

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

AT A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,
Holden at Freemasons' Hall, London,

On WEDNESDAY, the 7th SEPTEMBER, 1842,

Present,

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, DUKE OF SUSSEX, K.G. &c. &c. &c. M.W. GRAND MASTER,
 ON THE THRONE.

R. W. THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY, K.G. D.G.M.
 R. W. THE LORD VISCOUNT INGESTRIE, M.P. S.G.W.
 R. W. BENJAMIN BOND CABELL, P.J.G.W. as J.G.W.

R. W. HENRY R. LEWIS, Prov. G.M. for Sumatra.
 R. W. JOHN RAMSBOTTOM, M.P. Prov. G.M. for Berks.
 R. W. ADMIRAL SIR LUCIUS CURTIS, BART. Prov. G.M. for Hants.
 R. W. HENRY C. SIRR, Representative from G. Lodge Ireland.
 R. W. J. G. H. BURMESTER, Representative from G. Lodge, Hamburgh.
 V. W. Rev. WILLIAM FALLOFIELD, G. Chaplain.
 V. W. WILLIAM H. WHITE, G. Secretary.
 W. HENRY HANCOCK, S.G.D.
 W. SIR JOHN DORATT, J.G.D.
 W. WILLIAM SHADBOLT, P.S.G.D.
 W. BENJAMIN LAWRENCE, P.J.G.D.
 W. FREDERICK W. BOSSY, P.S.G.D.
 W. ALEXANDER DOBIE, P.J.G.D.
 W. STEPHEN C. NORRIS, P.J.G.D.
 W. JOHN C. M'MULLEN, P.J.G.D.

W. WILLIAM L. THOMAS, P.S.G.D.
 W. LAWRENCE WALKER, P.J.G.D.
 W. RICHARD W. JENNINGS, G. Director of Ceremonies.
 W. THORY CHAPMAN, Assistant G. Director of Ceremonies.
 W. JOHN L. EVANS, G.S.B.
 W. CHARLES SIMPSON, P.G.S.B.
 W. JOHN MASSON, P.G.S.B.
 W. GEORGE P. PHILIPPE, P.G.S.B.
 W. SIR GEORGE SMART, G. Organist.
 W. WILLIAM RULE, G. Pursuivant.

The Grand Stewards of the Year.
 The Master, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of many other Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form and with solemn Prayer.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Lodge of Benevolence of the 29th June, 27th July, and 31st August were severally read and approved.

A Report from the Board of General Purposes of the 22nd of February last was read, stating that a Complaint had been preferred against Brother GEORGE AARONS for a Breach of Masonic Duty. That the Parties having attended with their Evidence, the Board resolved, "that the said Complaint or Charge has been proved," and "that for the Offence the said Brother GEORGE AARONS be suspended from all Masonic Rights, Functions, and Privileges for the space of Twelve Calendar Months from this Day" (the 22nd February).

An Appeal from Brother AARONS against the said Sentence was forwarded by that Brother; but he not being present to support the Appeal, the Report of the Board was, on a Motion made, approved and confirmed.

A Report from the Board of General Purposes of the 24th May was read, stating that a Complaint had been preferred by the Lodge of Benevolence against the W. Master of the Lodge No. 233, for neglecting on three successive meetings to attend and speak to the case of Brother WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, whose Petition had been recommended by that Lodge. The W. M. stated that he did attend on the Day when the Petition was first presented, and when it was deferred for further information, that he understood the intention was to refer the Case back to his Lodge in order to their making further inquiry, and again bringing it before the Lodge of Benevolence should they deem it proper; that he had accordingly brought the subject before his Lodge, when it was decided not to proceed further with it, and he was under the impression that, therefore, his attendance was not again required. That the W. Master expressed deep regret that, in consequence of the Mistake he had made, an appearance of indifference or disrespect should have been occasioned, as it was farthest from his intention. The Board thereupon Resolved that the Explanation of the W. Brother WALKER is satisfactory. On a Motion made, the said Report was approved.

A further Report from the Board of General Purposes, dated 23rd August last, was read stating that Brother WILLIAM ARMSTRONG had preferred a Complaint against the said Master of the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 233 for not supporting, at the Lodge of Benevolence, the Petition of the said Brother ARMSTRONG, which had been recommended by the Lodge. That the Parties having attended the Board, pursuant to Summons, the W. Master stated that, after the Petition had been recommended by the Lodge, some Circumstances had come to his knowledge which led him to feel that Brother ARMSTRONG was not a deserving Object of the Charity; he was most unwilling now to do an Act which might appear unkind towards Brother ARMSTRONG by stating the Facts, nor would he do so unless it were the desire of that Brother. Brother ARMSTRONG having expressed a wish that it should be done, Brother WALKER made the Statement, and added that, feeling it had unintentionally occasioned some Inconvenience to Brother ARMSTRONG, he gave him the Sum of £5 out of his own Pocket, although he could not recommend his Case to the Lodge of Benevolence. Brother ARMSTRONG having admitted the truth of these Statements, the Board Resolved unanimously that, having heard, in the presence of Brother ARMSTRONG, the Reasons assigned by the W. Brother WALKER for withholding his support to Brother ARMSTRONG's Petition, they were of opinion he was justified in so doing.

A Report was presented from the House Committee of the Royal Free Masons' Female School of the Receipts and Disbursements of that Charity for the last Year, and stating that the £500 Balance of the Loan advanced by the Grand Lodge to that Charity was now repaid, the Committee believing that the Receipts for the present Year will about cover the estimated Expenses; and the Committee begged to express their gratitude to the M. W. Grand Master and the Grand Lodge for their Assistance and support when the Charity was under great difficulties.

The M. W. Grand Master adverted to the fact of this Institution being occasionally called upon to expend a considerable Sum in the upholding and repair of the School-House, to which purpose its Funds are not adequate, His Royal Highness therefore suggested that, as the whole Amount of the Money advanced by the Grand Lodge as a Loan to the Girl's School had now been repaid, it was desirable that a separate Fund should be created for the purpose of properly supporting the Edifice without trenching upon the General Funds of the Institution, which are scarcely more than sufficient to meet the current and ordinary Expenses: it was thereupon, on a Motion duly made and seconded, Resolved that a Sum of £500 be granted, from the Fund for General Purposes, to the Royal Free Masons' Female School, to be invested in the Public Funds in the Names of Trustees, towards the formation of a separate Fund to be applied exclusively for the purpose of upholding, repairing, improving, and maintaining the School-House and Buildings of the Institution. That the Trustees of such Fund be the three senior Trustees of the Charity's other Funded Property.

