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Transcription Conventions

It has not been possible always to reflect the original format of the Minutes, which is inconsistent over time; but the substance has been reflected accurately. Spelling and punctuation have been modernised and standardised; but the original grammar has been left unaltered. All contractions have been expanded except for titles or very common abbreviations. Within the text the following notation has been employed:

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| Deletions | { word } |
| Redundant word in text | {word} |
| Interlineations (supra/sub script) | /word; \word/ |
| Expansions | w(or)d |
| Editorial expansions/explanations | [word] |

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At a meeting of the Trustees of the School founded by John Jones Esq. for the benefit of the Parish of Hampton and hamlet of Hampton Wick in the county of Middlesex held at the Red Lion at Hampton aforesaid on Monday the 26th of November 1792.

Present:

Revd Mr Abraham Blackborne, Vicar

Sir George Yonge Bart. KB

Sir John Morshead Bart.

Sir Richard Carr Glynn Kn(igh)t

Thomas Chadwick Esq.

John Hillman Esq.

Tho(mas) Skipp [sic] Dyott Bucknall Esq.

Thomas Haverfield Esq.

Mr Blackborne reports that Mr Wise and himself have conveyed as only surviving Trustees under the respective deeds the several estates therein jointly to himself and George Augustus, Earl of Guildford, the said Sir George Yonge, Sir John Morshead, Sir Richard Glynn, Thomas Chadwick, John Hillman, David Boyne, Thomas Skipp [sic] Dyott Bucknall, Thomas Haverfield and Thomas Ryley Esq. in pursuance of their being nominated Trustees at a Vestry held for that purpose the 10th of July 1792.

It being at this meeting represented to the Trust that the Chancel of the Church with the Tithe Barn and fence had been neglected to be repaired by Mr Chandler, the late Schoolmaster, it is agreed that notice thereof be given to Miss Chandler, his representative, and that she be desired to do the same.

The Revd Mr Richard Kilsha having been elected by the Trustees to be the Schoolmaster under this Trust in the room of the late Revd Mr Daniel Chandler deceased, and it being [2] required by the Will of the Founder 'that the Schoolmaster shall be lawfully licensed and qualified to teach children and who shall be resident and living in a convenient school or house within the said town of Hampton and shall freely and without any other reward personally and not by deputy or substitute or other in his stead or place (unless in case of sickness or other unavoidable disability or necessity) teach children residing and living within the said town and parish of Hampton the English and Latin tongue and to understand the Catechism allowed by the Church of England', and the same being read to the said Mr Kilsha, he signs an engagement to do the duties of the said office as above ment(ione)d, which said engagement is entered in the Vestry Book of the said Parish of Hampton.

Resolved, that it shall be lawful for the Schoolmaster to receive from each boy in the said school the sum of one shilling and sixpence a quarter for pens and ink only, and one shilling a year towards firing, and no other ways.

Resolved, that the maintenance and repairs of the Chancel of the Church of Hampton aforesaid and the Tithe Barn and fences belonging to the Rectory thereof together with the sum of £36 payable annually to six poor men and the charges of conveyances and expenses attending this Trust are charged and chargeable and to be paid out of the Rectorial Tithes and land given to the said school and from time to time to be appropriated to these purposes.

Agreed, that Mr Kilsha the present Schoolmaster be permitted and empowered to receive the tithes and rents of the Rectory and other premises belonging to the said Trust only during the pleasure of the Trustees and that he do pay thereout [3] from time to time to the Minister and Churchwardens the donations to the said six poor men and also to answer all such payments as shall be directed by the said Trustees or the majority of them for the repairs of the Chancel, Tithe Barn and fences and other necessary and incidental expenses, and that the said Master shall keep a regular account of all such receipts and payments and that the same shall be audited and passed by the said Trustees annually or at any meeting that may be appointed for that purpose, and to produce proper and sufficient vouchers for all such payments.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the School founded by John Jones Esq. held at the Red Lion at Hampton on Saturday the 25th of May 1793.

Present:

Revd Mr Abraham Blackborne, Vicar

Sir George Yonge Bart. and KB

Sir John Morshead Bart.

Sir Richard Carr Glynn Kn(igh)t

John Hillman Esq.

Thomas Ryley Esq.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read and agreed to and confirmed at the present meeting.

Mr Blackborne reports that Miss Chandler had been applied to as agreed on at the last meeting, when she wished to refer the business and to be advised by her uncle Dr Chandler in regard to the repairs claimed by the Trustees, and Mr Blackborne communicates a letter received from Dr Chandler dated 8th January last in which he submits it to the Trustees.

It appearing to this meeting that the representatives of Mr Chandler are liable to make good the delapidations of the Chancel of [4] the Church, Tithe Barn and fences belonging to the Rectory, an estimate of which has this day been produced amounting to £61.12, and the said Trustees having taken

into consideration the circumstances stated in the letter from Dr Chandler this day read, they have resolved and agreed to mitigate and compound for their demand on receiving from the Ex(ecu)trix of the said Mr Chandler the sum of £10, to be paid to the Trustees on their order, and the Revd Mr Blackborne is requested to communicate this resolution to the said Ex(ecu)trix.

Agreed, that Mr Kilsha be directed to get the Chancel, Tithe Barn and fences put in proper repair on the most reasonable terms and that the said sum of £10 when received be paid to him towards such repairs.

At this meeting Mr Blackborne delivered in an account of the receipt of the Great Tithes for the year 1792 and the payments made thereout as follows, viz.

| D(ebt)or | Mr Blackborne | C(redito)r |
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| To a years' Great Tithes let at public sale to Mr Boyn at £150 | By two half years' payments to six poor men at Christmas and Mids(umme)r | 36.0.0 |
| | By expenses at the Red Lion at the sale of the tithes | 2.16.8 |
| | By Mr Jackson, half a year's salary for keeping the School to Midsummer | 12.10.0 |
| | By Mr Lucas for law business done under the Trust | 22.2.0 |
| | By balance remaining in the hands of Mr Blackborne | 76.11.4 |
| £150.0.0 | | £150.0.0 |

Agreed: that Mr Blackborne do pay the balance of his account, being £76.11.4, to Mr Kilsha whose receipt shall be his discharge.

Adjourned subject to the call of Sir George Yonge, being the Chairman at this meeting.

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[7] At a meeting of the Trustees of the Free Grammar School of Hampton in the County of Middlesex held at the Bell Inn at Hampton aforesaid, on Monday May 26th, 1800.

Present:

Hon. and Revd G.U. Wellesley, Vicar
Tho(ma)s Chadwick

Tho(ma)s Haverfield
Tho(ma)s Ryley
Sam(ue)l Lapige [sic]
Tho(ma)s Walker
Cha(rle)s Mansell
J(oh)n Jackson

The Grammar School having been unattended and neglected since the death of the Revd John Dawson Raincock,

Resolved, that the Hon. and Revd G.U. Wellesley do write to the Revd Rich(ar)d Kilsha, the present Schoolmaster, enclosing the Minutes of this meeting, informing him likewise that the Trust requests him to reside and perform the duties of the School, on or before the 28th day of June next, or else resign the office of Schoolmaster.

Resolved, that this meeting do adjourn to Saturday June 28th next and that due notice of such meeting be sent to all the Trustees.

[Signed:]

G. Wellesley, Vicar
Tho(ma)s Haverfield
Tho(ma)s Chadwick
Tho(ma)s Ryley
Samuel Lapidge
Tho(ma)s Walker
Charles Mansell

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[9] Saturday June 28th 1800

At a meeting of the Trustees of the endowments of John Jones Esq. and his Ex(ecutor)s.

Present:

The Earl of Guildford
Sir Rich(ard) Carr Glyn
Dyot Bucknall
Tho(mas) Haverfield
J(oh)n Hillman
Dav(i)d Boyne
{~~Cha(rle)s Mansell~~}
Tho(ma)s Riley [sic] X [sic]
Tho(ma)s Chadwick Esq.

The Revd Richard Kilsha declared that he would do the duties of the School himself.

Agreed, that the Revd Mr Kilsha, having pleaded his misfortunes and embarrassments, this meeting do agree to permit the said Mr Kilsha to absent himself until the 26th day of December next and no longer.

The School breaking up at Christmas and the School not commencing until the 26th day of January {next} following, it is agreed to extend the indulgence until the 26th day of January 1801, that until Christmas next a Deputy be permitted.

[10] Agreed, that the Revd Mr [sic] Hemming be appointed to be the said Deputy until the 26th day of December next.

Agreed, that this meeting be adjourned until Saturday the 31st day of January next.

[Signed:]

Tho(ma)s Chadwick, Chairman
Guildford
Rich(ar)d Carr Glyn
Tho(ma)s Skip Dyot Bucknall
Tho(ma)s Haverfielde
J(oh)n Hillman
Tho(ma)s Ryley

Saturday Jan(uar)y 31st 1801

A meeting of the Trustees of the endowments of John Jones Esq. and his Ex(ecutor)s, appointed by adjournment on June 28th 1800.

Present:

J(oh)n Hillman
Thomas Haverfield

When the Revd Rich(ar)d Kilsha presented himself to inform the Trustees that he was resident at Hampton and attended the duties of the School according to the promise made by him at the last meeting of the Trustees, held on June the 28th 1800.

[Signed:]

J(oh)n Hillman
Tho(ma)s Haverfield

[12] Friday September 30th 1803

At a meeting of the /Trustees of the\ Free School of Hampton under the endowments of John Jones and his Executors and of the Trustees of the estates of Robert Hammond, proposed and recommended at a Vestry held Sept(embe)r 22nd 1803 at the Vestry Room of the Parish of Hampton, to receive a letter of resignation of the office of Schoolmaster of the Free School of Hampton, from the Revd Richard Kilsha and to make some regulations for the future management of the said Free School .

Present:

Trustees and Ex(ecutor)s of Jones'
Endowments

Tho(ma)s Haverfield, Chairman
T. Skip Dyot Bucknall Esq.
John Hillman Esq.
David Boyn Esq.
Thomas Ryley

Trustees of Hammond's Estates

Sir Arch(ibald) Edmonstone Bart.
Mr Lapidge, C(hurch)warden of the Wick
Mr Jackson
Mr Mansell
Tho(ma)s Bliss, C(hurch)warden for the town of Hampton
John Pufford, C(hurch)warden for the town of Hampton

The letter of resignation from the Revd Rich(ar)d Kilsha being read, the resignation was unanimously accepted and a vacancy in the office of Schoolmaster declared.

The following regulations were proposed and agreed to:

First, that the Trustees or a majority of them resident in the Parish of Hampton and hamlet of the Wick are empowered to manage the estates and regulate the affairs relating to the School.

Second, that a valuation shall be taken of the rents of the estates, and an estimate made of the necessary repairs wanting to the Chancel of the Church, Tithe Barn and other buildings belonging to the estates. The expense to be defrayed out of the receipts of the estates.

Third, that a receiver of the rents and profits of the estates shall be appointed, and he shall keep a regular account of receipts and payments, and the same shall be audited and passed by the Trustees or a majority of them annually at a meeting appointed for that purpose.

[13] Fourth, that the resident Trustees or a majority of them shall order the rents of the estates (after defraying the expenses of necessary repairs) to be applied to the uses of the Wills of the Donors.

Fifth, that the sum of £36 be paid annually to the Minister and Churchwardens for six poor men, as ordered by the Will of John Jones.

Sixth, that the remainder of the rents of the estates be paid to the Schoolmaster on the following conditions, viz.

That the Schoolmaster, elected by the parishioners and appointed by the Trustees, shall personally and constantly attend the duties of the school, and, with proper assistants, instruct the scholars, children of resident parishioners, in the English and Latin tongue, writing and arithmetic, and instruct them in their religious and moral duties.

That the Schoolmaster shall make a proper allowance for able assistants.

That the Schoolmaster shall make a proper allowance for pens, ink, paper, books and firing for the use of the scholars during the school hours, and suffer no extra charge to be made on the parents of the scholars.

And whereas the hamlet of the Wick, being part of the Parish of Hampton, is situated at too great a distance from the Free School for the younger children of the resident parishioners to attend the School, and everyone conversant with education knows that a child untaught before he attains nine years of age will never make any progress in learning, it is therefore resolved that the sum of £18 shall be paid

annually by the Trustees from the rents of the estates to a capable and proper assistant, to be appointed by the Schoolmaster for the time being, to teach the children under nine years of age of the resident parishioners of the hamlet of the Wick; and it is recommended to the Churchwarden and Overseers of the hamlet to provide a proper School Room and firing, and to direct that the expense be defrayed from the Poors' Rates.

Seventh, that the resident Trustees or a majority of them are authorised to visit the School, to inspect the management and to give such directions, from time to time, as shall appear to them requisite for the better ordering and regulation of the School.

[14] Eighth, that a majority of the resident Trustees may suspend the Master from his office for neglecting his duty and not complying with the foregoing conditions until a general meeting of the Trustees can be convened, which shall be within three weeks after such suspension.

Ninth, that the candidates for the office of Schoolmaster shall previous to the election enter into an agreement by signing the foregoing conditions, that whichever shall be elected, he will covenant with the Trustees to comply with foregoing conditions, formed by them for the better regulation of the Free School.

Tenth, that these regulations be read to the parishioners in Vestry, assembled for the purpose of appointing a day for the election of a Schoolmaster under Hammond's Will, and that the candidates be then required to sign the above regulations and conditions.

The Churchwardens of the town of Hampton and of the hamlet of the Wick, being present, were desired to give notice on Sunday next in Church that a Vestry will be held at the Vestry Room on Friday the 7th of Oct(obe)r to appoint the day of election for a Schoolmaster for the Free School of Hampton, as has been customary under the Will of Rob(er)t Hammond.

Resolved, that the Chairman do sign the above regulations as being unanimously agreed to by the Trustees present.

[signed:]

Thomas Haverfield, Chairman

We the undersigned do hereby signify our assent to the foregoing resolutions:

[signed:]

Samuel Hemming DD

William Jackson
Henry Dixon, Clerk

[15] Copy: Hampton Middlesex, Thursday November 10th 1803

At a meeting of the Trustees held this day,

Resolved by the Trustees present that the Revd Dr Hemming, having been duly elected by the Parish of Hampton to be Master of the Free School established under the Will of Mr Hammond, be also appointed Master under the Donation of Mr Jones.

Resolved that Thomas Haverfield Esq. be appointed Receiver of the rents and emoluments of the Free School according to the third and sixth regulations of the last meeting of the Trustees.

Resolved, that the Revd Dr Hemming be directed to receive the tithes, rents and emoluments up to Michaelmas 1803, paying the outgoings due to that time and rendering the surplus to the Revd Mr Kilsha.

[Signed:]

Tho(ma)s Skip Dyot Bucknall
Tho(ma)s Ryley

The original orders are placed on the other side of this leaf.

[16] Hampton, Nov(ember) 10th 1803

Resolved, by the Trustees present that the Revd Dr Hemming, having been duly elected by the Parish of Hampton to be Master of the Free School under the Will of Mr Hammond, be also appointed Master under the Donations of Mr Jones.

Resolved, that Thomas Haverfield Esq. be appointed Receiver of the rents and emoluments ~~{of Mr Jones' estates}~~ of the Free School, according to the third and sixth regulations of the Trustees.

[Signed:]

Tho(ma)s Skip Dyot Bucknall

Tho(ma)s Ryley

Resolved: the Revd Dr Hemming be directed to receive the tithes, rents and emoluments up to Michaelmas 1803, paying the outgoings due to that time and rendering the surplus to the Revd Mr Kilsha.

[Signed:]

Tho(ma)s Skip Dyot Bucknall

Tho(ma)s Ryley

[17] At a meeting of the Trustees of the estate of John Jones Esq. held pursuant to notice given on Friday April 5th 1811 for the purpose of taking into consideration ‘The probable effects of the Bill now before Parliament for inclosing the wastelands in the Parish of Hampton’.

S(i)r George Yonge Bart. in the Chair.

A printed copy of the Bill was laid before the Trustees. Dr Hemming reported the measures he had taken with respect to the Bill according to the instructions he had received from them, and that the Bill appear(e)d to him generally to pay a proper regard to the interests of the Trust.

The clause, page 18, was read. Dr Hemming reported a letter from Mr Ware, the solicitor to the Bill, respecting an alteration proposed to be made in the above clause to the following effect, namely to insert the words ‘or any claims to the Rector’ and to omit the word [sic] ‘now before payable’, which alteration Mr Ware in his letter signified his intention to propose.

A case and opinion on the subject of Rectorial Tithes being claimable from the Royal Parks of Bushy and Hampton Court were also read.

Resolved, that a case be prepared and laid before Counsel for an opinion on the following point: ‘The Trustees wish to be informed, as neither they nor any of their predecessors have at any time claimed [18] Rectorial Tithes or any composition for Rectorial Tithes from the occupiers of Bushy or Hampton Court Parks and as there are no traces of their having been claimed before or since they came into the hands of the Trustees, whether such forbearance of claim be any bar to the general right of claiming, at any period they may think proper. And, if it be no bar, how /it\ will be most advisable for them to proceed.’

Resolved, that Dr Hemming be directed to lay the case before Counsel and report the answer together with Mr Ware's answer respecting the alteration proposed.

Adjourned to Thursday April 11th at 12 o'clock

[Signed:]

G.W. Yonge
Tho(ma)s Ryley
J(oh)n Hillman

Thursday April 18th 1811

The opinion to the case laid before Counsel and Mr Ware's ~~{opinion}~~ answer not being received by Thursday April 11th, further adjournment was made (by notice) to Thursday April 18th at which time no Trustees attending, adjourned till further notice.

[Signed:]

G.W. Yonge

[19] Mem(oran)d(u)m

First meeting of the new Trustees

Vestry Room, Hampton, M(iddlese)x

Friday 16th August 1816

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Free School of Hampton elected and appointed under the several endowments of the late John Jones Esq. and of William Greenhill, Nathaniel Lacey and Thomas Nicoll Esquires, Executors of the last Will and Testament of the said John Jones.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr James Downton
Mr Ardern Hulme
Mr Thomas Hyde
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr James Annett
Mr John Newbery

Mr William Jackson was proposed and unanimously appointed to be Chairman of the meetings of the Trustees.

Mr. William Jackson in the Chair.

At this meeting the Revd W(illia)m Church on behalf of the Vicar attended and in his name laid claim to the right of demanding and receiving fees for the interment of corpses in the Chancel of the Parish Church and for the erection of tombs, monuments and monumental tablets in the same, and Mr Martin Sanderson, Mr James Downton and Mr Ardern Hulme, Churchwardens of the Parish, also laid claim on behalf of themselves and the parishioners of the said parish to the right of disposal of the seats in the pews in the said chancel subject to the direction of the Ordinary, in the exercise of which respective rights they have of late been interrupted by Dr Hemming who contends the same are vested in the Trustees.

At this Meeting Mr Robert Lawrence laid claim to an allowance for the avoidance of the Tithe Lease /by the Inclosure Act\ and for building the Rectory Barn pursuant to a provision made for that purpose in the said lease.

Ordered by the Trustees present, that the said claims [20] be taken into consideration at the next meeting of the Trustees and that Mr. Robert Lawrence be directed to attend the said meeting.

Ordered, that the Trustees do hold their next meeting on Friday next, the 23rd Inst(ant) at 4 o'clock p.m.

Adjourned.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman

Trustees:

Martin Sanderson
James Downton
Ard(ern) Hulme

Robert Spencer
J(ame)s Annett
Tho(ma)s Hyde
John Newbery

[21] Vestry Room, Hampton, Midd(lese)x

Friday 23rd August 1816

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Free School of this Parish elected and appointed under the several endowments of the late John Jones Esq. and of William Greenhill, Nathaniel Lacey and Thomas Nicoll, Executors of the last Will and Testament of the said John Jones.

Present:

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| Town: | Wick: |
| Mr William Jackson | Mr Ardern Hulme |
| Mr Martin Sanderson | Mr Thomas Hyde |
| Mr James Downton | Mr Joseph Walduck |
| Mr Robert Spencer | |
| Mr James Annett | |
| Mr John Newbery | |

Mr. William Jackson in the Chair.

Ordered, that the written memorials this day presented to the Trustees on behalf of the Vicar and Churchwardens by the Revd W(illia)m Church, Curate, and Mr Martin Sanderson, Mr James Downton and Mr Ardern Hulme, Churchwardens, /claiming\ {tø} the right of receiving fees and dues for interments in the Chancel and for the erection of tombs, monuments and monumental tablets in the said chancel, and to the right of disposing and ordering of the seats therein, be inserted in the Minute Book of the Trustees.

Ordered, that the claim made by Mr Rob(er)t Lawrence for remuneration for the loss sustained by him from the avoidance of the Tithe Lease by the Inclosure Act and for rebuilding the Tithe Barn be also inscribed in the [22] Minutes of the Trustees.

Ordered, that the Revd Dr Hemming be requested to prepare and send in a memorial in writing of the circumstances under which the Tithe Lease and the late Contract for Lease of Lands lately allotted in lieu of tithes were granted or entered into with the aforesaid Mr Robert Lawrence.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman

James Downton

Ard(er)n Hulme

John Newbery

Robert Spencer

J(ame)s Annett

Martin Sanderson

Adjourned to Friday 30 August at 4 o'clock afternoon. [sic]

By order of the Trustees

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[23] Copy of the memorial presented to the Trustees of the Rectorial Tithes by the Revd William Church, Curate (on behalf of the Revd Samuel James Goodenough, Vicar of Hampton), and Martin Sanderson, James Downton and Ardern Hulme, Churchwardens of the Parish of Hampton.

To the Trustees of the Rectory of Hampton,

The memorial, protest and claim of the Revd W(illia)m Church, Curate and resident Minister of the Parish of Hampton, acting in the name and on the part and behalf of the Revd Samuel James Goodenough, Vicar of the said parish, and of Martin Sanderson, James Downton and Ardern Hulme, Churchwardens of the said parish, acting in the name and on the part and behalf of themselves and the parishioners of the said parish, showeth:

Memorial: that the Revd Samuel Hemming, Doctor in Divinity and Master of the Free School of Hampton, under colour and pretence that the Chancel of the Parish Church of Hampton is vested in the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate, and that they the said Trustees have the sole and exclusive right to claim, demand and receive fees for interment of corpses therein and for the

erection of tombs, monuments and monumental tablets in the same and also the sole and exclusive right to the disposition and ordering of the seats in the said chancel, and acting or assuming and taking on himself the right and authority of acting as agent for the said Trustees of the Rectory aforesaid, hath of late demanded and received certain fees or dues for the interment of corpses in the said chancel and for the erection of tombs, monuments or monumental tablets therein and hath also, acting by and under such right or assumed authority as aforesaid, dispossessed certain parishioners who have been accustomed to enjoy certain seats in the said chancel to hear Divine Service of such seats, and hath let for hire, or otherwise disposed of the said seats to certain persons who now use and occupy the same to the exclusion [24] of the said parishioners who have heretofore been accustomed to use and occupy the same.

Protest and claim by the Vicar: Now I the said William Church, acting for and in behalf of the said Samuel James Goodenough, Vicar, do hereby in his name and by his authority committed to me protest against the right of claim so made and set up by the said Samuel Hemming in the names and on the behalf of the Trustees of the said Rectory to demand and receive fees or dues for the interment of corpses in the said chancel and for the erection of tombs, monuments and monumental tablets therein, and do hereby, in the name and on the part and behalf of the said Vicar and his successors, claim and demand all such fees and dues as have been received by the said Samuel Hemming under and by virtue of such right or assumed right for the burial or interment of corpses or of any corpse in the said chancel and for the erection or setting up of all or any tombs, monuments or monumental tablets in the same and also such fees or dues that shall or may at any time or times hereafter become due or payable for all or any such burials or interments of any corpse or corpses therein or for the erection or setting up of all or any tombs, monuments or monumental tablets in the same.

And I do hereby further claim for the said Vicar and his successors the right of one seat at the lower end of the said chancel for the free use and occupation of the said Vicar and his successors, Vicars of Hampton, for the time being forever.

And in order that the Trustees of the Rectory may be the better enabled to form an opinion with respect to the validity of the title and right of claim of the said Vicar and his successors to the premises now claimed by me and on his and their part and behalf, I submit the following observations in support of such title and claim to the consideration of the Trustees, reserving to the said Vicar and his successors for the time being the right of adducing at any future time such further and additional proofs and documents as he or they may think necessary for the more fully elucidating and establishing the same.

[25] And first as to the right of the said Vicar to demand and receive fees and dues for the interment of corpses in the said chancel and for the erection of tombs and monuments and monumental tablets therein.

Custom: firstly I submit to the consideration of the said Trustees that the Vicar hath been accustomed to demand and receive from the time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary up to the time of such rights being interrupted by the said Samuel Hemming all such fees and dues as aforesaid and to use and occupy such seat as aforesaid.

Parish records: secondly that a table or rate of dues was made the 15th day of November 1680 for the interment of corpses in the Churchyard, Church and Chancel of the Parish of Hampton, to which is prefixed a preamble to the following effect, that there had been diverse disputes and controversies about the dues of the Church; that therefore the Vestry then assembled and whose names are there underwritten for the preventing all such differencies [sic] and controversies and preserving the rights and dues of the Church did agree to confirm and establish the dues to be as there followeth, that is to say:

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| To the Minister | For a parishioner buried in the Churchyard | 2. 0 |
| To the Clerk | For a grave in the Churchyard | 1. 0 |
| To the Minister | For a parishioner buried in the Church | 5.0 |
| To the Clerk | For making a grave in the Church | 3.4 |
| To the Minister | For a parishioner buried in the Chancel | 10.0 |
| | And for a stranger | 15.0 |
| To the Clerk | For making a grave in the Chancel | 5.0 |
| | And for a stranger | 7.6 |
| To the Clerk | For ringing the bell for each hour | 7.6 |
| To the Churchwarden | For breaking the ground in the Church | 6.8 |

And all strangers are to pay double duty except in the Chancel, where it is otherwise ordered.

By reference to abstract, p. 50: it will appear to the Trustees that as the time when the above written tables [sic] of dues was made the Rectory was held in moieties [26] between Mary Dorman and John Jones; that no mention is made therein of any payment payable to the Rector; that a distinction is made and a different rate of dues prescribed for burials in the Church and the Chancel, and that the whole of the dues for burial in the Chancel are reserved and made payable to the Minister while the dues for burial in the Church are made payable in certain proportions to the Minister and Churchwardens.

I further submit to the consideration of the Trustees of the Rectory that the right of claim now made by me on behalf of the said Vicar and his successors to such dues as aforesaid and also to such seat in the said chancel is established on the following authorities extracted from *Burn's Ecclesiastical Law* where it is said that:

Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, title 'Church' 335: 'In some places where the Parson repairs the Chancel, the Vicar by prescription claims a right of a seat for his family and of giving leave to bury there and a fee upon the burial of any corpse.' And further, 'as to the right of a seat in the Chancel it was originally inherent in every Vicar, for before the Reformation the Hours of the Breviary were to [be] sung or said in the Chancel (not in the body of the Church) and this was to be done not only on Sundays and festivals but on other days, and these Hours were to be sung or rehearsed not by the Vicar alone, but with the consort and assistance of all the clergymen belonging to the Church, which were the ecclesiastical family of the Vicar, so that it is evident that all Vicars had a right of sitting there before the Reformation and by consequence must retain this right unless it appears they have quitted it; and if they have not for forty years past used the right, this breeds a prescription against them in the ecclesiastical courts. In many Chancels are to be seen the ancient seats or stalls used by the Vicar [27] and his brethren in performing these religious offices, like those which remain in the old choirs of cathedral and collegiate churches, and hence it is that *cancellus* and *chorus* (the Chancel and the Choir) are words of the same signification, this being the place where the body of the clergy did sing or at least rehearsed their breviary, and if any common parishioner may prescribe for a pew in the Chancel, much more may the Vicar.

And further 'As these seats were placed at the lower end of the Choir or Chancel for the daily use of the Vicar, so at the upper end stood the High Altar of every Church; whereas the Vicar or his representative was obliged to celebrate Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of obligation, so he might do it every day if there was occasion or if he pleased, so that it is clear the use of the Chancel was entirely in the Vicar, whoever repaired it, and therefore no wonder if the pavement were not to be broken up without his leave and that thereupon he should acquire a right of receiving what fees were due on such occasions; and the Reformation left the rights of the Parson and Vicar as it found them" and it is there added "it is therefore a very groundless notion with impropiators that they have the same right in the Great Chancel that a nobleman hath in a Lesser; these Lesser Chancels are supposed by lawyers to have been erected for the sole use of those noble persons, whereas it is clear the Great Chancels were originally for the use of Clergy and People, but especially for the celebration of the Eucharist and other Public Offices of Religion there to be performed by the Curate and his assistants; that the Parsons repair these Great Chancels doth not at all prove their sole right to them, for they were bound originally to repair the Church as well as Chancel and of common right the repairs of the Church are still in the Parson. It is custom only eases them of this [28] burthen: the Ordinary has no power to order Morning or Evening Prayer to be said in noblemen's Chancels but he can order them to be said in the Great Chancels.'

And we, Martin Sanderson, James Downton and Ardern Hulme, Churchwardens of the Parish of Hampton, do hereby on the part and behalf of ourselves and the parishioners of Hampton protest against the right of claim so made and set up by the said Samuel Hemming in the names and on

the behalf of the Trustees of the said Rectory, to the sole and exclusive disposition and ordering of the seats in the said chancel, and on the part and behalf of ourselves and our successors and of the parishioners of the said parish, claim and demand the right of disposing and ordering of the seats in the said chancel for the free use, benefit and occupation of the parishioners of the said parish, who shall attend the celebration of Divine Service, save and except one seat at the lower end thereof claimed by the Vicar and also one chief seat therein for the use of the Rector Improprate and subject to the disposition of the Ordinary (in case the Ordinary shall at any time interfere with the disposition and ordering of such seats and his power and authority for so doing shall be due and legal) and that for the reasons and causes under written:

Custom firstmost [ut vid.]: that the Churchwardens of this Parish have from time immemorial and up to the time when the exercise of their right was interrupted and disputed by the claim so made and set up by the said Samuel Hemming /had [sic]\ been used and accustomed to /claim\ the disposition and ordering of the seats in the said chancel for the use and accommodation of the parishioners attending Divine Service.

Repairs: that the Churchwardens have at all times at the costs and charges of the parishioners been accustomed to repair the pews and seats in the said chancel and to paint the same whenever need required and also to plaster, wash and cleanse the interior part of the walls and ceiling of the said chancel and to do all other necessary repair to the interior part of the said chancel of every description, and that no part of such expense has been ever borne or paid by the Trustees of the Rectory, and that by [29] reason of such repair the parishioners are entitled to seats in the said chancel without paying any rent or consideration for the same.

Hampton 16th August 1816

[Signed:]

William Church for the Reverend S.J. Goodenough, Vicar

Martin Sanderson }

James Downton } Churchwardens

Ardern Hulme }

The Revd William Church on behalf of the Vicar further submits to the consideration of the Trustees a certain adjudication of the Court of King's Bench in the seventh year of James I, Trinity Term, reported under the Name of Hall and Ellis and cited by Burn in his *Ecclesiastical Law* under the title 'Church', p. 335, {sø} in the words following, i.e.: 'the Parson or Rector Improprate is entitled to the chief seat in the Chancel', and 'that so it is of common right in regard to his repairing the Chancel; but it was declared at the same time that by prescription

another parishioner may have it', on authority of which determination he contends that the chief seat only having been adjudged to the Parson or Impropiator, it must be inferred that he has no right of ordering or disposing of the other seats in the Chancel.

And the said William Church on behalf of the said Vicar further submits to the consideration of the Trustees whether they or any other persons are or is authorised or warranted by the Law of England or any established and existing custom or prescription whatsoever to claim or demand any rent or pecuniary or other recompense for the use and occupation of the pews or seats in the said Chancel of or from any parishioner or other person attending the celebration of Divine Service.

