

Mr Gos. & D. G. G.  
Mr Pease  
Mr Harman  
Mr Bowden  
Mr Palmer

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 1826

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Report from the Branch Bank Committee that Mr Cripps should reside on the Premises to be taken at Gloucester. It was

The Chairman of the Branch Bank Committee having reported, that the Committee had agreed that it would be expedient Mr Cripps should reside on the Premises to be taken for the Bank, at Gloucester: And that the House reported on by Mr Scam (through Mr Payne) if purchased could be made a convenient residence for Mr Cripps, if about £2000 were to be laid out in fitting up the same. It was Resolved,

Resolution that the said House be purchased and that it be fitted for the residence of Mr Cripps

That the Premises above referred to, including an House of 6 ft 6 in, be purchased by the Bank, at a sum not exceeding £4200 - and that when the purchase shall be completed it be fitted for the residence of Mr Cripps at an expense not to exceed £2000.

Mr Payne instructed that either he or Mr Payne should go to Gloucester to complete the purchase

In the absence of Mr Scam, Mr Payne was called in and instructed by the Governor to go to Mr Scam to acquaint him - it will be expedient that either he

Mr. or Mr. Payne, should go to Gloucester  
this evening; for the purpose of completing  
the purchase of the said House.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1826.

Mr. G. & D. G. G.  
Mr. Thomas  
Mr. Harman  
Mr. Bowden  
Mr. Butler -

The Minutes of the last meeting

minutes read were read.

Mr. Soane reports that  
he had sent Mr. Bailey  
to Gloucester for the  
purpose of purchasing  
the House there.

Mr. Soane stated, that in order to  
carry into execution the object of the Com-  
mittee respecting the purchase of Messrs  
Turner's Premises at Gloucester, he had  
despatched (on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>) a competent  
person in his employ (Mr. Geo. Bailey) with  
full directions how to act.

Letter read from  
Mr. Bailey stating  
the negotiations with  
Messrs Turner for  
purchasing the House

Mr. Soane read a letter from Mr  
Bailey dated 3 July stating that he had  
seen Mr Turner jun<sup>r</sup>. who had acquainted  
him, that the whole of the Premises are  
Freehold, and that the 8 Cottages produce  
£70 per annum - but were certainly worth  
£80 per annum & upwards: - that he had never  
authorised Mr Cripps to say, that his father  
& himself were willing to dispose of the  
Property for £4200 - but on the contrary that  
the Premises were considered by them to be  
worth £5000 - and that they should

decline

— Continued.

declined a less offer than £4500, in addition to which they considered they had a claim for £300. for Fixtures. However, they would waive that claim, & accept of £4500 for the whole Property.

— Mr Bailey writes to Mr Scane for additional instructions which are sent to him

Mr Bailey, in consequence, writes again to Mr Scane who, in reply desired him to acquaint Mr Turner that he was ready to sign an Agreement for the purchase of the Premises for £4200, including all the Fixtures of every kind; and if this Proposal is refused, to terminate the negotiation & return to Town.

— Mr Bailey again communicates with Messrs Turners who accept the proposal he presents — and an Agreement is signed.

Mr Bailey having communicated the foregoing letter to Messrs Turners and Son — they assented to the Proposal — and an Agreement & Counterpart were signed, conformably with the rough Draft which had been furnished by Mr Freshfield; & which was now laid before the Committee. The Agreement stated — that Mr Thomas & Mr John Turner agree to sell, & the Bank to purchase, the House & Premises at Gloucester in which the Banking-business of Messrs Turners & Co. was lately carried on; and also the several Tenements adjacent thereto, known by the name of the Strong Close with the Strong Close & all other Fixtures for £4200. — Possession of the Premises to be

— Terms of the Agreement stated.