A Report was read, stating that, at a General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund, Ten Members of that Body had been duly elected to be of the Committee of Management until the General Meeting in May next. The M. W. Grand Master then nominated Ten qualified Brethren to be of the said Committee, and the Grand Lodge proceeded, by Ballot, to elect Ten others. This having been done, the Committee of Management for the said Institution was declared to be as follows, viz.

Nominated by the M. W. Grand Master.		Elected by the Grand Lodge.		Elected by the Subscribers.	
HENRY ROSE	Prov. G.M.	REV. CHARLES VINK	W.M. No. 113	BR. WILLIAM STEPHENSON	W.M. No. 14
HENRY CHARLES SIRR	Rep. G. of Ireland.	ISAAC WALTON	P.M. 109	JOHN UDALL	" 82
THOMAS H. HAL	G. Sec.	THORY CHAPMAN	W.M. 198	S. C. NORRIS	P.M.G. Stew. L.
WILLIAM J. WHITE	G. Sec.	CHARLES SHAKESHAF	P.M. 21	J. P. ACKLAM	" 8
HENRY HANCOCK	S.G.D.	BENJAMIN LAWRENCE	P.M.G. Stew. L.	JOHN VINK	" 49
FREDERICK W. BOSSY	P.S.G.D.	FREDERICK SALMON	P.M. No. 194	J. B. KING	" 66
ALEXANDER DOBIE	P.J.G.D.	SAMUEL W. ROWSELL	P.M. 225	GEORGE PARBURY	" 109
JOHN C. M'MULLEN	P.J.G.D.	W. T. FAWCETT	P.M. 194	JOHN BIGG	" 109
RICHARD W. JENNINGS	G. Direct. Cer.	JOHN HAVERS	P.M. 237	JOHN CHREES	" 200
JOHN L. EVANS	G. Sword B.	J. H. DALY	W.M. 255	LEONARD CHANDLER	" 229

A Petition for Relief having been presented by MARY, the Widow of the late Rev. MATTHEW BARNETT, formerly D. Prov. G. M. for the County of Lincoln, and a Motion for a Grant of Money made thereon, it was Resolved that the said Petition be referred to the Board of General Purposes, with Instructions to take into consideration not only the Facts of the Case, but the Book of Constitutions and the Precedents which may have existed of Rules being dispensed with in Cases of Relief.

The M. W. Grand Master called the notice of the Brethren to a Table presented to the Grand Lodge for acceptance by the W. Brother WILLIAM RULE, the G. Pursuivant, being his own workmanship, beautifully and elaborately painted in imitation of various Marbles inlaid.

The Brethren unanimously expressed their acknowledgments for this mark of attention and kindness from Brother RULE.

It being now Eleven o'Clock, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample Form and with solemn Prayer, and adjourned.

The following Contributions were received between the 1st April and the 30th June, 1842, inclusive:—

Benevolence.		Register Fees & Certificates.		Brought forward		Benevolence.		Register Fees & Certificates.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
3	5	12	0	5	15	0			
5	4	8	0	5	10	0			
7	7	8	0	3	0	0			
10				1	7	6			
14				1	7	6			
15	1	12	0						
19	3	11	0	5	15	0			
20				0	17	0			
23	3	19	0	1	7	6			
27	3	11	0	1	7	6			
32	6	0	0	3	0	0			
Carried forward		36	1	0	29	7	0		
34	1	12	0						
40	0	8	0						
41				1	3	6			
46	3	5	0	4	0	6			
48	2	12	0	2	13	6			
50	5	4	0						
53				1	7	6			
58	1	6	0						
62	6	13	0						
63	3	0							
Carried forward		60							

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	60	0	0	45	6	0
66 Lodge of Felicity, Bishopsgate	1	18	0	2	2	6
73 Lodge of Probity, Halifax, York	2	18	6	4	5	0
78 Lodge of Prosperity, Spitalfields	9	9	0			
81 Royal Clarence Lodge of Mariners, Bristol				0	17	0
83 St. John's Lodge, Plymouth				3	8	0
87 Mount Lebanon Lodge, Leadenhall-street	3	9	0	3	10	0
91 Lodge of Freedom, Gravesend	7	6	6	15	19	0
95 St. John's Lodge, Sunderland				2	11	0
104 St. Michael's Lodge, Barbados				2	6	6
106 Lodge of Unanimity, Dukenfield	2	14	0	2	11	0
111 Phoenix Lodge, Sunderland	2	5	0	4	5	0
114 Palatine Lodge, Sunderland				4	5	0
116 Shakespeare Lodge, Aldersgate-street	3	4	0	3	0	0
Ditto, Warrant of Confirmation				2	2	0
117 Lodge of Friendship, Norwich	0	8	0			
119 Lodge of Unanimity, North Walsham, Norfolk	1	2	0			
123 Sun Lodge, Exmouth	1	19	0	5	7	6
129 St. George's Lodge, Exeter	5	6	0	1	7	0
130 Lodge of Unanimity, Preston	1	16	0	2	13	6
144 Lenox Lodge, Richmond, Yorkshire	2	13	0	2	13	6
152 Royal Gloucester Lodge, Southampton	4	6	6	7	8	6
155 Lodge of Harmony, Feversham	1	8	0			
158 Lodge of Good Report, Covent-garden	2	9	0	6	17	6
160 Lodge of Amity, Poole	1	14	0	0	17	0
162 Britannia Lodge, Sheffield	3	10	0	11	13	6
164 St. George's Lodge, Deptford				1	7	6
165 Lodge of Faith, Pimlico				2	15	0
179 Lodge of Unanimity, Wakefield	5	19	6	3	8	0
182 Harmony Lodge, Plymouth	1	5	0	0	19	6
184 Adam's Lodge, Sheerness	3	2	0	1	19	0
185 Brunswick Lodge, Devonport				2	11	0
205 Caveac Lodge, Hammersmith				1	7	6
215 Lodge of Unity, Cornhill	1	1	0	4	2	6
221 Royal Sussex Lodge of Hospitality, Bristol				2	11	0
223 Lodge of Joppa, Cornhill				1	7	6
228 Lodge of Confidence, Clifford's Inn-passage	3	15	0			
229 St. Paul's Lodge, Cornhill	4	2	0	4	12	6
230 Lodge of Hengist, Christ Church, Hants.	0	18	0			
234 Percy Lodge, Freemasons' Tavern				1	7	6
238 Lodge of Friendship, Devonport	2	1	0	5	9	6
245 Grapes Inn, Liverpool				0	17	0
248 Lodge of Friendship, Deptford				1	7	6
258 Lodge of Perseverance, Norwich	1	6	0	0	19	6
259 Lodge of Hope and Unity, Romford	1	14	6	5	7	0
261 Lodge of Commerce, Haslingden	2	18	0			
268 St. John's Lodge, Bolton	3	4	6	0	17	0
272 St. Luke's Lodge, Ipswich	1	0	0	0	17	0
273 Lodge of Benevolence, Blackburn	0	16	0			
284 Anchor and Hope Lodge, Calcutta				5	2	0
287 Union Lodge, York	1	9	0	1	14	0
298 St. George's Lodge, Doncaster	1	13	0	3	13	0
302 Farmers' Lodge, Jersey				3	8	0
306 Mechanics' Lodge, Jersey				2	11	0
Carried forward	148	5	6	154	5	