[Signed:]

William Church, Curate, for the Revd Sam(ue)l J. Goodenough, Vicar

[30] Vestry Room, Hampton, Midd(lese)x

30th August 1816

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Free School appointed under the endowments of John Jones Esq. and his Executors.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr Ardern Hulme
Mr Joseph Walduck
Mr Thomas Hyde
Mr James Downton
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Annett
Mr Robert Spencer

Mr. William Jackson in the Chair.

The Revd Dr Hemming attended the meeting and presented a written memorial of the transactions that took place between him and Mr Robert Lawrence and Mr Joseph Tooth respecting the agreement for a Lease of the lands lately allotted in lieu of the Rectorial Tithes.

Ordered, that the said memorial be entered among the Minutes of the proceedings of the Trustees.

Resolved, that the consideration of this business be further adjourned to the next meeting of the Trustees.

Resolved, that this meeting do forthwith on its rising adjourn to Friday next, the 6th September, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman

Martin Sanderson

James Downton

Ard(ern) Hulme

Robert Spencer

J(ame)s Annett

John Newbery

Tho(ma)s Hyde

[31] Letter and memorial of Mr Robert Lawrence (Lessee of the Rectorial Estate) respecting a claim made by him for a compensation for the avoidance of a Tithe Lease (granted to him) by the late Inclosure Act and for the money expended by him in building the Rectory Barn etc.

Dear Sir,

It appears to me from the perusal of your report relative to the charitable donations to Hampton Parish that the land I occupy is vested in the Trustees of Mr Jones' will. The Rectorial Tithes were leased to me and Mr Joseph Tooth for a term of fourteen years commencing Mich(aelma)s 1808 by the then Trust, subject to a condition that if we were disturbed in our Lease by an inclosure of the common lands of Hampton Parish, we were to be allowed [compensation ?] for rebuilding the Rectory Barn etc. now standing. That condition has never been fulfill(e)d as promised by the Commissioners, one of whom died shortly after my application and the other has not found leisure to attend to my claims. In consequence I have been paying Dr Hemming

£230 per annum (the Commissioners' calculations simply for the land instead of the Rectorial Tithes), which is £80 per annum more than I paid under the lease granted to me by the Trustees of the late Mr Jones' will. I regret that I did not make myself acquainted with the said Will at the time of the Inclosure, as then I should have discovered that the Trustees were the proper authorities to consider the circumstances I was then placed in and to grant me that relief my case demanded.

The barn etc. spoken of before cost {*****} £160.10.6. Since then I have erected a cart house, hen house, [and] pig sty, which has cost me above £30 more. The whole of the premises have been kept well in repair by me ever since and they are nearly as good as ever. I hope it will appear to the Trust now appointed that I have delayed this application by supposing that I should have been relieved by the Commissioners according to their promise. I also beg leave to add that, having suffered very severely by holding the aforesaid land, I have given notice to Dr Hemming that I intend to quit possession at Michaelmas next, he having refused at all times to lower my rent. Of what consequence that notice may be I am not assured, but when I did it there was [sic] no Trustees I could [32] give the notice to. This then will acquaint those now appointed that I wish not to hold the land unless it is lower rented, which I now think is a matter at their discretion.

I remain d(ea)r Sir,
Y(ou)r obliged humble serv(an)t,
Rob(er)t Lawrence

Hampton, Midd(lese)x
April 9th 1816

To Mr William Jackson
Hampton, Middlesex

Memorial of Mr Robert Lawrence presented by him at the meeting of the Trustees held on Friday, the 23rd day of August, and then read and ordered to be inserted into the Minutes:

August 23rd 1816.

Gent(lemen),

It being of some consequence to me that you have correct information relative to the subject which I am informed will be for your consideration this evening, I request your perusal of the following statement.

On January 3rd 1809 the Trustees of Mr Jones' endowments for the Free School of Hampton granted to self and another a Lease for Fourteen Years of the Rectorial Tithes of the Parish of Hampton on condition of rebuilding the Rectorial Barn etc. This Lease contains clauses and provisions in case of a subsequent inclosure of the common lands. The inclosure took place in 1811, Dr Hemming (the Schoolmaster appointed under Mr Jones' Will) then taking upon himself the direction and control of the Rectorial Rights. But if he then knew the contents of Mr Jones' Will, he must also have known that he assumed a power that can be legally exercised only by Trustees duly authorised. It will not be supposed that I then knew Dr Hemming's incompetency, if it be considered that I must also have known that no unauthorised act of his could have operated beneficially saving and excepting to himself only. Surely I shall not be suspected of having acted as I have done if I had possessed that knowledge. Is it probable that I should in a matter of business, and that to a considerable amount, give another so decided a preference? Indeed I was absolutely ignorant of the inefficiency of Dr Hemming's acts until the official publication of Mr Jackson relative to charitable donations to the Poor of Hampton made the matter clear.

From Mic(hael)mas 1812 the lands allotted in lieu of Rectorial Rights have been in my possession, the Commissioners' calculation [33] of rent being £230 per annum, the full rent for the whole rights to which my Lease gives me a claim (excepting a small part belonging to the Wick) until the Trustees to Mr Jones' donations give me due notice of their desire to cancel that obligation. I beg leave to assure and press on the attention of the present Trustees that the valuation by the Commissioners of the annual rent for the Rectorial Lands was made without any consideration of who were to be the Tenants. If self and partner had refused to accept the terms, it might have been offered to others, and probably taken at that rent, so that the Commissioners could have had no thought, by setting so high a rent, of satisfying us for rebuilding the Tithe Barn etc. as stipulated in the Lease. I did at the time of taking possession of the land apply to Mr Thorpe (the Commission(er) who made the calculation). His answer to me was 'That claim of yours being a distinct and separate thing, we will take it into our consideration hereafter.' Mr Thorpe's sudden death prevented that intention being carried into effect.

Gentlemen, I request your belief that this is a statement of facts which I could honestly make an affidavit. If you will take the trouble to ascertain what similar land let for at the time of the Inclosure, proof that I am correct will immediately follow. Should Dr Hemming forget that you can so easily determine the truth, he will perhaps attempt to represent to you a contrary statement, as he has taken some pains to persuade me into admissions for his sole emolument, but notwithstanding the unbounded deference, respect, and attention I have paid to him, it is not likely that I should give up so considerable a sum of money as my claims on acco(un)t of my Lease justly entitle me to. I have already lost enough by his assumption of the powers of the Trustees, by it I have been deprived of the relief most occupiers of land have had by their rents

being reduced and consequently property tax lessened. I have only to add that I wish you to believe that I want what is only absolutely my right. I declare that I am very desirous of giving the Trust as little trouble as possible and suppose my case to be so simple that an adjustment may be made without the delay, trouble and expense of reference to others.

Soliciting your consideration of the above,

I am Gent[leme]n,

Y(ou)r most ob(edien)t Serv(an)t,

Rob(er)t Lawrence

To the Trustees of the Rectory of Hampton

[34] Memorial presented by the Revd Samuel Hemming, Doctor of Divinity, at a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory of Hampton ~~{at a meeting}~~ held on Friday 30th August 1816 and then read and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

Statement of facts respecting the Lease granted by the late Trustees of the estate of John Jones Esq. of the Rectorial Tithes and Rectory Barn to Mr Rob(er)t Lawrence and Mr Joseph Tooth, and the terms of a subsequent Lease of Land awarded by the Commiss(ione)rs of the Inclosure in lieu of Rectorial Tithes, with observations thereon by the Revd Sam(ue)l Hemming, Mas(ter) of the Free School, and Agent to the late Trustees.

On the 3rd of Jan(uar)y 1809, a Lease of the Rectorial Tithes of the Parish of Hampton with the barn thereunto belonging was granted by the late Trustees (thro(ugh) the agency of Dr Hemming) to Messrs Lawrence and Tooth for the term of fourteen years from Mich(aelma)s then next ensuing on the condition of their pulling down the old Barn and rebuilding the same according to a plan then given, and on payment of the annual rent of £150 clear of all deductions except the property tax. The Lease also contained a proviso that in case of an Inclosure of the commonable lands and the consequent avoidance of such Lease, such compensation for the avoidance of the Lease and for the expense of rebuilding the Barn, was to be awarded to the Lessees as two indifferent persons, the one to be appointed by the Lessors, the other by the Lessees (or an umpire chosen by them), should direct. In consequence of an Act of Parliament passed in the year 1811 an Inclosure did take place, and the Lease of the Tithes became void. When the Comm(issione)rs had set out the land in lieu of the Rectorial Tithes according to the schedule annex(ed), Dr Hemming (still acting as the Agent of the Trustees) made an offer of the same, at the valuation fixed by the Comm(issione)rs to the said Lessees, Messrs Lawrence and Tooth, for a term of 21 years from Mich(aelma)s 1812, at an advanced rent of £230 p(e)r ann(u)m instead of the former rent of £150, which offer the said Lessees Messrs Lawrence and

Tooth accepted with great readiness and entered immediately into occupation and cultivation of the land so agreed to be let. Mr Tooth dying shortly after, Mr Lawrence has ever [35] since continued in occupation, and has paid to Dr Hemming the stipulated rent of £230 for the two years ending respectively at Mich(aelma)s 1813 and 1814, free of all rated taxes or deductions, save and except the deduction for the Property Tax. No part of the year's rent due at Mich(aelma)s 1815 has yet been paid and a second year's rent will become due at the ensuing Mich(aelma)s, viz. 1816.

Observations

First. The Lease for Fourteen Years executed in 1809 was granted at a lower rent than the preceding lease by £15 p(e)r annum, Messrs Shore and Turner having paid a rent of £165 p(e)r annum instead of £150, the rent to be paid by Messrs Lawrence and Tooth. Consequently there was so far a compensation for rebuilding the Barn in the reduction of the rent namely, £15 for fourteen years, amounting at the expiration of that term to £210, a larger sum than was expended on the rebuilding the barn.

Second. It seems that the proviso in the Lease [of] 1809 for compensation to the Lessees in case of Inclosure was design(e)d to prevent them from any loss arising from the avoidance, and from the money they had laid out in rebuilding the Barn. But they actually suffered no loss from the avoidance, nor were they deprived of the benefit of the sums they had laid out on the Barn, so far from it that, instead of the remaining term of their interest in it, of which eleven years were then unexpired, they had receiv(e)d interest for the term of 21 years. It is admitted that had the Lessees Messrs Lawrence and Tooth not accepted the land in lieu of Tithes, and that the said land had been let to any one else, they would in that case have been entitled to a compensation, but in acceding to the new rent and the increased term of their interest, the latter, that is the increased term, was supposed to be a compensation for the increased rent.

Third. It must be observed on the subject of the increased rent, that it could not be considered as otherwise than a fair rent at that time, because it was that which the Comm(issione)rs themselves had estimated, whereas land awarded by the Comm(issione)rs to the Vicar and shortly after put up to auction fetched a rent considerably higher

[36] Fourth. On the increase of the rent for the term of 21 years it must also be remark(e)d that it embraced land not only in lieu of the former Tithes (which were for the district of the town only) but also for the hamlet of the Wick, and for many hundred acres of newly inclosed lands.

Fifth. At the time of the acceptance of the terms of the new Lease by the former Lessees Messrs Lawrence and Tooth, not a word was said respecting the Barn on the avoidance of the former Lease, either by the said Lessees or by Dr Hemming.

Sixth. The valuation of the land in lieu of Tithes by the Comm(issione)rs was unquestionably made without any reference to the Barn as will appear not only by the calculation annex(e)d namely:

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| | £.s.d |
| 39 acres of inclosed and common field land at £3 per acre | 117.0.0 |
| 65 acres common at 35s per acre | 113.15.0 |
| | 230.15.0 |

but also that the Barn is never mentioned at all in the Act and had therefore at that time never been brought forward to their notice.

Seventh. Mr Lawrence never to the month of July last made application to Dr Hemming for a compensation for the Barn, nor was the subject ever mentioned to Dr Hemming in the presence of the late Comm(issione)r Mr Thorpe. The first time Dr H(emming) ever heard the subject mentioned was by Mr Lawrence himself just before Mich(aelma)s 1815 when he gave Dr Hemming two Notes of Hand for the balance of rent due at Mich(aelma)s 1814. Nor did Dr Hemming ever directly or indirectly lead Mr Lawrence to think that he (Dr H(emming)) admitted the justice of such claim.

Eighth. It is further presumed that if Mr Lawrence had thought himself originally entitled to a compensation for rebuilding the Barn, he would have made some attempt to deduct from the two years' rent he has already paid to Dr H(emming). This he never did. On the contrary at Mich(aelma)s 1813 when Mr C.B. Mansell gave up possession of the original Rectory Meadow, Mr. Lawrence earnestly requested he might be allowed to rent it (being short of meadow land) and became the yearly tenant at £4 p(e)r acre, being one fourth more that [sic] he gave for any other portion of the land, nor was a syllable said at that time about compensation of any kind.

[37] Ninth. Dr Hemming admits that in conversing with Mr Lawrence he did express himself, in consequence of the alterations in the times, not averse from some reduction of rent in future, provided such a measure became general with landholders, but never gave the smallest hint of any compensation for the past, for this plain reason, that as Mr Lawrence never though[t] of offering any increased rent when the times were favourable, he could have no right to claim any when they became unfavourable.

Tenth. It is further manifest that if the Lease for the new term had been executed (which it would have been at the time it was agreed on, had the award been made by the Com(missione)rs, the items of such lease having been submitted to Mr Smith of Drapers Hall, the Solicitor to Sir R(ichard) Carr Glyn – one of the Trustees), Mr Lawrence must have abided by the consequences of it.

Dr Hemming has only two further observations to make:

First, that in acting as Agent to the late Trustees, he always endeavour(e)d to discharge that office faithfully, never presuming to act of his own authority, but merely as their agent; and that Mr Lawrence was always extremely ready to treat with him in that character whilst anything was likely to turn out to his (Mr Lawrence's) advantage. Dr Hemming forebears to say more.

Second, that notwithstanding all the reasons he has stated above against any claim for compensation, he is perfectly ready to submit the whole question to the decision of disinterested persons as are Arbitrators according to the Proviso of the Lease 1809.

Dr H(emming) begs leave to apologise for any inaccuracies in the above statement as he could not commence it till this morning, but would not withhold from the Trustees the information they desired to be laid before them at their meeting this day.

[signed:]

Sam(ue)l Hemming DD, Schoolmaster
Hampton, August 30 1816

The Trustees are of course aware that Mr Lawrence has given notice to quit possession of the land at Michaelmas ensuing.

[38] Vestry Room, Hampton, M(iddlese)x
Friday 6th September 1816

At a meeting of Trustees of the Free School appointed under the endowments of John Jones Esq. and of his Executors.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Ardern Hulme
Mr John Newbery
Mr Thomas Hyde

Mr {~~John~~} James Annett
Mr James Downton
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr Robert Spencer

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

Ordered, that Charles Harvey Esq. be requested to act on behalf of the Trustees of the Rectory as an Arbitrator to determine what compensation Mr Robert Lawrence may be entitled to claim by virtue of a clause in the Lease granted to him of the Rectorial Tithes, and which said clause relates to a compensation to be made to him in case of the avoidance of the said lease by the Inclosure Act and also for the expense of building the Rectorial Barn.

Ordered that the Trustees do at their next meeting take into consideration the claim made by the Vicar and Churchwardens to the Chancel – adjourned to Friday 13th Ins(tan)t at three o'clock in the afternoon.

[signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman

James Downton Tho(ma)s Hyde
Robert Spencer Ard(ern) Hulme
John Newbery Martin Sanderson
James Annett

[39] Vestry Room, Hampton
Friday 13th September 1816

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Free School appointed under the endowments of John Jones Esq. and his Executors.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr Thomas Hyde
Mr Ardern Hulme

Mr John Newbery
Mr James Annett
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr James Downton

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

Ordered upon motion that the claim made by the Revd W(illia)m Church on behalf of the Vicar to the right of demanding and receiving fees for the interment of corpses in the Chancel of the Parish Church and for the erection of tombs, monuments and monumental tablets in the same and also to a seat therein and the claim made by the Churchwardens on behalf of themselves and the Parishioners to the right of disposing the seats in the said chancel (subject to the right of the Ordinary if such right exists and is deemed lawful) be now be taken into consideration.

The Memorial having been read in the presence of the Revd W(illia)m Church and the Revd Dr Hemming, the Trustees being desirous of obtaining further evidence to enable them to decide with respect to the right of Title and Dr Hemming having engaged to supply further information on the subject, the consideration thereof is adjourned to a future day, until such information is supplied.

Ordered, that a copy of the claim be given to [40] the Revd Dr Hemming.

Adjourned to Thursday the 19th Ins(tan)t at three o'clock in the afternoon.

[signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman
Martin Sanderson
James Downton
Ard(ern) Hulme
Tho(ma)s Hyde
John Newbery
Ja(me)s Annett
Rob(er)t Spencer

Vestry Room, Hampton, M(iddlese)x
Thursday 19th September 1816

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Free School appointed under the endowments of John Jones Esq. and his Executors.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr Thomas Hyde
Mr James Downton
Mr Joseph Walduck
Mr Ardern Hulme
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Annett
Mr Robert Spencer

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

It being represented to the Trustees that Mr Harvey, who was appointed at the meeting held on the 6th Ins(tan)t [41] as a referee to determine (on the part of the Trustees) what compensation Mr Robert Lawrence {~~was~~} [overwritten by 'is'] entitled to receive for the avoidance of the Tithe Lease and for building the {~~Vicarage~~} Rectory Barn, cannot conveniently accept the s(ai)d appointment, the Trustees do therefore appoint Mr {~~John Trumper of Harefield in this County~~} /George Smallpiece of Guildford in the County of Surrey\ as a referee in the stead and place of the said Mr C(harle)s Harvey on the part of the Trustees.

Mr Robert Lawrence attended the meeting and in the presence of the Trustees assembled, appointed Mr Richard Baker of Tolworth near Kingston in the County of Surrey as a referee on his part.

Mr Robert Lawrence having by a letter addressed to the Revd Dr Hemming given notice of his intention to quit and deliver up possession of the Rectorial Lands and premises now held by him at Michaelmas Day next (the 29th Ins(tan)t) and having subsequently repeated such notice in a letter addressed to the Trustees, it is agreed by the Trustees present to accept of such notice and to take possession of the said lands at the time appointed by such notice.

Resolved, that in the opinion of the Trustees it is expedient that the said lands shall be surveyed and their annual value be ascertained by a competent surveyor and that Mr George Smallpiece be appointed on the behalf of the Trustees to survey and estimate the annual value of the same.

Resolved, that after such survey and valuation shall be made, the said lands shall be offered in the first place to Mr Robert Lawrence for a term to be mutually agreed on, and in case he shall refuse to accept

[42] the same on such terms, it is the opinion of the Trustees that he shall be entitled to receive a customary allowance for dressings, ploughings etc. usually made by an incoming to an outgoing tenant.

Ordered, that the Chairman do immediately inform Mr George Smallpiece of his appointment.

Adjourned to Thursday next the 26th Ins(tan)t at three o'clock in the afternoon.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman

Martin Sanderson

Jos(eph) Walduck

Th(oma)s Hyde

Ard(ern) Hulme

Ja(me)s Annett

John Newbery

James Downton

Robert Spencer

Vestry Room, Hampton, M(iddlese)x

Thursday 26th September 1816

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Free School appointed under the endowments of John Jones Esq. and his Executors.

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported that he had written to Mr George Smallpiece (pursuant to the order of the last meeting) to inform him of his appointment but had not received his reply.

Resolved, that this meeting do forthwith adjourn till such reply be received or till it can be ascertained when Mr Smallpiece can attend and that the Chairman do give notice thereof to the Trustees.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman

[43] Vestry Room, Hampton Midd(lese)x

Monday 28th October 1816

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Free School appointed under the endowments of John Jones Esq. and his Executors.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Downton
Mr John Newbery
Mr Ardern Hulme
Mr James Annett
Mr Thomas Hyde
Mr Robert Spencer

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

Be it remembered that Mr George Smallpiece and Mr Richard Baker who were appointed at the last meeting as arbitrators to decide on the subject in dispute between the Trustees and Mr Robert Lawrence attended the meeting and took upon them the award and arbitrations, and that the Trustees present and Mr Robert Lawrence executed and mutually exchanged bonds for their respective submission to such arbitration.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman
James Downton
Martin Sanderson
Ard(ern) Hulme
Robert Spencer
James Annett
John Newbery
Th(oma)s Hyde

Adjourned to Tuesday the 12th day of November.

[44] Extract from the orders of a Vestry Meeting held on Wednesday the 6th day of November 1816.

It was (among other things) ordered that Thomas Chadwick Esq., the now surviving Trustee, do convey the messuage and premises known by the name of the Bell Inn to the Trustees of the Rectory of Hampton to hold the same to the use of the Vicar, Churchwardens and parishioners of Hampton for such purposes as are declared and appointed under the last Will and Testament of Robert Hammond Gent(leman) dec(ease)d.

The plan of Mr Langton of Wandsworth, Surveyor, for rebuilding the said Inn, also another plan for the same by Mr Johnson of London, Surveyor, having been laid before the Vestry and the report of the Surveyor respecting the present state of repair of the said Inn having been read, the Vestry having examined the said plans and taken into consideration the said report did resolve and order that it appears to the Vestry that it is most eligible for the future advantage of the said charity that the said Inn be let on a Building Lease for the term of 61 years at the present rent reserved for the same, agreeable to such of the said plans as shall appear most suitable and proper to the said Trustees, and that the Trustees should immediately endeavour to procure a proper person to take the same on the said terms.

And it was further ordered by the said Vestry that if the said Trustees should not be able to procure a proper person to take the said Inn on such terms, they should immediately cause a Vestry to be held for the purpose of taking into consideration the most expedient method to be then adopted for letting the said Inn.

[45] Vestry Room, Hampton Midd(lese)x

Tuesday 12th November 1816

At a meeting of the Trustees (of the Free School and) of the Bell Inn and Rectory Impropriate of the Parish of Hampton appointed under and in pursuance of the several endowments of Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon and William Greenhill, Nathaniel Lacey and Thomas Nicholl Es(qui)res, Executors of the last Will and Testament of John Jones late of Hampton aforesaid Esq. deceased.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Downton
Mr James Annet

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr John Newbery

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The resolution and the order of a Vestry Meeting held on Wednesday 6th of this present month which relates to the appointment of the Trustees of the Rectory to be Trustees of the Bell Inn under the endowment of the late Robert Hammond, and also the resolution and order of the said Vestry which relates to the letting of the said Inn on a Building Lease for the term of 61 years at the present reserved rent, on such of the plans presented to the Vestry as the Trustees should think most suitable and proper, having been read and inserted among the Minutes of the Trustees and the said plans having been laid before the meeting, the Trustees, having carefully viewed and inspected the said plans, and taken the same into their most attentive consideration, are of the opinion that the plan drawn and subscribed by Mr William Johnson of London is the most suitable and proper to be adopted and acted on.

Ordered, that a surveyor be employed to prepare and deliver at the next meeting of the Trustees a particular and descriptive estimate specifying the kind, quality, scantling and dimensions of the bricks, stone, timber, glass and all other materials to be used and employed in building the said house, according to such plan, and that Mr Henry Walker of Hampton Wick be employed as surveyor to prepare such estimate.

Ordered, that the said house shall be built in all [46] respects conformable to such plan and specification under the inspection of the surveyor, and that the person taking the same shall be allowed the benefit of the materials constituting the present house, and have permission to use and employ such of them in the erection of the new house as, in the opinion of the said surveyor, shall be deemed perfectly sound and fit for use in such parts only of the building as such surveyor shall appoint and direct the same to be used and employed.

Ordered, that this meeting do adjourn till the report of the surveyor can be obtained.

[signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman

James Downton

James Annett

Robert Spencer

John Newbery

Martin Sanderson

[47] Vestry Room, Hampton, M(iddlese)x
Thursday 19th December 1816

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Free School appointed under the several endowments of Robert Hamonde [sic], John Jones and others.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Ardern Hulme
Mr Thomas Hyde
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr Joseph Walduck
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Downton
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr James Annet

Mr W(illia)m Jackson in the Chair.

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 19th and 26th days of September and the 28th day of October having been read, the Chairman reported to the meeting that he had received a letter from Messrs Smallpiece of Guildford, which letter having been read by him is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes of the meeting:

Copy:

Sir,

We beg to inform you that in consequence of Mr Richard Baker and G(eorge) S(mallpiece) disagreeing in opinion as to the valuation at Hampton the same is referred to Mr Crawler of Cobham.

We are, Sir,
Your very obed(ien)t serv(an)ts,
G. and I. Smallpiece

Guildford Nov(embe)r 24th 1816
Mr Jackson

The Chairman reported his reply to the same which was read by him, and ordered to [be] inserted in the Minutes:

Copy:

Gentlemen),

I received yours of the 24th Instant and am sorry to hear that Mr George Smallpiece and Mr Baker have not been able to come to a decision on the subject submitted to their award and the more so as its speedy adjustment is a matter of some importance to both the parties interested.

As far as I am concerned on behalf of the Trustees, I can [48] say that I am perfectly satisfied with the reference to Mr Crawler, for although I have not the pleasure to be personally acquainted with that gentlemen, I am not ignorant of his professional abilities and the integrity of his character. I have now to beg Mr George Smallpiece's earliest possible attention to the subject of the valuation of the lands that now constitute the Rectorial Estate, which (as I informed him) is wholly unconnected with the arbitration and left solely to his judgement. Mr George Smallpiece will perceive the necessity of the speedy completion of this when he is informed that the land was given up by the late Tenant at Michaelmas last and that the Trustees await the valuation to enable them to treat for its reletting.

I am, Gentlemen),

Your most obedient servant,

William Jackson

Messrs G. and I. Smallpiece, Guildford

P.S. Since writing the above Mr Crawler (accompanied by Mr Baker) called on me to make enquiry into matters, chiefly relating to the operation of the Inclosure Act with respect to its avoidance of the Tithe Lease, of which he wished to be informed to enable him to make his umpirage. (William Jackson), Hampton, 27th November 1816.)

The Chairman also reported to the meeting that he had received a letter from Mr George Smallpiece containing a particular and valuation of the Rectorial Estate, which letter was produced and read by him and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes:

Copy:

A particular and valuation of the Rectorial Estate of the Parish of Hampton in the Co(unt) of Middlesex

| Names of Fields | Description | Quantity | Observations |
|---|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| The Barn and Yard | | A(cres).R(ods).P(erches) | |
| Between the roads late in Common Fields | Arable | 22.1.32 | |
| In the Great Meadow | Meadow | 3.1.6 | |
| Between the roads called 'The Downs' | Arable | 6.1.38 | |
| The Old Inclosure, late Lady Morshead's | Arable | 6.2.30 | |
| Allotments formerly part of the Common | Arable etc. | 65.1.26 | |
| | | 104.1.12 | Annual Value £150.0.0 |

The Barn and Yard is so situate as to be inconvenient both to the [49] Common Field and Common Allotments: they are at least a mile distant from each other, and the Barn about the same distance from either of them. The land formerly common is very different, and about nine acres of it remain in its original state covered with heath. It is considered that the annual value of the above described property on a Lease for fourteen years is £150.

Geo(rge) Smallpeice [sic],

Guildford, Dec(embe)r 11th 1816

G. and I. Smallpeice [sic] present their comp(limen)ts to Mr Jackson and beg (as on the other side) to forward G(eorge) S(mallpiece)'s report on the Hampton Rectory Land.