— Terms of the Agree-  
ment continued —

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be given on the 13<sup>th</sup> instants (except as to the  
Tenements, the Tenants of which to have No-  
tice to quit, if necessary, as early as possible).  
The purchase to be completed on the 29<sup>th</sup> of  
September next, or sooner, if a good Title  
be made - and the purchase money is to be  
paid, upon a good Title being made & the  
Conveyances duly executed. The Bank to  
pay lawful Interest on the purchase  
Money from the 13<sup>th</sup> July, to the time of  
paying the same.

— Schedule of  
Expenses appended —

A Schedule of the Expenses was ap-  
pended - to the Agreement —

5<sup>th</sup> July 1826.

Quarterly Reports  
to the Court of Di-  
rectors —

The Committee have to Report to the  
Court of Directors - that the Quarterly  
Bills have been examined, & referred to the  
Committee for the Honor & Advants, for  
payment. The Amount of them is £2668.17.0

The Committee have directed Mr  
Loane to fit the Strong Room for the  
Branch Bank Office; and also to fit  
up a strong Iron Chest in each of the  
Stock Offices which has not yet been  
furnished with the necessary Accomma-  
dation for the safety of the Books & Ca-  
used therein.

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Quarterly  
Report continued.

The Committee have also directed Mr Soane to make the requisite alterations in the Hall, for carrying on the business of the Drawing Office for Private Accounts, agreeably to an arrangement proposed by the Court.

The Committee have further to Report, that an agreement has been entered into for the purchase of the Premises at Gloucester, in which the Banking business of Messrs Turpin & Co was lately carried on for The Branch Bank, in that City. £4200 is the sum to be given for the said Premises, & all the Fixtures therein; together with several Tenements adjacent thereto, now let for £70 per annum.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1826.

- Mr Galt & Dyball
- Mr Thwaites
- Mr Manning
- Mr Pearce
- Mr Dorman
- Mr Bowden
- Mr Bullen

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Commission paid to Mr Soane.

Ordered, That £340. 6. 00 be paid to Mr Soane for his Commission, at 5 per Cent on £6806. 17. 5/4 being the Amount of Bills for work done from Lady-Day to Michaelmas.

Payments to the Clerk of the Works.

Also £75 to the Clerk of the Works from 25<sup>th</sup> March to 29 September 1825, and £23. 13. 0 to the same for Extra Attendance.

96 Evenings, at 5/6 each. making together  
£438-19-10. —

Ordered.

Commission paid  
to Mr Scane —

That £396-18-3 be paid to the  
same for his Commission, at 5 per Cent on  
£7938-5-3 3/4 - being the amount of Bills  
for work done from Michaelmas 1825 - to  
Lady-day 1826 - Also £75 to the Clerk of  
the Works, for work done from 29 Sep 1825 to 25 March  
1826 - and £31-7-0 to the same, for Extra  
Attendances, 11 1/2 Evenings, at 5/6 each.  
— making together £503-5-3. —

Payments to the  
Clerk of the Works.

Mr Bowden reports  
that a Person has been  
sent to Gloucester to  
alter the Locks of the  
Strong Room in the

Mr Bowden reported, from the  
Branch Bank Committee - that it had been  
thought expedient to desire Mr Scane to  
send a Person to Gloucester, for the purpose  
of altering the Locks of the Strong-Room  
and of the two Iron Closets, in the House  
purchased from Messrs Turners - to provide  
for depositing the Property of the Branch Bank,  
in safety.

— Also that Mr  
Freshfield had repd Committee a Letter which he had received  
from Mr Freshfield - stating that he had  
perused the Abstract of Title to the  
Gloucester House, and thinks it remarkably  
clear: there are some few inquiries who  
made, but they relate to mere matters of  
form; and he thinks the Bank quite safe.

Mr Bowden also laid before the  
Committee a Letter which he had received  
from Mr Freshfield - stating that he had  
perused the Abstract of Title to the  
Gloucester House, and thinks it remarkably  
clear: there are some few inquiries who  
made, but they relate to mere matters of  
form; and he thinks the Bank quite safe.

in expending any money they may deem proper —

Mr Govt & Dy Gov.  
Mr Thornton  
Mr Harman  
Mr Dorrin  
Mr Pole  
Mr Bowden —

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 1826.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Minutes read:

Consideration of the  
Rent paid by Mr Freshfield  
for his House New Bank Buildings  
in New Bank Buildings.