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	148	5				
311 Minerva Lodge, Hull						
312 Loyal Lodge, Barnstable				4	15	
317 Lodge of Harmony, Richmond, Surrey				3	12	
319 Phoenix Lodge, Portsmouth						
327 Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, Taunton				4	4	
329 Bank of England Lodge, Blackfriars				1	0	
350 Lodge of Fortitude, Lancaster						
379 Lodge of Hope, Bradford, Yorkshire				2	4	
381 Lodge of Sincere Friendship, Chunar, E. I.				2	1	
384 Alfred Lodge, Leeds						
387 Lodge of Harmony, Gosport				3	3	
393 Lodge of Peace and Unity, Preston				1	10	
407 St. John's Lodge, Eccles				3	0	
420 Lodge of Rectitude, Monckton Farleigh, Wilts				2	18	
425 Alford Lodge, Oxford				2	16	
427 Royal Chartley Lodge of Fortitude, Stafford				2	8	
430 Lodge of Faith, Radcliffe-bridge, Lancashire						
431 St. John's Lodge, Lichfield				2	6	
432 Lodge of Perseverance, Blackburn				1	4	
435 Noah's Ark Lodge, Bilston				2	4	
447 Sussex Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica				5	5	
458 Harmonic Lodge, Island of St. Thomas						
474 St. David's Lodge, Milford				1	12	
481 Lime Rock Lodge, Clithero				0	15	
508 Lodge of Perseverance, Maryport				4	5	
522 Lodge of Perfect Friendship, Ipswich				3	10	
534 L. of Harmony & Industry, Over-Darwen, Leic.				8	6	
539 Friendly Lodge, Montego Bay				1	0	
550 L. of Independence with Philanthropy, A. I.				4	10	
575 Royal Forest Lodge, Slaidburn, Yorks				1	10	
588 Union of Malta Lodge, Malta				0	16	
595 Holy Temple Lodge, Longtown, Cumberland				2	2	
610 Royal Lodge of Industry, South Olton						
621 Royal Navy Lodge, Ramsgate						
624 St. George's Lodge, North Shields						
628 St. John's Lodge, Secunderabad, I. I.				3	2	
646 St. Peter's Lodge, Peterborough				2	15	
657 Cecil Lodge, Hinton				1	17	
667 Union Lodge of Bernard Castle, Barnard Castle				1	10	
670 Foresters' Lodge, Uttoxeter						
671 Loyal Monmouth Lodge, Monmouth						
680 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Croydon						
701 Mersey Lodge, Bannhead, Cheshire						
706 St. Peter's Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne						
Ditto, Warrant of Constitution						
707 St. James' Lodge, Huddersfield						
Ditto, Warrant of Constitution						
709 Lodge of Sympathy, Milton, Gravesend						
Ditto, Warrant of Constitution						
710 Bangalore Cantonment Lodge, Bangalore, E. I.				3	4	
Ditto, Warrant of Constitution						
Certificates & included in returns						
	234	19	0	361		

RICHARD PERCIVAL, Esq. P.S.G.W. GRAND TREASURER, in Account with the Grand Lodge.
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Dr.	1842.	£	s.	d.
Mar. 31. To Balance		190	2	7
June 11. To Mark Milbank, Esq.—Fees of Honour on Appointment of Junior Grand Warden for the Year 1842-43		21	0	0
June 30. To Contributions of Lodges to Date		234	0	0
June 30. To Balance due Grand Treasurer		38	1	2
		£484	17	4

Cr.	1842.	£	s.	d.
Mar. 30. By a Brother of No. 27, London				
By the Widow of a Brother of No. 44, Bolton				
By a Brother of No. 99, Guernsey				
By the Widow of a Brother of No. 20, Chatham				
By a Brother of No. 11, London				
Apr. 28. By Petitioners relieved this day, viz. A Brother of No. 118, London A Brother of No. 219, ditto A Brother of No. 22, ditto A Brother of No. 176, Newport, Isle of Wight				
May 25. By Petitioners relieved this day, viz. The Widow of a Brother of No. 127, Merthyr A Brother of No. 404, Stockport A Brother of No. 219, London, No. 337, Berkeley, No. 357, Srepton Mallet, No. 336, Stanfield, £10 each A Brother of No. 8, No. 30, and the Widow of a Brother of No. 15 & No. 19, London, and a Brother of No. 58, Hineckley, £5 each A Brother of No. 123, Stockport, No. 164, Deptford, a Brother of a Lodge in Ireland, £3 each A Brother of late No. 325, Pimlico, No. 656, Thornton, and two Brothers of No. 141, Stockport, £2 each				
June 1. By Brother Benjamin Aldhouse, One Quarter's Pension By Messrs. Cuff and Bacon, for Meetings of Lodge of Benevolence By Petitioners relieved this day, viz. A Brother of No. 5, London, No. 238, Devonport, and No. 607, Wolverhampton, £10 each A Brother of No. 361, Stockport A Brother of No. 92, Middleton, No. 209, London, and late No. 751, Hounslow, £5 each				
30. By Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund, One Quarter By Grand Secretary's Moiety of One Quarter's Salary By Grand Secretary's Clerks proportion of One Quarter's Salary By Grand Tyler, Moiety of One Quarter's Salary By Proportion of Postage and petty Disbursements				
		£484	17	4

FUND FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

Dr.	1842.	£	s.	d.
Mar. 31. To Balance		1077	15	5
Apr. To Dividends on £2,800 Reduced, Half-a-year		42	0	0
June 10. To Royal Freemasons' School for Female Children, being the Balance of £1000 borrowed				
24. To Messrs. Cuff & Bacon, One Quarter's Rent, due at Lady-day last:— Freemasons' Tavern Houses adjoining		£175	0	0
To Ditto for extra letting the Hall during the Year 1841		250	0	0
To Fees of Honour from the following Grand Officers for the Year 1842-43:— Mark Milbank Thomas H. Hall William H. White Henry Hancock John L. Evans		8	8	0
30. To Contributions of Lodges to date		3	3	0
To returned Premium on Five Years Insurance from Atlas Office		3	3	0
		£2288	4	11