The Chairman further reported to the meeting that he had on the 15th Ins(tan)t received from Mr Thomas Crawler of Cobham in the County of Surrey, Land Surveyor, his award and umpirage in writing under his hand and seal (duly stamped) and bearing date the 12th day of December, which award having been laid before the meeting and read is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes:

Copy:

To All to whom these presents shall come, I Thomas Crawler the Elder of Cobham in the County of Surrey, Land Surveyor, send greeting. Whereas by Indenture of Lease bearing date the 3rd day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nine and made or mentioned to be made between Sir John Morshead Bart., Sir George Yonge Bart., Sir Richard Carr Glyn Bart., David Boyn, John Hillman, Thomas Chadwick, and Thomas Ryley Esquires, surviving Trustees of the hereditaments and premises in and by the said Indenture of Lease demised and leased for certain charitable uses and purposes of the one part and Robert Lawrence of Hampton in the County of Middlesex, Victualler, and Joseph Tooth late of Hampton aforesaid, Coach Master, of the other part, they the said Sir John Morshead, Sir George Yonge and other the said Trustees did demise to the said Robert Lawrence and Joseph Tooth, their Executors, Adm(inistrat)ors and Assigns, all that piece or parcel of land containing one quarter of an acre or thereabouts situate and being in the Parish of Hampton in the occupation of John Shore and Henry Twiner with the appurtenances together with the Barn erected and built thereon [50] or the ruins or site thereof and all the Rectory Improprate and parsonage of Hampton aforesaid and all the Tithes, Moduses and Compositions for Tithes to the said Rectory belonging or appertaining, to hold the said lands, hereditaments and premises to them the said Robert Lawrence and Joseph Tooth, their Ex(ecut)ors, Adm(inistrat)ors and Assigns, from the Feast of St Michael the Archangel next after the date of the said Indenture for fourteen years subject to a proviso for /the\ sooner determination of the said term at the yearly rent of £150 payable as thereinmentioned; and whereas the said Robert Lawrence and Joseph Tooth did in and by the said Indenture of Lease amongst other things covenant and agree at their own costs and charges within six months next ensuing the date of the said Indenture to take down the aforesaid barn and build either on the site thereof or on some other convenient part of the said piece or parcel of land a new barn and enclose the same with a good sound oak fence, which said barn and fence they the said Robert Lawrence and Joseph Tooth afterwards erected and built; and whereas in and by a certain clause or proviso in the said Indenture of Lease contained it was mutually declared and agreed by and between the said parties thereto, that if at any time before the expiration of the said term of fourteen years thereby granted the commons and waste lands of or within the Parish of Hampton aforesaid should be inclosed under the authority of Parliament or any lawful agreement for that purpose and the said Lessors or any of them, their Heirs or Assigns, should be minded and desirous to end and determine the demise thereby made and of such their mind and desire should give or leave or cause to be given or left to or for the said Robert Lawrence and Joseph Tooth, their Ex(ecut)ors, Adm(inistrat)ors and Assigns on the said demised premises or some part thereof six calendar months notice in writing and should pay, allow and give unto the said Robert Lawrence and Joseph Tooth, their Ex(ecut)ors, Adm(inistrat)ors and Assigns such a sum of money as two indifferent persons, one to be chosen by the said Lessors, their Heirs or Assigns, and the other by the said Robert Lawrence and Joseph Tooth, their Executors, Administrators or Assigns, or by an umpire to be

chosen by such two persons in case they should disagree, should fix and determine as and for a compensation and recompense for the costs, losses and damages which they the said Robert Lawrence and Joseph Tooth, their Ex(ecut)ors, Administrators or Assigns should or might be put to or sustain by reason or in consequence of such determination or avoidance of the said Lease and the term thereby created, and also for such sum or sums of money, costs or expenses as they the said Robert Lawrence and Joseph Tooth, their Ex(ecut)ors, Adm(inistrat)ors and Assigns should or might lay out and expend or be put unto in or about the erecting and building the said barn and fence [51] or in any wise relating thereto, that then from and immediately after such payment and the expiration of such notice as aforesaid the said Lease and the term thereby created should cease, be annulled and determined; and whereas under and by virtue of an Act of Parliament made and passed on the 31st day of May in the 51st year of His Present Majesty's reign entitled 'An Act for inclosing Lands in the Parish of Hampton in the County of Middlesex' the said lease and the term thereby created and granted has become void and determined; and whereas the said Joseph Tooth departed this life on or about the 20th day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen having first duly made and published his last Will and Testament in writing bearing date the 19th day of the same October, whereby amongst other things he gave and bequeathed unto the said Robert Lawrence all his (the said Testator's) Share, Right, Title and Interest of and in all the ground and premises known by the name of the Rectory Farm at Hampton (being the premises comprized in the said Indenture of Lease) and appointed the said Robert Lawrence one of the Exec(uto)rs of his said Will, who duly proved the same in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury; and whereas by Ind(ent)u(re)s of Lease and Release bearing date respectively the 30th and 31st days of March now last past, the said Sir Richard Carr Glyn and the said Thomas Chadwick, then being the only surviving Trustees of the said Rectory Improprate of Hampton aforesaid, did duly convey and release the same to the said Sir Richard Carr Glyn, Samuel James Goodenough, Martin Sanderson, James Downton, William Jackson, James Annett, Robert Spencer, John Newbery, Ardern Hulme, Thomas Hyde and Joseph Walduck, their Heirs and Assigns in trust for the charitable purposes above referred to, and they are the present Trustees of the said Rectory and premises; and whereas for fixing and determining the compensation and recompense which the said Robert Lawrence is entitled to under and by virtue of the said proviso in the said Indenture of Lease and putting an end to all disputes and controversies concerning the same, the said Sir Richard Carr Glyn and other the said present Trustees and Robert Lawrence have submitted themselves and are become bound each to the other by their several obligations bearing date the 28th day of October now last past in the penal sum of £400 with conditions thereunder written in all things touching and concerning such compensation and recompense to be paid and allowed [52] to the said Robert Lawrence and all matters relating thereto to well and truly keep the award, order, arbitrament, final end and determination of George Smallpiece of Guildford in the County of Surrey, Gentleman, and Richard Baker of Tolworth in the County of Surrey, Gentleman, being two indifferent persons chosen by the said parties in pursuance of and in the manner directed by the said proviso to award and decide what sum of money the said Robert

Lawrence was then justly entitled to claim, demand and receive by reason or in consequence of the avoidance of the said Lease and term and for such sums of money so laid out and expended in building the said barn and fence, and which award they should make and give in writing under their hands on or before the 2nd day of December then next ensuing, and if they should not make the award within the time aforesaid then the award /and\ order and umpirage of such a person as the said Arbitrators should indifferently choose as Umpire, so as the said umpire should make and set down his award and umpirage in writing under his hand on or before the 16th day of the said month of December ready to be delivered to the said parties; and whereas the said George Smallpiece and Richard Baker did by a note in writing under their hands dated the 23rd day of November last written under the condition annexed to the said bond, appoint me the said Thomas Crawler to be the Umpire between them; and whereas the said George Smallpiece and Richard Baker did not make any award of and concerning the premises on or before the said 2nd day of December, now know ye that I the said Thomas Crawler, appointed Umpire as aforesaid, having taken upon myself the said umpirage and having deliberately and at large heard, examined and considered the allegations, witnesses and evidences of both the said parties concerning the premises, do thereupon make this my award, umpirage and final determination between the said parties of and concerning the premises in manner and form following (that is to say), that the said Sir Richard Carr Glyn, Samuel James Goodenough, Martin Sanderson, James Downton, William Jackson, James Annet, Robert Spencer, John Newbery, Arden Hulme, Thomas Hyde and Joseph Walduck, Trustees of the Rectory aforesaid, shall upon the 12th day of January now next ensuing between the hours of ten in the forenoon and four in the afternoon at the house of the said Robert [53] Lawrence known by the sign of the Red Lion at Hampton afores(ai)d well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the said Robert Lawrence the sum of £339.14.6, being the sum of money which I have fixed, determined, awarded and decided and do hereby fix, determine, award and decide to be a fair compensation and recompense for the costs, losses and damages which he the said Robert Lawrence hath been put or sustained by the determination and avoidance of the said Lease and the term thereby granted and also for all such sum and sums of money so laid out and expended in building the said barn and fence in the said Indenture mentioned and covenanted to be erected, built and set up; and I do hereby further award, order and determine that upon payment of the said sum of money by the said Trustees to the said Robert Lawrence as aforesaid, the said Robert Lawrence shall execute to the said Trustees (if they require it) a general release of all his claim and demand upon them, the said Trustees, or upon the said Trust Estate for any further compensation or recompense for the avoidance and determination of the said Lease and the term thereby granted or for any sum or sums of money laid out and expended in building the said barn and fence or any way relating thereto; and I do hereby finally order and award that one moiety of all the cash charges and expenses of this arbitration, umpirage and award of such general release (if it shall be required) shall be borne and paid by the said Trustees and the other moiety thereof shall be borne and paid by the said Robert Lawrence. In witness whereof I the

said Thomas Crawler to this my award, umpirage and final determination in the premises have put my hand this 12th day of December in the year of our Lord 1816.

[signed] Tho(ma)s Crawler, (L(and) S(urveyor))

Signed by the said Thomas Crawler in the presence of
Rich(ar)d Howlett Jago

[54] Ordered, that the claim made by the Vicar and Churchwardens of the Parish of Hampton, to the benefit of the Chancel be taken into consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Churchwardens this day made application to the Trustees requiring them to put into repair the Great Window of the Chancel, or in default of their so doing they intimate their intentions of making presentment of the same.

Ordered, that at the next meeting the Trustees do take into consideration the reletting of the Rectorial Lands and make such order therein as shall seem necessary.

Adjourned to Thursday the 26th Instant at 2 o'clock.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman
Ard(ern) Hulme
James Downton
John Newbery
James Annett
Robert Spencer
Martin Sanderson

[55] Vestry Room, Hampton, M(iddlese)x
Thursday 26th Dec(ember) 1816

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and Free School of Hampton under the several endowments of Robert Hamonde [sic], John Jones and his Executor [sic] (held pursuant to adjournment).

Present:

Mr W(illia)m Jackson
Mr Th(oma)s Hyde
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Downton
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr John Newbery
Mr Ardern Hulme
Mr {Thomas}/Joseph\ Walduck
Mr James Annett

Mr. William Jackson in the Chair.

The Trustees present, having taken into consideration the report of Mr George Smallpiece relative to the valuation of the Rectorial Lands, are of opinion that the said valuation is less in annual amount than the intrinsic value of the same.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of the Trustees that the annual value of the said lands including the glebe barn, buildings and yard /exclusive of the original Rectory Meadow\ is £190, conformable to a specific estimate thereof this day made and agreed upon unanimously.

Resolved, that the said Rectorial Lands and premises be let on lease for the term of fourteen years to be computed from Michaelmas last.

Resolved, that the said land and premises be offered to Mr Robert Lawrence for the above term at the above rent.

Resolved, that the said rent be reserved and made payable half-yearly at Lady Day and Michaelmas in every year.

Resolved, that it is expedient the person taking the same shall find sufficient security to the satisfaction of the Trustees for the punctual payment of the rent to the receiver to be appointed at and upon the days when the said rent is made payable.

[56] Ordered, that the consideration of the claim made by the Vicar and Churchwardens be further adjourned to the next meeting of the Trustees.

Ordered, that this meeting do adjourn to Saturday the 11th day of January at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman
Martin Sanderson
Ard(ern) Hulme
James Downton
James Annett
Joseph Walduck
Robert Spencer
John Newbery
Thomas Hyde

[57] Hampton, Midd(lese)x, Saturday
Saturday, 11 January 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of the Bell Inn and Free School of Hampton under the endowments of Robert Hammonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon, John Jones and his Executors (pursuant to last adjournment).

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr Ardern Hulme
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr James Annett
Mr James Downton
Mr John Newbery

Mr W(illia)m Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported to the Trustees a letter he had received from ~~{Mr Crawler}~~ Mr Crawler of Chobham.

The Trustees waited on Mr Rob(er)t Lawrence at the Red Lion Inn pursuant to the directions of the award and tendered to him the sum of £339.14.6, being the sum awarded to him by Mr Crawler, the Umpire appointed by the Arbitrators, as a compensation for the avoidance of the Tithe Lease and erecting of the Rectory Barn, which was accepted of by him.

Mr Lawrence attended the meeting and paid the rent due for the Rectory Lands up to Michaelmas last.

Ordered, that the Trustees do give him a sufficient discharge for the same.

The Chairman having laid the plan before the meeting for rebuilding the Bell Inn and reported that he had conversed with Mr Walker the surveyor on the subject and that Mr Walker had informed him that a true estimate of the expense of rebuilding the same could not at present be made owing to the difficulty of ascertaining what part of the materials may be serviceable and fit for use in the new building, but that in his opinion the same would not amount to a less sum than £2,000 exclusive of such materials,

It is ordered by the Trustees that a Lease of the said [58] house and premises for the term of 61 years be offered in the first place to Mr Martin Sanderson at the present reserved [ut vid.] rent of £35 upon condition of his taking down and rebuilding the said house according to the said plan and agreeable to a written particular to be prepared by the surveyor.

Ordered, that Mr Martin Sanderson do appear at a meeting of the Trustees to be held on Thursday next, the 16th Ins(tan)t, and then make known to the Trustees his determination respecting the same.

Ordered, that Mr Robert Lawrence do also make known to the said Trustees his intention (at their next meeting) respecting taking the Rectorial Lands.

Ordered, that this meeting do forthwith adjourn till Thursday the 16th Ins(tan)t at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Ordered, that the consideration of the claim made by the Vicar and Churchwardens to the Chancel be adjourned to the said meeting.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman

Martin Sanderson

Robert Spencer

James Downton

John Newbery

James Annett

[59] The Vestry Room, Hampton, Midd(lese)x

Thursday 16th January 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of the Bell Inn and Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of John Jones, Edmond Pigeon, Robert Hamonde [sic] and the Executors of the said John Jones (pursuant to last adjournment).

Present:

Mr William Jackson

Mr Ardern Hulme

Mr Joseph Walduck

Mr James Downton

Mr John Newbery

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr James Annett

Mr Thomas Hyde

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

A letter was received by the Chairman from Mr Robert Lawrence addressed to the Trustees which, having been read, is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes:

Copy:

Gentlemen,

I shall be obliged to you to let me know when you are ready for business, as I have a friend who will attend you on my behalf.

I am, Gent(lemen), y(ou)r most ob(edien)t serv(an)t,

Rob(er)t Lawrence

To which letter the Trustees direct the following reply to be immediately made in writing by the Chairman:

Sir,

I have laid your letter before the Trustees now assembled and they have directed me to inform you that they are prepared to treat with you personally for a Lease of the Rectory Land from Mich(aelma)s last, on the basis of the terms they proposed at their last meeting, but cannot attend to any propositions coming from you through the medium of a third person.

I am, Sir,

Y(ou)r ob(edien)t serv(an)t,

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

Mr Robert Lawrence this day attended the meeting, and formally refused to take the Rectorial Lands on the terms proposed by the Trustees.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this meeting that the said lands shall be let to such person as shall be approved of by the Trustees who shall offer the best clear reserved annual rent for the same on a Lease [60] for fourteen years to be computed from Michaelmas last, such person finding good security for payment of the said rent by half yearly payments.

Ordered, that notice to the above effect be immediately given by means of printed handbills and published in two of the daily papers, desiring all such persons as may be inclined to take the said land to apply to the Chairman for particulars and to send in a tender or proposal in writing sealed up to the said Chairman, specifying the rent they are willing to give and the name of the person who may offer himself as a security for the payment of the rent, on or before Thursday the {40th} [ut vid.] 13th day of February next.

Ordered, that the claim made by the Vicar and Churchwardens to the Chancel be adjourned for consideration till the Trustees receive Dr Hemming's reply to the memorial, a copy of which has this day been delivered to him.

Mr Martin Sanderson attended the meeting and desired further time for replying to the proposal made to him, and it is ordered by the meeting that he be allowed till next meeting.

Ordered, that a meeting of the Trustees be held on Thursday next, the 23rd Ins(tan)t, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to take into consideration the trusts and powers vested in the Trustees by the several Deeds of Trust, and to enquire into the present system of education adopted in the Free School.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman

John Newbery

Martin Sanderson

James Annett

Robert Spencer

James Downton

[61] Vestry Room, Hampton, M(iddlese)x

Thursday 2^{(n)d} January 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of the Bell Inn and Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmond Pigeon, John Jones and his Executors, pursuant to last adjournment.

Present:

Mr W(illia)m Jackson

Mr Thomas Hyde

Mr Ardern Hulme

Mr Joseph Walduck

Mr John Newbery

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr James Downton

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr James Annett

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The bills containing the charges of the Arbitrators and Umpire for making the award relative to the avoidance of the Tithe Lease and building of the Rectory Barn were laid before the Trustees and ordered to be paid.

Mr Robert Lawrence attended the meeting and paid a moiety of the expenses, amounting to £16.3.4.

A form of notice and particular for letting the Rectory Lands was read and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes and printed and dispersed throughout the neighbourhood immediately and also published in two of the daily papers.

The Chairman laid before the Trustees a particular specification prepared by the surveyor of the materials to be used for building the Bell Inn which was read, and together with the plan directed to be kept among the records of the Trustees, the said specification having been approved of.

On application made by Mr Sanderson for further time to enable him to make enquiry as to the expense of building the house, it is ordered that further time be allowed him till Thursday the 6th February.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman
Robert Spencer
James Downton
Martin Sanderson
Ja(me)s Annett
John Newbery

[62] Vestry Room, Hampton
Thursday 23^(rd) Jan(uar)y 1817

Ordered, that this meeting stand adjourned to Thursday next, the 30th Ins(tan)t, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

By order of the Trustees

[signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman

Vestry Room, Hampton
Thursday 30th January 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of the Bell Inn and Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmond Pigeon, John Jones and his Executors, held pursuant to the last adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson in the Chair

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr James Downton

Mr Ardern Hulme

Mr Thomas Hyde

Mr James Annett

Mr Joseph Walduck

Mr John Newbery

Mr Robert Spencer

Upon a motion made, it is ordered by the Trustees that this meeting do forthwith take into consideration the present system of education adopted for teaching the children of the Free School of Hampton, and whether the same is calculated to effectuate the purposes of the Founders.

Ordered, that Dr Sam(ue)l Hemming, Master of the School, do attend a meeting and give such information relative to such system as the Trustees may think necessary for the elucidation of the same.

I, Ardern Hulme, Churchwarden of the hamlet of Hampton Wick, do in the name and on the behalf of the inhabitant parishioners of the said hamlet, make known to the Trustees now assembled that the Revd Dr [63] Samuel Hemming has been frequently applied to for the payment of the allowance agreed to be paid by him to the inhabitants of the hamlet on his election to the Mastership of the said school for the support of a school for infant children in the hamlet, and that he has always refused and still refuses to pay the same. I, the said Ardern Hulme, do therefore in the name and on the behalf of the inhabitants of the said hamlet, claim and demand of the said Samuel Hemming, or in case of his refusal, of the said Trustees the payment of the said allowance and all arrears of the same to be applied towards the charitable purposes for which the same was intended to be applied:

[Signed:]

Ard(ern) Hulme

Churchwarden

Dr Hemming attended and explained to the meeting the present system of education observed in the Free School of Hampton and assured the Trustees of his intention of attending in future personally in discharge of the duties of the School.

Ordered, that the Trustees hold a meeting on Thursday next, the 6th February, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the School Room to examine the progress made by the scholars in learning and to enquire into the system at present pursued in their education in order that they may be enabled to form an opinion with respect to the expediency of continuing the same.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman
John Newbery
Martin Sanderson
Ja(me)s Annett
Rob(er)t Spencer
James Downton

Ordered, that further time be allowed to Mr Sanderson till next meeting to return his answer.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman

[64] Vestry Room, Hampton
Thursday, 6th Feb(ruar)y 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate, and of the Bell Inn and Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmond Pigeon, John Jones and his Executors held this day pursuant to last adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Thomas Hyde
Mr Joseph Walduck
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Downton

Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr Ardern Hulme
Mr James Annett
Mr Robert Spencer

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Trustees this day attended the Free School and the scholars performed their several exercises in their presence.

The Trustees having made enquiries relative to the mode of education at present observed in the School ordered that the same be taken into further consideration.

Be it remembered that Mr Martin Sanderson this day attended the meeting and agreed to take a Lease of the Bell Inn for the term of 61 years at the present reserved rent, to commence from Lady Day next ensuing on condition of his rebuilding the said Inn, agreeable to the plan and particular specification agreed upon at a meeting of the Trustees and assented to by him.

Be it also remembered that the Trustees agreed to let the said Mr Martin Sanderson the said Inn on the said terms, on condition that he find good and sufficient security for performing the contract and enter into an agreement [65] for performance of the same within a limited time to be mutually agreed upon at the next meeting.

Ordered, that this meeting do forthwith adjourn to Thursday next, the 13th Ins(tan)t, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman
John Newbery
James Annett
Robert Spencer
James Downton

I agree to take the premises called the Bell Inn on the terms above specified. Witness my hand this 6th day of February 1817.

[signed:]

Martin Sanderson

Witness: Tho(ma)s South

Vestry Room, Hampton, M(iddles)ex

Thursday 13th February 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of the Bell Inn and Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmond Pigeon, John Jones and his Executors held this day pursuant to last adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson

Mr James Downton

Mr Joseph Walduck

Mr James Annett

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr John Newbery

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr Ardern Hulme

Mr Thomas Hyde

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he [66] had, pursuant to the orders of the meeting held on Thursday 16th day of January last, caused printed notices and particulars for letting the Rectory Farm to be distributed throughout the Parish of Hampton /and its vicinity\ and to be published in the public Newspapers called the *Morning Chronicle* and the *Times*, but that he had not received any tender or offer for taking the same.

The Trustees, taking the report into consideration, are of opinion that it is expedient that the said farm be let by public bidding to such person as shall offer the best terms for the same, in case such person shall be approved by the Trustees subject to the conditions expressed in the particulars for letting the same.

Ordered, that the Trustees do hold a public meeting for the purpose of letting the said farm on Thursday the 27th day of this present February at the hour of 12 o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr Joseph Walduck having this day produced and read a written declaration of his opinion relative to certain resolutions entered into at the meetings of the Trustees, and desired to have the same entered among the Minutes, the Trustees taking the same into consideration and being of opinion that the said declaration contains matter wholly irrelevant to the said resolution, do hereby order that the said declaration shall not be entered in the said Minutes.

[67] Ordered, that in future it shall be deemed and taken as a standing order of the Trustees that every Trustee shall be at liberty to deliver and read his opinion in writing on any question then in discussion at any meeting of the Trustees legally convened and to move that such opinion so delivered shall be inserted in the Minutes, but that such opinion shall in no case be inserted in the Minutes without the previous assent and approbation of a major part of the Trustees.

Ordered, that notice of letting the Rectory Farm be printed and published in the Parish of Hampton and the parishes in the vicinity and also published in two of the daily papers.

Adjourned to Thursday the 27th Instant at 12 o'clock at noon.

[signed:]

William Jackson, Chairman
James Downton
Martin Sanderson
James Annett
Robert Spencer
John Newbery

[68] Vestry Room, Hampton, Middlesex
Thursday 27th February 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improvements and of the Bell Inn and Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmond Pigeon, John Jones and his Executors held this day pursuant to last adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr John Newbery
Mr Robert Spencer

Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Downton
Mr James Annett

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Trustees this day offered to let by public bidding all the lands comprising the Rectory Farm (except the old Rectory Meadow) for a Lease of fourteen years to be completed from Mich(aelma)s last, but no bidding was made for the same.

Mr Robert Lawrence attended the meeting and offered the sum of £150 as a rent for the same till Mich(aelma)s next.

Ordered, that the said proposal be taken into consideration at the next meeting.

Ordered, that the Trustees at the next meeting do take into consideration the state of the Free School.

Ordered, that the Revd Dr Hemming, Master of the Free School, be desired by the Chairman to make out and deliver to him for the inspection of the Trustees a list in writing of the names of the children now educated in the said school, with their respective ages and dates of their admissions into the same, distinguishing in such list [69] the children of parishioner from those of non-parishioners where it may be ascertained.

Ordered, that this meeting do adjourn to Thursday the 6th March at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

[signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman
John Newbery
Ja(me)s Annett
James Downton
Martin Sanderson
Robert Spencer

Vestry Room, Hampton, Midd(lese)x
Thursday 6th March 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of the Bell Inn and Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon, John Jones and his executors held pursuant to last adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr John Newbery
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Downton
Mr James Annett

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Revd Dr Hemming attended the meeting by request of the Trustees.

The Trustees having proceeded to take into consideration the offer made by Mr Robert Lawrence to take the Rectory Lands at £150 p(er) ann(um) till Mich(aelma)s next, [70]

Dr Hemming stated to the Trustees that he had consulted with Mr Le Blanc, his legal advisor, on the subject and that in consequence thereof he was at present inclined to think that Mr Lawrence was now in possession of the land (not having in due form given up the same) and could be held to payment of rent for the same according to the terms of the agreement under which he took it. He therefore desired the Trustees to suspend their decision on the subject until their next meeting. The Trustees taking such statement and request into consideration do order accordingly.

The Trustees taking into consideration the state of the Free School,

It being represented to the Trustees by Mr Sanderson that he had on Monday last sent one boy, namely George Chapman, for admittance into the Free School, by Mr Annett that he had on the same day sent Cha(rle)s {Heather}/Smith\, by Mr Spencer that he had on the same day sent four boys namely, Charles Lawrence, [space] Doimor [ut vid.], James Lindsay and [space] Martin, by Mr Downton that he had sent four boys, namely William Poole, William Leaney, Thomas Newbery and Charles Keats, and that Dr Hemming had objected to admit the said boys into the School and it appearing to the said Trustees that the said boys were children of parishioners and eligible to be received and instructed in the said school, Dr Hemming being present was desired to state his reasons for such objection so made by him to their admission, when he informed [71] the Trustees that he should be always willing to admit such boys as they should send into the School, but that according to the present system of education adopted by him, the School Room would not contain more than sixty scholars.

Resolved, that such statement be taken into consideration at the next meeting and that the Trustees do at such meeting proceed further to deliberate upon such system of education adopted in the said school.

Ordered, that this meeting do forthwith adjourn to Thursday next, 14th Ins(tan)t, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Signed:

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman

Martin Sanderson

James Annett

John Newbery

James Downton

Robert Spencer

[72] Vestry Room, Hampton, M(iddlese)x

Thursday 13th March 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of the Free School (and Bell Inn) of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon, John Jones and his Executors held pursuant to last adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr John Newbery

Mr James Downton

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr James Annett

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The order of the last meeting having been read, postponing the consideration of disposing the Rectory Land to the present meeting, the Trustees directed that the Revd Dr Hemming should be sent to, requiring his attendance at the meeting, and he having attended, and being now present, the Chairman by direction of the Trustees enquired of him whether he had any specific legal objection to make

against the Trustees letting the land to Mr Robert Lawrence for the term of one year to Michaelmas next, at £150 p(er) ann(u)m, to which Dr Hemming having replied that he was not prepared to state any legal objection but was advised by his professional adviser to refuse his assent to such letting, the Trustees ~~{not}~~ considering that no cause had been shown to justify [73] them in delaying any further to let the land, and being of opinion that under the present circumstances it will be most advantageous to the interests of the Rectory to let the land to Mr Robert Lawrence, do hereby resolve and order that the said lands be let by agreement to Mr Robert Lawrence for the term of one year to be computed from Michaelmas Day last past at the rent of £150 for the year, payable at the expiration of the said year.

Mr Robert Lawrence attended the meeting and agreed to take the said lands for the said term at the said rent.

The Trustees taking into further consideration the state of the Free School and the system of education at present adopted therein, Dr Hemming stated to the meeting that he could not /at present\ consistently with the said system receive a larger number of boys for education therein than sixty ~~{and}~~ but that he could receive twenty more boys if certain alterations were made in fixing and altering the desks in the School Room so as to the make the area larger than it is at present.

Ordered, that the desks be altered and set up accordingly and the expense of such alterations be charged to the Parish Accounts.

Adjourned to Thursday 20th Instant at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman
Martin Sanderson
John Newbery
Ja(me)s Downton
Rob(er)t Spencer
James Annett

[74] Vestry Room, Hampton
Thursday 20th March 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of the Bell Inn, and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon, John Jones and his executors held pursuant to the last adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson

Mr James Downton

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr John Newbery

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr James Annett

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had received a copy of a petition exhibited before his Honour Sir William Grant, Master of the Rolls, by Sir Charles Edmonstone Bart: Dr Hemming and Mr John Twining praying for an injunction to be granted to restrain the Trustees from taking down and rebuilding the Bell Inn, and letting the same on a Building Lease, and that it should be referred to a Master to state what was proper to be done touching the said premises, and that he (accompanied by Mr Martin Sanderson) had attended the Courts yesterday, and that they had retained Sir Samuel Romilly and Mr Heald as Coun(se)l on the part of [75] the Trustees, when upon motion of the s(ai)d Coun(se)l, his Honour was pleased to direct that the hearing of the petition should stand over till the next day for hearing petitions, viz. 26nd April next.

The Trustees having examined the alterations that have been made in placing and fixing up the desks in the School, pursuant to the order made at the last meeting, do approve of the same.

By desire of the Trustees Dr Hemming attended the meeting and stated that in consequence of such alteration having been made, he had taken in seven additional scholars and would immediately receive ten more who have been nominated by the Trustees and set down on the admissions list, but suggested the expediency of /not\ admitting any further number until the Trustees shall be able to judge the number the School Room may conveniently contain agreeable to the present system.

Ordered, that when the School Room shall by reason of the number of scholars taught therein be considered by the Trustees as incapable of receiving a greater number, the names of such boys for whom admittance shall be desired shall be entered in a book with the day of the date of each respective application set opposite to each name and that such boys be received on the occurrence of vacancies according to the priority of such application.

Ordered, that the Trustees do at the [76] next meeting take into consideration the state of the School established under the endowment of William Greenhill, Nathaniel Lacey and Tho(ma)s Nicoll Esquires, Executors appointed in and by the last Will of John Jones Esq.

Ordered, that the Chairman do apply to the Revd Dr Hemming to request him to make a list in writing of the names of such boys as have been instructed by him in the Free School in the Latin tongue, specifying the date of the year in which such boys were so instructed therein from the year 1803 to the present period.

Ordered, that notice be given immediately to the occupiers of the premises lately known by the name of Nando's Coffee House to pay such part of the rents thereof as the Trustees are entitled to receive to a receiver to be appointed by them and to no other person whosoever.

[Ordered], that this meeting do forthwith adjourn to Thursday next, the 27th Ins(tan)t, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman
Martin Sanderson
John Newbery
James Downton
Robert Spencer
James Annett

[77] Vestry Room, Hampton
Thursday 27th March 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon, John Jones and his Executors.

Present:

Mr W(illia)m Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Annett
Mr James Downton
Mr Robert Spencer

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that, pursuant to the order of the last meeting of the Trustees, /he had\ caused notice to be given to the occupiers of the premises lately known by the name of Nando's Coffee House requiring them in future to withhold payment of rent from any person except such as shall be duly authorised by the Trustees.

The Chairman further reported to the meeting that he had made application to the Revd Dr Hemming, according to the order of the last meeting, desiring to be informed of the names and number of boys that had been educated in the Latin language in the Free School since the year 1803 up to the present period, to which Dr Hemming returned the following answer which, having been read by the Chairman, is ordered to be inserted in the present Minutes:

Copy:

Sir,

You will be pleased to inform the Trustees that so far as my knowledge of the fact extends, Latin had never been taught in the Free School previous to my appointment as the Master of it, that at the time of such appointment I declared my readiness to instruct all those that might wish to learn Latin, that some few of the boys (whose names are not distinguished [78] from the rest) did then learn Latin, and that ever since that period I have been ready and willing to teach such as were desirous to learn.

I am, Sir,

Y(ou)r h(um)ble serv(an)t,

Sam(ue)l Hemming

Mr. W(illia)m Jackson

Complaint having been made of improper punishment having been inflicted on one of the scholars in the Free School, the Trustees this day mentioned the same to Dr Hemming desiring that he would in future prevent the same, when Dr Hemming declared that such punishment was inflicted by his assistant without his knowledge or approbation and that he would take the case that the same cause of complaint should not again occur.

The Chairman having by order of the meeting enquired of Dr Hemming respecting the instruction of boys in the Latin tongue in the said school, Dr Hemming referred the meeting to the answer contained in his letter addressed to the Chairman and /added\ that he should make no other answer.

Ordered, that the Trustees do at their next meeting again examine into the present state of the Free School under the present system in order that they may be able to ascertain the number the School is capable of conveniently containing.

Ordered, that the Trustees do at their next meeting take into further consideration the state of the School, founded by the Executors of the late John Jones Esq.

[79] Ordered, that this meeting do at its rising adjourn to Thursday next, the 3rd April, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Ordered, that the Chairman do write to the tenants of the premises lately known by the name of Nando's Coffee House to inform them that Dr Hemming has stated that he has received the rents of them up to last Mich(aelmas) only, and desires them to acquaint him for the information of the Trustees whether such statement is correct.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman
James Downton
Martin Sanderson
Robert Spencer
James Annett

[80] Vestry Room, Hampton, Midd(lese)x
Thursday 3rd April 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmond Pigeon, John Jones and his Executors.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Annett
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Downton

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

Upon motion made by Mr James Downton:

Ordered, that the Trustees now assembled do forthwith proceed to take into consideration the present state of the Free School of Hampton founded and established under and by the charitable endowment of William Greenhill, Nathaniel Lacey and Thomas Nicoll Esquires, Executors of the last Will of John Jones Esq. deceased.

Resolved, that it does not appear to the Trustees by any existing document or proof that any person has been duly appointed by a major part of the Trustees to act as Master of the said School under the said endowment.

Resolved, that it appears to this meeting that the Revd Dr Hemming, assuming to himself the Mastership of the said School (and not having been duly elected to the same), has received the profits [81] and emoluments thereof from the year 1803 up to the present period.

Resolved, that it appears to this meeting that the Revd Dr Hemming has not for [space] years past taught or instructed children resident in the said Parish in the Latin tongue.

Resolved, that it appears to this meeting that the intention of the donors as expressly specified and set forth in the Deed of Endowment dated the 20th day of April 1697 and this day read at the meeting, was that the Master of the said School should receive the rents and profits of the same in case he should perform and agree to perform the duty of the said school and teach and instruct children residing within the Parish of Hampton in the English and Latin tongues and to understand the Church catechism {as afores} and for such time and times as he should so long do and no longer, and that in case he should neglect to perform the said duty that then, as so often as the major part of the Trustees for the time being shall think fit, the Schoolmaster shall be suspended from receiving the rents and profits of the said school, and such other person and persons as should be qualified and should from time to time be {erasure} and chosen by a major part of the Trustees for the time being and should be employed to teach and instruct the said children in such manner as aforesaid should have, [82] receive and take the rents and profits of the said school as a reward for his so doing.

Now we the undersigned being a major part of the Trustees duly appointed under the said charitable endowment of the said William Greenhill, Nathaniel Lacey and Thomas Nicoll, taking the aforesaid premises into consideration, and being of the opinion that we are not authorised by the Deed of Endowment to permit the rents and profits of the said school to be received by any person who neglects to perform the duties enjoined by the donors, as well as the {n?}/improper\ appointment of the Revd Dr Hemming (as far as to us appears) {of} to the Mastership of the same do therefore hereby order that the

Revd Samuel Hemming, Doctor in Divinity, be suspended and that he is hereby suspended from receiving the rents and profits of the said school till our further order or the order of a major part of the Trustees be made to the contrary.

Application having been made to the Trustees by the Rt Hon. Lord Glenbervie for permission to erect a tablet in the Chancel of the Parish Church to the memory of the late Lady Glenbervie,

Ordered, that the Chairman do write to Mr Milne, Agent to Lord Glenbervie, to inform him that a claim has been made by the Revd Sam(ue)l James Goodenough, Vicar of the Parish, to the fees for erecting monuments in the said chancel and that as the Trustees are at present advised, [83] they do not think it expedient to resist such claim, but will further advise thereon.