The Committee took into consideration the Rent at which the House No 5 —  
New Bank Buildings has been charged to  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Freshfield & Co namely £400 per Annum.  
— in consequence with Letters from them, re-  
questing, on several accounts, that a  
reduction might be made therein.

— and also  
conferred with —

Mr Soane was also conversed with  
on this subject — And it was  
Resolved,

Resolution  
thereon

That the Rent of the above-  
mentioned House be reduced £100 per  
Annum from Michaelmas 1823.

Mr Govt & Dy Gov  
Mr Thwaiter  
Mr Pearce  
Mr Manning  
Mr Mellish  
Mr Harman  
Mr Bowden  
Mr Buller  
Mr Campbell  
Mr Palmer —

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 1826.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were  
read.

Letter from Mr Bailey  
relating to his inspection  
of Premises at Manchester  
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A Letter from Mr Bailey was  
read, addressed to Mr Scane - stating that  
he has proceeded to Manchester - and, ac-  
companied by Messrs Mc Gregor & Smythe,  
has inspected the Premises, the Plans of  
which he had received from Mr Scane;  
namely Mr Greggs in King Street, Mr  
Crowdson in Market Street, & those in  
Norfolk St<sup>h</sup> occupied by the Union Club  
& the House adjacent thereto.

Statement of them  
in Norfolk St<sup>h</sup>  
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Mr Bailey proceeds to state, that the  
latter Premises are far from being eligible  
for the purpose in view; that Mr Crowdson's  
Premises have been built by Contract &  
are loosely constructed; that they are  
also extremely confined - without the  
possibility of extension.

in Market St<sup>h</sup>  
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of Mr Greggs  
Premises in King St<sup>h</sup>  
& recommendation  
of them  
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That Mr Greggs's Premises are of a  
superior description to either of those  
above mentioned, both as to situation &  
construction, and may be made secure  
at a moderate expence. The principal  
objection arises from the extent of the  
back warehouses, which form a consi-  
derable part of the value of the Premises;  
but which would be inapplicable to  
any useful purpose. The Premises are  
extremely well situated for business.

It was therefore

Resolved,



Mr Soane authorized  
to purchase Mr Gregg's  
House &c

Resolved

That Mr Soane be authorized to  
purchase Mr Gregg's House, at a sum  
not exceeding five thousand two  
hundred and fifty pounds

- Mr Gov. & Dep. Gov.
- Mr Manning.
- Mr Mellish.
- Mr Harman.
- Mr Dornier.
- Mr Pole.
- Mr Bowden.
- Mr Butler.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1826

The Minutes of the last meeting  
were read.

Letter from Mr Soane  
recommending the Pre-  
mises of Mrs Gibbins  
Smith & Co at Birmin-  
gham &c

A Letter from Mr Soane dated 5<sup>th</sup>  
August 1826 addressed to Mr Bowden  
was read, stating that the House and  
Premises at Birmingham, lately  
occupied by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Gibbins, Smith &  
Goode, are freehold, substantially  
built and in a complete state of  
repair, their situation peculiarly  
eligible, extremely well calculated for  
the purpose required and may be  
entered upon immediately.

Resolved,

That Mr Soane be authorized  
to purchase the above House and premises,  
including all the fixtures of every kind,  
at a sum not exceeding six thousand  
pounds.

Mr Soane autho-  
rized to purchase the  
same &c

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1826

- Mr Gov. & Dep. Gov.
- Mr Harman
- Mr Bowden &
- Mr Butler

The Minutes of the last meeting  
were read.

Mr

Mr Soane reports the purchase of Mr Gregg's House at Manchester.

Mr Soane reported that he had agreed with Mr Gregg for the purchase of his House at Manchester for the sum of £5250 —

Mr Freshfield's Opinion on Mr Gregg's Title expected —

On an understanding, that on the Subject of Mr Gregg's Title, Mr Freshfield would state his Opinion that the Bank will be safe in proceeding with the necessary Repairs — It was Resolved.