Cr.	1842.	£	s.	d.
May 7. By John Gray, for tuning Organs One Year		15	15	
13. By Paving and Lighting Rate, Two Quarters due at Lady-day		5	8	
24. By Purchase of £500 Reduced Annuities, Three per Cent.		437	10	
By Assessed and Land Taxes, Two Quarters		26	12	
By Poor and Police Rate, Two Quarters from Lady-day		17	6	
By E. Harper, One Quarter's Pension		25	0	
By Mrs. Miller, One Quarter's Pension		5	0	
By Messrs. Cuff & Co. Meeting of Grand Lodge		2	2	
By Ditto, for Audit Committee		6	4	
30. By Grand Secretary, Moiety of One Quarter's Salary By Ditto, One Quarter's Gratuity By Schools, One Quarter's Payment in lieu of Fees By Grand Secretary's Clerks proportion of One Quarter's Salary By G. Tyler's Moiety of One Quarter's Salary By Hand-in-Hand Office, Duty One Year to 16th July By Insurance, Atlas Office, and Duty, One Year to Midsummer, 1843 By W. Redgrave, for Oil and Lighting Lamps By Proportion of Postage and petty Disbursements		37	10	
		811	14	
By Balance		1476	10	
		£2288	4	11

SCHOOL FUND.

Dr.	1842.	£	s.	d.
June 30. To Fund of General Purposes One Quarter's Donation		75	0	0
		£75	0	0

Cr.	1842.	£	s.	d.
By Benjamin Bond Cabbell, Esq. Treasurer of Girls' School		37	10	
By Rev. W. J. Rodber, Treasurer of R. Masonic Institution for Boys		37	10	
		£75	0	0

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

WE, YOUR MAJESTY'S MOST DUTIFUL AND LOYAL SUBJECTS, THE GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND, THIS DAY ASSEMBLED, BEG LEAVE HUMBLY TO APPROACH YOUR MAJESTY WITH THE EXPRESSOIN OF OUR ABHORRENCE OF THE LATE TREASONABLE ATTEMPT AGAINST YOUR SACRED PERSON AND OUR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR MAJESTY ON YOUR HAPPY PRESERVATION FROM THE DANGER TO WHICH YOUR MAJESTY WAS EXPOSED.

ATTACHED TO THE THRONE BY EVERY SENTIMENT OF LOYALTY, AS WELL AS BY A CONVICTION OF THE BENEFIT WE DAILY ENJOY FROM YOUR MAJESTY'S JUST AND BENIGN GOVERNMENT, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE MERCIFUL INTERPOSITION OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE SPECIALLY MANIFESTED ON THIS OCCASION, AND, IN COMMON WITH ALL YOUR MAJESTY'S FAITHFUL SUBJECTS, WE OFFER UP OUR EARNEST PRAYER TO THE ALMIGHTY DISPOSER OF ALL HUMAN EVENTS, THAT HE MAY CONFER ON YOUR ROYAL PERSON EVERY BLESSING WHICH MAY BE ENJOYED IN THIS TRANSITORY WORLD AND CONTINUE TO WATCH OVER AND GUARD A LIFE SO JUSTLY DEAR TO A FAITHFUL AND LOYAL PEOPLE.

RESOLVED,—That the said Address be transcribed on Vellum and signed by the Grand Master, Pro-Grand Master, and Deputy-Grand Master, and that His Royal Highness the M. W. Grand Master be requested to present the same to Her Majesty.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication and those of the Grand Festival were severally read and confirmed.

The R. W. Deputy-Grand Master the Marquess of Salisbury reported that, at the first Levee which Her Majesty had held, he presented the former Address from the Grand Lodge, which Her Majesty was pleased most graciously to receive.

The M. W. Grand Master H. R. H. The DUKE OF SUSSEX then stated that, so soon as the Address to Her Majesty had been presented, he forwarded the Resolutions which had been voted to His Royal Highness Prince Albert and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent; and the Answers which had been received would now be read, viz.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF SUSSEX, K.G. &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Royal Highness,

SIR, I have lost no time in presenting before Prince Albert the Resolutions passed by the United Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England; and I am commanded by His Royal Highness to return his best thanks for their congratulations on the happy event of the Birth of an Heir to the Throne. I am further commanded to assure them that His Royal Highness feels most deeply the expression of their kind wishes for the happiness of Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness, and Infant Offspring.

I have the honour to be,
Your Royal Highness's most obedient humble servant,
G. L. ANSON.

Buckingham-Palace,
March 18th, 1842.

TO WILLIAM H. WHITE, ESQ. GRAND SECRETARY &c. &c. &c.

SIR, Having had the honour of submitting to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, the congratulatory Address from the Members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, upon the joyful event of the Birth of the Prince of Wales, I am commanded by Her Royal Highness to convey to you all those whose sentiments are embodied in this most gratifying Address, the expression of Her Royal Highness's heartfelt thanks for, and for the renewed assurance it contains of loyal and affectionate attachment to Her Majesty.

I have the honour to be,
Your most faithful humble servant,
G. COUPER.

Clarence-House,
18th March, 1842.

The following Answer from HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF SUSSEX, M. W. Grand Master, was then read, viz.
M. W. Pro-Grand Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Officers and Members of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.
The long and intimate connexion which has subsisted between the Grand Master and Brethren is always a source of happiness to me, upon which I reflect with sentiments of the deepest gratitude.
Your congratulations upon the late fortunate event, which has so materially contributed to the personal happiness of the Queen, my beloved Niece, while, at the same time, it has secured the stability of the Throne and the tranquility of the Country, are most welcome to my heart. I trust, therefore, that you will be convinced of the value which I place upon the friendly and brotherly expressions contained in your Address.
The length of time which unavoidably elapsed previous to presenting the loyal Address of the Grand Lodge to Her Majesty at the Levee, as likewise my continued Indisposition, are the true causes for my not responding earlier to your Congratulations, and which I hope you will receive as my excuse for an apparent neglect on my part, as nothing can afford me greater pleasure than to cherish and foster those brotherly and friendly feelings which the principles inculcated by our Order are calculated to implant in the breast of every true and worthy Brother.

May the Great Architect of the Universe protect all our labours and undertakings; and may that good understanding, which ought to subsist amongst all the Members of the Craft, be the permanent prayer of
Your affectionate and grateful Brother
AUGUSTUS F. G. M.

Kensington Palace,
18th March, 1842

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,—That the W. Bro. Campbell Wright Hobson, who, during the last two years, has zealously discharged the Duties of the Office of Grand Sword Bearer, do, in future, take his Seat in the Grand Lodge as a Past Grand Sword Bearer, and wear Masonic Clothing accordingly.