Ordered, that this meeting do at its rising adjourn to Tuesday the 15th Ins(tan)t at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman
James Annett
Robert Spencer
John Newbery
James Downton
Martin Sanderson

Ordered, that the Chairman do give notice to the Revd Dr Hemming of his being suspended from the receipt of the said rents and profits.

By the Trustees

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman

Vestry Room, Hampton
Tuesday 15th April 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton held pursuant to last adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson, in the Chair.

Mr James Downton

Mr Martin Sanderson

Ordered, that this meeting do at its rising stand further adjourned to Thursday the 24th Ins(tan)t at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

Martin Sanderson

James Downton

[84] Bell Inn, Hampton

Thursday 24th April 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton held this day pursuant to the last adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson in the Chair

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr James Downton

Ordered, that this meeting do stand further adjourned to Thursday the 8th day of May next at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the said day.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson C(hairman)

Martin Sanderson

James Downton

[85] Vestry Room, Hampton

Thursday 8th May 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of John Jones, Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon and the Executors of the said John Jones.

Present:

Mr William Jackson

Mr John Newbery

Mr James Downton

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr James Annett

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Messrs Shawe, Le Blanc and Shawe, Solicitors for Dr Hemming. The letter, having been read, is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

Ordered, that the Chairman Mr W(illi)am Jackson do receive the rent now in arrear as well as such as shall become due /in future\ from the occupiers of the premises lately known by the name of Nando's Coffee House and that he do account the Trustees for the rents he shall from time to time receive from such occupiers.

Ordered, that Mr Robert Lawrence do, at the time of executing the agreement for taking the Rectorial Lands, render or produce [86] good and sufficient securities for payment of the yearly rent that shall become due and payable at the expiration of the agreement.

Ordered, that Mr Robert Lawrence do attend the next meeting of the Trustees and execute the agreement and tender or produce the names of such securities at the same time.

Ordered, that the Chairman do give immediate notice to Mr Robert Lawrence of the above written orders of the Trustees.

Ordered, that this meeting do at its rising adjourn to Thursday 22nd Ins(tan)t at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

Martin Sanderson

James Downton

John Newbery

James Annett

Robert Spencer

[87] Hampton, {Wednesday} Thursday

22nd May 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of John Jones, Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon and the Executors of the Will of the said John Jones held pursuant to the last adjournment.

Present:

Mr W(illia)m Jackson

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr John Newbery

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr James Downton

Mr James Annett

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman this day produced and read to the Trustees the supplementary petition and affidavit made by the Revd Dr Hemming in the matter of Hamonde [sic] and Jones' Charity, and was directed by the Trustees to prepare {~~a petition~~} /an affidavit\ on their part in reply to the same.

Dr Hemming this day attended the meeting and read a written statement by way of reply to the memorial presented by the Revd the Vicar and Churchwardens to the Trustees on the 16th day of August last, and delivered a copy of the said statement to the Chairman.

Ordered, that the said statement [88] be taken into consideration at the next meeting of the Trustees.

Ordered, that this meeting do at its rising adjourn to Thursday next, the 29th Ins(tan)t, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Ordered, that Mr Robert Lawrence be desired by the Chairman to attend the said meeting.

Ordered, that the Revd William Church be likewise requested to attend the said meeting.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

Martin Sanderson

James Annett

John Newbery

Robert Spencer

James Downton

[89] Hampton, Midd(lese)x

Thursday 29th May 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of John Jones, Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon and the Executors of the said John Jones held pursuant to [the] last adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr James Annett

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr James Downton

Mr John Newbery

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The reply made by the Revd Dr Hemming to the memorial, protest and claim of the Vicar and Churchwardens relative to the Chancel of Hampton Church having been this day read by the Chairman

and the same having been taken into consideration, it is proposed by the Chairman that the said reply be entered in the Minutes of the Trustees.

Ordered, that it appearing to the Trustees that the said reply contains reflections on the conduct and character of the Revd the Vicar, the Revd the Curate and [90] of the Trustees which are unfounded and improper, the same ought not to be entered into the Minutes, and that the same be not entered therein.

Ordered, that the said reply be deposited with the records of the Trustees for reference at any future meeting.

The Revd W(illi)am Church attended the meeting in behalf of the Revd the Vicar, and after hearing the reply read, declared that the Vicar was determined to assert his claim as made in the memorial and the Churchwardens also in [sic] behalf of the parishioners declared the determination to assert the claim of the parishioners to their right of free seats in the same.

Resolved, that the Trustees have always been desirous of supporting and are determined to assert and support the rights and privileges of what{~~ever~~} nature or kind soever lawfully appertaining or belonging to the Rectory Improprate of Hampton, and have been, are now, and always will be to take all legal means and ways to assert, maintain and defend the same as they may be advised to take by Counsel learned in the Law.

Resolved, that this meeting recommend to the Vicar and Churchwardens to join with the Trustees in /preparing and\ submitting a case on the subject to the opinion of an eminent civilian to be mutually appointed.

[91] Mr Robert Lawrence this day attended the meeting and proposed to leave in the hands of the auctioneers, in the event of his disposing of the crops of the Rectory Farm by auction, a sufficient sum to pay the yearly rent that will become due at Michaelmas next.

Adjourned to Friday next, the 6th day of June, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Ordered, that the Chairman do send a copy of the resolutions of the Trustees relating to their determination to support the claims and rights of the Rectory to the Revd Dr Hemming.

[Signed:]

W(illi)am Jackson, C(hairman)

Martin Sanderson

James Downton

John Newbery

James Annett
Robert Spencer

Hampton 6th June 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory held this day.

Present:

Mr W(illia)m Jackson
Mr Ja(me)s Downton
Mr Martin Sanderson

Ordered, that this meeting do at its rising adjourn to Friday next, the 13th Ins(tan)t.

By order of the Trustees

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[92] Hampton, Middlesex

Friday 13th June 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of John Jones, Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon and the {Trustee} Executors of the said John Jones held pursuant to the last adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr John Newbery
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr James Downton

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman read to the Trustees at this meeting a copy of the order made by his Honour the Master of the Rolls at the hearing of the cause before him on Thursday 5th Ins(tan)t.

Ordered, that the said order of his Honour be entered among the Minutes of the Trustees.

Copy:

At the Rolls

Master of the Rolls

Thursday the 5th day of June 1817

Ex Parte Hamonde [sic]}

Ex Parte Jones }

[per] Curi(am): Refer it to Mr [space], one of the Masters of this Court, to set an Occupation Rent upon the house and premises called the Bell Inn and the petition mentioned from the 25th day [93] March 1816 and to approve of a proper plan for the letting, repairing or rebuilding of the same, and reserve the consideration of all further directions and of the costs of these applications until after the said Master shall have made his report.

The Chairman also presented at this meeting and read a letter he received this day from the Revd Dr Hemming, which is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes:

Copy:

Dr Hemming presents his comp(limen)ts to the Trustees of the Rectory and begs to be informed whether (in consequence of what fell from the Master of the Rolls in pronouncing his judgment on the evening of the 5th of this month) they have removed the temporary suspension that restrained him from receiving Mr Hopkins' rent and whether he (Dr H(emming)) may apply to Mr Hopkins for such rent as heretofore.

The favour of an immediate answer is requested.

Hampton, June 13, 1817

The Trustees taking the said letter into consideration as well as the order made by the Master of the Rolls, and conceiving that the s(ai)d order does not appear to bear or have any relation to the

suspension of the s(ai)d Dr Hemming from the receipt of the rents of the premises formerly called Nando's Coffee House or to the future disposal of the said rents, and not being aware or ~~{legally}~~ informed and ~~{illegible deletion}~~ ~~{legally}~~ or advised of any other or further order having been made [94] by the said Master of the Rolls touching the matter of such suspension or affecting or regulating the future disposal of such rents, and further considering that the causes that induced the Trustees to order such suspension remain as they originally existed, do therefore order that such suspension be continued until further order be made herein by a major part of the Trustees or ~~{of}~~ /by\ the Master of the Rolls at any further hearing of the cause.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)
Martin Sanderson
James Downton
John Newbery
Robert Spencer

Adjourned to Thursday 10th July at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

[95] Vestry Room, Hampton
10th July 1817, Thursday

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of John Jones, Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon and the Executors of the said John Jones held pursuant to the last adjournment for the purpose of taking into consideration the most expedient methods to be adopted for letting the lands belonging to the said Rectory, and other business relative to the said Free School.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr John Newbery
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr James Annett
Mr James Downton

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had received proposals for renting the Rectory Land from Mr Worley of Hillingdon, Middlesex, and Mr Thomas Benn of Hampton, and that each of them had offered the annual rent of £190 for the same. The Trustees taking the said proposals into consideration and being desirous of obtaining further information on the subject do adjourn their decision thereon to the next meeting.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had received information from the sol(licitor) of the Trustees that the Register of the Court of Chancery had an application of the sol(licitor) ~~{for}~~ [96] for Dr Hemming alleging that the Master of the Rolls had in making his order directed that the said Dr Hemming should be let into the receipt of the rents of Nando's Coffee House, and that such part of the said order had been omitted in the Minutes made by the Counsel, been induced to make an alteration to such effect in the said order accordingly, and further that the said solicitor for the Trustees had represented to him that the Master of the Rolls, on making such order, had suggested that the cause should be again brought on for hearing on an original petition to be presented to the Court of Chancery by the Trustees.

It is resolved and ordered by the Trustees present that a petition setting forth the endowments of the Schools and the neglect of the duties thereof by the Revd Dr Hemming the present Master, together with the proceedings of the Trustees so far as the same relate to the suspension of the said Dr Hemming from the receipt of the rents of Nando's Coffee House, be forthwith prepared and presented to the Rt Hon. the Lord High Chancellor, and praying his Lordship to make such order therein as to him shall seem expedient.

Ordered, that a petition be prepared and presented to the Hon(our)able the House of Commons of this United Kingdom setting forth the endowments of the said school and the abuses that have existed and do exist in the management of the same.

Adjourned to Thursday, 17th July 1817.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

Martin Sanderson

John Newbery

Robert Spencer

James Annett

James Downton

[97] Hampton, Midd(lese)x

17 July 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of John Jones, Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon and the Executors of the said John Jones held pursuant to and for the purposes of the last adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr James Downton
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Annett
Mr John Newbery

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had wrote to Mr Worley of Hillingdon to inform him that another person had offered to take the Rectory Farm at a similar rent with that which he tendered and requested him to inform him whether he was inclined to make any advance on his offer and that he had not received any reply from him, and also that he had made a like communication to Mr Thomas Benn.

Ordered, that Mr Tho(ma)s Benn do attend this present meeting.

Mr Thomas Benn, having attended the meeting, declared he has relinquished his intention of taking the said farm and withdrew his offer.

The Trustees, considering that Mr Worley, having neglected to reply to the application [98] made by the Chairman, may be presumed to have declined taking the said farm, do therefore resolve and hereby order that the said farm be let by public bidding before the Trustees to the person who shall offer the best price for the same on Tuesday the 29th day of this present July unless an eligible and advantageous offer shall be made in the interim to take the same by private contract.

Ordered, that bills be forthwith printed and published, and notice be also given in some one of the daily newspapers to announce the letting of the said farm.

It being represented by the Chairman that the Master of the Rolls had, in delivering his decree in the matter of the petition lately exhibited in his court by Dr Hemming, thought proper to order that the s(ai)d Dr Hemming should be let into the receipt of the rents of the premises formerly known by the name of Nando's Coffee House and that Mr Heald, Counsel for the Trustees in the suit, had advised that the suspension ordered by the meeting of the 3rd April last should be removed until the order of the Court upon any future petition of the [99] Trustees should be made to the contrary.

It is therefore ordered that such suspension be and the same is hereby removed until other order by the Court shall be made to the contrary hereof upon the hearing of the petition of the Trustees hereinbefore directed to be prepared and presented on their behalf, and that notice hereof be forthwith given to the tenants of the premises formerly known by the name of Nando's Coffee House, and that they be directed to pay all rent now in arrear as well as such as shall hereafter become due to the said Revd Dr Hemming, but we the said Trustees think it necessary hereby to record our declaration that in making this order for the removal of such suspension we act solely under the authority and in obedience to the order of the Court, to which it is our duty implicitly to submit ourselves, and not from any motive of our own wills or judgements, which, with respect to the propriety of such suspension being made conformably to the Donors' intention expressed in the Deed, and with the exercise of the power given thereby to us, remain the same as when the order for such suspension was made.

Adjourned to Monday 28th July Ins(tan)t.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

Martin Sanderson

James Annett

John Newbery

James Downton

[100] Hampton, Middlesex

28th July 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of John Jones, Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon and the Executors of the said John Jones held pursuant to the last adjournment.

Present:

Mr W(illia)m Jackson

Mr John Newbery

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr James Downton

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

Mr. Robert Lawrence attended the meeting and offered to pay to the Trustees a half-year's rent of the Rectory Farm due at Lady Day last and proposed to leave a sufficient sum for the payment of the remaining half-year's rent in the hands of Mr Fricker the Auctioneer, to be paid by him to the Trustees when the same shall become due and payable, and that the said Mr Fricker will give an undertaking for the payment of the same if the terms shall be agreed to by the Trustees. The Trustees declare their assent to the proposal.

The Trustees, taking into consideration the value of the Rectorial Land and the amount of annual rent that should be reserved on letting the same by auction, do resolve that it is expedient that the said lands shall not be let at a less rent than £150 p(e)r annum.

Mr. Fricker the Auctioneer attended the meeting and was instructed by the Trustees to reserve the said rent of £150 and understood /on behalf of Mr R. Lawrence\ to pay the half-year's rent for the farm that will become due at Michaelmas next.

[101] The Chairman reported to the Trustees that the Register of the Court of Chancery had at the application of the Solicitor for the Trustees been induced to strike out of the order the part that went to let in Dr Hemming to receive the rents of Nando's Coffee House, and that upon subsequent application made to the Court by the Counsel for Dr Hemming to restore the words so struck out of the order and that Dr Hemming might be willing to receive the said rent, the Court refused to grant the /prayer of the\ application. It is therefore ordered by the Trustees that the order made at the last meeting relative to the removal of the suspension be, and the same is hereby revoked.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

John Newbery

James Annett

Robert Spencer

Martin Sanderson

James Downton

[102] Hampton, Middlesex

Thursday, 11th Sept(embe)r 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of John Jones, Rob(er)t Hamonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon and the Executors of the said John Jones held pursuant to the last adjournment.

Present:

Mr W(illia)m Jackson

Mr James Downton

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr James Annett

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr John Newbery

Mr W(illia)m Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman presented to the meeting a statement of all sums of money received and paid by him on account of the Rectory, which having been inspected and approved of by the Trustees present, is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

The Chairman further reported to the meeting that he had by the hands of Messrs Martin Sanderson and James Downton paid to the Revd Dr Hemming the sum of £65.3.8, being the balance of the said accompts, and had taken his receipt for the same, which being now produced and read is by the Trustees present ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

[103] Statement of monies received and paid by William Jackson on account and in behalf of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton

| Monies received 1817 | £sd | Monies paid 1817 | £sd |
|---|---------|---|----------|
| Jan(uar)y 23 rd | | Jan(uar)y 24 th | |
| Rec(eive)d of Mr Rob(er)t Lawrence two years rent of the Rectory Farm up to Mich(aelma)s 1816 at £230 | 460.0.0 | P(ai)d Mr Lawrence the sum awarded to him by Mr Crawler the Umpire for avoidance of the Tithe Lease and erection of the Barn | 339.14.6 |

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|---|----------|---|----------|
| Two years' rent of Old Rectory Meadow to Mich(aelma)s 1816 | 32.0.0 | P(ai)d two y(ea)rs' Property Tax, Landlord's Duty to 5 April 1816 | 30.0.0 |
| July 29 th | | P(ai)d d(itt)o Dr Hemming's private acc(oun)t by the Doctor's directions | 18.3.0 |
| Of Mr Lawrence, half a year's rent of the Rectory Farm up to Lady Day 1817 at the rental of £150, as estimated by Mr Smallpiece | 75.0.0 | P[ai]d d(itt)o Mr Geo(rge) Hemming's acc(oun)t | 16.0.0 |
| | | P(ai)d Dr Hemming on acc(oun)t | 58.2.6 |
| | | P(ai)d stamps for rent rec(eip)ts | 0.6.0 |
| | | P(ai)d moiety of expense of preparing arbitration bonds and stamp duty | 3.16.6 |
| | | P(ai)d moiety of Mr Crawler's charge for umpirage | 7.2.4 |
| | | P(ai)d d(itt)o of Mr Smallpiece's d(itt)o for arbitration | 5.0.0 |
| | | P(ai)d {d(itt)o} Mr Smallpiece for valuing the annual worth of the Rectory Farm | 5.5.0 |
| | | P(ai)d stamp for rent rec(eive)d to Lady Day | 0.1.6 |
| | | P(ai)d six poor men's pension due Midsummer 1817 half a year | 18.0.0 |
| | | Aug(ust) 23 rd | |
| | | P(ai)d Dr Hemming balance of this acco(un)t as p(e)r receipt | 65.3.8 |
| | | | |
| | £567.0.0 | | £567.0.0 |

Hampton August 23rd 1817

Copy:

Receiv(e)d of the Trustees of the Rectory of Hampton by the hands of Mr Martin Sanderson and Mr James Downton the sum of £65.3.8, being the balance due to me from that estate at Lady Day last.

£65.3.8

[Signed:] Sam(ue)l Hemming DD
Master of the Free School

[104] 11 September 1817

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had applied to Mr Fricker the Auctioneer (employed by the Trustees to let the Rectory Farm by public auction on the 29th day of July last) to know the person to whom he had let the same and the rent that had been bid by such person, and that he had received Mr Fricker's reply in writing which, being produced and read, is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

Copy:

Sir,

In answer to yours I beg leave to inform you that the Rectory Farm which I had the honour of submitting to the highest bidder by public auction at the Red Lion Inn, Hampton, Middlesex, agreeable to the instructions of the Trustees, was knock(e)d down to Dr Hemming at the sum of £165 p(e)r an(num).

I am, Sir, your most h(um)ble serv(an)t,

[Signed:] Ja(me)s Fricker

Kingston, Sep(tembe)r 10th, 1817

The Trustees present (being a major part) having taken such bidding into consideration, as well as the present price of corn and labour and the average of rents, and also further considering the estimate of the value as made by Mr Smallpiece in the month of December last and the ~~{present}~~ decreased and diminishing price of corn since that period, are of opinion that the said rent of £165 is the fair and just value of the same and do therefore hereby agree to accept of such bidding and to grant a lease of the said farm to the said Dr Hemming for the term of fourteen years from Michaelmas next, conformable to the printed particulars produced and published at the time of letting the same.

Ordered, that the Trustees do hold a meeting on Tuesday next, the 16th Ins(tan)t, for the purpose of taking into further consideration the claim made by the Vicar and Churchwardens to the right of disposing of the pews in the Chancel and fees for erecting a monument and tomb therein etc.

[105] Ordered, that notice of the two last preceding resolutions and orders be given by the Chairman to the Revd Dr Hemming and that notice of the last order be given to the Reverend Sam(ue)l J(ame)s Goodenough, Vicar.

Adjourned to Tuesday the 16th Ins(tan)t.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

Robert Spencer

John Newbery

James Downton

James Annett

Martin Sanderson

[106] Hampton, Middlesex

Tuesday 16th December 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton appointed under the several endowments of John Jones, Rob(er)t Hamonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon and the Executors of the said John Jones held pursuant to the last adjournment.

Present:

The Revd Sam(ue)l J(ame)s Goodenough, Vicar

Mr W(illia)m Jackson

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr James Downton

Mr James Annett

Mr John Newbery

Mr Robert Spencer

The Revd Sam(ue)l Ja(me)s Goodenough in the Chair.

A message having been sent to the Revd Dr Hemming to acquaint him that the Trustees were assembled and to request his attendance, a verbal answer was returned by him that he would attend to any written communication that should be made to him by the Trustees.

The Trustees having proceeded to take into consideration the claims made by the Revd the Vicar and the Churchwardens to the Chancel of the Parish Church as far as relates to their several claims of receiving the fees for interments, the erection of monuments and the disposal of pews therein, and the Revd the Vicar having proposed (as well as the Churchwardens) to refer the question to the decision of the Chancellor of the Diocese of London on a case to be drawn up and approved of by them and the

Trustees, the Trustees now present do agree to accede to such proposal and do hereby order a case to be drawn up and submitted accordingly.

[107] It having been represented to the Trustees that Mr Robert Lawrence has taken away several cart loads of the soil of the Rectory Lands on the Common and converted it, or with an intention to convert it, to his own use, it is ordered that the Chairman do write to him on the subject and desire him to state the authority on which he has acted and do report his answer to the next meeting.

Ordered, that Mr James Annett do survey the Rectory Barn and report to the next meeting the state of the reparation of the same.

Adjourned to Tuesday the 23rd Sept(embe)r Instant.

[Signed:]

S. J. Goodenough, C(hairman)
W(illia)m Jackson
Martin Sanderson
James Downton
James Annett
Robert Spencer
John Newbery

[108] Hampton, Midd(lese)x
Tuesday 23rd Sept(embe)r 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton etc. held pursuant to last adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Downton
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Annett

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had received a letter from the Revd Dr Hemming in reply to the communication made by him to the Doctor notifying the Trustees' acceptance of his offer at the auction for the taking the Rectory Farm, which letter was produced and read at this meeting.

The Chairman also reported to the meeting that he had received another letter subsequent to that last produced, which letter having been read is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes:

Copy:

Hampton, Sep(tembe)r 19th 1817

Sir,

I have made an arrangement for the disposal of the Rectory Farm in the following manner which I presume the Trustees will have no objection to ratify:

To Mr Benn. The old enclosed and common field land (exclusion of the Rectory Meadow) at £105 p(e)r ann(u)m subject to the covenants contained in the advertisement for letting in auction for a term of fourteen years.

[109] Mr Benn is to have the option of renting the Rectory Meadow now held from year to year by Mr Rob(er)t Lawrence at the same rent of £16 p(e)r ann(u)m and Mr Lawrence must have notice to quit accordingly.

Mr Holmes. The allotment of 65 etc. acres on the Common and the use of the Rectory Barn for the same term and with the same covenants for £85 p(e)r ann(u)m.

I am afraid I am not likely to procure to these engagem(en)ts any collateral security and must therefore be content with the responsibility of the individuals, guarded by the protection which attaches to landlords in general.

I beg also to direct the attention of the Trustees to a further encroachment on the part of Mr Lawrence in removing (which I was not before aware of) the Cart Shed from the Home Stall. The Trustees no doubt took care to possess themselves of the original Lease of the Tithes granted to Messrs Lawrence and Tooth, before they paid to the former the sum awarded by the Umpire in the Arbitration, and that will be a sufficient guide to them in respect to repairs and other delapidations.

Be pleased, Sir, to consider this letter addressed to the Trustees collectively as well as to yourself individually.

I remain, Sir,
Your humble ser(van)t,

Sam(ue)l Hemming
Mas(te)r of the Free School

Mr. W(illia)m Jackson and the Trustees of the Rectory

The Trustees present taking the above-written letter into consideration, and conceiving that the arrangement alluded to therein is not an absolute assignment of the term but merely in the nature of an Under-lease, are of opinion that they are not authorised to interfere with it under the covenant that is intended to prevent an assignment without the previous assent of the Lessors.

Ordered, that the Chairman do inform Dr Hemming of their opinion and do also repeat to [110] him that they are ready to grant him a Lease of the Farm subject to the covenants set forth in the printed particulars and to submit it to his option, whether such lease shall be prepared by his Solicitor or their own.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had applied to Mr Robert Lawrence respecting the soil which he had taken and removed from the Rectory Farm and that Mr Lawrence had informed him that the soil so taken away by him had been dug up by the Comm(issione)rs of the Inclosure in making the common drain or sewer for draining the water from the waste lands lately inclosed, and that the said Comm(issione)rs had given him permission to remove the said soil and appropriate it to his own use, and that he had been put to considerable expense in separating the loam from the gravel, and that he therefore conceived he had a just right to remove the said soil.

It is ordered by the Trustees present that the said Mr Robert Lawrence be requested to produce evidence to the satisfaction of the Trustees of such permission having been given to him by the said Comm(issione)rs and that, in case it shall appear that such permission has been so given, that enquiry be made of Mr Ware, the Sol(icito)r of the Commission, touching the right of the Comm(issione)rs to give away or otherwise dispose of the said soil.

The Trustees taking into consideration the complaint made by Dr Hemming of the removal of the Cart Shed by Mr Lawrence from the Home Stall, after examining the Tithe Lease granted by the late Trustees to Mr Joseph Tooth and the said Mr Rob(er)t Lawrence, and being satisfied that the said cart shed was built and set up by the said Mr Robert Lawrence at his own expenses and for his own convenience, and that the covenants as well for the /building\ and reparation of buildings as for leaving the same at the expiration of term contained in the said lease only relate to the Barn and Fence, are of

opinion that the said Mr Rob(er)t Lawrence is entitled to remove the said [111] cart shed and to convert the materials thereof to his own use.

Mr James Annett (Carpenter and Builder) this day reported to the meeting that he had surveyed the Rectory Barn and Fence and laid an estimate before them of the expense that would probably be incurred in repairing the same, but stated that by reason of the Barn being quite filled with corn, he could not examine into the state of the interior parts of the same.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that Mr Robert Lawrence had directed him to state to the Trustees that he was willing to pay the expense of repairing all such parts of the said barn and fence as they should consider stood in need of reparation and which should be repaired under or by their direction.

Ordered, that Mr Annett do lay before Mr Lawrence a statement of the repairs necessary to be done to the said barn and fence and that such repairs be begun and completed as soon as the same may conveniently be done.

Ordered, that this meeting be adjourned to Monday next, the 29th Ins(tan)t, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon to receive from Mr Lawrence the surrender of the Rectory Farm on the then expiration of the term granted to him at the last letting of the same.

Signed by Order of this meeting,

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[112] Hampton, Middlesex
September, 29th 1817, 11 a.m.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton etc. and held pursuant to the last adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr James Annett
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Downton

Mr Wil(lia)m Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman produced the copy of a letter written by him pursuant to the directions of the Trustees to the Revd Dr Hemming in reply to the letter sent to him by the Doctor which, being read and approved of, is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes, and a letter agreeable to such copy to be immediately sent to the Doctor by Francis Jackson Kent.

Copy:

Hampton, 29th September 1817

Revd Sir,

The Trustees of the Rectory have taken your letter of the 19th Ins(tan)t into consideration and I am directed by them to inform you that as the arrangement made by you with Messrs Benn and Holmes for the disposal of the lands etc. constituting the Rectory Farm does not appear to them to be an absolute assignment of your interest in the term agreed by them to be granted to you, but rather as intended to operate as an Under-lease, they do not conceive that they have any right to interfere with it under the cov(enan)t intended to be introduced in the Lease to prevent assignment without previous assent of the Lessors. They further instruct me to repeat to you that they are ready to grant you a Lease of the premises agreeable to the particulars advertised and to say /that\ they submit to your /option,\ whether such lease shall be prepared by their Sol[icito]r or your own.

Mr Rob(er)t Lawrence having this day surrendered to them the Rectory Farm, they have directed Mr Francis J. Kent as their Agent to give you in their name possession of the whole of the [113] same by delivering to you the key of the Barn.

I am, Revd Sir, y(ou)r obed(ien)t serv(an)t,
W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

Revd Dr Hemming

P.S. Mr Lawrence has employed Mr Annett to put the Barn and Fence in complete repair immediately.

Ordered, that Francis Jackson Kent be and that he is hereby appointed Agent of the Trustees to give possession of the Rectory Farm to the Revd Dr Hemming by delivering to him or leaving at his dwelling house the key of the Barn together with the letter of which the abovewritten is a copy.

Mr Robert Lawrence this day surrendered up to the Trustees present the Rectory Farm by delivering to them the key of the Rectory Barn and at the same time paid half a year's rent (due this day) for the same, being £75, and also paid the further sum of £16 for one year's rent of the old Rectory Meadows.

Mr Francis Jackson Kent reported to the meeting that he delivered the key of the Rectory Barn together with the letter sent by order of the Trustees to Dr Hemming personally at his dwelling house.

Mr James Annett reported that he had begun the repairs of the Rectory Barn and Fence and that the same would be carried on and completed with all possible dispatch.

Adjourned to 23rd Dec(embe)r 1817.

Signed by order, Wi(lia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[114] Hampton, Middlesex
Tuesday 23rd Dec(embe)r 1817

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton etc. held pursuant to the last adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson in the Chair
Mr James Annett
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Downton
Mr John Newbery

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had on behalf of the Trustees attended the hearing of the petition of Dr Hemming before the Master of the Rolls on the 26th day of Aug(u)st last, when his Honour in making his order observed that the Trustees, having neglected to appoint a Master of the School after making the order of suspension, were in consequence bound to permit the Master of the School to receive the rents until such appointment was made by them, and the Chairman further responded that he has since received a copy of the order made by his Honour which, being read at the meeting, is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

Copy:

His Honour doth order that the said William Jackson, Martin Sanderson, James Downton, [115] James Annett, Robert Spencer and John Newbery do forthwith permit the petitioner Samuel Hemming to receive the rents of the house in Fleet Street in the petition mentioned now due and hereafter to grow due, and it is ordered that they do account for and pay to the said petitioner Samuel Hemming such rents as they may have received in respect of the said house and premises.

Ordered, that pursuant to the s(ai)d order of the Master of the Rolls, the Order of Suspension be and the same is hereby revoked, and that Dr. Hemming be permitted to receive the rents now due for the house and premises in Fleet Street as well as such rents as shall hereafter grow due until our further order herein, and that notice be given immediately to the tenants in possession to pay the same accordingly.

The Chairman presented a statement of the monies received by him on account of the Rectory Farm up to Mich(aelma)s last as well as of the payments made by him, which being read and approved of, is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

Adjourned to Tuesday 13th January 1818.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)
James Annett
Robert Spencer
Martin Sanderson
James Downton
John Newbery

[116] Hampton, Middlesex, Tuesday 13th January 1818

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School held pursuant to the last adjournment.

Present:

Mr W(illia)m Jackson
Mr James Downton

Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Annett
Mr Rob(er)t Spencer

Mr. William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that in pursuance of the order made at the last preceding meeting, he had given written notice to Mr Hopkins, the present occupier of the messuage in Fleet Street, to pay the arrears of rent and such rents as should hereafter grow due to the Revd Dr Hemming until further order of the Trustees, and that he had personally seen the said Mr Hopkins and verbally repeated to him the said order so made by the Trustees and that Mr Hopkins had assured him of his readiness to comply with the same.

The Chairman further reported to this meeting that he had received a letter from the Revd Samuel James Goodenough, Vicar of Hampton, on matters relating to the Bell Inn, which letter being presented and read, a copy is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

Copy:

Broughton Poggs
Jan(uar)y 5th, 1818

My dear Sir,

When I was at Hampton some time since I informed you that, the lease of the Bell Inn having expired, I conceived it to be my duty in justice to myself and my successors, Vicars of Hampton, not to permit that part of the Inn which is built over and encroaches in the west end [117] of the churchyard to stand any longer, but as you then told me the Trustees had agreed to grant the premises on a Building Lease and pledged yourself take care the encroachment should be removed, I did not think it necessary to make a written declaration of any sentiments on the subject, but understanding from your last letter that it was probable the premises would now be let on a Repairing Lease, I delay no longer in this, formally repeating to you my determination on the subject, which I request you will as Chairman of the meeting communicate to the other Trustees at your earliest convenience, and that you will take care to have it clearly understood by the tenant who may take the said premises that the encroachment will not be permitted to remain.