Mr Soane directed to make the alterations in Mr Gregg's House, as per Plan

That Mr Soane be directed to make the alterations, agreeably to the Plan submitted to the Committee.

Mr Soane reports, his having agreed for the purchase of Messrs Gibbins & Co's Premises at Birmingham

Mr Soane also reported that he had agreed with Messrs Gibbins Smith & Goode, for the purchase of their House & Premises at Birmingham, including all the fixtures of every kind as directed by the Committee, for the sum of £5500

Mr Soane to complete the said purchase

Resolved, That Mr Soane be directed to complete the said purchase on the terms contained in the Agreement submitted to the Committee.

Letter from Mr Wilkins relating to a House at Swansea called Burrows's Lodge.

Mr Bowdler laid before the Committee a Letter from Mr Wilkins relating to a House at Swansea, called Burrows's Lodge, and recommending the same, as suitable for the Branch Bank Establishment there.

Resolved

— Mr Soane to report  
on Burrows Lodge and  
also on Messrs Gibbins & Co  
Premises at Swansea —

Resolved,

That Mr Soane be directed to  
report on the above subject, and also on the  
House & Premises of Messrs Gibbins & Co at  
Swansea —

Subject & Order.

- Mr Manning
- Mellish
- Harrison
- Donnin
- Pole
- Rowden & Bullen.

Monday 23 August 1826

The Minutes of the last Committee

Minutes read.

were read.

Letter from Messrs Fresh  
field & Co relating to the  
House at Birmingham

A Letter was read from Messrs  
Freshfield & Son relating to the House &  
Premises at Birmingham which was

— Mr Soane to report  
thereon

referred to Mr Soane, to report thereon.

Mr Soane reports on  
the Premises called  
Burrows Lodge at Swansea

Mr Soane reported, that the House &  
Premises called Burrows Lodge, at  
Swansea, standing in the middle of five  
Acres of Land, originally built for a  
Villa, would require a very considerable  
sum of Money to be expended to convert  
them into a Banking House; he also  
considered the Situation ineligible for  
that purpose.

— Also on the House  
Premises, belonging to  
Messrs Gibbins & Co at  
Swansea —

Mr Soane further reported, that the  
House & Premises, belonging to Messrs  
Gibbins Smith & Goode, called the Old  
Bank, are more eligible. The said Premises  
are held on lease for an unexpired Term  
of

of 13 Years, at a Rent of £65 per Annum. The Sum required for the Lease, is £400, and £200 for all the fixtures, of every Description: the necessary Repairs and fittings, will not exceed £500. —

— Mr Soane to purchase the Lease & Fixtures of the said House &c

Resolved, That Mr Soane be authorized to purchase the said Lease & Fixtures, at a Sum not exceeding £500. —

- Mr Geo. Thompson
- Mr Stollish
- Mr Dorrice
- Mr Pole
- Mr Bowden

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 1826

The Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes read, were read.

Mr Soane reported (in a letter from Bath dated 5<sup>th</sup> inst) that he has considered the Plans & Description of the Premises in Bristol, belonging to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Pitt Powell & Co that a large portion of them consists of Warehouses, and that they are close to the Water; he therefore thought them ineligible for a Bank. The price asked for them is £500. Mr Soane thinks they would not be worth to the Bank, more than £4000.

Approved & Resolved, That Mr Soane's report be approved, and that Mr Freshfield be directed to decline the said Premises.

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Further Report from  
the same of the Premises  
at Birmingham—

A letter from Mr Scam was read,  
that in the description of the Premises  
at Birmingham belonging to the Assignees of  
Messrs Gibbins & Co given to him & on which  
the Estimate of their value was founded, it  
was stated that the Premises were Freehold,  
& that preparation had been  
made in the Basement Story for a Safe Room.