The Minutes of the Lodge of Benevolence were severally read and approved, except as to an Order made by the Meeting in May last, for the Purpose of the W. Master of the Lodge, No. 233, being summoned before the Board of General Purposes.

The Audit Committee reported that they had examined the Grand Treasurer's Accounts for the last Year, compared them with the several Vouchers, and had found them correct.

A Special Report from the Board of General Purposes, in relation to a Conference between the Board and a Deputation from a Committee of the Asylum for Worthy, Aged, and Decayed Free Masons, was read and approved.

The M. W. Grand Master stated that Donations and Subscriptions, to the Amount of about £50, had already been announced towards "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund," established by Vote of the Grand Lodge; and His Royal Highness strongly urged upon the Brethren a prompt and zealous Exertion in aid of that Fund, to render it efficient and honourable to the Craft.

The following Board of Management was appointed for the ensuing twelve months, viz.

W. BROTHER ALEXANDER DOBIE, President.

R.W. Br. HENRY R. LEWIS.	W. Br. H. C. GRUAZ, W.M. No. 27	54
R.W. Br. HENRY C. SIRR.	W. Br. BENJAMIN KILBURN, "	82
V.W. Br. REV. W. J. RODBER.	W. Br. JOHN UDALL, "	113
V.W. Br. THOMAS H. HALL.	W. Br. Rev. C. VINK, "	158
W. Br. BENJAMIN LAWRENCE.	W. Br. GEORGE E. SHUTTLEWORTH, "	3
W. Br. FREDERICK W. BOSSY.	W. Br. JAMES LEE, P.M.	5
W. Br. JOHN C. M'ULLEN.	W. Br. EDWARD G. GILES, "	37
W. Br. RICHARD W. JENNINGS.	W. Br. H. B. WEBB, "	66
W. Br. THORY CHAPMAN.	W. Br. JOHN B. KING, "	109
W. Br. JOHN L. EVANS.	W. Br. ISAAC WALTON, "	227
W. Br. JAMES SAVAGE, W.M. G.S.L.	W. Br. WILLIAM RULE, "	237
W. Br. THOMAS H. FOX, " No. 21	W. Br. JOHN HAVERS, "	

It being now past eleven o'clock, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample Form and with solemn Prayer, and adjourned.

The following Contributions have been received between the 1st January and the 31st March, 1842, inclusive:—

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9 Albion Lodge, Jermyn-street		1 7 6	24 Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge, Newcastle		0 17 0
11 Enoch Lodge, Covent Garden	8 0 0	12 12 6	25 Robert Burns' Lodge, Jermyn-street	7 12 0	3 0 0
12 L. of Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Freemasons' T.	5 4 0	3 0 0	29 Egyptian Lodge, Holborn	3 3 0	2 2 0
13 Union Waterloo Lodge, Woolwich	7 3 0	10 12 6	30 Old King's Arms Lodge, Freemasons' Tavern	3 4 0	0 5 0
14 Tuscan Lodge, Freemasons' Tavern	5 12 0	4 2 6	33 United Mariners' Lodge, Finsbury	3 8 0	
18 Old Dundee Lodge, Cornhill	4 17 0	7 2 6	41 Medina Lodge, Cowes	1 2 0	0 17 0
19 Royal Athelstan Lodge, Holborn		1 7 6	44 Anchor and Hope Lodge, Bolton	4 16 0	1 1 0
20 Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, Chatham	3 10 6	2 6 6	49 Lodge of Concord, Strand	2 19 0	4 0 0
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RICHARD PERCIVAL, ESQ. P.S.G.W. GRAND TREASURER, in Account with the Grand Lodge. FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

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Cr. 1841. Dec. 31. By Balance due the Grand Treasurer ... 1842. Jan. 26. By Petitioners relieved this day, viz. ... Mar. 2. By Brother Benjamin Aldhouse, One Quarter's Pension ... 30. By Petitioners relieved this day, viz. ... 31. By Grand Secretary's Moiety of One Quarter's Salary ...

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1841. Dec. 31.	To Balance.....	1218	17	10
1842. Jan. 13.	To Thomas H. Hall, Fees of Honour on Appointment as Grand Registrar.....	3	3	0
Mar. 31.	To Messrs. Cuff & Bacon, One Quarter's Rent, due at Christmas last:— Freemasons' Tavern..... £175 0 0 Houses adjoining..... 75 0 0			
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	By R. W. Silvester, for Printing Certificates, and Parchment.....	63		
	By A. W. Mills, for Writing Warrants, &c.....	8		
	By Waiters at Freemasons' Tavern.....	7		
	By Messrs. Taprell and Holland, Upholsterers.....	8		
	By Tontine Dividends, Half a Year to Christmas.....	148		
Feb. 22.	By S. W. Rowsell, for Books.....	4		
	By F. Crace and Son, for Painting.....	9		
	By W. Cubitt, Carpenter.....	6		
	By Sewers Rate.....	4		
28.	By Purchase of £500 Three per Cent. Reduced Annuities.....	449		
Mar. 2.	By Br. E. Harper, One Quarter's Pension.....	25		
	By Mrs. Miller, One Quarter's Pension.....	5		
30.	By British Fire Office and Duty, One Year.....	17		
	By Books for Library.....	21		
	By Messrs. Cuff & Bacon, for Meeting of Grand Lodge.....	2		
	By Ditto, Cleaning Chandeliers, Half a Year.....	3		
31.	By Schools, One Quarter's Payment in lieu of Fees.....	75		
	By Grand Secretary, Moiety of One Quarter's Salary.....	37		
	By Ditto, One Quarter's Gratuity.....	25		
	By Grand Secretary's Clerks proportion of One Quarter's Salary.....	50		
	By G. Tyler, Moiety of One Quarter's Salary.....	10		
	By Proportion of Postage and petty Disbursements.....	10		
	By Balance.....	1041		
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Mar. 31.	By Benjamin Bond Cabbell, Esq. Treasurer of Girls' School.....	37
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The Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund,

FOR THE

RELIEF OF POOR, AGED, AND INFIRM FREEMASONS,

ALLOWING THE ANNUITANTS TO RESIDE WHERE THEY PLEASE.

President of the Committee of Management,

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF SUSSEX, K.G. M.W.G.M.

Vice-Presidents.

THE M.W. THE EARL OF ZETLAND, Pro-G.M.

THE R.W. THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY, K.G. D.G.M.

THE R.W. BENJAMIN BOND CABELL, P.J.G.W.