I am, my dear Sir,
 Yours very truly,

S. J. Goodenough, Vicar of Hampton-upon-Thames

To Mr W(illia)m Jackson and the Trustees of the Bell Inn, Hampton

The Trustees now assembled taking into consideration the said letter and also a certain order made at a Vestry Meeting held on the 9th day of April 1765, in pursuance of which Mr Stephen Wise, the then occupier of the said Inn, built the addition to the same (complained of in the said letter) and further considering that the said addition so made is a great advantage and improvement to the said Inn, and that the removal of the same will tend greatly to injure and deteriorate the same, as thereby the said Inn would be deprived of the only room therein [118] that is suitable for the reception and entertainment of a large company, and being further of opinion that the encroachment on the Churchyard complained of by reason of its being built on and supported wholly by pillars, does not materially abridge the same so as to prevent or interfere with the interment of corpses therein, and that consequently the rights and privileges of the Vicar or of the inhabitants in and to the said churchyard are not affected or hindered, do therefore resolve and hereby order that the Chairman do immediately send a written statement to the Revd the Vicar and do represent to him the great injury and detriment the estate will sustain by the taking down and removal of the addition made to the same, and that he do also send him a copy of the entry or order made at the Vestry Meeting held on the 9th April 1765 and also respectfully submit to his consideration, whether /under these circumstances\ he may not consistently with justice to his rights and that of his successors agree with them to permit the said additional building to continue on receiving an annual consideration for the same payable to him and his successors, Vicars of Hampton, proportionate to any injury or loss they may sustain thereby.

Copy of statement of accou(n)ts between the Trustees and the Revd Dr Sam(ue)l Hemming, Master of the Free School, as far as the same relate to the receipt and disbursements of the rents received for the Rectory Estate from Midsummer 1817 to Christmas 1817.

| D(ebt)or | £sd | C(redito)r | £sd |
|---|--------|--|--------|
| Of Mr Rob(er)t Lawrence, half a year's rent of Rec(tor)y Farm due Mich(aelma)s 1817 | 75.0.0 | P(ai)d Mr Rich(ar)d Baker of Tolworth, a moiety of his charge for arbitrat(ati)on | 10.0.0 |
| Of d(itt)o 1 y[ea]r's rent of old Rectory Meadow due Mich(aelma)s 1817 | 16.0.0 | Postage of letter from d(itt)o | 0.0.7 |
| | | P(ai)d Mr Strange for print(in)g bills for advertising the Rectory Farm when the same was offered to be let by tender and public bidding | 2.9.0 |
| | | P(ai)d Mr Fricker, his charge for letting the Rectory Farm by auction | 8.5.0 |

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| | | Postage of letters from Mr Crawler and Mr Smallpiece omitted in last acc(oun)t | 0.3.9 |
| | | P(ai)d the Churchwardens, the pension for six poor men due 21 Dec(embe)r 1817 | 12.0.0 |
| | | Stamps for rent rec(eip)ts | 0.2.0 |
| | | Bal(anc)e p(ai)d Dr Hemming | 51.9.8 |
| | £91.0.0 | | £91.0.0 |

Adjourned sine die.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)
 Martin Sanderson
 James Downton
 John Newbery
 Robert Spencer
 James Annett

[120] Hampton, Middlesex
 Thursday 30th April 1818

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School held this day pursuant to notice.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
 Mr John Newbery
 Mr Robert Spencer
 Mr James Downton
 Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held the 13th day of January last were read.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that in pursuance of the order made at the last meeting he had written to the Revd the Vicar in reply to his letter to the Trustees dated the 5th day of January last (a

copy of which is inserted in the Minutes of the said meeting) and, having laid before the meeting a copy of such reply, it was read by him and is ordered to be inserted into the Minutes:

Copy:

Hampton M(iddlese)x, 1st April 1818

Revd Sir,

I have communicated your letter on the subject of the removal of the addition made to the Great Room on the east side of the Bell Inn to the Trustees of the said Inn and they have directed me as their Chairman to inform you that as at present advised they are not prepared to dispute the right you claim of insisting on the removal of the same, but they desire me respectfully to represent to you the injury the Charity will probably sustain by the deterioration in value which the estate must experience in the event of such removal, it being the only room in the house that is suitable to the reception of a large company. The Trustees, adverting to the [121] terms on which the erection was originally permitted, request me to submit to your consideration whether it might not be allowed to remain without detriment to your vicarial rights, upon the consideration of an adequate allowance to be agreed upon between the parties, being paid annually to the Vicar for the time being, as a compensation for such rights. By the Trustees' direction I subjoin a copy of the Order of Vestry authorising the erection of ~~such~~ /the\ addition and requesting the favour of your reply.

I remain, Revd Sir,
Your very ob(edien)t serv(an)t,
W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman

Revd Sam(ue)l Ja(me)s Goodenough
Vicar of Hampton

Copy of Order of Vestry (above referred to and subjoined):

Ap(ri)l 9th, 1765

At a Vestry held this day it was unanimously agreed with the consent of the Vicar that Mr Wise should have the liberty of enlarging his room on pillars to the length of twelve feet into the churchyard so as the parishioners shall not be deprived of the privilege of making use of the said ground for the use of burials, for and in consideration that the Schoolmaster of the said parish (whose property the said Inn is) shall pay annually the sum of five shillings *{to be spent at the Bell} every Easter Tuesday {after} the Vestry *{shall be over}. *Thus in the original order.

Memorandum: 'to be spent' not the consent of the Vicar and therefore blotted out as an error.

[Signed:]

D. Chandler, Curate for Mr Blackburne [sic]

J(oh)n Stevenson }

J(oh)n Fletcher } Churchwardens

Nath(anie)l Winch

Edw(ar)d Pinches

Rich(ar)d Barley

James Meryett

John Green

George Smith

Rob(er)t Heath

John Jackson

Rob(er)t Hills

Willi(a)m Butcher

Stephen Wise

[122] The Chairman laid before the meeting a letter he received from the Revd the Vicar in reply to his letter which, being now read by him{is}, a copy thereof is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

Copy:

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 1st of April transmitted to me by order of the Trustees of the Bell Inn {æt} in Hampton I beg you will state to them at their next meeting how happy I should always be to coincide with them in all measures that may be considered advantageous to the Trust Estate when they do not interfere with Vicarial Rights and Privileges. I must, however, in the present instance adhere to the opinion I some time ago begged you to transmit to them, that I consider the removal of that part of the said Inn erected over the churchyard as absolutely necessary, being an infringement on the Vicar's Rights. Nor can I consent to compromise the business by receiving a pecuniary consideration for its continuance in its present state. I have long considered it extremely improper to remain and determined to exert the authority vested in me as Vicar for its removal whenever the Inn should be re-let. That is now about to take place, and I think you should make my determination known that the tenant may not be deceived in the proposals he may think proper to make for the lease of it.

I am, Sir,

Y(ou)r obedient servant,
S.J. Goodenough, Vicar

Broughton Poggs
Ap(ri)l 20, 1818

To Will(ia)m Jackson Esq. etc.

Resolved, that it is a duty incumbent on the part of the Trustees to adopt all legal measures they may be advised to pursue to prevent the injury and loss the Trust Estate will sustain by the removal of the addition to the said room if the Vicar shall continue to persevere in carrying his determination into effect, and that the consideration hereof be adjourned till the next meeting, and that in the interim copies of the correspondence between the Chairman and the Vicar be sent by the Chairman to the Revd Dr Hemming.

[123] The Chairman laid before the meeting a letter received by him from Mr John Hopkins, the occupier of the premises formerly known by the name of Nando's Coffee House, which being now read by him, a copy thereof is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

Copy:

London, Jan(uar)y 13, 1818

Gentlemen,

As the Lease of this house No 14 Fleet Street which I occupy is nearly expired, I beg leave to submit for your consideration the granting of a renewal of it at the present rent, namely 100 Guineas p(er) annum. Having expended a considerable sum of money on my entering it and the necessary yearly repairs to keep together so very old an house as also the obligation our Parish is in with the Impropiator, who wants to establish two shillings ninepence in the Pound for the rental for tithes, I trust you will think my offer liberal. Your early answer will much oblige.

Y(ou)r ob(edient) serv(an)t,
John Hopkins

To the Trustees etc.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had made enquiry respecting the names and residences of the parties to whom the property of the moiety of the said premises belonged and that he was informed one half of the s(ai)d moiety was vested in the representatives of the late Robert Fagan Esq., whose agents are Messrs Bassett and Christian {S(ol)icitors}/Surveyors\, No 35 Arundel Street, Strand, and that the remaining half of the said moiety is vested in the Revd Dr Moore, Vicar of St Pancras, whose agent is J. Moore Esq. Sol(icator), No 2 Field Court, Grey's Inn, and that he has been informed by Mr Hopkins the existing Lease will expire at Michaelmas next.

Ordered, that the Chairman do immediately apply to the agents of the said parties and request them to appoint a time and place of meeting in London for the purpose of proposing to them that a survey be immediately made of the premises to ascertain the [124] state of repair in which the same are at present {in} and to consult with them respecting the present annual value of the same and also to settle the necessary previous arrangements for granting a new Lease of the same upon such terms as they may upon consideration think most advisable and beneficial to the interest of the Lessors, and that the Chairman do report the result thereof to the next meeting of the {committee}/Trustees\.

Adjourned {to} sine die

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)
James Downton
Martin Sanderson
John Newbery
Robert Spencer

[125] Hampton, Mid(dle)sex
Monday, 10th August 1818

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Impropriate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School held this day pursuant to notice.

[Present:]

Mr Will(ia)m Jackson
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Annett
Mr James Downton

Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr Robert Spencer

{The}

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had (pursuant to the order of the last meeting), accompanied by Mr Newbery and Messrs Bassett and Moore, surveyed the premises in Fleet Street in the occupation of Mr Hopkins and that the said premises appeared to be in as good condition and state of repair as could (considering all circumstances) be expected, and that it was then agreed by all parties that a surveyor should be appointed to inspect the said premises and to report the state thereof and also his opinion with respect to the annual value of the same, and further that Mr W(illia)m Sabine of Church Street, Spitalfields, London, Surveyor, had made such survey and also delivered his report in writing thereon, which report being now produced and read is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

Copy:

Gentlemen, I have surveyed a house, No. 14 Fleet Street, in the occupation of Mr Hopkins and am of opinion the house is in as good repair as can reasonably be expected at the expiration of a Lease for 21 years, but as it is an old timber house it will necessarily want something considerable done to it annually. I am also of opinion that it should produce a rental of from £115 to £120 [126] p(e)r ann(u)m.

I am, Gent(lemen), y(ou)r humble serv(an)t,
W. Sabine

Church St., Spitalfields
June 5th 1818

The Chairman reported that he had sent a copy of the report to Messrs Bassett and Christian, Agents to the Representatives of the late Mr Fagan, and to Mr Moore, Agent to the Revd Dr Moore, and had requested them to appoint a time for holding a meeting for the purpose of letting the said premises, but had not received any reply from either of them.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of the Trustees present that the sum of £120 is a proper rent for the said premises and that the Chairman do write to Messrs Bassett and Moore to request them to appoint an early day to meet to treat with Mr Hopkins for the same.

The Chairman produced and read a copy of the report made by Mr Harvey, one of the Masters in Chancery, touching the manner in which the Bell Inn is to be let, which is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

Copy:

I do approve the plan for letting and repairing the same, that is to say that the said house and premises should be advertised and publicly offered to be let for the term of 21 years to such person or persons as shall be the bidder or bidders of the highest annual rent for the same, and who will agree previous to a Lease being granted to him or them to lay out the sum of £500 in substantially repairing the said house and premises according to a plan or specification to be approved of by the surveyor employed by the (said) Trustees, and who will covenant in such lease to keep the said house and premises in good and tenantable repair during the term to be thereby granted, and to insure the same against loss or damage by fire in the sum of £1,200, and who will also procure sufficient security to the satisfaction of the said Trustees for the due performance of the covenants on the part of the Lessee to be contained [127] in such lease.

The order of the Hon. Sir Thomas Plumer, Master of the Rolls, for confirming the s(ai)d report having also been produced and read by the Chairman, it is ordered:

that the house and premises known by the name of the Bell Inn be let by public auction, and that it appears to this meeting that Thursday, the 27th Ins(tan)t, is a suitable day to be appointed for letting the same.

that Mr Millington of Kingston-upon-Thames be employed to let the same.

that the Chairman do /forthwith\ prepare particul/ars\ for letting the said house and premises and deliver the same to Mr Millington and do also request him to advertise the auction immediately in the public papers and by all such means he should consider to be best calculated to give all possible publicity to the same.

that in the opinion of this meeting the sum of £500 directed to be expended in the reparation of the premises be laid out by the person who shall take the same within the space of twelve calendar months from the commencement of the Lease to be granted of the same.

Adjourned sine die.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

John Newbery
Robert Spencer
James Downton
James Annett

[128] Hampton, Midd(lese)x
Sunday 16th August 1818

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School pursuant to notice.

Present:

Mr W(illia)m Jackson
Mr Rob(er)t Spencer
Mr James Downton
Mr John Newbery
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Annett

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported that he had, pursuant to the order made at the last meeting, given instructions to Mr Millington to advertise the letting of the Bell Inn and had delivered to him the particulars in writing to enable to prepare the conditions for letting the same by public auction on the 27th Ins(tan)t, and that Mr Millington had suggested to him that the space of time was not sufficient in his opinion to give due publicity to the transaction and therefore proposed deferring the auction one week longer, viz. to Thursday the 3rd day of September, to which proposition he, upon consideration of the premises, had assented.

Resolved, that the Trustees present do approve of such postponement of the auction.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had received a letter from the Revd Dr Hemming respecting the propriety of further deferring the letting of the said Inn, which letter being by him now read, a copy is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

Copy:

Sir and Gentlemen,

Hampton, Aug(u)st 15, 1818

In consequence of a letter from the Bishop of London relative to that portion of the Bell Inn which projects over the churchyard, I yesterday waited on his Lordship and with his approbation I am to proceed immediately [129] in obtaining the best legal opinions on the subject, and when so obtained to acquaint him with them. I have also his permission to wait on him again on Tuesday the 25th Ins(tan)t. Under these circumstances I conceive it would be highly improper to proceed at present in any measures for letting the Inn and I have therefore left a message at Mr Millington's to request him to come to Hampton this morning.

I am, Sir and Gentlemen,
Y(ou)r h(u)mble serva(nt),

Sam(ue)l Hemming DD
Mas(ter) of the Free School

Mr W(illia)m Jackson and the Trustees of the Bell Inn

The Chairman reported that Mr Millington called on him about the hour of 2 o'clock yesterday, and informed him that in consequence of the message left at his house by Dr Hemming he had stayed the publication of the advertisements and notices for letting the Inn and that he now waited for and was willing to act according to the directions of the Trustees respecting the same.

The Chairman further reported that he had applied to Dr Hemming for a copy of the letter (referred to in his letter of yesterday) which he had received from the Bishop of London concerning the Bell Inn for the information of the Trustees, but that he had not received his reply to the same.

The Trustees being informed that Mr Goodenough (the Vicar) intended to take the opinion of Dr Swabey on the subject of his right to insist on the removal of the projection, and taking the whole of the premises into consideration, [it was resolved] that it will be advisable to defer the letting of the premises until the Vicar shall have obtained such opinion and made known to the Trustees his final determination with respect to the removal of the said room.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

Rob(er)t Spencer
James Downton
John Newbery
Martin Sanderson
J(ame)s Annett

[130] Hampton, Midd(lese)x
Friday 4th September 1818

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Impropriate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School held pursuant to notice.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Annett
Mr James Downton

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman produced and read at this meeting two cases which had been submitted to Dr Swabey and Dr Lushington and also a letter written by the Bishop of London to Dr Hemming and another to the Revd Mr Goodenough, also the opinion of Dr Swabey and Mr Lushington on the said cases, respecting the projection into the churchyard from the east end of the Bell Inn.

The Trustees present, after taking the same into their consideration, are of opinion that they cannot legally assert their right to the additional building but that the same must be removed.

Ordered, that the said opinions and letters be inserted among the Minutes of the proceedings.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this meeting that the whole of the sum of £500 directed by the order of the Master of the Rolls to be expended in the substantial reparation of the premises, shall be expended accordingly as directed by the said order and that no part thereof shall be laid out in the erection of any new building except in making good the wall and roof at the east end of the said Inn, which will be rendered necessary by the [131] removal of the addition to the room, and that the articles or conditions of sale be framed accordingly.

Ordered, that the said house be let by auction on Thursday the 24th Ins(tan)t.

The Chairman produced and read a letter from Messrs Christian and Bassett on the subject of the premises in Mr Hopkins' possession in Fleet Street (~~which bein~~), a copy of which is ordered to be inserted in the minutes and a copy sent to Dr Hemming.

Adjourned sine die.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

Martin Sanderson

John Newbery

James Annett

James Downton

Mr. Maliphant of Quebec Street is by the order of this meeting appointed to survey the Bell Inn.

Copy of the Bishop of London's letter to the Revd Sam(ue)l J(ame)s Goodenough:

Revd Sir,

I deferred my answer to your letter for the purpose of obtaining an opinion in which I could trust on the subject of the very extraordinary resolution of the Hampton Vestry in the year 1765 allowing the erection of a room extending on pillars twelve feet in /to\ the churchyard, a proceeding I am advised as little consistent with law as with propriety and the respect due to sacred things. It will be proper and even necessary that the building should be removed but as the landlord of the Inn appears to have conducted his business with great propriety and to have given no room for complaint, the communication should of course be made to him in a manner the least offensive to his feelings. A similar consideration is due to the proprietor whose house, I fear, will be materially diminished in value by the demolition of this encroachment.

I remain, Revd Sir,

Y(ou)r faithful serv(an)t,

W(illiam) London

London, August 13, 1818

[132] Copy:

Case and Opinion of Dr Lushington

The Bell Inn in the Parish of Hampton in the county of Midd(lese)x belongs to the Trustees of a Free School in the said parish, and the rents are payable to the Schoolmaster under an ancient endowment.

In the Year 1765 application was made to the Vicar and principle inhabitants of the Parish for permission for the tenant of the Bell Inn to erect pillars in the churchyard and upon the wall in the churchyard for the purpose of enabling him to support a projection, or bow, by way of enlarging one of the upper rooms in the Bell Inn, and this permission was granted by an order entered in the Parish Books. (Here follows a Copy Minute of Vestry). The pillars were accordingly erected, and from that time to the present no inconvenience has been found to arise from it, and no objection has been made. Between the pillars, and underneath the projection, graves are occasionally dug and it does not appear the burial ground is reduced to the prejudice of the parishioners.

A disagreement has lately taken place between the Vicar and the Schoolmaster, and whether arising from this cause, or from a sense of duty, the Vicar has made a representation to the Bishop of this encroachment and the Bishop has intimated that it ought to be removed.

The Trustees of the School are entitled to other estates besides that of the Bell Inn, and amongst others, some land immediately adjoining the churchyard, which was devised to the use of the School by Edmund Pigeon in the year 1657.

In 1763 the Trustees of the School, in consideration of five s(hillings) conveyed part of this land (without having any authority under the will so to do) containing 190 f(ee)t in length and 42 f(ee)t in breadth to the Vicar and Churchwardens of the Parish forever in trust and to the intent that the same should be annexed to the churchyard and should forever remain and be taken and used as parcel thereof, they the said Vicar and Churchwardens for themselves and their successors agreeing thereby to pay the Master of the Free School for the time being the yearly sum of £4. The above piece of land has ever since been used as part of the churchyard and the rent regularly paid.

If the above projection must be removed, it will lend much to the prejudice of the charity estates as the principle room in the house will be diminished and the Inn consequently will not let for so high a rent.

[133] The present Schoolmaster feels very little dispos(e)d to question the authority of the Bishop but at the same time considers it to be his duty not to allow a valuable part of the charity estates to be taken from him to the prejudice of his successors, unless it be quite clear that the power of taking it away does exist. He also thinks it material to ascertain whether, in the event of the pillars being considered a nuisance which it is competent to the Bishop or the Vicar or the parishioners to remove, the Trustees of the School would be entitled to remove the projection or overhanging, having the same supported by an arch or other contrivance resting upon the ground belonging to the Trustees instead of upon the pillars above described as it had been intimated some scheme of that sort would be practical.

Your opinion is requested – whether the Bishop or the Vicar or the parishioners have power to compel the removal of the pillars above mentioned, and if so, by what course of proceeding.

Secondly, whether in the event of the power existing, the Trustees of the School would be at liberty, after the removal of the pillars, to continue the projection over the churchyard, having the same supported from the ground belonging to the Trustees.

Thirdly, whether the Schoolmaster or the Trustees are at liberty to resume the possession of the land, part of Pigeon's Charity, conveyed as above mentioned.

I am of opinion that the Vicar and the parishioners have not power, without the consent of the Ordinary, to convey such a right as is herein stated of erecting pillars in the churchyard: their act alone will not bind the Ordinary, and therefore I think that the Ordinary may compel the removal of the pillars. Should it appear to his discretion proper to resort to such a measure, I do not conceive that the Vicar or parishioners can interfere for I think that the Resolution of Vestry is binding upon them.

Secondly, I think it very doubtful whether the Ordinary could interfere under such circumstances: perhaps in strict Law he might, but I cannot believe he would, if accurately informed. I think the Vicar and parishioners are stopp(e)d by the resolution of Vestry from interference.

Thirdly, if the Trustees of this Charity had not power to convey this land, it is clear that the parishioners have no legal title; and certainly more care [134] ought to have been taken before it was consecrated. But I do not think that the Act of Consecration can possibly amend a defective Title, nor that the present Trustees can be bound by the acts of predecessors, who possessed no legal authority to make the transfer. I am of opinion that the Trustees are entitled to resume the possession of the ground.

[Signed:] Stephen Lushington
Hastings
21st August, 1818

N.B. the above case was prepared by Dr Hemming without the previous inspection or approval of the Trustees and is in many parts erroneous.

[Signed:] W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

Copy: the Bishop of London's letter to Revd Dr Hemming:

Fulham, Sept(ember) 3, 1818

Dear Sir,

I am advised that Dr Lushington's opinion is correct as far as it regards the law of the case, that the Ordinary has the power of removing the projection from the Bell Inn into the churchyard of Hampton, and having the right, I feel that he has no discretion left in the exercise of it. On the same ground a projection supported by pillars or arches resting on unconsecrated land is objectionable. If however a part of the churchyard has been improperly consecrated, and is still resumable by the school, I might consent to waive my objection to a projection of this latter kind not extending above two or three feet, on condition of no disturbance being made of the ground thus consecrated. Thus far I could go in the way of compromise, tho(ugh) I could not have originally permitted it, but I think it much more desirable to withdraw the encroachment altogether, thus removing all cause of contention and all pretence for aspersing the character of any of the parties concerned. And this I hope you will do, if the advantage of so small a projection is not great.

I remain, dear Sir,
Your faithful serv(an)t,

W(illiam) London

[135] Copy: case and Opinion of Dr Swabey:

In the year 1765 Mr Stephen Wise, who was the then Lessee and occupier of a messuage and premises at Hampton called the Bell Inn adjoining immediately to the churchyard of the Parish Church of Hampton, having no room in his house of sufficient dimensions for the reception and entertainment of large companies and being desirous of enlarging one of the rooms of the said Inn for such purpose, applied to the then Vicar, Churchwardens and inhabitants of Hampton at a

Vestry Meeting to grant him permission to extend the said room by erecting an additional building over a part of the west side of the churchyard, to be fixed up and supported by pillars to be placed therein, and which permission was granted to him as appears by resolution of the said vestry meeting, of which the following is a copy:

Copy:

Ap(ri)l 9, 1765

At a Vestry Meeting held this day, it was unanimously agreed with the consent of the Vicar that Mr Wise sh(oul)d have the liberty of enlarging his room on pillars to the length of twelve feet into the churchyard so as the parishioners shall not be deprived of the privilege of making use of the said ground for the use of burials, for and in consideration that the Schoolmaster of the said parish whose property the said Inn is shall pay annually the sum of five shillings *~~{to be spent at the Bell}~~ every Easter Tuesday ~~{after}/at\ the Vestry {shall be over}~~.

*Thus obliterated in the original.

Signed by:

D. Chandler, Curate for Mr Blackburne [sic]
John Stevenson }
John Fletcher } Churchwardens
and eleven inhabitants

N.B. No application was made to the Ordinary for his permission at the time of the erection or since.

Memorandum. 'To be spent ...' not the consent of the Vicar and therefore blotted out as an error.

Turn over

[136] In conformity to the permission given to him, Mr Wise at his own expense erected the additional building which is constructed by wood quartering, covered over with lathe and plaster, projecting from /the\ east side of the said Inn, over part of the west side of the churchyard, twelve feet in length from east to west, and width from north to south fifteen feet, and constituting on the lower floor /an addition to one of the rooms and on the upper floor immediately above\ a separate bed chamber. The erection is supported by five wooden pillars,

three of which stand on brick piers or bases built in the churchyard and two on the churchyard wall. The sketch in the margin of the preceding folio is intended to show the size of the Inn /and of the additional building, the latter of which is designated\ by being coloured blue as are the pillars supporting it. It does not appear that the annual sum reserved by way of rent has at any time been paid or demanded.

Though the room was built on pillars in order that the inhabitants' right of sepulture might not be injured or diminished, no interments have been known to have been laid there since the erection, and it is presumed that it would endanger the safety of the room if graves were to be dug near the brick piers or bases on which the pillars are placed.

The Bell Inn is a place of great public resort, but particularly on Sundays when the room, so projecting on pillars into the churchyard is generally occupied by large parties, who come there for convivial purposes very inconsistent with the sacred duties of the day, and in consequence of the near proximity of the east end of the room (in which is fixed a large window) to the principle entrance of the Parish Church, from which it is distant only 24 yards, the revelry of the company who assemble there is considered by the present Vicar to be an indecent annoyance to the inhabitants and others who attend Divine Service, and as well on that account as on the consideration of the erection of the room abridging the right of the inhabitants to sepulture, he is desirous that the room should be taken down and removed, and being advised that the grant or permission given to Mr Wise was illegally made and that the parties making such order had in themselves no legal power or right to abridge the right of sepulture in the churchyard or in any manner to appropriate any part thereof to any other uses that (sic) those for which it was set apart and consecrated, and that such grant or permission is not therefore binding or conclusive on their successors,[137] he therefore requests your opinion.

Qu(estion) I, whether the said grant auth(o)rising the erection of the said building coupled with the length of time the building has been permitted to stand can be considered as giving or conveying such a title or claim to the present proprietors of the said Inn (who hold the same in trust for charitable uses) as is sufficient legally to enable them to hold the said building as an appurtenance to the said Inn, or whether the said grant or permission was illegal ab initio and in consequence the said building may be considered as an encroachment on the churchyard and liable to be removed accordingly.

If you should be of opinion that the grant or permission was void and the building liable to be removed.

Qu(estion) II, in whom is the right of insisting on the removal vested, in the Ordinary and the Vicar or the inhabitants.

N.B. It may be necessary here to observe that the Rectory of Hampton is impropriate and vested in trustees for charitable purposes. The vicarage is endowed with the tithes of grass and all other tithes except the tithes of grain, and the Vicar has been accustomed to claim and take the grass growing in the churchyard and to receive all fees or dues for erecting vaults, tombs or monuments therein.

Qu(estion) III, in what manner should the party in whom the right of insisting on the removal of the building is vested proceed in order to compel such removal.

I am of opinion that the order of Vestry of the 9th April 1765 was not a sufficient authority for extending the building in question to the length of twelve feet into the churchyard, supposing the Vicar for the time being to have been consenting, for he could not legally and of his mere authority, with or without the consent of the inhabitants in Vestry, appropriate in perpetuity any part of the common burial-ground of the Parish to such an use, and there is no doubt of the building having been originally no better than an encroachment on the churchyard without any foundation of right, and such as the Churchwardens and Vicar who permitted it might have been articulated against it and subjected to censure for and Mr Wise been compelled to remove the building and restore the place to its former condition as having been there erected without [138] any competent or legal authority in that behalf by the Ordinary, either ex officio mero or at the instance of any voluntary promoter, had the offence been noticed in *recenti facto*. But the transaction is now of fifty years back, during which there has been no notice of it judicially taken, although the use of the room on Sundays, more particularly, and for convivial meetings must always have appeared exceptionable. The effect of so long an acquiescence would not I think render the act itself less of an encroachment and of illegal origin. But it might reduce the application for the removal of it to the question merely of civil light and I cannot take upon myself to say what might be the effect of so long uninterrupted enjoyment in such a suit, which is I conceive the only species which could now be resorted to, and I think it might be advisable to consult with some gentlemen of the Commons Law Bar upon that point. The Vicar for the time being, as having the freehold in him, is the more proper person to question the subject of encroachment thereon, although the Churchwardens or indeed any inhabitant of the Parish so far as the right of burial is concerned have an interest which might have entitled them at an earlier time to complain to the Ordinary. I do not, however, recollect any such a suit except in a criminal form, that is by virtue of the office of the judge at the promotion of some individual on account of the offence committed and in which the party who claimed any interest in the encroachment was also cited to show cause why it should not be removed.

N. [ut vid.] Swabey
Doctors Commons
Sep(tember) 3, 1818

N.B. the case on which the above written opinion is given was previously submitted to the consideration and approval of the Trustees, and is a statement of particulars in all respects perfectly correct.

[signed:] W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

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[140] Hampton, Midd(lese)x
Tuesday 16 Sept(em)b(e)r

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School held this day pursuant to notice.

Present:

Mr W(illia)m Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Downton
Mr Rob(er)t Spencer
Mr James Annett

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had given directions to Mr Millington to let the Bell Inn by public auction on Thursday 24th Ins(tan)t, and that Mr Millington had, according to such directions, issued hand bills and caused advertisements to be inserted in four of the public daily papers to announce the letting of the same.

The Chairman also reported that he had applied to Mr Rich(ar)d Maliphant of Quebec Street, Surveyor, to survey the state of repair of the said Inn, and had directed him to make out a particular specification of the reparations of which the said Inn stands in need, and the probable amount of the expense of completing such reparations, and that Mr Maliphant attended at the said Inn for such purpose on

Monday 7th Ins(tan)t and minutely surveyed and inspected the said Inn but has not yet delivered his specification and estimate of such repairs.

The Chairman also reported that he yesterday afternoon received a notice in writing from Dr Hemming addressed to himself and to the Trustees in general requesting them for the reasons therein assigned to postpone the letting of the Bell Inn and to countermand the notices given for letting the same by auction on the 24th Inst(an)t and to suspend all proceedings under the order made by the [141] Rt Hon. the Master of the Rolls until further application shall have been made by him the said Dr Hemming to the Court of Chancery, and engaging to indemnify the Trustees against any loss or damage which may result to them in consequence of such suspension. Which notice now being produced and read, it is ordered that a copy thereof be inserted in the Minutes.

The Trustees taking the said notice into consideration are of opinion that it would be advisable that the letting [of] the said premises by auction be postponed until the further direction of the Court of Chancery be obtained and that the notices issued for such letting be countermanded and that the Chairman do give directions accordingly to Mr Millington.

Adjourned sine die.

[signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

J(ame)s Annett

Rob(er)t Spencer

James Downton

John Newbery

Martin Sanderson

[142] Copy of Dr Hemming's letter to the Trustees in the matter of Hamond's [sic] Charity and also in the matter of Jones' Charity.

