 1772.

2^d RESOLVED, That for the better preservation of the Sum^mpreme Degree of Free Masonry (aforesaid) the names of all the Regular Royal Book

-Archmen shall be Recorded (gratis) in a particular ^ prepared for that purpose And to be called SEPER ENHOLAH RABBIIM, i.e. The Register of Excellent Masters: So that the names and merit of the several Masters may be brought into one point of View; and examined when Occasion shall require.

3^d RESOLVED, That the Members of the General Chapter so Recorded (and none other) shall meet (not less than) twice every year (or oftener if any six of them require it) such meetings to be for their General improvement and Rectitude.

4th RESOLVED That as it is, Universally Acknowledged, That the Regular Masters of the Royal Arch (only) are in possession of the supreme Degree of Freemasonry: THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, shall once in every year (for the future) when duly Congregated in conjunction with the Right Worshipful Grand Officers for the time being, Make choice of a Certain Number of the Most Excellent Masters amongst themselves, Which Number shall not exceed Nine persons, whose names and Address shall be Return'd and Recommended to the General Grand Lodge. In order that the Brethren so Chosen, may be there invested with full power, & Authority, To

To Examine the Abilities of all and every of the person or persons (of the Ancient Lodges) who shall take upon him or them, To perform any of the secret Ceremonies Relative to the Royal Arch, the Instalation of Grand Officers or Processions &c &c &c. And upon finding any such person or persons Master or Lecturer &c defective or unworthy, To report him or them to the Grand Master or his Deputy, for the time being: So that such defective performer may be suppress'd and forbid to use his Craft until he or they shall be found more Capable: And in case of non Compliance To be forever Excluded.

5th RESOLVED, that a list of the Names of the Masters, chosen and appointed as aforesaid shall be annually printed and publish'd (to the Lodges) at the Customary time of publishing the Names of the Grand Officers.

6th RESOLVED, that the Excellent Masters Chosen, & Appointed as aforesaid shall (in Conjunction with the Grand Officers for the time being) Use their utmost endeavours to Study, Learn, Rehearse, and practice, the several Ancient Ceremonies &c &c &c perform'd in the Craft: particularly, the Mysteries of the Holy Royal Arch, the Instalations of Grand Officers, in General, And Processions &c &c. In order that the Ancient Landmarks may be faithfully preserved: and handed down pure and undefiled to Our posterity for ever.

7th RESOLVED, that in Order to render those Resolutions more Expedient and Effectual; No person (though a Regular Master or Pastmaster) shall be made a Royal Arch Mason (within thirty Miles of London) without the Assistance or Concurrence of Six of the Masters whose Names are upon the Royal=Arch=Record Nor shall the name of any Mason be recorded amongst the Excellent Masters: Without the Order of a General Chapter: or a Certificate sign'd by three (or more) of the Masters chosen (for that year) for Regulating the Craft as aforesaid.

8th RESOLVED that a Copy of those Resolutions shall be Respectfully laid before the General Grand Lodge upon the first Wednesday in December 1783.

FINALLY,

9th RESOLVED, That none but the Grand Officers,* (being Royal Men) and Members of Regular Warranted Lodges (for the time being) shall be admitted as Members of (or Visitors in) the General Grand Chapter: Certified Sojourners Excepted.

* N:B: Nothing herein is intended to repeal the 12th General Regulation.

FOLIO 1

Time	Names	No.	Where Admitted	Remarks
1746	Laurence Dermott	D G M	No. 26, Dublin	Dead
1782	James Read	S:G W		
1754	John McCormick	P.M. 6	No. 27, London	* Dead
1783	Samuel Warner	M ^r . 3	63	
1783	Joseph Williams	P.M. 5	5	
1783	William Morris	P.M. 5	5	
1780	Charles Sinclair	P.M. 8	8	*
1780	Andrew Ross	P.M. 8	8	
1782	Isaac Hoar	P.M. 8	32	
1783	Richard Murray	P.M. 8	8	
1779	Henry Westley	P.M. 6	6	Dead
1781	Martin Murphy	P.M. 23	8	
1783	Richard Lanceman	P.M. 31	63	
1783	Robert Davis	P.M. 31	63	
1770	George Hardy	P.M. 139	139, Scotland	Excluded
1783	Richard Willis	P.M. 32	63	
1779	William Cane x	P.M. 32	32	
1777	Thomas Wilshire x	P.M. 32	32	*
1782	George Illman x	P.M. 32	32	*
1765	Thomas Self	P.M. 32	2	
1780	Thomas O'Brien	P.M. 37	81	*
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