The Committee of Management have the pleasure of forwarding to the Principals and Companions of the Chapter No. a Copy of the Rules and Regulations for the Government of the above Benevolent Fund; and as the object in view is to extend permanent Relief to Brethren at their own Fire-sides, the Committee ardently hope to be favoured with the general cooperation and zealous support of the Brethren of every Lodge and Charter. A blank Form is sent on third side, which the Committee will thank the E. Principals, for the time being, to make a personal duty, of having filled up and returned before the 1st of March next, together with such Monies that may be subscribed, addressed to "The Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund, Freemasons' Hall, London."

By Order,

WILLIAM FARNFIELD, Secretary.

At the Grand Secretary's Office,
Freemasons' Hall,
London, November, 1842.

THE FOLLOWING

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Were finally approved and confirmed at a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England, on the 1st day of June, 1842, viz.—

1. That an Institution be founded to be called "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund."
2. That the Institution shall be under a Committee of Management, to consist of the G. M., the Pro-G. M., and the D. G. M., together with Thirty Brethren, each of whom must be a Master or Past Master of a Lodge: Ten to be nominated by the Grand Master, Ten elected by the Grand Lodge, by Ballot, and Ten by the Subscribers, also by Ballot.
3. That Three Members of each Class shall go out of office annually; but shall be eligible to be re-appointed or re-elected.
4. That all the Meetings on the Business of this Institution be held at the Free Masons' Hall in Great Queen-Street.
5. That for the present, a Sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted Quarterly by the Grand Lodge from the Fund of Benevolence, and that Donations and Subscriptions be received in addition, for the purpose of granting Annuities to reduced, aged, or afflicted Free Masons.

6. That the following be the scale of the ages, by which, after each election the Annuities shall be granted, viz.

Of the Age of 60 to 70 years, an Annuity from.....	£10 to £20
70 to 75	from..... 15 to 25
75 and upwards	from..... 20 to 30

The Amount of the Annuity to be regulated by the Age of the Candidate when elected, and to be settled by the Committee of Management according to the circumstances of the Case, and not to be subsequently increased.

7. That no Brother be eligible under the Age of 60 years, nor unless he has been a registered Master-Mason for 15 years and a Subscribing Member to a Lodge for at least ten years of that period, except the Brother shall be afflicted with total Blindness, Paralysis, or other Visitation of Divine Providence which shall permanently incapacitate him from earning a livelihood, and that the affliction shall have occurred subsequently to his being raised to the Degree of Master-Mason: In such case the Party may be admitted under 60 years of age if he shall have been 7 years a registered Master-Mason, and Subscriber to a Lodge for that period.

8. That no Brother having an Income of £20 per Annum shall be admitted to the Benefit of the Fund.

9. That if an Annuitant shall become possessed of an Income, independently of his Annuity, the Committee of Management shall have the power to reduce the Annuity according to the circumstances of the Case.

10. That if it shall appear, that any facts respecting the situation or circumstances of an Annuitant shall have been suppressed, or false representations made at the period of Election, or if any Annuitant is discovered to be in a situation to provide for himself, the Committee of Management shall have Power to suspend such Brother from the List of Annuitants; and the Committee shall report the circumstances to the Grand Lodge at its next Quarterly Meeting, and also to the Subscribers at the next Annual Meeting.

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* A Grand Officer of the year has just returned from the Grand Secretary's office, with the declaration of the fact that up to this moment the proceedings of these four Grand Lodges are not even in the printer's hands.—July 24, 1840.

† The italics and capitals throughout the entire of this address are so marked by myself, and do not so appear in their respective places in the originals.

‡ In the law the word is *particular*, not specific. The compiler of this precious paper is not particular as to words.

11. That the Committee of Management shall have the power to deprive of his Annuity any Annuitant who shall anticipate the payment thereof, or charge or incumber the same in any manner, or shall, by improper conduct, render himself unworthy to be continued upon the Fund.