—Subsequent State-  
ment relating to the  
Premises—

That from a subsequent statement it ap-  
pears, that a part of the Premises is  
Leasehold: that the Proprietors of the Bir-  
mingham Library have a right of way  
through the whole of the Leasehold part of the  
Premises that the Dining Room is on the  
Leasehold ground & is overlooked from the  
Library & that the space designated as  
the intended Safe Room—proves to be totally  
filled with earth—to remove which & con-  
vert the space into a Safe Room will cause  
considerable expence.

—A reduction of  
their Value by the  
sum of £550—

That under the circumstances he is of  
Opinion, the Premises are reduced in value  
from his Estimate of £5500. by the sum of  
£550.

—Resolution  
thereon—

Resolved That the foregoing Report be  
approved—and that it be submitted to the  
Assignees of Messrs Gibbins & Co.—

An

Agreement for the  
purchase of the House  
at Swansea -

Feb 24/5

Mr Freshfield's Re-  
port on Mr Gregg's  
Title to the House at  
Manchester -

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An Agreement, dated the 2<sup>d</sup> instant, be-  
tween the Assignees of Robert Cotton (signed by  
Thomas Lott of Swansea Banker - and the Governor  
and Company of the Bank of England - for the sale  
and purchase of the Leasehold premises at  
Swansea, lately occupied by Messrs Gibbins & Co  
- on the terms mentioned in a Minute of the  
23 August last - was laid before the  
Committee -

In reference to a Minute of the 15<sup>th</sup> of  
August last - which stated, that a Letter from  
Mr Freshfield was expected on the Subject of  
Mr Gregg's Title to the House at Manchester -  
- a Letter was now laid before the Committee  
in which Mr Freshfield stated - that he had  
perused the Abstract of Mr Gregg's Title,  
and that under all the Circumstances, he  
thinks that Bank will be safe in proceeding  
with the Repairs of the said House -

Mr Gov. & D<sup>r</sup> of C<sup>t</sup>.  
Mr Harman  
Mr Mellist  
Mr Dornier  
Mr Bowden &  
Mr Buller -  
Minutes read.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Septem 1826

The Minutes of the last Meeting were  
read.

Quarterly Bills  
laid before of Committee

The following Quarterly Bills were  
laid before the Committee. viz

Henry Lee	Bricklayer	£ 169. 7. 0
Thomas Martyn	Carpenter	1025. 13. 0
Thomas Grundy	Mason	101. 9. 0
	Carried forward	£ 1,296 9 0

Quartermaster Bills Palmer & Son - Plaster - 314-2 0  
 continued -  
 William Ford - Plumber - 149-4 - -  
 William Watson - Painter & Glazier - 283-13-0  
 Robert James - Glazier - 88-17 - -  
 Sarah Randall - Rabbit Cart - 92-4 - -  
 Tho Russell - Smith - 242-5 - -  
 W. & D. Bailey - Dr - 339-10 - -  
 Tho Blackland - Upholsterer - 46-0 - -  
 Cornelius Collier - Blind-Maker - 44-0 - -  
 Will<sup>m</sup> Matthews - Tin Man - 9-12 0  
 Estate of the late  
 Will<sup>m</sup> Sells - Wire Work - 37-12 0  
 Bristow & Son - Engine Makers - 8-19-0  
 Thwaites & Co - Brass-founders - 9-9-0  
 J. & W. Sutton - Tarpaulins - 16-12 0  
 Gas Light & Coke Co - Gas Light - 18-7-  
 Cuppa & Co - Paper hanger - 49-1-0  
 £ 3,545-16-0

Resolution Resolved, That it be recommended to the  
 thereon Committee for the House & Servants, to order  
 payment of the foregoing Bills -

The Governor laid before the Com-  
 mittee a Letter from Mr Freshfield stating  
 that the Title to the Swansea House is  
 approved - and that no impediment exists to

to any repairs being made which may be deemed proper.