Whereas John Springitt Harvey Esq., one of the Masters of this Court, by the report bearing date the 8th day of June 1818, certified that it would be proper that the messuage or tenement called the Bell Inn in the Parish of Hampton in the county of Midd(lese)x should be let by the Trustees by auction upon terms under which the tenant would engage to lay out the sum of £500 in substantially repairing the said house and premises according to plan or specification to be approved by the surveyor employed by the said Trustees, and also to keep the said house and premises in good and in tenantable repair during the term to be thereby granted, and to ensure the premises against loss or damage by fire in the sum of £1,200, and also to procure sufficient security to the satisfaction of the said Trustees for the due performance of the covenants to be

contained in such Lease; and whereas, by an order bearing dates the 24th day of July 1818 made by the Rt Hon. Master of the Rolls, it was ordered that the said report sh(oul)d be confirmed; and whereas the s(ai)d report and order were founded upon evidence made before the Court and the master of the present actual state of the Bell Inn and of the practicability of improving the same by gradual repair; and whereas since the [omission] of the s(ai)d report and order confirming the same it has been represented to the Rt Revd the Lord Bishop of London that a material part of the said Bell Inn, consisting of the principal room used for the entertainment of guests, is supported upon pillars fixed in the churchyard, and the said Lord Bishop of London, considering that such an erection is a nuisance and encroachment upon the churchyard, hath ordered the same to be removed; and whereas a report hath been made to me the undersigned Samuel Hemming (who am entitled as Schoolmaster of the Free School of Hampton to the rents and profits of the Inn) that after the said room should be pulled down, an alteration can be made in the said Bell Inn at a moderate expense, which will make the same equally convenient for the accommodation of guests as if the s(ai)d principal room were allowed to stand, but such alterations cannot be legally made by the Tenant who might take the said Bell Inn upon the terms mentioned in the s(ai)d Master's report, and moreover by reason of the necessity of removing the principal room, the terms mentioned in the s(ai)d Master's report with respect to repairs cannot be complied with, and therefore to proceed to let the same [143] on the said terms mentioned in the Master's report would lead only to disputes and litigation with any person who might attempt under such circumstances to become the tenant thereof, I do therefore request you to countermand the notices you have already given for letting the said Bell Inn by auction on the 24th day of Sept(embe)r Instant and to suspend all proceedings under the s(ai)d order until the several matters hereinbefore ment(ione)d or referred to shall have been brought under the consideration of the court of Chancery, and I hereby engage to indemnify you against any loss or damage which may result to you in consequence of such suspension, and unless you suspend such proceedings I shall hold you responsible for all the consequences, and further I give you notice that I shall forthwith apply to Rt Hon. the Master of the Rolls by petition for further reference to the matter and for further directions as to the course to be adopted in consequence of the necessity of removing and pulling down the principal room as aforesaid.

[signed:]

Sam(ue)l Hemming DD
Mas(te)r of the Free School

Hampton, Sept(embe)r 15th, 1818

To the Trustees of Hamonde's [sic] Charity etc.

[144] Toy Inn, Hampton Court
Thursday 31st Dec(embe)r 1818

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate, of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School held this day pursuant to notice.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Downton
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Annett

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman produced and read to the meeting the Minutes taken of the order made by the Rt Hon. (Sir Tho(ma)s Plumer) the Master of the Rolls on Tuesday the 21st Ins(tan)t respecting the intermediate letting of the Bell Inn, from the present time until the Court should make its final order (on the report of the {~~Court~~} Master to whom the same stands referred), {~~and by the Minutes~~} with respect to the permanent disposal of the said Inn.

It appearing from such Minutes that his Honour the Master of the Rolls had been pleased to recommend to the Trustees to let the said Inn for the term of one year to Mr Messenger of Kingston provided he the said Mr Messenger should find proper security for the payment of the rent and for keeping the said Inn in repair during such term, and also provided the said Trustees shall approve of the said Mr Messenger, and the chairman having reported that he had received an application from Mr Messenger to take the said Inn at the rent of £75 for one year to be computed from the 25th Ins(tan)t and to keep the said Inn and premises in as good a state of repair during the said term and also [145] to insure the same from loss or damage by fire during the said term, and to find good security for the payment of the rent and performance of his agreement, the Trustees now present taking the same into consideration are of opinion that it will be advisable to accept the offer made by Mr Messenger and to let to him the said Inn and premises on such terms for the term of one year to be computed from the 25th Ins(tan)t.

Mr John Messenger this day attended the meeting of the Trustees and entered into and executed a written agreement with them by which he has agreed to take the said Inn for the said term of one year to be computed from the 25th Ins(tan)t at and under the rent of £75 payable quarterly, to keep the same

in all respects in as good a state of repair as the same shall be in at the time possession shall be given to him and to insure the same from loss or damage by fire in the names of the Trustees in some one of the public insurance offices in the sum of £1,200.

Mr John Messenger also produced and delivered to the Trustees the name of Mr James Bennett of Kingston, Surgeon, whom he offered as security for the payment of the said rent and performance of the covenants, and the said Mr James Bennett is accepted as a sufficient security by the said Trustees.

Mr James Bennett being present at this meeting and agreeing to become bound as such security, entered into and executed a joint bond /with the s(ai)d Mr John Messenger\ in the penal sum of £200 for the due payment of the rent and performance of the covenants of the agreement.

Ordered that Mr James Annett be requested to survey the said messuage and premises previous to Mr Messenger taking [146] possession of the same for the purpose of ascertaining the state and condition of the repair of the same, and that he do make an inventory or memorandum in writing of all such deficiencies or wants of repair that may be found.

Ordered that Mr William Jackson the Chairman do attend Mr Messenger on the premises at such time as may be convenient to them to appoint, and that he do in the name and on behalf of the Trustees then deliver quick and peaceable possession of the said Inn and premises to the said Mr Messenger.

Adjourned sine die.

[signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)
Martin Sanderson
Robert Spencer
James Annett
James Downton
John Newbury

[147] Hampton, Middlesex
Friday 29th January 1819

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Impropriate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of this day pursuant to notice.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Annett
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr James Downton

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had received a letter from the Revd Dr Hemming relative to the Bell Inn together with the specification of the repairs necessary to be done to the s(ai)d Inn by the incoming tenant and the estimate of the expense of making and completing such repairs and also a plan of a proposed alteration to be done to the said Inn by erecting a new building in substitution for that part of the said Inn now projecting over and encroaching on the churchyard as prepared by his surveyor Mr Francis Bedford.

The letter having been read from the Chair, the Trustees proceeded to deliberate on the several proposals submitted by Dr Hemming to their consideration therein.

With respect to the First Proposal in which Dr Hemming proposes the institution and establishment of a fund for the rebuilding [of] the Bell Inn at a distant period by means of setting apart £5 per cent. of the rent to accumulate at compound interest and which he states at the end of 63 years [148] will amount to the sum of £2,000 and upwards and which he calculates will be sufficient for such purpose,

Resolved, that the Master of the School having the right to demand the whole produce of the rent and the election of the Master resting solely in the parishioners in Vestry assembled, in whom the power is also vested of directing the Trustees' conduct with respect to the management of the premises and that the Trustees have no other power or means vested in them by the Deed of Trust under which they are appointed except by letting of the same on a Building Lease with the previous direction and sanction of the assent of the parishioners for the term of 61 years, the Trustees do not therefore conceive themselves to be authorised to give their assent to such proposition.

With respect to the means suggested by Dr Hemming for securing the assent to the allowance of such a deduction from the rent by any future Master by entering into a stipulation with him previous to his election to that effect, the Trustees are of the opinion that as the election of the Master is solely vested in the parishioners and in a transaction in which they can only interfere in their individual capacity as inhabitants, they therefore are not called upon to deliberate on its practicability but they conceive it necessary to observe, on adverting to the agreement entered into with the then Trustees at the meeting of 30th September 1803 by Dr Hemming and considering how ill it has been observed on his part, that

they feel themselves justified thereby in entertaining strong doubts as to the the efficiency of such agreements to answer the ends proposed by them.

With respect to the second proposal contained in the said letter, [149] in which Dr Hemming requests the Trustees to concur in a proposal to be laid before the Master in Chancery to let the premises to Mr Messenger at the rent of £100 per ann(u)m on his consenting to lay out the sum of £522 in the reparation and alterations proposed to be done to the premises, the Trustees are of opinion that they have no discretionary power to give their consent thereto in as much as they conceive themselves bound to consult the parishioners in all matters which relate to the letting of the said premises and to act according to their instructions (except in the present instance in which the letting of the premises by auction to the best bidder is directed by the order of the Court), and that if by reason of their consent the Master should be induced to report to the Court that such order might be superseded so far as the same relates to the mode of letting the said premises and that the same should be let to Mr Messenger on the terms offered by him, they would be guilty of a breach of the trust reposed in them by consenting to a measure for which they have no competent authority vested in them by the Deed of Trust under which they are appointed. The Trustees also conceive from the report of their surveyor Mr Maliphant that the sum proposed by Mr Messenger to be expended by him in the repairs and alterations proposed to be made thereto is insufficient for their completion.

With respect to the third proposal submitted by Dr Hemming to the consideration of the Trustees and which relates to a meeting between Mr Maliphant and his surveyor Mr Bedford in London to consider of a plan, the Trustees after carefully perusing and comparing the specifications of repairs delivered in and stated as necessary to be done to the premises by the said surveyors find that they agree in the most material [150] points with the exception of that proposed by Mr Bedford entering more minutely into the detail and embracing a larger and consequently more expensive system of repairs than that of Mr Maliphant, but the Trustees are wholly at a loss to account for the wide difference between the estimates of expense of such repairs, that of Mr Maliphant amounting to £781.11.6 while that of Mr Bedford only amounts to the sum of £338. The Trustees therefore think it to be advisable that a meeting should take place between the said surveyors, but are of opinion that the same should be held on the premises rather than in London, as it would afford them a better opportunity of comparing their respective specifications of repairs, and of ascertaining the causes from which such difference between the amount of the estimates arose.

Ordered that the Chairman do write a letter to Dr Hemming to inform him of the opinion of the Trustees with respect to the proposals submitted by him to their consideration.

The Chairman informed the Trustees that pursuant to the order of the last preceding meeting he had caused possession of the Bell Inn to be given to Mr Messenger by delivering of the key thereof to him (by his request) at Kingston (he being by reason of business unable to attend on the premises) on Saturday the 2nd Ins(tant).

Ordered that the Chairman do immediately apply to Mr Messenger for the policy of insurance agreed by him to be effectuated on the premises, and do also request of him to appoint some competent person to meet Mr Annett to view and make a report of such delapidations as may be there found.

Ordered that the Chairman do apply to Mr Rob(er)t Lawrence for payment of the arrears of rent due for the Rectory Meadow up to Mich(aelma)s last when he quitted possession.

Adjourned sine die.

[signed:] W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[151] Hampton, Mid(dle)sex

Wednesday 26th June 1819

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School held this day persuant to notice.

Present:

Mr W(illia)m Jackson

Mr James Downton

Mr James Annett

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr Will(ia)m Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman produced and read to the meeting two letters he had received from the Revd Dr Hemming relative to the disputed claim to the Chancel and proposing to have the question submitted to the decision to the Lord Bishop of London.

The Trustees having taken the said proposal into consideration do unanimously agree to the same and do thereupon order that the Chairman do immediately communicate to Dr Hemming their concurrence with his proposal and their readiness to pursue any legal measures he may think it advisable for them to adopt for the due assertion and support of the Rectorial Rights and also request of him to inform them whether he wishes the case to be submitted to the Bishop to be prepared under their directions or would prefer drawing it himself.

The Chairman having reported to the meeting that he had applied to Mr Rob(er)t Lawrence for the arrears of rent due at Michaelmas last for the Rectory Meadow, but had not received it, it is [152] ordered that Mr James Downton do apply in the name of the Trustees for payment of the same and in case the said Mr Robert Lawrence shall refuse or neglect to pay the same, legal process be resorted to for the purpose of enforcing the payment thereof.

The Chairman having produced a bill from Mr John Millington, Auctioneer, amounting to £16.2.0, being his charge for advertising the Bell Inn to be let in the month of August last, it is ordered that he do send the said bill to Dr Hemming and desire him to inform the Trustees whether he will settle the said bill with Mr Millington or would prefer that they should discharge it out of the rents of the said Inn.

Adjourned sine die.

[signed:] W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[153] Hampton, Mid(dlese)x
Tuesday 7th December 1819

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton held this day persuant to notice given for that purpose.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Ardern Hulme
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Downton
Mr James Annett
Mr Robert Spencer

Mr Will(ia)m Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman informed the meeting that in persuance of the order made at the last preceding meeting of the 26th day of {~~May~~ /June\ last he had written to the Revd Dr Hemming to inform him of the concurrence of the Trustees with his proposal of referring the question in dispute relative to the right claimed by the Vicar to the Chancel to the judgement and decision of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese

and that he together with other of the Trustees had subsequently signed a memorial to be presented to the Bishop importing their willingness to submit the same to and be guided by his Lordship's decision and had delivered such memorial to Dr Hemming who undertook to lay it before the Bishop.

The Chairman further reported to the meeting that Mr Robert Lawrence had sent a message to him to inform that he was willing to pay his rent in arrears on receiving a receipt signed by the Trustees.

The Chairman also reported to the meeting that he had sent Mr Millington's bill to Dr Hemming who had by letter informed him that he had seen Mr Knight (the Assignee of Mr Millington who has become insolvent) respecting it and that Mr Knight had told him he would wait the payment until the business of the Bell Inn was adjusted and settled.

The Chairman further reported to the meeting that the Rt Hon. the Master of the Rolls had on the hearing of the petition presented by Dr Hemming on Tuesday the 30th November last, for confirming the Master's Report [154] relative to the terms and conditions for letting the Bell Inn rendered necessary by the order of the Bishop of London for taking down and removing such part of the said Inn as projects over the Churchyard, been pleased to order that the said report had been confirmed and that the Trustees should immediately proceed to let the said Inn by public bidding to such person or persons as should offer the highest annual rental for the same, subject to such conditions as aforesaid, specified in the report aforesaid, for the term of 21 years from Christmas Day now next ensuing.

The Trustees now assembled do in obedience to and in furtherance of and persuance of the said order do direct and order as follows, that it is the opinion of the Trustees present that the said Inn be let by auction for the term of 21 years, to commence from the 25th day of this instant December to the person or persons who shall then offer the highest annual rent for the same, subject to and in strict conformity with the several covenants, conditions and restrictions as are or may be specified and contained in the report made by John Springett Harvey Esq., one of the Masters of the High Court of Chancery, and confirmed by the order of the Rt Hon. the Master of the Rolls on Tuesday the 30th November last.

And it is our opinion that Tuesday the 21st of this present December is a proper day for letting the said premises by auction and that such auction be held on the premises.

Ordered, that Mr Fricker of Kingston, Auctioneer, be employed to let the said premises by auction.

And it is further ordered that the Chairman do give particular instructions to the Auctioneer to take every possible means of giving publicity to the letting by means of hand bills in the town of Hampton and its vicinity and by advertisement in the public daily and other papers.

And we the said Trustees, taking into our consideration the local situation of the said premises with respect to ~~its~~/their\ near proximity to the Parish Church and the necessity of their being occupied by

a person of good character and moral habits of life and therefore likely to preserve good order and decorum in the house so that the Licence of the same may not be endangered by permitting acts of riot or {~~drunkenness being committed~~} /intemperance\ therein, [155] are of opinion that it is expedient that a covenant be inserted in the Lease to prevent the Lessee from assigning the said premises during the said term without the previous written assent of the Lessors and conformable to a covenant to a like effect inserted in the Lease lately granted to Mr M. Sanderson.

Ordered that it be one condition of letting the premises that the name of the person who shall be intended to be the Lessee of the premises shall be delivered in writing to the Auctioneer, in case the person who shall bid for the same shall state himself to act as Agent, in order that such principal may be forthwith required to enter into the necessary securities.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson
Martin Sanderson
James Downton
James Annett
Robert Spencer
Ard(ern) Hulme

Adjourned to Tuesday 21 Dec(embe)r Ins(tan)t.

Resolved that in the opinion of this meeting, Mr Joseph Wigg of Guildford Street, Brunswick Square, to whom the Surveyors' Reports were referred by the Master would be a proper person to be employed by the Trustees to survey and report to the Trustees his opinion of the performance and completion of the alterations and repairs directed to be done to the s(ai)d Inn in the Masters Report.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman

[156] Hampton, Mid(dlese)x, Tuesday
21st December 1819

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton held persuant to adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Downton
Mr John Newbery
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr James Annett
Mr Ardern Hulme
Mr Thomas Hyde

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

Be it remembered that pursuant to the order of the Trustees at their last preceding meeting, the messuage and premises called by the name of the Bell Inn were this day put up and exposed to be let by public auction by Mr James Fricker of Kingston, Surrey, to such person or persons as should bid and offer the highest annual rent for the /same and\ subject to the performance of such alterations and repairs to be done to the said Inn at his and their own proper expense, and of such other covenants and conditions as are expressed and contained in the printed particulars of such letting, and Mr John Bigbee of Fulham in the County of Middlesex having bid and [157] offered the annual rent or sum of £69.6.0 for the said Inn and no person having bid or offered a higher annual rent for the same, his bidding was accepted by the Trustees, and the said Mr John Bigbee entered into and signed an agreement with the said Trustees for taking a Lease of the said Inn accordingly of the term of 21 years, to commence and be computed from Saturday the 25th day of this present December.

And the said Mr John Bigbee, in compliance with the conditions of letting, hath procured and delivered in writing to the said Mr James Fricker the names of Mrs Catharine Henrietta Rawlls of Kingston in the County of Surrey, Brewer, and Mr James Forth of the same place, Wine Merchant, as persons who are willing to become bound with him in a certain bond or writing obligatory, conditioned in the final sum of £650, to the said Trustees for the due performance of all and every the alterations and repairs specified in a schedule at the foot of the said agreement, written conformably to certain plans or drawings thereof to the said agreement annexed.

[signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

Adjourned to Saturday the 25th Inst(an)t at 3 o'clock.

[158] Bell Inn, Hampton, Midd(lese)x

Saturday 25th Dec(embe)r 1819

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton held persuant to adjournment.

[Present:]

Mr William Jackson

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr James Annett

Mr James Downton

Mr John Newbery

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

Mr John Bigbee having this day represented to the meeting that it would be inconvenient and probably productive of injurious consequences to him in the prosecution of his business in the Bell Inn (agreed to be taken by him) if he is compelled to make and complete the several repairs and alterations agreed by him to be done and performed within the term of twelve calendar months, as required by the conditions of letting the same, and requested that the said term for the making and completing such repairs as aforesaid may be extended to such reasonable period as the Trustees may conceive themselves justified consistently with the discharge of the Trust reposed in them to grant,

The Trustees present, taking such representation and request into consideration, are of the opinion that in order to prevent the occurrence of such inconvenience and injury and to promote as so far as lies in their power the advantage of the Lessee without affecting the interest of the Trust Estate, it will be proper that a further reasonable time should be granted for the making and completing of such alterations and repairs and do therefore order that the term of twelve calendar months mentioned in such conditions of letting as the time to be [159] limited and restricted for the making and completing of such alterations and repairs be extended to the term of twenty and four calendar months to follow next after and to be computed from the day of the date of the Lease to be granted of the s(ai)d Inn.

Mr John Bigbee this day delivered to the Trustees the bond or written obligation by which Mrs Catharine Henrietta Rawlls and Mr James Forth became bound with him to the Trustees in the penal sum of £650 for the due performance and execution of the several alterations and repairs within the time specified, as the same are set forth in the agreement entered into by him with the said Trustees, immediately after which the Trustees present gave peaceable and legal seizin and possession of the said

message and premises called the Bell Inn by causing all persons to evacuate and depart out of the same and shutting up all the outer doors thereof and afterwards by the hands of their Chairman and in their name delivering the key of the door to the said John Bigbee, who solely and alone entered into the said message and closing the door, took quiet and peaceable possession thereof.

Ordered that the Chairman forthwith in the name of the Trustees claim and demand of Mr John Messenger of Kingston or of the tenant in possession, Mr Frederick Bloodworth, one entire year's rent of the said premises, which became due this day.

Adjourned {tø} sine die

[signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[160] Vestry Room, Hampton

Friday 21st April 1820

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Impropriate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton.

Present:

Mr William Jackson

Mr James Downton

Mr John Newbery

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr James Annett

Mr Martin Sanderson

The Chairman reported to the meeting that in pursuance of the order of the last meeting he had demanded the year's rent due from Mr Messenger for the Bell Inn at Christmas last, and that Mr Messenger had paid the same to him and that the same (being £75) is now in his hands.

The Chairman further reported to the meeting that he had received two bills of charges for letting the said Inn, one from Mr Millington amounting to £16.2.0 and one from Mr Fricker amounting to £19.6.6, and also that he had received a bill from Mr Maliphant for surveying the state of repairs of the Bell Inn and estimating the expense of repairing the same and for preparing a plan of the proposed alterations to

be made to the said Inn amounting to £30.18.0. The said bills having been severally read, it is ordered that the several bills of Mr Millington and Mr Fricker be paid out of the rent so received and the balance thereof be paid to Dr Hemming.

Ordered, that the payment of Mr Maliphant's bill be postponed till enquiry be made of the reasonableness of the several changes therein.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had received two letters from Dr Hemming enclosing a letter from the Rt Revd the Lord Bishop of London containing his Lordship's decision on the question of [161] the Right to the Chancel submitted to his Lordship's Decision by mutual consent of the Trustees and the Revd the Vicar, and that his Lordship's opinion was in favour of the Rectorial Claims, and that he had also received a letter from the Revd Mr Goodenough the Vicar desiring him to make known to the Trustees his acquiescence with his Lordship's decision.

The several letters having been read, it is ordered that a copy of the Bishop of London's letter be entered among the Minutes of the meetings of the Trustees and the letter deposited among the records, also that a copy of the Vicar's letter be also inserted among the Minutes and the letter deposited among the records.

Ordered, that the Chairman do immediately apply to the Revd the Vicar for the repayment of the fee received by him for the erection of the monumental tablet in the Chancel to the memory of Lady Glenbervie and on receiving the same he do immediately pay the same to the Revd Dr Hemming.

Adjourned to

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

John Newbery

Martin Sanderson

Robert Spencer

James Annett

James Downton

Copy of the letter of the Rt Revd Father in God Dr Will(ia)m Howley, Lord Bishop of the Diocese of London, relative to the right of claim of the Trustees of the Rectory to the Chancel of the Parish Church of Hampton, addressed by his Lordship to Dr Hemming:

London, Feb(ruar)y 21st 1820

Revd Sir,

Having perused with attention the several documents which have been submitted to me respecting the claims of the Vicar and others in the Chancel of Hampton Church, I am of opinion that no sufficient grounds have been laid for invalidating the rights which are generally vested in Rectors by Common Law.

I remain, Revd Sir,
Your faithful servant,
W. London

To the Revd Dr Hemming

The Bishop of London presents his compliments to Dr Hemming and informs him that a letter precisely the same as above has been transmitted to Mr Goodenough who from previous communication seems disposed to acquiesce in the decision.

Copy of the Revd Mr Goodenough's letter to Mr Jackson:

Dear Sir,

I send you a copy of a letter which I received from the Bishop of London relative to the Chancel of Hampton Church. This you will have the goodness to lay before the Trustees and at the same time to acquaint them of my intention to abide by his Lordship's decision.

I am, d(ea)r Sir,
Yours faithfully
S. J. Goodenough

Broughton April 2nd 1820

Copy:

London, Feb(ruar)y 21st 1820

Revd Sir,

Having perused with attention the several documents which have been submitted to me respecting the claims of the Vicar and others to the Chancel of Hampton Church, I am of

opinion that no sufficient grounds have been laid in this case for invalidating the rights which are generally vested in Rectors by Common Law.

I remain, Revd Sir,
Y(ou)r faithful servant,
W. London

Revd Mr Goodenough

[163] Bell Inn Hampton
Friday 6th April 1821

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and of other premises of the Free School of Hampton.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Annett
Mr Robert Spencer

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman laid before the meeting a statement of monies received and paid by him on the Trust Account since the last meeting on which it appears a balance of £62.0.6 is due to Dr Hemming, which being approved of,

Ordered, that a copy of the said statement be inserted in the Minutes of the proceedings of this meeting.

Copy:

The Trustees of the Rectory and Bell Inn, Hampton, in acc(oun)t with Dr Hemming

| Trustees etc., D(ebto)r to Dr Hemming | | | | Same, C(redito)r to the Same | |
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| | £ | s | d | | £sd |
| 1 year's rent of the Bell Inn due Christmas Day 1819, received from Mr Messenger | 75 | 0 | 0 | By bill paid to the Trustees of Mr Millington for advertising the letting of the Bell Inn | 16.2.0 |
| 1 year's rent of the same due Lady Day 1820 received of Mr Fricker, having been paid to him in advance by Mr Bigbee at the time of letting by way of deposit | 17 | 6 | 6 | By d(itt)o paid Mr Ja(me)s Fricker for d(itt)o and letting the same by public auction | 19.6.6 |
| Of the Revd Mr Goodenough, the fee received by him for the erection of Lady Glenbervie's monumental tablet in the Chancel | 5 | 5 | 0 | By stamp for receipt for rent given to Mr Messenger on paym(en)t | 0.1.6 |
| | | | | By d(itt)o for d(itt)o given to Mr Fricker on payment | 0.1.0 |
| | | | | By balance of account | 62.0.6 |
| | £97 | 11 | 6 | | £97.11.6 |
| April 28 th 1820 Sa(mue)l Hemming | | | | W(illia)m Jackson For the Trustees etc. 28 th April 1820 | |

[164] The Chairman further reported to the meeting that he had sent a copy of the said statement to Dr Hemming on the 28th day of April last and at the same time paid him the balance of the account, amounting to £62.0.6, who promised to send him a receipt in acknowledgement of the same, but that he not received any such receipt.

The Chairman further reported to the meeting that he has received from Mr John Bigbee £57.19.6 for three quarters of a year's rent for the Bell Inn, due at and up to Christmas Day now last past.

The Chairman further reported that he had, pursuant to the directions of the last preceding meeting, made inquiries to enable him to give some information to the Trustees with respect to the charges made

by Mr Maliphant for surveying the Bell Inn, but could not obtain any intelligence on the subject that would justify them in giving their decided opinion on the reasonableness of the same.

Ordered, that the Chairman do pay the bill due to Mr Maliphant for making the survey etc. of the Bell Inn amounting to £30.18.0 out of the monies in his hands and pay the balance to the Revd Dr Hemming, and that he do at the same time request him to send a receipt for the sum last paid to him on the account hereinbefore stated on the 28 day of April last.

Ordered, that the Chairman do also immediately apply to the said Dr Hemming and intimate to him the desire of the Trustees that the Lease of the Rectory Farm agreed to be granted to him should be prepared and executed without further delay, and do also propose to him the option of having the said Lease prepared by his own solicitor, and in case of his refusal to accept such a proposal, that a draft of a Lease be prepared by the Solicitor of the Trustees and sent to Dr Hemming for his approval, and further that the Chairman do request of the said Dr Hemming that the rents now in arrear of payment be immediately settled, and the Rectory Account between him and the Trustees be balanced and settled up to the present time, and receipts for the same mutually given and exchanged.

Adjourned to

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

John Newbery

James Annett

Robert Spencer

Martin Sanderson

[165] Memorandum: Mr Tho(ma)s Hyde, one of the Trustees, departed this life November 1821.

Vestry Room, Hampton

Friday 23rd November 1821

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School of Hampton.

Present:

The Reverend Sam(ue)l Ja(me)s Goodenough, Vicar
Mr W(illia)m Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Annett
Mr John Newbery
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr James Downton

The Revd Sam(ue)l James Goodenough, Vicar, in the Chair.

Mr William Jackson, Chairman of the last preceding meeting, reported that he had in pursuance of the directions of the meeting paid Mr Maliphant's bill for surveying the Bell Inn out of the revenues of the School and had paid the balance of the account to Dr Hemming.

Mr Jackson produced a statement of the account as settled by him with Dr Hemming and his acknowledgement of the same as also his receipt for the payment of the former balance of £62.0.6, directed to be procured from him by order of the last meeting.

Mr Jackson further reported that he had written to Dr Hemming to intimate to him the desire of the Trustees with respect to the execution of the Lease of the Rectory Farm as expressed in the orders of the last meeting, and that he had received a letter from him in reply to request the Trustees to accept of Mr Benn and Mr Bridges, being the persons to whom he has severally agreed to lease the Rectory Farm, as their tenants of the said farm in his stead. The letter, being now produced and read from the Chair, is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes of this meeting.

The Trustees, taking the said letter into consideration, are of opinion that it is not advisable to accept of the under tenants as Lessees in the stead of Dr Hemming as proposed by him in his letter and do therefore order that the Chairman do forthwith acquaint him with such determination and do further direct that the order of the last meeting be carried into effect.

[166] The Chairman presented a letter from the Revd{~~Dr Hemming~~} Mr Church, Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider of the best means of enlarging the Parish Church, which being read, is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

The Trustees, taking the subject matter of the said letter into consideration, do direct the Chairman to make known to Mr Church for the information of the Committee their willingness to assent to the requests of the Committee upon being assured and guaranteed that the Rectorial Property may be in no respect injured by the execution of the plan proposed, and that all due care and precaution shall be

taken for the removal and affixing of the monumental tablets and tombs now set up against the wall proposed to be removed and that the Rectorial Estate shall be so marked out and distinguished from the boundary line of the Church and proposed addition thereto that disputes may not hereafter occur as to the respective limits or boundaries of the same.

The account of rents received from the tenant of the Bell Inn and paid to Dr Hemming was audited at this meeting and ordered to be inserted among the Minutes of the meeting.

[Signed:]

S.J. Goodenough, Vicar, Chairman

John Newbery

Martin Sanderson

James Downton

Robert Spencer

Ja(me)s Annett

W(illia)m Jackson

[167] Copy of Mr Jackson's letter to Dr Hemming, sent by order of the meeting of Trustees of the 6th April 1821:

Revd Sir,

The Trustees having directed me to discharge Mr Maliphant's bill for surveying etc. of the Bell Inn and to pay over to you the balance of cash in my hands belonging to the Trust Estate, I accompany this with a copy of the bill and a statement of the account current and have ordered the bearer to pay you the balance amounting to £20.19.0. The satisfaction of the other claims on the Trust Estate alluded to in my last is postponed till the next receipt of rent.

The Trustees also desire me to request of you to send me a legal acknowledgement of the receipt of the balance of the account stated 28th day of April last and which I paid to you on that day.

They further instruct me to solicit an early arrangement of the rent account for the Rectory Farm. It appears to the Trustees that this object may be affected by the mutual interchange of acquittances and I therefore beg leave to submit this mode of arrangement to your consideration.

The Trustees, adverting to the length of time which has elapsed since the letting of the farm to you, are of opinion that the execution of the contract should be no longer delayed. They therefore direct me to renew to you the proposition contained in my letter of 29th Sept(embe)r 1817 of granting to you the option of the Lease being drawn by your sol(icito)r previously to

their giving instructions to their own sol(icito)r to prepare a d(ocumen)t of the same for your perusal.

I am, Revd Sir,
Your ob(edien)t serv(an)t,

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)
Hampton, 9th April 1821

Revd Dr Hemming

Copy of the reply of the Revd Dr Hemming to the above letter:

Hampton, April 13th 1821

Sir,

I can have no objection to give a legal acknowledgement for monies that I have actually received and herewith enclose a stamped receipt for the amount of the balance paid to me on 28th April 1821. I am also ready to make any interchange of acquittances in regard to the rent of the Rectory Farm, and in respect of the delay in executing the Lease. A reference to my letter of Oct(obe)r 3rd 1817 in answer to yours of Sep(tembe)r 29th will shew that it has not arisen from me. I, however, avail myself of my present opportunity of renewing [168] the request to the Trustees with which that letter commences as well for the reasons therein assigned, as that the present Under-tenants (Ben and Bridges) are likewise Tenants of your own. In addition to which, I would give the Trustees any legal security to bear them harmless from the effects of such a transfer. I will also prepare a stamped receipt for the new balance tendered to me by Mr Kent on Monday last.

I am, Sir,
Your humble ser(van)t,

Sam(ue)l Hemming
Master of the Free School

Mr William Jackson
Trustee of Hammond's Charity

Copy of a letter from the Revd William Church, Chairman of the Committee appointed (by the inhabitants of the Parish of Hampton in Vestry assembled) to consider of the best means of enlarging the Parish Church of Hampton.