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12. That a General Meeting of the Subscribers shall take place annually at Twelve o'Clock on the Third Friday in May, for general business, and to elect the Members of the Committee, each of whom shall be a Life Governor, or a Subscriber to the amount of Two Pounds annually. All Elections to be by Ballot and to commence at One and close at Three o'Clock.
13. That a Special General Meeting shall be held on the requisition in writing of Eighteen Life Governors, to be delivered at the office of the Secretary, stating the object for which such meeting is to be held; at which meeting no business shall be discussed except that specified in the Requisition, and at least seven days' notice of such meeting shall be given in three daily Papers.
14. That the Grand Treasurer for the time being be the Treasurer to the Institution.
15. That there be four Trustees, of whom the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer for the time being shall be two, and two other Brethren shall be elected by the Subscribers at the first General Meeting.
16. That the Trustees shall from time to time receive the Dividends due upon the funded property, and pay the same over to the Treasurer; and shall not after such payment, as Trustees, be accountable or responsible for the application or misapplication thereof.
17. That three Auditors be elected annually by the Subscribers at the General Meeting in May.
18. That the Committee shall have the power to appoint the Paid-Officers, and to fix their Salaries, and to take such security as may be deemed advisable for the due performance of their respective Duties, and to remove any such officer of the Institution in the event of misconduct, inability, or inattention to the duties of his office.
19. That no Paid-Officer of the Institution shall retain more money than is deemed advisable by the Committee; nor shall any such officer interfere or canvas in elections directly or indirectly, nor be entitled, if a Governor, to vote at any election, or at any Meeting.
20. That the Committee do meet Monthly or oftener if necessary, and at every meeting elect their Chairman. **Five** be a Quorum.
21. That the Committee shall from time to time determine the number of Annuitants to be elected.
22. That the election of Candidates shall take place on the day of the General Meeting; and previously (herein) that a printed Polling-Paper, containing the particulars of each case with such other information as may be necessary, be numbered and signed by the Secretary and sent by post to every Subscriber, at least six weeks before the day of Election; and no second Polling-Paper shall be issued without the sanction of the Chairman at the General Meeting.
23. That all Governors and Subscribers be entitled to ballot by Proxy in the Election of Annuitants.
24. That the Candidates stand in rotation on the List for election according to the date of their admission as Candidates on the Books of the Institution.
25. That should any Candidate be unsuccessful at three successive Elections, the Committee shall have power to place him on the list of annuitants.
26. That one-half only of the sum to be granted in Annuities shall be assigned to Brethren from Lodges in the London District.
27. That every Applicant for an Annuity residing within the London District shall attend the Committee previously to being placed on the List of Candidates. That every Applicant residing in the Country shall transmit a Certificate to be produced to the Committee, stating his circumstances, &c. signed by the Master and Wardens of a Lodge having personal knowledge of the Applicant, and the nearest to which he may reside, and shall afterwards furnish such other Testimonials as may be required by the Committee.
28. That the Annuitants be paid quarterly.
29. That every Annuitant, before his Annuity be paid, shall either attend in person to receive the same or transmit to the Secretary of the Institution a Certificate, attested by the Clergyman and Churchwarden of the Parish, or by a Magistrate, near to where he resides, of his being alive on the day his Annuity falls due.
30. A new Subscriber shall be entitled to vote immediately upon payment of the Subscription.
31. That the Master of every Lodge shall be entitled to Four Votes at every Election of an Annuitant, provided the Lodge shall have paid the last year's Contribution to the Grand Lodge.
32. That a Donation of £5 shall constitute the Donor a Life-Governor, entitled to Two Votes at every election of an Annuitant: a Donation of £10 to Four Votes, and so on in proportion.
33. Subscribers of 5s. per annum shall in like manner be entitled to One Vote, and to One extra Vote for every additional 5s. subscribed.
34. That every Lodge or Chapter subscribing 5s. or upwards per annum shall have the same privilege as an individual Subscriber.
35. That a Lodge or Chapter subscribing £10 in one or more payments within two years shall be entitled to Two Votes during its existence, and by a Donation of £5 in one payment to Two Votes for fifteen years.
36. That the privilege of voting by Lodges and Chapters subscribing to the Institution shall be exercised by the W. Master or First Principal for the time being, unless otherwise directed at the time of subscribing.
37. That a Donation of £50 shall constitute the Donor a Vice-President of the Institution.
38. That an Executor, or when more than one, the Executor first named in the Will, paying a legacy of £50 to the use of the Institution shall be constituted a Governor for life. If the legacy be to the amount of £100 or upwards, all the acting Executors shall become entitled to the like privilege.
39. That, notwithstanding any of the previous Resolutions, no person who is not a Free Mason shall be entitled to any of the privileges of a Governor or Subscriber.
40. That none but Free Masons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the Subscribers or personally to present a Polling-Paper at any election of Annuitants; but all such Polling-Papers shall be used only by Free Masons entitled to vote.
41. That in every Election, except in that of Annuitants, all Masters of Lodges, Governors, and Subscribers, shall be entitled to one Vote only, such Vote to be given in person.
42. That in case of an equality of Votes at any Meeting, the Chairman shall be entitled to a second or casting Vote.
43. That all Annual Subscriptions fall due on the 1st January in each year, and that no one be entitled to vote on any occasion whose Subscription shall be in arrear.
44. That, with a view of providing for the permanence of the Institution, all Life-Donations and Bequests and two-thirds of the Annual Subscriptions shall be invested in the Public Funds in the names of the Trustees, and on no account shall any portion of the Principal invested be withdrawn, except with the sanction of two-thirds of the Subscribers present at the Annual General Meeting and also of the Grand Lodge.
45. That a general Statement of the Finances of the Society shall be prepared, and, after having been duly audited, shall, together with a Report of the PROCEEDINGS of the Committee, be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Subscribers, to be held in the month of May, and to the Grand Lodge in June following.
46. That the proceedings of every Annual or Especial General Meeting shall be reported to the Grand Lodge.
- Lastly.* That after the Rules and Regulations of the Institution shall have been confirmed by the Grand Lodge, no alteration shall be made therein, unless the same shall have been approved of by the Grand Lodge.

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11. That the Committee of Management shall have the power to deprive of his Annuity any Annuity payment thereof, or charge or incur the same in any manner, or shall, by impropriety, be liable to be removed upon the Fund.

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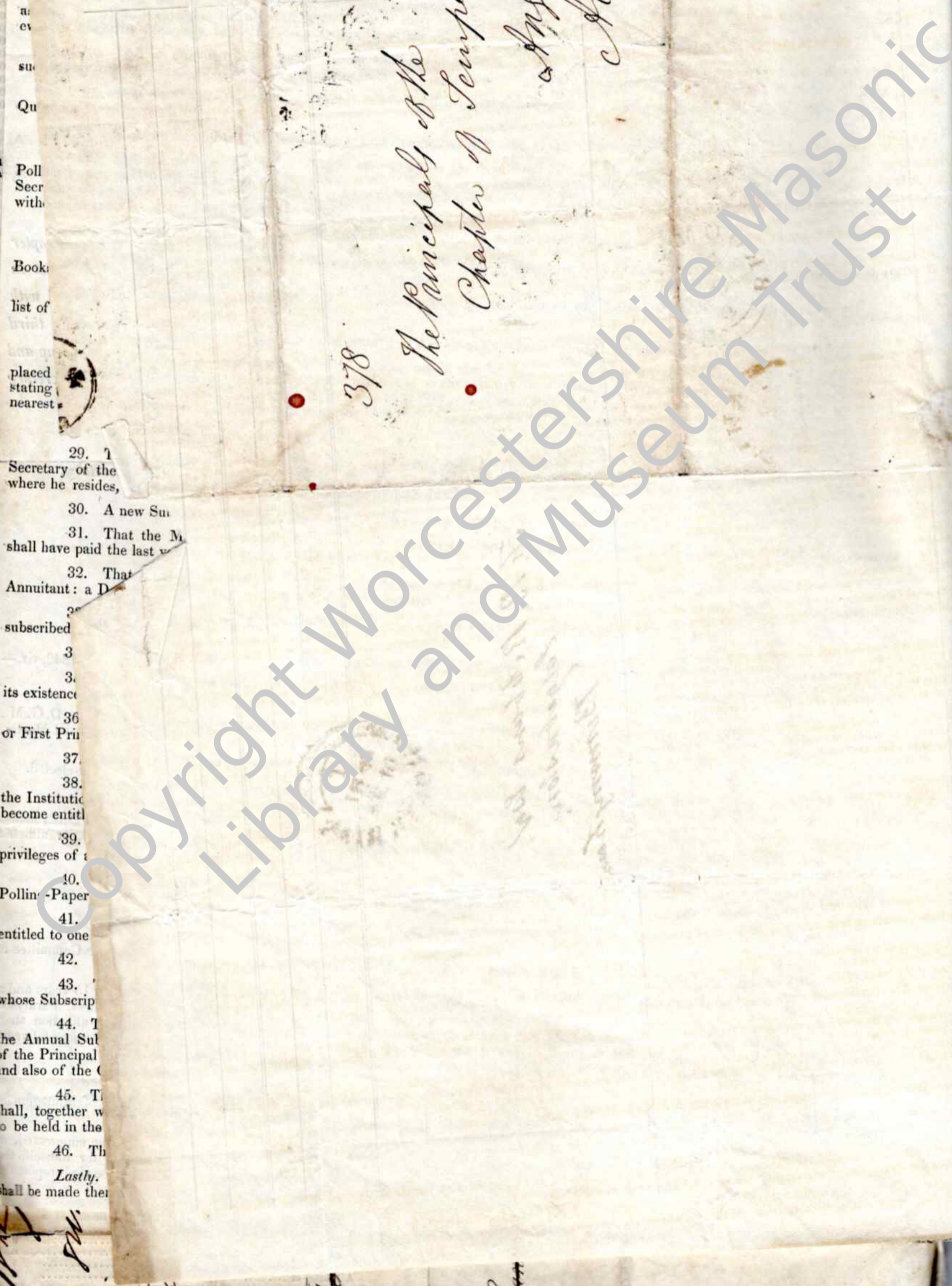
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FOR

WORTHY AGED AND DECAYED FREEMASONS.