Mr Soane's Report of the Arrangements for completing the House at Manchester -

The Governor laid before the Committee a Letter from Mr Soane, dated Bath 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. Stating that "the temporary arrangements of the Branch Bank at Manchester are completed, with the exception of the new doors to the strong room, which will be finished this night (Tuesday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>) which is nearly a week within the time he undertook to get the works completed: Every other part of the arrangement for the permanent Bank is proceeding with all possible expedition, and shall if possible be finished within the time originally required."

— To be communicated to the Branch Bank Committee.

It was agreed that the foregoing information relating to Manchester, be communicated to the Branch Bank Committee.

Letter from Mr Freshfield relating to Alterations at the South end of Bartholomew Lane.

The Governor laid before the Committee a letter from Mr Freshfield - on the subject of the alterations contemplated at the South end of Bartholomew Lane (See Vol. 68) - The consideration of which was deferred.

— deferred -

- Mr Galt. & Dr Gye
- Mr Throter
- Mr Bellish
- Mr Hauman
- Mr Pole
- Mr Bowden
- Mr Butler

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1826

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.



Letters from Mr  
Statham relating  
to Houses, at Liverpool was read - stating their inquiries relating  
to a House at that place for a Branch Bank,  
recommending the Premises of Mr Ladwin  
in preference to those lately occupied by  
Messrs Leyland & Co. Also a further letter from  
Messrs Statham & Leicester, dated the 10<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>o</sup>

A Letter from Mr Statham at Li-  
verpool dated 4<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>o</sup> to Messrs Freshfield & Son  
stating their inquiries relating  
to a House at that place for a Branch Bank,  
recommending the Premises of Mr Ladwin  
in preference to those lately occupied by  
Messrs Leyland & Co. Also a further letter from  
Messrs Statham & Leicester, dated the 10<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>o</sup>  
stating that the property of Mr Ladwin which  
they recommend as a temporary place of bu-  
siness for a Branch-Bank, has been adver-  
tised for sale on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>o</sup> - that the  
lower range of the Building is completely  
fitted up as a Bank, & will accommodate  
eleven Clerks, exclusive of an inner private  
Room for the Principal: that the strong Room  
appears to be constructed on the best principles  
for safety &c - and that the whole of the upper  
part of the House is applicable for domestic  
purposes, on a small Scale &c &c

Resolution  
thereon

Resolved,

That the Governor be requested  
to send a suitable person to Liverpool, with-  
out delay - to inspect, and report upon, the  
above mentioned Premises.

Letter from Messrs B & O  
Smith proposing to ad-  
vertise for a House  
at Bristol &c

A Letter from Messrs B & O Smith  
at Bristol to Messrs Freshfield & Son, dated  
17<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>o</sup> - was read - stating, that as nothing  
that would at all answer the purpose of the  
Bank, has offered itself to their observation,  
at

Letter from Messrs Smith continued -

at Bristol, they submit, whether it would not be advisable to advertise, in their News Papers, of Premises being wanted to rent or buy, in the Central part of that City; without specifying what sort of Premises is particularly wanted: with directions, that Applications should be made to them &c

Resolution thereon

Resolved, That Mr Freshfield be instructed to reply to the foregoing Letter - and to authorize an appropriate Advertisement to be inserted in the Bristol Papers - agreeably to Messrs Smith's proposal.

Report from the Governor of Correspondence with Messrs Spurrer & Co relating to the reduced value of the House at Birmingham

The Governor reported that agreeably to a Resolution of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. Mr Soanes Report, relating to the Circumstances which reduced the value of the House at Birmingham, by the sum of £550, had been communicated to the Officers of Messrs Gibbins & Co by Messrs Spurrer and Inghly, who observe thereon that they believe the Safety Room was only represented as a place intended for a Safety Room; that the Earth would not cost £5, in removing; nor the purchase of the Freehold of the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor - £40. That the Officers would lend their assistance in furthering the views of the Bank, and it is their opinion the Premises are very cheap at £5500.