Hampton, Midd(lese)x

21st Oct(obe)r 1821

Gent(leme)n,

At a meeting of the Committee for considering the best means of enlarging the Parish Church of Hampton held the 1st day of Sep(tembe)r last, Mr Hardwick the architect submitted a plan for the consideration of the Committee by which such enlargement is proposed to be effected by means of taking down and removing the wall on the north side of the Chancel and which separates it from the Vestry Room, and enclosing the piece of ground now forming the site on which the Vestry Room is erected within the area of the Church; but it being represented to the Committee that the Chancel constitutes a component part of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton, the legal property of which is invested in you {**} in trust, and the said plan cannot therefore be carried into execution unless your assent to the removal of the wall is previously obtained, I am directed by the Committee to request the favour of you to acquaint me for their information, whether in the event of such plan being considered by the Committee as proper to be recommended by them for the adoption of the Vestry, your consent to the removal of the wall will be granted upon the parishioners undertaking at their own expense to provide for the substantial support of the roof by the substitution of [169] pillars or by such other means as the architect may judge to be more efficient for that purpose, and also to concur with you in all such other measures as may be reasonably advised for the preservation of the /interest of\ [the] Rectorial Estate, {ø#}/which\ the execution of the plan may render necessary.

I am, Gen(tleme)n,

Y(ou)r very obed(ien)t servant,

W(illia)m Church, Chairman

To the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton

Copy of statement of accounts between the Trustees of Hamonde's [sic] Charity and the Revd Dr Hemming so far as the same relates to the receipt and payment of the rents of the Bell Inn.

Th(ursday) 9 Ap(ri)l 1821

| Trustees, D(ebto)r | £sd | Same, C(redito)r | £sd |
|--|---------|--|---------|
| By three quarters of a year's rent received of Mr John Bigbee for the Bell Inn to Christmas Day 1820 | 51.19.6 | By cash retained for the payment of Mr Maliphant's bill for surveying etc. of the Bell Inn | 30.18.0 |
| | | Postage of four letters from Mr Maliphant | 0.1.0 |
| | | Stamp receipts given to Mr Bigbee | 0.1.6 |
| | | Balance due to Dr Hemming | 20.19.0 |
| | 51.19.6 | | 51.19.6 |

Copy:

Hampton , April 9 1821. Received of the Trustees of Hammond's Charity £20.19.0, being the balance of account delivered by them to this day.

£20 19s 0d

[signed:]

Sam(ue)l Hemming
Ma(ste)r of the Free School

Copy of statement of accounts relating to the same and subsequently made between Will(ia)m Jackson on behalf of the Trustees and the Revd Dr Hemming

| Trustees, D(ebto)r | £sd | Same, C(redito)r | £sd |
|---|---------|--|---------|
| Half a year's rent of the Bell Inn at Hampton to the 24 th June 1821 rec(eive)d of Mr Bigbee | 34.13.0 | Cash paid by Mr Jackson at the request of Dr Hemming in discharge of half a year's assessed taxes due 5 th Ap(ri)l as for receipt | 17.18.6 |
| | | Stamp receipt given to Mr Bigbee for rent | 0.1.0 |
| | | Bal(anc)e of Account | 17.3.6 |
| | 34.13.0 | | 34.13.0 |

Witness: Fr(anci)s Jackson Kent

Acc(oun)t stated and settled: W(illia)m Jackson

Acknowledged Oct(ober) 2 1821, Sam(ue)l Hemming

[170] Bell Inn, Hampton
Monday 30th Sept(em)b(e)r 1822

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate of Hampton and of the Bell Inn and other premises belonging to the Free School.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Downton
Mr John Newbery
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr James Annett

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had attended several meetings of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the state of charitable institutions throughout the Kingdom (by virtue of an Act of Parliament lately passed) held at the Red Lion Inn in this Parish, and had represented to the s(ai)d Commissioners the dissatisfaction generally expressed by the inhabitants at the present system of instruction adopted in the Free School and their desire that the former mode of teaching should be again recurred to and that he had caused several of the inhabitants, to the number of fourteen, having children now for education in the said school and others desirous of placing their children therein for education to attend the said Commissioners in order that they might satisfy themselves by the personal examination of the said inhabitants as to the correctness of the representation so made by him, and that the said Commissioners had severally examined the said inhabitants as to their opinion with respect to the efficiency of such system severally, and that they had uniformly expressed their disapprobation of such a system and their decided preference to the former mode of instruction, and that the said Commissioners had stated to him their intention [171] of taking the same into their consideration.

The Chairman also reported to this meeting that he has subsequently received a letter from Mr Poynder, Clerk of the said Comm(issione)rs, requesting to be informed as to the opinion of the Trustees on the question of the expediency of dividing the system of education to be pursued in the said school into two parts or branches, one of which is to be confined to the instruction of scholars in the Latin language and the other to the instruction of younger children in the English tongue and writing and arithmetic {irrecoverable deletion; two and a half lines} in the event of the Commissioners being empowered to cause such a system so proposed by them to be carried into effect. See copy of letter page 6 infra*

The Trustees, having heard Mr Poynder's letter read from the Chair and taking the same into consideration, are of the opinion that the ~~{System}~~/ plan\ so proposed by the Comm(issione)rs would be of much advantage toward the promoting the education of the children of the said school if the same can be effectuated and do therefore order that the Chairman do make known such their opinion to Mr Poynder and request him to communicate the same to the said Comm[issione]rs as early as convenience suits.

Ordered that these Minutes be signed by the Chairman in the name of the Trustees present.

Adjourned sine die.

[signed:]

By order of the meeting,
W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[172] Hampton, Midd(lese)x
Wednesday Dec(embe)r 23rd 1822

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and Free School of Hampton held this day.

Present:

Mr W(illia)m Jackson
Mr Martin Sanderson
Mr James Annett
Mr James Downton
Mr Rob(er)t Spencer

Mr W(illia)m Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had by letter had communicated to Mr Poynder the decision of the Trustees on the proposal submitted to their consideration by him in his last letter, and that he has received a reply from him stating ~~{his regret}~~ that the Commissioners /regret that [they]\ do not conceive themselves authorised to carry such proposal into execution. See copy of letter 5th page infra.

The Chairman also produced Mr Poynder's letter announcing the same, which was read from the Chair.

The account of rent received ~~and paid~~ by the Chairman from Mr Bigbee, the occupier of the Bell Inn, up to Midsummer last and of the payment of the same to Dr Hemming was audited and allowed.

Ordered, that these Minutes be signed by the Chairman in the name of the Trustees present.

Signed by me in the name and by order of the meeting,

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[173] Vestry Room, Hampton, Midd(les)ex
Monday 20th September 1824

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of the Free School of Hampton.

Present:

Mr W(illia)m Jackson
Mr Ardern Hulme
Mr James Annett
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Downton
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr John J Pepperday } Churchwardens
Mr Robert Lawrence }

Mr Will(ia)m Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he has been applied to by the Revd Dr Hemming, Master of the Free School, representing that circumstances existed that rendered it highly desirable and important to him to reside at his Rectory of Lavant in the county of Sussex for the space of two or three years now next succeeding and requesting of the Trustees to grant him leave of absence from Hampton during such period, proposing to appoint a sufficient deputy or superintendent in addition to Mr O'Neill, the present Assistant Teacher, at a salary of £100 p(e)r annum and that the nomination of such temporary superintendent shall be (if they desired) entirely at the will of the Trustees.

The Chairman presented the copy of a letter written by Dr Hemming to the Revd Mr Goodenough on the subject and Mr Goodenough's reply to the same, assenting thereto upon the supposition that the

Trustees possess the power of dispensing with the daily attendance of the Master of the School, which were severally read from the Chair.

The Chairman also informed the Trustees that he had requested Mr Robert Lawrence, Mr J(oh)n Jackson Pepperday [174] and Mr Thomas Kent, Churchwardens of the Parish, to attend this meeting in order that the Trustees might have the benefit of their assistance and advice in the discussion of a subject which appeared to him to be of peculiar importance to the interests of the Free School and those of the parishioners of Hampton in general.

The Trustees now present, taking the said request /for leave of absence\ into consideration and also considering that the power of appointment to the Mastership of the Free School /under Hammond's Charity\ is vested in the parishioners at large and not in the Trustees, as well as that the Deed of Endowment of John Jones's Executors expressly requires that the Master shall reside in a convenient school or house in the Parish of Hampton and teach the children personally and not by substitute or usher unless in case of sickness or other like unavoidable disability or necessity, are of opinion and do resolve unanimously that the power of dispensing the residence and personal attendance of the Master is not vested in them as Trustees.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman
John Newbery
James Annett
Robert Spencer
James Downton
Ard(er)n Hulme
J(oh)n J Pepperday } Churchwardens
Rob(er)t Lawrence }

[175] Vestry Room, Hampton
26th October 1824

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and Free School of Hampton held this day.

Present:

Mr William Jackson in the Chair
Mr James Annett

Mr James Downton
Mr John Newbery
Mr Robert Spencer

The Chairman produced to the meeting a bill sent to him by Mr William Sanderson of Oxford Street, Lond(on), amounting to £30.9.6 for refreshments provided by him for the Trustees at the several attendances in town during th[e] progress of the Chancery Suit, together with a letter from Mr Sanderson requesting payment of the same. Also a bill from Mr Bigbee for chaise hire amounting to £9.19.6.

Ordered, that the Chairman be requested to advance the money for payment of the said bills, and charge the same to the account of the several Trustees interested in the payment of the same.

The Chairman reported to the Trustees that he had advanced at his own expense on account of the Trustees the sum of £150 towards payment of the costs of the Chancery Suit and produced the receipt of the late Mr Winn, /late\ Sol(icito)r to the Trustees, acknowledging the same. Also that he had advanced the further sum of £3.13.0 in payment of a bill to Mr Sanderson for refreshments, subsequent to the aforementioned bill having been contracted.

Ordered, that such sums so advanced by him be charged to the credit and account of the Trustees who are interested in the suit, the payment to await the judgement of the Court on the question of costs on the Master's Report being made, to whom the case as to some particulars now stands referred.

[176] Ordered, that the Chairman do give instructions to Mr William Anderton Portal, the Sol(icito)r of the Trustees, to take the necessary measures for expediting the report of the Master to whom the case stands referred, in order that the early decision of the Court on the question of costs may be obtained.

[signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)
John Newbery
Robert Spencer
Ja(me)s Annett
James Downton

[177] Copies of letters received by Mr W(illia)m Jackson, Ch(airma)n of the Trustees, from Mr William Poynder, Clerk to the Commissioners, for enquiring into charities referred to in these Minutes of the proceedings of the Trustees' meetings held on the 30th Sept(embe)r and 23rd Dec(embe)r 1822.

[Marginal note: *Referred to in the Minutes of the meeting 30th Sept(em)b(e)r 1822]

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners for Charities to inform you that, having considered in what mode the School may be rendered beneficial to the Parish of Hampton, they request the favour of your informing them (by letter, directed as under) whether it would not be of service to the Parish to divide the Schools, so as to have one school under Hammond and Pigeon's foundation and one of a superior description under the foundation of Jones's Executors.

I am, Sir,

Your most obed(ien)t serv(an)t,

John Poynder, Cl(er)k

12 Great George Street

25th September 1822

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners for enquiring into Charities to inform you that they find with regret that the scheme of dividing the School at Hampton is impracticable – indeed it appears to them that the income is not sufficient to justify them in pressing Dr Hemming to give up a sufficient sum for the support of a second school.

I am, Sir,

Your most obed(ien)t h(um)ble serv(an)t,

John Poynder, Cl(er)k

12 Great George Street

1 Dec(embe)r 1822

I certify the above to be true copies of the letters received by me from Mr Poynder.

Witness my hand,

W(illia)m Jackson

Chairman of the meetings of Trustees

[178] Vestry Room, Hampton

Friday 11th May 1827

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and Free School of Hampton held this day for the purpose of taking into consideration the present state of the Free School so far as the same relates to the mode of education now pursued therein and also to consider whether it may be necessary to adopt any and what precautionary measures to protect and preserve the interests of the said school and the Rectorial Property from encroachment or deterioration in the event of the enlargement and improvement of the Parish Church, rendering it necessary to take down, alter or otherwise affect the present building used as a School Room and Chancel or either of them.

Present:

Mr William Jackson in the Chair

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr James Annett

Mr Robert Spencer

It being represented to the Trustees now assembled that the Revd Dr Hemming, Master of the Free School, in or about the month of November last /was\ attacked with a paralytic complaint and still continues to suffer under the effects of the same, in consequence whereof he has ever since been and still continues incapable of attending the School and instructing the children or superintending their education, the Trustees, considering it necessary that they should be accurately informed as to the probability of the continuance of such disability in order that they may in such event adopt such measures as they may think necessary for the instruction of the scholars and for the general management of the School, do hereby order that the Chairman do write a letter to Messrs Gilchrist and Jepson, the medical attendants on the Doctor, respectfully requesting them to acquaint him for the information of the Trustees [179] with their opinion as to the present state of the Doctor's health and the probable consequences that may be expected to result /so far\ as the same refers to the continuance of his present disability.

Resolved, that it appears to this meeting that in case the present plan proposed for the enlargement of the Church shall be carried into execution, the present School Room and the walls of the Chancel must be necessarily removed and that it is the opinion of this meeting that the same ought not to be permitted unless a sufficient and substantial School Room of suitable dimension for the accommodation of the children and such as the Trustees shall {⌘} approve of shall be previously provided for the reception of scholars and also unless sufficient security be likewise given to the satisfaction of the Trustees for the re-erection of the Chancel in a proper and durable manner and for the preservation of the boundary of the same as well as for the taking down and replacing the monuments, mural tablets and tombstones now fixed up and lying in the same, and that in case such a School Room shall not be so provided and

such security previously given, that an application be made to the Court of Chancery for an injunction to stay such removal until such room shall be built and such security for the re-erection of the Chancel as aforesaid shall be given.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, Chairman
Robert Spencer
M(artin) Sanderson
James Annett

[180] Vestry Room, Hampton, Midd(lese)x
Monday 16th June 1828

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and Free School of the Parish of Hampton this day convened for special purposes.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr James Downton
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr William Gee, Churchwarden

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had requested the Churchwardens of the Parish to assist in the deliberations of the Trustees on this occasion.

The Chairman informed the Trustees that the Revd Samuel Hemming, Doctor in Divinity, late Master of the Free School of this Parish, departed this life yesterday evening, 15th Ins(tan)t, and the purpose of the present meeting was to deliberate upon such measures {a^z}/as\ may be rendered necessary to be taken by the Trustees in consequence of such event.

Mr Bland, assistant teacher of the late Dr Hemming, attended the Trustees persuant to their order and stated the number of boys now educated in the said school to be sixty. Mr Bland also suggested to the Trustees the expediency of the mid-summer holidays commencing immediately instead of the ensuing week, to which suggestion the Trustees assented and it is ordered accordingly.

Ordered, that the Chairman do give immediate notice to the several tenants of the Bell Inn, the Rectory Lands and the house in Fleet Street, late Nando's Coffee House, to pay the rents which will become due at Midsummer next to him to him (sic) as the Receiver appointed by the Trustees.

Ordered, that this meeting do adjourn to Monday next, 23rd Instant at 5 o' clock of the afternoon.

[181] [Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

Robert Spencer

James Downton

W(illia)m Gee, Churchwarden

Vestry Room, Hampton

Monday 23rd June 1828

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of other estates belonging to the Free School of Hampton under the several endowments of Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon and John Jones Esq. held this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson }

Mr Ardern Hulme }

Mr John Newbery } Trustees

Mr Robert Spencer }

Mr James Downton }

And Mr W(illia)m Gee, Churchwarden

Mr Will(ia)m Jackson in the Chair.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Trustees' were read from the Chair.

The Chairman reported to the Trustees present that the Revd George Hemming, the eldest son of the late Dr Samuel Hemming (and together with Mr George Spence of Sise Lane, London, Sol(icito)r, joint Executor of his Will) had waited on him this morning to enquire what arrangements had been or were contemplated to be made by the Trustees with respect to the apportionment of the arrears of rents

payable out of the several Trust premises, and that he had informed him that the Trustees had not come to any decision on the subject or interfered therewith further than the ordering the several tenants to suspend the payment [182] thereof, until the Trustees shall upon due deliberation make such order therein as they shall think to be advisable and proper, and that he would submit the same to the consideration of the Trustees at this meeting and acquaint him with the result.

The Chairman further reported to the Trustees assembled that he informed Mr Hemming that the Trustees would hold the Executors of Dr Hemming responsible for the delapidations of the Chancel, Rectory Barn and other the Trust premises and that Mr Hemming had informed him in reply that the Executors were aware of their liability to put the said premises into a condition of substantial (but not ornamental) repair according to the report of a Surveyor to be appointed for such purpose.

The Chairman further reported to the Trustees that from various causes (but chiefly owing to the proceedings in Chancery in the Suit instituted therein by the late Dr Hemming against the Trustees in the Matter of Hamonde's [sic] Charity), the Lease agreed to be granted by the Trustees to John Bigbee of the Bell Inn had not been executed by the Trustees, which Lease he the said Chairman now laid before the meeting together with the counterpart thereof.

The Chairman further reported to the meeting that in consequence of difficulties and delays which had arisen in ascertaining the several parties who are entitled to claim the two fourth parts of the premises in Fleet Street, formerly known as Nando's Coffee House (of which the Trustees are entitled to the remaining two fourth parts as Tenants in Common), the Lease agreed some years since to be granted to Mr John Hopkins, the present occupier of the premises, had been necessarily postponed but that such parties had now been lately ascertained and a draft of the Lease proposed to be granted had been prepared, [183] which had been approved by the said parties and which said draft of the said lease he now submitted for the perusal and approbation of the Trustees.

The Chairman also reported that he had been applied to by James Candle Esq., the Revd W(illia)m Church and other inhabitants of the Parish to request that the Trustees would take into their early and serious consideration the defective system of education which has for some years past [been] and is still carried on in the Free School of this Parish, for the purpose of establishing some plan for the {future} /future\ education of children therein better calculated to fulfill the intentions of the Founders of the said school in their several endowments thereof, and that the said inhabit(an)ts had declared their readiness to assist and co-operate with the Trustees in the establishment of such plan.

Resolved, that the Executors of the late Dr Hemming be requested to attend the next meeting of the Trustees to confer on the subject of the rent in arrear.

Resolved, that it is expedient that a surveyor be immediately appointed to survey, ascertain and value the extent and amount of the delapidations of the Rectory Estate and to report the same to the Trustees,

and that Mr Alfred Ainger of Doughty Street, Mecklenburgh Square, London, be appointed to be the surveyor for such purpose, and that the Chairman do {~~cause~~}/write\ to Mr Ainger to acquaint him therewith.

[Resolved], that the Trustees do at their next meeting take into consideration such plan for the future establishment of the Free School of this Parish as may appear to be best adapted to effectuate the intention of the founders Robert Hamonde [sic] and John Jones under their several endowments.

The draft of the Lease of the premises no. 14 Fleet Street, late Nando's Coffee House, from the Trustees and others to Mr John Hopkins was read and approved of by the Trustees present.

The Lease granted by the Trustees to Mr John [184] Bigbee of the Bell Inn, the execution of which has been from various causes hitherto delayed, was this day executed by the Trustees present.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

John Newbery

Robert Spencer

Ard(er)n Hulme

James Downton

W(illia)m Gee, Churchwarden

[185] Vestry Room, Hampton

Wednesday 9th July 1828

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Free School of the Parish of Hampton under the several endowments of Robert Hamonde [sic], Edmund Pigeon, John Jones and his Executors held this day (being specially convened) for the purpose of taking into consideration the present system and state of education of the said Free School and the necessity of making such reform and alteration therein as under existing circumstances may best conduce to promote and effectuate the views and intentions of the several donors expressed in their respective deeds of endowment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson

Mr Martin Sanderson

Mr John Newbery

Mr Robert Spencer
Mr James Downton
Mr Thomas Kent, Churchwarden of the Wick

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of the Trustees now assembled that the duties of the Master of the Free School of this Parish have for a long series of years past (and especially during the respective Masterships of the late Dr Hemming and his immediate predecessor the Revd Mr Kilsha) been grossly abused and neglected inasmuch as the tuition of the scholars have [sic] been chiefly entrusted to assistant teachers who were engaged by the Masters at a low salary and who did not possess adequate ability to discharge the functions of their office, and the chief part of the revenue of the School amounting on an average to upwards of £200 p(e)r ann(u)m has been reclaimed by the Masters for their own use as a sinecure, and that the remonstrances and endeavours of the Trustees [186] from time to time for the prevention and reform of such neglect and abuses have hitherto been ineffectual.

Resolved, that the system of education which has been introduced and pursued for several years past in the said school (and against which the Trustees have repeatedly but ineffectually protested) is unfit and insufficient for the instruction of children as intended and contemplated by the Donors in their endowments and has tended to degrade the School and that the consequence of such having been the effect produced thereby is evident from the notorious fact that the only children sent for education therein are those of persons in the lowest rank of society whose poverty will not permit them to pay for their instruction elsewhere, and that other inhabitants of the Parish who possessed the means of procuring suitable education for their children have /been\ put {themselves} to great expense and inconvenience in sending them to other schools to obtain the same.

Resolved, that it appears to this meeting that it would be advisable for the better effectuating the object of the several endowments [that] the School should be in future divided into two several departments or schools under separate and distinct masters, the lower department or school to be under the endowments of Hamonde{s} [sic] and Pigeon and to be appropriated to the instruction of children in the English language, Writing and Arithmetic, and the upper department or school under the endowments of Jones and his Executors and to be appropriated to the instruction of scholars in the English and Latin languages, Writing and Arithmetic under such forms, classes and regulations as may hereafter be considered advisable.

Resolved, that the opinion of Counsel be taken on the question, whether the Schools can be separated into such departments or schools under the several endowments of Hamonde [sic] and Jones, and that a case be prepared [187] and submitted to Counsel by the Chairman for such purpose, and the further consideration of the question be adjourned until such opinion can be obtained.

The Chairman reported to the Trustees that Mr Francis Merewether, the Revd Mr Morris and Mr William Walton had offered themselves as candidates for the Mastership under the endowment of Mr Jones. Ordered that the Chairman do apply to the several candidates to request them to supply him with the requisite testimonials of their abilities for the office for the consideration of the Trustees.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had directed Mr Ainger, the surveyor appointed at the last meeting, to survey the same and that Mr Ainger had made such a survey accordingly and reported thereon, which report the Chairman now produced and laid before the meeting.

Ordered, that the Chairman do apply to Mr Ainger and request him to send him a separate estimate of the amount of the delapidations of the Chancel and those of the Barn and other part [sic] of the Rectory Estate.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)
Robert Spencer
James Downton
Martin Sanderson
John Newbery
Tho(ma)s Kent, Churchwarden

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[189] Vestry Room, Hampton
Saturday, July 12th 1828

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Free School of Hampton held this day to take into consideration the expediency of appointing a teacher of the said school during and until such time as the arrangements at present in contemplation for the better regulation of the School can be effected.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Annett

Mr Robert Spencer
Mr William Gee } Churchwarden
Mr James Downton

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

It appearing to the Trustees that the present mid-summer vacation will expire on Monday next and that it is requisite some provision should be made for the instruction of the children until the arrangements for the better regulation of the School in the future, now under the consideration of the Trustees, shall be decided on, it is ordered by the Trustees that the School shall be opened on Monday 21st Instant for the instruction of children in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.

Resolved, that this meeting, considering that the system of education which has for some years past been acted upon in the said school commonly known by the name of Dr Bell's is not approved of by the inhabitants in general and concurring with them in opinion that such system, though calculated for the instruction of children in a Charity School (where it is desirable that a great number of children should be taught with the least possible expense), is not adapted for a Free School /amply endowed\, are of opinion that such system shall in future be discontinued, and that the scholars shall [190] be taught according to the former system, which was observed in the School previous to Bell's System being introduced.

Mr George Bridges Jun(ior) of Hampton having applied to the Trustees and offered his services to teach the said school until the arrangements for the future regulation of the School shall be decided on and a Master of the same shall be duly elected and appointed and the said Mr George Bridges having produced specimens of Writing to the Trustees and declared his willingness to produce testimonials of his ability and knowledge in Arithmetic, the Trustees being satisfied therewith do accept of his services and do hereby appoint him to teach the said School until a Master shall be duly appointed, and that the sum of £1.5.0 per week be allowed to him for so long as he shall be permitted to teach the said school.

Ordered, that a small supply of books for Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, slates, pens and ink be supplied to the teacher for the use of the scholars (until the Master shall be appointed) at the charge of the Trust Funds.

Ordered, that no child shall in future be admitted for instruction in the School but such as be previously approved by one of the Trustees and who shall receive from such Trustee a ticket for his admittance.

Ordered, that notice shall be publicly given in the Church tomorrow and like notice be fixed to the Church door of the time of opening the School, and that persons desirous of sending their children for instruction in the School be thereby desired to apply to the Trustees for tickets of admission.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

John Newbery

James Annett

Robert Spencer

James Downton

Wil(lia)m Gee }Churchwarden

[191] Vestry Room, Hampton

Friday August 15th 1828

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Free School of Hampton held this day (pursuant to notice) for the purpose of taking into consideration certain matters affecting the estates wherewith the School is endowed, and other general business relating to the same.

Present:

Mr William Jackson

Mr James Annett

Mr John Newbery

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr Arden Hulme

Mr James Downton

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Trustees this day attended the School and personally enquired into the system of education at present pursued therein under the conduct of Mr George Bridges, who was at the last preceding meeting provisionally appointed to instruct the children until a Master should be duly elected, and also examined severally the scholars as to the progress made by them in the several branches of learning in which they are instructed, and do hereby declare their satisfaction therewith.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that in pursuance of the order of the last meeting he had provided necessary books for Writing, Reading and Accounts, pens, pencils, ink and paper for the use of the scholars, and that he had expended therein [sic] the sum of £11.12.0.

The Chairman further reported to the meeting that he had received a letter from Mr Spence of Sise Lane, London, one of the Executors of the Will of the late Dr Hemming, claiming to be allowed the rents of the Rectory Estates and of the other property with which the School is endowed up to Midsummer last, which letter having [192] been produced and read from the Chair, a copy of the same is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes of this meeting.

The Chairman further reported to the meeting that he had received from Mr Alfred Ainger, the surveyor appointed on behalf of the Trustees to survey and estimate the delapidations of the Rectorial Estate, separate inventories and estimates of the delapidations of the Chancel and of the Rectory Barn and Lands, the { ~~former~~ }/latter\ of which he computes at the sum of £39.14.0 and the { ~~latter~~ }/former\ at £18.15.0, copies of which inventories and estimates he laid before the meeting.

The Chairman further reported that he had written to Mr Spence in reply to inform him that he would submit his letter to the consideration of the Trustees and would acquaint him with their decision thereon, and that he had at the same time forwarded to Mr Spence the original inventories and estimates of the said delapidations, a copy of which reply he read from the Chair.

The Trustees taking the claim made by Mr Spence, one of the Ex(ecut)ors of Dr Hemming, into consideration, are of opinion that the Executors shall be permitted to receive the rent of the Rectory Estates and of the house and premises in Fleet Street up to Lady Day last and of the Bell Inn up to Christmas last, being the days next preceding the Doctor's decease on which the said rents were reserved and made payable.

The Chairman represented to the meeting that several applications had been made to him and other Trustees by persons being parishioners and inhabitants of the Parish but not paying scot and lot therein for their children to be admitted for instruction into the Free School, which admittance had been denied to them on the ground of their not being eligible under the provisions of the deed of 10th Dec(embe)r 1787 which requires such parishioners shall pay scot and lot, and requested that the meeting will take the same into consideration and come to a decision thereon. The deed having been produced by the Chairman and inspected by the meeting and it being found that the boys to be instructed in the School are thereby described and required to be "the Children of parishioners that are or may be inhabitants of and paying scot and lot in the Parish [193] and hamlet" are of opinion that the children of such persons as are parishioners and inhabitants but who do not pay scot and lot in the Parish are not admissible to the said school, and that any child who may have been inadvertently admitted into the said school, not being so qualified, is liable to be dismissed therefrom.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

James Annett

John Newbery
Robert Spencer
Ard(ern) Hulme
James Downton

Vestry Room, Hampton, Friday 29th Aug(ust) 1828

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Free School held this day.

Present:

Mr W(illia)m Jackson (in the Chair)
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Downton
Mr Rob(er)t Spencer
Mr Ja(mes) Annett

The Chairman informed the Trustees that he had had a conference with Mr Spence on the subject of Dr Hemming's claims, and that Mr Spence had insisted that Dr Hemming ought to have been considered as Tenant for Life and as such entitled by law to a proportional part of the School Revenues up to the time of his death as well as equitably entitled to the same on the ground of the Executors having paid off all outgoings up to Midsummer last. The Trustees taking the same into consideration do rescind the order of the last meeting so far as it relates to the said claim and do hereby order that the Chairman do receive the whole of the rent in arrear up to such period, and do account for the same with the Executors of the s(ai)d Dr Hemming provided always that the produce of such rents so received shall be considered as subject to the claim of the Trustees to the repayment of £150 paid to their late solicitor, Mr Winn, and of other costs incurred by them in the suit now pending in the Court of Chancery, as well as of other costs they may be subsequently put to in the said suit, and that the Chairman do give directions to Mr Portal, their sol(icito)r, to communicate with Mr Spence respecting the same.

By the Trustees present,

[signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[194] Vestry Room, Hampton
Friday 12th September 1828

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Free School held this ~~purpose~~ day for the purpose of further considering the measures most expedient to be adopted for the future establishment of the said school on such a basis and under such regulations as may best tend to promote and carry into full effect the benevolent intentions of the Founders and thereby to obtain for and permanently secure to the inhabitants of this Parish the advantages which they are justly entitled to receive from and under the several endowments of the same.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Downton
Mr James Annett
Mr Robert Spencer

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The resolution agreed upon by the meeting of the 9th day of July last which relates to the proposed division of the School into two separate departments under separate Masters was read from the chair.

Resolved, that this meeting do approve of the said resolution so far as the same relates to the division of the School into two departments to be placed under the conduct and management of two several Masters and to the several appropriations of such departments to the instruction of the scholars therein in the several branches of education in the said resolution specified, and in accordance with the same do hereby declare their opinion that it will best tend to effectuate the object and intent of the Founders under the several endowments and conduce to the advantage of the inhabitants of the Parish that the said school should in future be divided into two departments, one of such departments to be denominated the Upper School and to be appropriated to the grammatical education of boys in the Latin and English languages, Writing, and the [196] higher branches of Arithmetic and the mathematics as applied to commercial purposes, and the other department to be denominated the Lower School and to be appropriated to the grammatical education of boys in the English language and in Writing and Arithmetic as applicable to trade or business.