"That this Grand Lodge recommend the contemplated Asylum for the Aged and Decayed Freemason to the favourable consideration of the Craft."

Unanimous Resolution of Grand Lodge, Dec. 6, 1837.

The Committee deem it expedient to submit to the Friends of this Institution, and the Masonic world, the following Extracts from their Minutes, without note or comment.

COMMUNICATION addressed to the BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, upon which a Meeting was appointed for the 7th December, 1841.

To the President, Vice-President, and Members of the Board of General Purposes of the Ancient Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

GENTLEMEN AND BROTHERS.—I am directed by the Committee of the Asylum for Worthy Aged and Decayed Freemasons, to forward to you copies of certain Resolutions recently passed at General Meetings of the Governors and Subscribers of that Charity, specially summoned to consider them.

The following Resolutions were passed at a Quarterly General Meeting of Governors and Subscribers, specially summoned, held on the 13th October last, notice thereof having been given at a previous meeting:

"That this Meeting acknowledges, with equal satisfaction and gratitude, the declaration of His Royal Highness the W. Grand Master, in favour of an Annuity Institution for the relief of Aged and Decayed Freemasons, and most strongly recommends the adoption of his Royal Highness's suggestion by carrying out the annuity principle.

"The Committee, after taking into mature consideration the operation of the resolution passed for the appropriation of the funds of this charity on the 24th May, 1839, are of opinion, that the wishes of many warm friends to this Institution would be materially consulted by their being permitted to exercise a discretion in the disposal of their donations and subscriptions, and therefore propose:—

"That the sum of £2000, now invested in the Three per Cent. Consols for the purpose of erecting an Asylum for Worthy Aged and Decayed Freemasons be denominated the Building Fund; and that the annual interest of the said fund, together with all donations and subscriptions to that object, be added to to accumulate until such time as it shall be deemed expedient to commence the erection of the Asylum.

"That the sum of £1000 and upwards, since subscribed, be invested in the public funds, and be denominated the Annuity Fund; and that such portion of the interest thereof, and of the donations and subscriptions to that object, as shall not be required for the payment of the annuitants and current expenses of the Institution, shall annually be added to the said fund.

"That all future subscriptions and donations be received under separate heads, and added at the option of the donors, to either the Building Fund or the Annuity Fund.

"The Quarterly Communication of the Meeting of the United Grand Lodge of England on the 1st of September last having been read, it was resolved that the General Committee, by Sub-Committee, or otherwise, be empowered to confer with the Board of General Purposes on the system of Annuities proposed to Grand Lodge, with a view to an amalgamation of the two plans.

"That a Special General Meeting be convened for the 27th October, instant, at seven o'clock in the evening for the purpose, if approved, of confirming the foregoing resolutions."

The Special General Meeting held on the 27th October, unanimously confirmed the whole of the foregoing resolutions, and directed a Special Meeting of the Committee to be summoned for Tuesday, the 2nd November instant, at which the following resolutions were unanimously adopted namely:—

"That, in accordance with the resolutions passed at the Quarterly General Meeting on the 13th October last, and confirmed at a Special General Meeting on the 27th of the same month, a Sub-Committee be appointed for the purpose of conferring with the Board of General Purposes on the system of Annuities proposed to Grand Lodge, with a view to an amalgamation of the two plans.

"That Bros. R. T. Crucefix, J. C. Bell, and J. Lee Stevens, assisted by R. Field, the Secretary, do form such Sub-Committee, and have power to call in the aid of any other members of the General Committee."

In submitting the foregoing copies of Resolutions of the Governors and Subscribers of the Asylum for Worthy Aged and Decayed Freemasons, I am further directed to solicit, in conformity therewith, a conference with your Honourable Board upon the subject referred to, and to beg the favour of an intimation as to when and where the deputation named may wait upon you for that purpose.

I am, Gentlemen and Brothers,
Your faithful Brother and Servant,
R. FIELD, Secretary.
Asylum for Worthy Aged and Decayed Freemasons.

25, TIBBERTON-SQUARE, ISLINGTON
4th Nov., 1841.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Sub-Committee appointed to confer with the Board of General Purposes, beg leave to report progress, as follows:—
That the Sub-Committee held a meeting on Tuesday morning, the 7th instant, as per minute appended.

At a meeting of the deputation appointed by the Committee of the Asylum for Worthy Aged and Decayed Freemasons, to hold a conference with the Board of General Purposes upon the subject of the Annuity Plan proposed to Grand Lodge on the 1st of September last, with a view to the amalgamation of the two plans, held at the house of the Treasurer of the Asylum, Brother R. T. Crucefix, M. D., on Tuesday, the 7th December, 1841,

"It was resolved, That the following do form the basis of the proposed arrangement:—

"First—That the Annuity Fund of this institution be added to the fund proposed to be raised in accordance with the Report of the Board of General Purposes, provided that the annuitants now on this Institution are respectively provided for on equal terms with the other annuitants; and that the subscribers of this Institution do retain their privileges pro rata in that about to be formed.

"Second—That the Building Fund of this Institution be also placed in the hands of Grand Lodge, through the Board of General Purposes, to accumulate, and to be applied in accordance with the resolutions passed at a General Meeting on the 13th of October last, and communicated to the Board of General Purposes.

"Third—That the preceding arrangements being made, all offices held in this Institution be vacated.

"ROBT. THOS. CRUCEFIX,
"JOSEPH C. BELL,
"J. LEE STEVENS,
"R. FIELD, Secretary."

That the Sub-Committee attended the Board of General Purposes, and, after a short introductory conversation, read, at the request of the President of the Board, the preceding proposition, of which a copy was taken.

That subsequently, in reply to questions asked by the W. the President, and other members of the Board, the Sub-Committee stated that no difficulty whatever was apprehended with reference to the transfer of the two Funds, the Annuity Fund and the Building Fund, as proposed; but

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