Mr Freshfield's reply to Messrs Spurrer & Co

To this Communication Mr Freshfield had been instructed to reply - that the Bank would be disposed to waive that part of the Understanding relating to the Safety Room, provided they can

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Report relating to the  
House at Birmingham  
continued -

— further letter  
from Messrs. Spurrin &

can obtain in every other respect that  
which they took into consideration, as consti-  
tuting the value of them; on which principle  
it was suggested that the Apigneux should  
put themselves into a situation to convey  
the 98 Square Yards, as Freehold & free  
from the right of way.

To this proposal Messrs. Spurrin & Co. had  
replied on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. that the 98 Sq Yards  
include the whole of the Premises which are  
Leasehold - that Mr. Withering's Solicitors  
have no doubt he will sell the Freehold  
thereof at a fair price; but that the Apigneux  
have the 98 Sq Yards free of Ground Rent for a  
term of 120 Years, on which account the free-  
hold in reversion can only be worth a  
trifling sum; they cannot, however engage  
at all events to purchase it, lest the  
engagement being known might put it  
out of their power, except at an exorbitant  
price. That no person sleeps in the Library,  
that the right of Way would only be for Ashes  
& Coals in 2 or 3 Months, and that the Bank  
have always kept the Key of the Stable Yard,  
through which the right of Road is exercised.  
- That the Apigneux will consent to allow  
£100 out of the £5500 - to remove the above  
mentioned difficulties - the Governor and  
Directors taking these things upon them-  
selves: And that the Apigneux have the  
Freehold of the Library, which they would  
sell to the Bank, at a reasonable price.

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Further letter from  
Mr Purrier & relating  
to the House at Birmingham  
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The Governor then laid before the Com-  
mittee a further letter from Messrs Purrier &  
Messrs Freshfield and Son, dated the 17<sup>th</sup> inst -  
stating that they have no doubt of success  
in their endeavor to obtain the freehold  
of the 98 Square Yards - concerning which they  
are corresponding with Mr Withering.  
That no other House to be dispersed of at  
Birmingham is so likely to answer the pur-  
pose of the Branch Bank; that they think  
it a bargain, and that by raising the outer  
wall of the inner Yard, the Bank Premises  
might be made perfectly intire & secure,  
whether the freehold of the 98 Sq Yards, or the  
right of way, be given up or not!

Resolved

That the Governor be requested  
to confer with Mr Freshfield, and to reply  
to the foregoing Letters, in such a way, as  
he shall deem expedient.

Resolution  
thereon

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 1826.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were  
read.

Mr Gov & Dr Gov.  
Mr Bellish  
Mr Harman  
Mr Dorrice  
Mr Pole  
Mr Bowden,  
Mr Buller  
Mr Campbell  
Minutes read

Letter from Mr Joseph  
Gibbins relating to the  
Fixtures & furniture  
of the house at Swan-  
sea &c

The Governor laid before the Committee  
a Letter from Mr Joseph Gibbins - stating  
that he is the occupier of the House at  
Swansea - which the Assignees of Robert  
Eaton

Letter from Mr  
Gibbins continued.

Eaton here agreed to sell to the Bank -  
that he is desirous to know what part of  
the furniture Mr Wilkins or the incoming  
Tenant may be inclined to take & to offer  
any facility, & to clear his establishment  
up to the 29<sup>th</sup> instant. But he trusts the  
Bank will see the justice of taking such  
of the Fixtures on the Premises as are united to  
the place, at a fair valuation - and also to  
make some allowance towards the expenses  
he had been at in additions & alterations,  
which have so greatly improved the value  
of the Premises. Mr G. annexed an Estimate  
of his expenditure on the Premises (upwards  
of £700) & specified the fixtures which he  
proposed the Bank should take & trusted  
they would not think £500 - an unreasona-  
ble allowance for the same. &

Mr Freshfield  
Reports on Mr Gibbins  
Letter -

Upon the foregoing letter Mr Fresh-  
field reported - that the purchase above  
referred to consists of the Lease of a Dwelling  
House part of which was appropriated to  
the business of The Swansea Bank, toge-  
ther with the fixtures & fittings be-  
longing to that Bank - which Mr Freshfield  
understands as excluding the Fixtures not  
connected with that Banking business -  
these are therefore left as in the ordinary  
Case of the purchase of a Leasehold House  
where nothing is said respecting them.  
- The Bank will therefore probably think  
it right to agree to take the Tenants  
fixtures

the Freshfield  
Report continued.