Resolved, that /it\ is the opinion of this meeting that the said department of the said school be placed under the conduct and management of two several and distinct Masters under the control and superintendence of the Trustees for the time being, such Masters to be elected and appointed in manner

hereinafter mentioned and to be severally denominated with relation to their respective appointments: the Master of the Upper School and the Master of the Lower School of the Free Grammar School of Hampton under the endowments of Robert Hamonde [sic], John Jones and others according to the regulations and provisions made and provided for the better establishment and management thereof by the Trustees with the approbation and assent of the inhabitants of the Parish of Hampton in Vestry assembled, and that the election and appointment of the said respective Masters shall not be made with or have or bear any reference to any particular estate /or\ property constituting part or parcel of the endowments of the said School so as to give or vest any such Master respectively any right, title or claim to any such particular estate or property or to the rents or produce of the same.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this meeting that the respective Masters of the said school shall be elected and appointed to hold their several offices for so long time only as they shall respectively in the judgement and opinion of the Trustees for the time being or a major part of them conduct themselves well in the discharge of their several offices according to the rules and orders which shall from time to time be made by the said Trustees or a major part for the time being for the regulation and management of the same and that such Masters shall not be appointed for the term of their respective lives or for any definite or other term except as herein before mentioned.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this meeting that a yearly stipend or salary of £200 be allowed and paid to the Master who shall be appointed to teach in the Upper School [197] and a yearly stipend or salary of £80 be allowed and paid to the Master who shall be appointed to teach in the Lower School, such stipends to be allowed and paid to them half yearly but subject always to a rateable and proportionable abatement thereout respectively in case of any decrease taking place in the annual produce or rents of the property with which the School is endowed for its support. And it is also the opinion of this meeting that in case the premises now called the Bell Inn shall at any future time be let at a higher or advanced yearly rent than the present reserved rent now paid for the same, the difference in amount between the present and such future rent shall be appropriated and paid to the Master of the Lower School in augmentation of the stipend aforesaid.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this meeting that the annual rents and revenues of the estates and property wherewith the School is endowed shall in future be consolidated and together constitute one entire fund for the maintenance and support of the said school under the form and regulations on which the same is now proposed to be settled and established and that the same shall from time to time be received by the Trustees or by a receiver to be appointed by them, and that they do and shall from time to time pay and apply the same (after first deducting thereout the yearly pensions payable to the six poor men out of the annual proceeds of the Rectory) towards the payment of the yearly stipends or salaries above mentioned payable to the Masters of the said school, and as to the surplus or remainder of the said rents and produce which shall from time to time remain in their hands, do and shall use and apply the same for providing coal for firing for the use of the Schools during the winter season and also for providing books and other requisites of instruction for the use of such boys in the Lower School

whose parents by reason of their poverty have not the means of supplying them with, and also for providing from time to time rewards to be given to the scholars as an encouragement for their improvement in learning.

Resolved, that, the election of the Master of the School under Hamonde's [sic] Foundation being vested in the inhabitants of the Parish paying scot and lot, such inhabitants in lieu thereof in future to exercise the right of electing the Master of the Lower School, and the election [198] of the Master under the endowments of Jones being vested in the Trustees, such Trustees in lieu thereof in future to exercise the right of electing the Master of the Upper School.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of the meeting that no boy shall be admitted by the Master for instruction into either of the said Schools without a ticket or order for his admission first granted by one of the Trustees, and that a major part of the Trustees may expel from the said schools either provisionally for a limited time or wholly, according to their judgement and discretion, any boy who shall behave himself disorderly or contumaciously, who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the rules and orders made by the Trustees for the governance of the said schools.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)
James Downton
Robert Spencer
John Newbery
James Annett

Vestry Room, Hampton, Midd(lese)x
Monday 13th July 1829

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Free School held this day.

Present:

Mr Will(ia)m Jackson (in the Chair)
Mr James Downton }
Mr James Annett }
Mr Rob(er)t Spencer } Trustees
Mr J(oh)n Newbery }
Mr Ardern Hulme }

Mr John King } Churchwarden

The Trustees attended the School, and having examined the progress made by the scholars, do express their entire approval thereof.

The Chairman reported that no arrangement had yet been effected with the Executors of the late Dr Hemming with respect to the proposed appropriation of the portion of the school revenues for which the Trustees stand accountable to them by order of the meeting of 29th Aug(us)t 1828. It is thereupon ordered by this meeting that the Chairman do apply to their solicitor Mr Portal and request him to see Mr Spence and submit to him the expediency of a compromise being entered into between the Trustees and the Executors on the grounds of the Executors agreeing to the Trustees' applying the said portion to the purposes expressed in the said order.

Ordered, that when the Vicar shall come to Hampton (his arrival being shortly expected) a meeting be held to consider of a plan for the future management of the School.

By the Trustees,

[signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[199] Vestry Room, Hampton

Wednesday 10th Sept(em)b(e)r 1829

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Free School of Hampton held this day for the purpose of taking into consideration the present state of the said school and of the revenues arising out of the several endowments thereof and to make such orders with relation to the same and to the future regulation and management of the said school as may appear in the best manner to conduce the advantage of the inhabitants of the Parish and fully to effectuate the purposes of the Founders.

Present:

Revd Sam(ue)l James Goodenough, Vicar, in the Chair

Mr William Jackson

Mr Ardern Hulme

Mr James Annett

Mr John Newbery

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr James Downton

Mr George Bridges, the Master of the School provisionally appointed by the Trustees, attended the meeting and reported that the number of scholars now educated in the school is 73. Mr Bridges also produced for the inspection of the Trustees the writing and accounts books of the scholars and generally described and reported on the progressive improvement in the several branches of learning made by the scholars since they have been placed under his tuition.

Resolved, that this meeting are [sic] highly satisfied therewith and also with the zealous attention and ability evinced by Mr Bridges in the management of the School and instruction of the scholars.

The Treasurer laid before the meeting the account of receipt and expenditure of the School since the decease of the late Master Dr Hemming and also a statement of the yearly revenues of the estates with which the School is endowed.

[200] The resolutions of the meetings of the 9th July and 12th Sep(tembe)r 1829 expressive of the opinion of the Trustees of the inefficiency of the system of education which had been previously acted upon for the education of the scholars and of the expediency of dividing the School into two departments, to be placed under the management of two several Masters, also a letter received from the Commissioners for enquiring into Charitable Institutions relative to such division of the School were read from the Chair.

Resolved, that this meeting concurs with the said resolutions as to the expediency of the measures thereby proposed for the future regulation of the said school if the same can be legally carried into effect, and that for ascertaining and finally settling the same it is considered advisable by this meeting that an application be made to the Court of Chancery for the purpose of obtaining the authority and sanction of the Court for the adoption of the system or plan for the future management and ordering of the said school and for the apportionment and appropriation of the revenues of the same in proportion and to the purposes specified in the said resolutions, and that the Chairman be authorised to make such application in such manner as Council may advise and that the expense attending the same be depayed out of the revenues of the School.

Resolved, that until the result of the application directed to be made to the Court of Chancery can be ascertained, the election of a Master under the endowment of Jones and his Executors be further deferred.

[signed:]

S. J. Goodenough, Chairman

W(illia)m Jackson
John Newbery
Robert Spencer
James Annett
James Downton
Ard(e)rn Hulme

[201] Vestry Room, Hampton
Wednesday 23rd May 1832

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and Free School of Hampton held this day.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Downton
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr James Annett

Mr Will(ia)m Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman produced and laid before the meeting two plans for the erection of the new School Rooms which he had caused to be designed, one by Mr Henry Walker Jun. and one by Mr Thomas Tindal Walker.

The Trustees having carefully examined the plans and considered the same with reference to their adaptation to the site of the land on which the building is proposed to be erected are of opinion that it is expedient that the ~~{said building is not well suited to}~~ said building should [not] be contracted in its proposed dimensions or otherwise that such other alterations should be made therein as would better accord with the ground plot, and the Trustees therefore direct that the Chairman do apply to Mr Thomas T. Walker to prepare another plan better adapted to suit the said ground plot, or otherwise to alter the present plan so as to produce such effect if such alteration can be made therein.

By order of the meeting,

[signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[202] Vestry Room, Hampton

Tuesday 26th June 1832

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and Free School of Hampton held this day.

Present:

Mr William Jackson

Mr John Newbery

Mr James Annett

Mr James Downton

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

A plan prepared by Mr Tho(ma)s T. Walker conformable to the suggestions made by the Trustees at their last preceding meeting was submitted to the consideration of the Trustees now assembled.

Mr Tho(ma)s T. Walker attended the meeting and gave such information as was required respecting the particulars of the said plan and stated that he had estimated the expense of carrying the same into execution would lie between £600 and £650.

The Trustees do approve of the said plan.

The Trustees considering it desirable that Counsel's opinion should be taken previously to their giving directions for the commencement of the work as to whether the application of the fund that may arise from the surplus of the rents of the Trust Estates to the purpose of such erection would be liable to be considered by the Court of Chancery as a breach of trust, and as such subject them to the censure or punishment of the said Court in the event of an application being made by any of the inhabitants or other persons who may be adverse to the measure proposed, it is ordered by the meeting that the Chairman do as soon as is convenient propose [203] and submit a case for the opinion of Mr Koe on the subject.

Resolved, that the Trustees do hold a meeting on Monday next, the 2nd July, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon to proceed to take a personal survey of the Rectorial Lands in the occupations of Mr Benn and Mr Bridges preparatory to advertising the same for re-letting by public auction.

Adjourned to Monday the 2nd July accordingly.

[signed:]

W(illiam) Jackson, C(hairman)

[204] Hampton, Midd(les)ex
Monday 2nd July 1832

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and Free School of Hampton held this day persuant to adjournment.

Present:

Mr James Annett
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Downton
Mr Rob(er)t Spencer

Mr James Annett in the Chair.

The Trustees above named this day proceeded /immediately\ after their meeting to make a personal survey of the lands belonging to the Rectory Improprate of Hampton, now in the several occupations of Mr Thomas Benn and Mr George Bridges, for the purpose of making such orders for the letting of the same when they become vacant at Michaelmas next as may be considered as most conducive to the benefit of the Estate.

Mr William Jackson, the Chairman, being absent by reason of bodily indisposition, it is considered advisable by the Trustees now present that this meeting be adjourned to Friday 6th Ins(tant) and it is ordered accordingly.

[signed:]

James Annett, Chairman

[205] Mem(orandum): Mr Ardern Hulme, one of the Trustees, died at Hampton Wick on Tuesday 10th July 1832 ae(tate) 72.

Vestry Room, Hampton Midd(lese)x
Friday 6th July 1832

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and Free School of Hampton held this day persuant to adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr James Annett
Mr James Downton
Mr John Newbery
Mr Robert Spencer

Mr W(illia)m Jackson in the Chair.

Resolved, that it is expedient that the lands belonging to the Rectory now in the several occupations of Mr Thomas Benn and Mr George Bridges be let for the term of fourteen years to commence from Michaelmas Day next ensuing, and that the same be let by public auction at the earliest day that can conveniently be appointed to such person or persons as should bid the highest annual rent for the same and whose biddings should be accepted by the Trustees.

Ordered that Mr Warren of Isleworth, Land and Timber Surveyor and Auctioneer, be employed to let the same accordingly and that the Chairman do immediately communicate with Mr Warren {~~on~~} on the subject and concert with him such preliminary arrangements as may be necessary for letting the same, and do also appoint with him such day as they shall consider advisable for the letting of the said lands.

Resolved, that it appears to this meeting [206] that it would be most conducive to the advantage of the revenue of the Rectory that the said lands should be let in such lots or parcels as would excite public competition and that the underwritten distribution of the said lands should with that intent be made.

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| Lot 1 to comprise | A(cres).R(ods).P(erches) |
| The piece of enclosed arable land lying on the Downs on the north side of the upper road leading to Sunbury cont(ainin)g | 6.1.38 |

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| The piece of enclosed arable land lying between the upper and lower roads leading from Hampton to Sunbury and containing | 22.1.32 |
| The piece of enclosed meadow land, formerly part of the Great Meadow, lying on the bank of the Thames on the south side of the lower road leading from Hampton to Sunbury | 3.1.6 |
| | 32.0.36 |
| Lot 2 | |
| The old enclosed meadow lying on the bank of the Thames on the south side of the Lower Sunbury Road called the Rectory Meadow containing | 4.0.0 |
| Lot 3 rd | |
| The piece of enclosed arable land lying on the north side of Oldfield Lane called the Brickfield Close and containing | 6.2.30 |
| Lot 4 th | |
| The entire piece of land formerly parcel of the waste or commonable lands of the Parish allotted by the Commissioners of Hampton Inclosure Act to the Rectory in part compensation for Rectorial Tithes as the same is now divided into several parcels and containing in the whole | 65.1.26 |

[207] Resolved, that the lands comprised in Lot 4 be let subject to the condition of the Tenant's removing the materials of the present Rectory Barn and rebuilding the same on such part of the said lands as the Trustees shall approve or direct at his own expense and that /the\ lands in Lot 1 be let subject for the proviso of a resumption of the six acre piece on The Downs by the Trustees in case they shall be desirous of resuming the possession thereof at any time during the demise, on making a reasonable compensation to the Tenants.

Adjourned.

By the Trustees

[signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[208] Bell Inn, Hampton, M(iddlese)x

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and Free School of Hampton held this day.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr John Newbery
Mr James Annett
Mr James Downton
Mr Robert Spencer

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported that in pursuance of the directions of the Trustees, he had applied to Mr Warren and had agreed with him as to the conditions for letting the said lands, and had also given him directions for taking the customary steps for advertising the letting of the said lands by auction, and that Mr Warren had accordingly published the same and had appointed this day for letting the said lands by auction at this Inn.

The Chairman also presented and read to the meeting the conditions for letting the said lands, and which conditions are approved of by the Trustees.

Be it remembered that Mr Warren of Isleworth, Land and Timber Surveyor and Auctioneer, this day put up to letting by public auction all the lands belonging to the Rectory Improprate of Hampton in the several lots or portions agreed upon by the Trustees at their last preceding meeting, viz.:

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| | Lot 1 |
| 1 st Lot £sd 95.5.0 Mr T(homa)s Benn | The two several parcels of arable land lying respectively above and below the upper road leading from Hampton to Sunbury and the piece of meadow [209] ground, formerly parcel of the meadow called The Great Meadow, containing together 32 A(cres) 0 R(od)s 36 P(erches), Mr Thomas Benn of Hampton having this day publicly bid and offered the rent or sum of £95.5.0 p(e)r annum for the said premises and having been declared to be the highest bidder for the same, The Trustees do hereby declare their approval of the offer or bidding so made by the said Mr Thomas Benn and do accept him as a tenant upon condition of his procuring collateral security for the performance of his engagements under the conditions of letting in case they shall require such security. |
| | Lot 2 nd |
| Lot 2 £sd 23.5.0 Mr J(oh)n Winch | The piece of old enclosed meadow land lying on the south side of the lower road leading from Hampton to Sunbury called the Old Rectory Meadow and contain(in)g four acres or thereabouts, Mr John Winch of Sunbury, Midd(lese)x, having offered and bid the yearly rent or sum of £23.5.0 for the said premises and having been declared to be the highest bidder for the same, the Trustees do hereby declare their approval of the offer so made and do accordingly accept of the same Mr John Winch as a tenant subject to the afores(ai)d conditions. |
| | Lot 3 rd |
| Lot 3 £sd 23.15.0 Mr Ja(me)s South | The piece of old enclosed arable land in Oldfield Lane called Brickfield Close containing 6 A(cres) 2 R(od)s 30 P(erches), Mr James South of Hampton having bid and offered the yearly rent or sum £23.15.0 for the said premises and having been declared to be the highest bidder for the same, the Trustees do hereby declare their approval of the offer so made, and do accordingly accept the said Mr/James South\ as a tenant subject to the conditions aforesaid. |
| | [210] Lot 4 th |
| Lot 4 | A piece of land, formerly parcel of the commonable or waste lands of the Parish of |

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| 102.0.0 Mr T(homa)s Benn | Hampton, allotted and awarded by the Commissioners of Hampton Inclosure Act in part compensation for Rectorial Tithes, as the same is now in the occupation of George Bridges and contains 65 A(cres) 0 R(ods) 26 P(erches), |
| Total 244.5.0 | Mr Thomas Benn of Hampton having bid and offered the yearly rent or sum of £102.0.0 for the said premises, and having been declared to be the highest bidder for the same, the Trustees do hereby declare their approval of the said offer and do agree to accept the said Mr Mr [sic] Thomas Benn as the tenant for the same, subject to the conditions aforesaid. |

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[211] Memorandum

Mr John Newbery, one of the Trustees, died on Sunday 28th October 1832 ae(tate) 81.

Vestry Room, Hampton

Tuesday 6th November 1832

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and other estates belonging to the Free School of Hampton held this day.

Present:

Mr William Jackson

Mr James Annett

Mr James Downton

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

Mr Jackson produced and read to the meeting the opinion of Mr Koe on the case relative to the power of the Trustees to apply the surplus revenue of the School towards the erection of new School Rooms and on other matters respecting the future management and division of the School into two departments, under two several masters, and the apportionment of the revenue between them.

Ordered, that the said opinion be referred to further consideration.

Ordered, that application be immediately made to Mr Bridges for the payment of the rent in arrear for the portion of the Rectory Land held by him and that Mr Downton and Mr Spencer be requested to make such application to him and report the result of such application to the next meeting.

By the Trustees present,

[signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[212] Vestry Room, Hampton

Tuesday 13th November 1832

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and of other estates belonging to the Free School of Hampton.

Present:

Mr William Jackson

Mr James Annett

Mr James Downton

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

Messrs Downton and Spencer reported to {Mr} the meeting that in pursuance of the directions given to them at the meeting last preceding they applied personally on the Wednesday the 7th Ins(tan)t to Mr Bridges Sen(io)r for the immediate payment of the arrears of rent due from him at Michaelmas Day last when he quitted the Rectory land, that Mr Bridges complained to them of the loss he had sustained by the insufficiency of the remuneration allowed to him by the persons employed to value the claims for dressings and cultivation which he was entitled to claim as outgoing tenant by the custom of husbandry, and that they could not obtain any satisfactory answer or assurance from him as to the payment of such {rent} arrears.

Ordered, that the Chairman do immediately employ a broker to levy the arrears of rent by making a Distress on the corn of the said George Bridges now stacked in the Rectory Barn.

By the Trustees present,

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[213] Bell Inn, Hampton

Wednesday 21st Nov(em)b(er) 1832

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and other estates belonging to the Free School of Hampton held this day.

Present:

Mr William Jackson

Mr James Annett

Mr James Downton

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that in accordance with the order of the last preceding meeting he had caused a levy to be made on the corn in the Rectory Barn belonging to Mr George Bridges {an} the Elder and that Mr George Bridges' son had proposed to enter into an engagement with the Trustees by which he would make himself personally responsible for the payment of the rent in arrear if the Trustees would withdraw the distress.

Ordered, that the distress be removed on his entering into such engagement to be personally bound for payment of the rent in arrear and costs of distress.

Mr Tho(ma)s Tindall Walker attended the meeting and was instructed by the Trustees to prepare another plan of the proposed new School Rooms agreeable to certain alterations and additions now suggested by the Trustees and also to prepare and present a full and particular specification of the works and an estimate of the expenses of the building.

By the Trustees present,

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[214] Vestry Room, Hampton, Midd(lese)x

Tuesday 4th June 1833

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and other estates belonging to the Free School of Hampton.

Present:

Mr William Jackson

Mr James Downton

Mr Robert Spencer

Mr Joshua Harbour } Churchwardens

Mr Samuel Paris }

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman informed the Trustees that he had requested the favour of the Churchwardens that they would attend and advise with the Trustees in their deliberations on the present occasion.

The plan for building the School Room and house for the {~~Under~~} Master of the Lower School as altered agreeable to the suggestions made by the Trustees at their last meeting was laid before the meeting and examined with the specification of the works.

Mr Tho(ma)s Tindal Walker, the architect and surveyor appointed by the Trustees, attended the meeting and gave such explanatory information with respect to the particulars of the plan and specification as was required by the meeting, and also reported to the meeting that he had made an estimate of the expense of building and completing the premises conformable to such specification, and that he was of opinion such expense would not exceed the sum of £1,010 but that he thought it probable from the effect of the competition which would be excited amongst builders the Trustees would be enabled to effect a contract for the building at a sum considerably less than his estimate.

The meeting approved of the plan and directs [215] that measures be adopted for carrying the same into execution, but that proceedings be deferred until it has been submitted to the approval of the Revd Mr Goodenough, the Vicar, who is expected to visit Hampton in the course of the present month.

The Trustees having inspected the Rectory Barn and the building materials of the former School Room deposited therein, do direct that the said barn be immediately taken down and the ground cleared for the new building, and do agree to allow to Mr Thomas Benn the said building materials (except such oak planks as may be selected by Mr Walker for the purpose of being converted into forms in the new School) upon condition of the said Mr Thomas Benn agreeing to be at the expense of taking down and removing the said barn, which Mr Thomas Benn (being now present) agrees to do on such terms.

The Chairman laid before the meeting a statement of the accounts of monies and [sic] paid by him out of the School funds and of the balance vested in the Banking House of Messrs Twinings, and also a Statement of the several rents now outstanding and unpaid.

Ordered, that the said report be further considered at a future meeting.

Adjourned.

(By the Meeting)

[Signed:]

W(illiam) Jackson, C(hairman)

[216] Hampton, Middlesex

Saturday 15th June 1833

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and other estates belonging to the Free School of Hampton.

Present:

The Revd Sam(ue)l James Goodenough, Vicar

Mr William Jackson }

Mr Robert Spencer } Trustees

Mr James Downton }

Mr Joshua Harbour } Churchwardens

Mr Samuel Paris }

The Reverend S. J. Goodenough, Chairman

Mr Thomas Benn having taken down and removed the Rectory Barn, the Trustees this day assembled on the late site thereof and examined the ground and {~~other~~} plans of the proposed School Rooms in order to determine finally on the fitness of such plans as well as the situation of the proposed building, when the Revd Mr Goodenough expressed his concurrence with the opinion of the other Trustees relative to the same, and it was ordered that the works should be prosecuted with all convenient despatch.

[Signed:]

S.J. Goodenough, Chairman
W(illia)m Jackson
James Downton
Robert Spencer

[217] Vestry Room, Hampton
Thursday 27th June 1833

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and other estates belonging to the Free School of Hampton.

Present:

Mr William Jackson
Mr James Downton
Mr Robert Spencer
Mr Joshua Harbour } Ch(urch)w(arde)ns
Mr Samuel Paris }

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The plans and specification of works and materials for building the new School Rooms having been agreed and adopted by the meeting, it is now ordered that the same be erected with all convenient despatch on the piece of Rectory land lately constituting the site of the Rectory Barn and barnyard, and that the front of the said building be towards the east as it is reported by the surveyor to this meeting

that the shape and dimensions of the said piece of land, as they relate to the proposed plans, will not conveniently allow sufficient scope of ground for placing it in any other direction.

Resolved unanimously that the building be erected by contract, and that the whole of the work to be performed and materials to be provided shall be contracted for under one contract by one builder.

Resolved, that the privilege of contracting for the work shall be restricted to persons using the trade or business of builders as the means of their maintenance residing within the town of Hampton and Hamlet of Hampton Wick and rated to and paying scot and lot therein respectively.

Resolved, that notice be affixed to the door of the Parish Church and also to the door of the Chapel at Hampton Wick on Sunday next, the 30th Ins(tan)t [218] to inform all such persons being builders as aforesaid who may be inclined to contract for the said building to prepare and send in a proposal or tender in writing on or before Monday the 15th day of July now next ensuing to Mr William Jackson under cover and sealed up, specifying therein at what sum of money such person may be willing to contract and engage himself under a written contract with the Trustees for the performance and completions of the whole of the works and providing the materials necessary for the same conformable with the plans and specification prepared therof.

Ordered, that the plans and specification be deposited at the office of Mr Walker at Hampton Wick for the purpose of enabling such persons as may be inclined to contract for the building to examine and inspect the same and to make a correct estimate of the expense thereof.

Ordered, that the contract for the building be prepared by the solicitor of the Trustees, and that the expense of preparing the same and of the stamp duties chargeable thereon be borne and defrayed by the Contractor and who shall consent and agree to allow the Trustees to retain and pay such expense and charge out of the last instalment of the payment of the contract money payable to him under such contract.

Ordered, that the contract money be made payable to the Contractor by four equal payments or instalments, two of which to be paid to him during the progress of the building, the third on its entire completion and the fourth and last instalment at the expiration of four calendar months next after such completion, and that the respective times and periods [219] hereinafter mentioned appear to this meeting to be suitable for regulating and fixing the payment of such instalments, namely

1st instalment to be paid when the walls are carried up to a sufficient height for the plate

2nd instalment to be paid when the whole of the building is completely covered in

3rd instalment when the whole of the works contracted to be performed are fully completed in all respects and particulars to the satisfaction of the surveyor appointed by the Trustees and upon his giving a written certificate to that effect

4th instalment at the expiration of four calendar months next after the day of the date of the Surveyor's certificate.

Resolved, that the Contractor shall contract and finish and complete the whole of the works to be contracted for in all respects in a good and workmanlike manner according to the specification on or before the [blank space] day of [blank space] now next ensuing under a penalty of £20 for every week that the building shall be and continue incomplete and unfinished after and next following the said [blank space] day of [blank space].

Ordered, that the Contractor shall give in the names of two responsible housekeepers for the acceptance of the Trustees who shall become jointly bound with him in a bond in the sum of £500 for the due performance of the contract by him.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)
Samuel Paris } Churchwardens
Joshua Harbour }

[220] Copy of a notice affixed to the doors of the Parish Church and the Wick Chapel on Sunday the 30th June, Sunday 7th and Sunday 14th days of July 1833:

Building Contract

To persons concerned in the trade or business of a builder residing in the Parish of Hampton and charged with and paying scot and lot therein, notice is hereby given

that the Trustees of the Free School of Hampton are ready to receive tenders for building a School House and School Rooms in the town of Hampton from any of such persons as aforesaid who may be inclined to contract for performing the whole of works and providing the materials requisite for the execution of the same conformable to the drawings and specification of such works and materials, which may be inspected at the office of Mr Walker, Surveyor, Hampton Wick.

Tenders to be sent in under cover, sealed up with the Contractor's name written on the cover, to the office of Messrs Jackson and Kent, Sol(icito)rs, Hampton, on or before the 15th day of July,

and the person making such tender is required to insert therein the names and address of two responsible persons who may be willing to become jointly and severally bound with him in a bond to the Trustees for the due performance of the several works contracted for.

Jackson & Kent
Sol(icito)rs to the Trustees
Hampton, Midd(les)ex
30th June 1833

[221] Vestry Room, Hampton
Tuesday 16th July 1833

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improprate and other estates belonging to the Free School of Hampton.

Present:

Mr William Jackson } Trustees
Mr Robert Spencer }
Mr Joshua Harbour } Churchwardens
Mr Sam(ue)l Paris }

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

Two Trustees only being present (and a quorum of three being required for the dispatch and decision of matters relating to Trust Business),

Adjourned until tomorrow at half past 6 o'clock in the evening.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

Vestry Room, Hampton
Wednesday 17th July 1833

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory held pursuant to the last adjournment for the purpose of receiving, considering and determining upon the tenders which have been sent in for the building of a new School House and School Rooms.

Present:

Mr William Jackson }
Mr James Downton } Trustees
Mr Robert Spencer }
Mr Joshua Harbour and Mr Samuel Paris, Churchwardens

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had received sealed tenders for the building from Mr Hawkrige, Mr Wixen and Mr Jones, which tenders he produced.

Upon motion that the said tenders be severally opened and read, a question arose whether Mr Jones who carries on the trades of a painter, plumber and glazier at [222] Hampton can be considered as a tradesman as described in the notice published by the Trustees under the denomination of 'persons concerned in the trade or business of a builder' so as to be entitled to put in such tender.

After debate had thereon, it is resolved that the further consideration of the question be adjourned to the next meeting which is appointed to be held on Saturday next at half past 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

[Signed:]

William Jackson, Chairman

[223] Vestry Room, Hampton, Middlesex
Saturday 20th July 1833

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Rectory Improper of Hampton and of other estates belonging to the Free School of Hampton held pursuant to last adjournment.

Present:

Mr William Jackson }
Mr James Downton } Trustees
Mr Robert Spencer }
Mr Joshua Harbour, Churchwarden

Mr William Jackson in the Chair.

The question raised at the last preceding meeting with respect as to the right of Mr George Jones 'as a person concerned in the trade or business of a builder' to put in a tender for the building was put from the Chair, and after further discussion had thereon, it was moved that it is the opinion of this meeting that Mr George Jones is entitled in conformity to the particulars of the notice published by the Trustees to put in a building tender and carried in the affirmative.

The Chairman produced the several building tenders which had been put in by Mr John Wixen, Mr John Hawkrige and Mr George Jones, previous to the opening of which, it was moved and resolved that it is the opinion of this meeting that the tender of such of the said persons as shall offer to undertake the performance of the works according to the prepared plans, drawings and specification at the lowest price shall be accepted by the Trustees.

Ordered, that the said tenders be now opened and read by the Chairman.

[224] The tenders having been opened and publicly read by the Chairman, it was ordered that copies of them be inserted in the Minutes of the proceedings of this meeting.

Copy of tender of Mr To the Trustees of Hampton School
John Hawkrige
£989.10.0 Gentlemen,

I am willing to enter into a contract for the erection of the schools at Hampton agreeable to the plans and specifications made for that purpose for the sum of £989.10.0 and my securities for the due performance of the same are:

Mr John Mackell Aitkins of 9 Chapel Street, Grovesnor Place, and Mr Joshua Harbour of Hampton.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your humble serv(an)t,
John Hawkrige

Copy of tender of Mr John Wixen £909.2.0 Estimate for erecting and finishing a Free School at Hampton agreeably to the plans and specification provided for that purpose: nine hundred and nine pounds two shillings

John Wixen
Hampton, 15th July 1833

Copy of tender of Mr George Jones £831.0.0 To the Trustees of the Free Grammar School
Gent(lemen),

I am willing to undertake the several works to be done in building the Hampton Free Grammar School and execute the same in an workmanlike manner agreeably to the plans and specifications now exhibited by H. Walker Esq., the architect, for the sum of eight hundred and thirty one pounds, £831.0.0.

George Jones

[225] Sureties:

Mr James Burckett, Builder, Twickenham
Mr Stephen Wilson, 13 Wakefield Street, Brunswick Square, London

The tender sent in by Mr George Jones being the lowest in amount, the Trustees do, in conformity with their preceding resolution, agree to accept the same.

Ordered, that Mr George Jones be required to attend the meeting, and that the Chairman do inform him that his tender is accepted by the Trustees.

Mr George Jones attended the meeting, and was informed by the Chairman that his tender was accepted and he again signed such tender in the presence of the meeting.

The draft of the building contract to be entered into by the said Mr George Jones with the Trustees was then read to him and agreed to by him.

Ordered, that the contract be drawn agreeably to such draft as soon as convenience will permit, and that Mr George Jones do attend the next meeting of the Trustees and execute the same, and that he be permitted in the interim to deposit building materials and to make such preparations for the carrying on the works on the proposed site of the building as he may think proper.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

Ordered, that Mr Annett be instructed by the Chairman to make new wainscot desks and forms for the use of the School (the value to be ascertained, when made, by measurement), the present desks and forms being worn out and unfit for use, and that he do use in the construction thereof any /part\ of the old materials as may be serviceable.

[Signed:]

W(illia)m Jackson, C(hairman)

[226] 13th August 1833

BE IT KNOWN TO POSTERITY

That on Tuesday, thirteenth day of August in the fourth year of the reign of his Majesty King William the Fourth, and in the year of our Lord Christ One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Three

The first stone
of

Hampton Free Grammar School founded by Robert Hamonde [sic] AD 1556 and further endowed by Edmund Pigeon AD 1637 and John Jones AD 1691 and his Executors 1697 (the room in which the School had been heretofore held having been taken down for the purpose of enlarging the Church), was laid by us the undersigned.

W(illia)m Jackson }
James Downton } Trustees
Robert Spencer }

Mem[ori]am: the stone is laid in the part of the foundation of the building immediately under the front door of the dwelling house and has a leaden plate deposited in a cavity within, engraven with the names of the Trustees present on the occasion and date.

The building was completed on the 13th December 1833 and the English and Writing School opened on the 30th January 1834, which event was celebrated by giving the scholars (amounting in number to 87) a dinner of roast beef and plum pudding in the presence of the Trustees, Minister, Parish Officers and a great number of the inhabitants, and who were partakers of the same with the scholars.

[227] Mem(or)and(u)m: Mr Robert Spencer, one of the Trustees, died on Friday, the 19th day of September 1834 ae(tate) 55.

Mr James Annet, one of the Trustees, died on Friday 12th December 1834 ae(tate) [blank space].