Fixtures, which Mr Gibbins would have a right to remove, and to pay for them at a fair valuation - some of the Items appear not to fall under the head of Fixtures to be paid for, because they form a part of the Freehold - As to Improvements they are of course out of the Question.

Resolution  
thereon

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to refer the foregoing subject to the same, for a further Report, as to Fixtures.

Letter from Messrs B & C  
Smith relating to 2  
houses at Bristol  
- a house in Queen  
Sq.

The Governor laid before the Committee a Letter from Messrs B & C Smith to Mr Freshfield stating that they have had several Applications owing to the Advertisement which they had inserted in the Bristol News Papers. One relates to a House in Queen Square which they describe. They fear, however, that the size of the House, which is small, will be an objection - unless it were thought worth while to build over what is now the Kitchen.

It is near Clare  
St.

They also transmitted a rough Plan of Premises which might probably be had, if the situation be considered desirable - The first side is just seen from Clare Street.

reference to a  
House formerly offered  
but declined by the  
Bank

They think, that the proprietors of the House belonging to Messrs Pitt Powell & Co. (see Vol - 85) might probably take less, than they had asked for the same.

Resolved

Resolution on  
Mess<sup>r</sup> Smith's letter

Resolved,

That the Governor be requested to direct Mr Bayley to survey the House in Queen Square, and also the other House, mentioned by Mess<sup>r</sup> Smith - And that the Premises belonging to Mess<sup>r</sup> Pitt, Powell & Co be still declined -

The Governor states, that on Mr Bayley's Report, on the House at Liverpool (late Mr Hadwin's, he had instructed Mr Freshfield to decline the same -

The Governor reported, that having received the Report of the Surveyor Mr Bayley, respecting the Premises at Liverpool (late Mr Hadwin's, which was now delivered in - he had instructed Mr Freshfield to write to Mr Catham of that Town, that the Bank would decline to be purchasers of those Premises. -

Further Report from the Governor, on Mr Spurrer's Letter, relating to the House at Birmingham -

The Governor reported, on the Subject of the House at Birmingham, that a Letter had been received from Mr Spurrer, (which was also read) stating that they have done all they can to obtain the freehold of the 9<sup>th</sup> Square Yard of Land, and to get the right of road which the Library has over the Slatted Yard relinquished, but as yet without success - and that the Bpignees are not disposed to abate any thing more from the price than £100 in respect to the objections made by the Bank

Mr Spurrer adds, however, that since writing the above that he had seen

Report continued by Withering's Solicitor, and at his sug-<sup>97</sup>-  
gestion has offered, on the part of the Assignees,  
£50 for the purchase of the freehold of the  
98 sq Yards of land - which Offer he has  
promised immediately to communicate to  
Mr Withering -

27<sup>th</sup> Sept 1826.

Quarterly Report  
to the Comtee of Directors

The Committee have to Report to the  
Comtee of Directors, that the Quarterly Bills  
have been examined, & referred to the Com-  
mittee for the House & Servants, for  
payment. The amount of them is £3545.0.0

Since the last Report the Comtee<sup>11</sup>  
have completed the purchase of Premises at  
Manchester for a Branch Bank at that  
place for the sum of £5250 -

An Agreement has been executed for  
the purchase of Premises for a Branch Bank,  
at Swansea for the lease & fixtures of  
which £500 has been given.

The Committee are also in treaty  
for Premises at Birmingham for a Branch  
Bank at that place; which is not yet  
brought to a conclusion, on account of  
circumstances which appear to have  
reduced the estimated value of the Premises  
below the sum, which, was at first offered  
for them -



98  
Mr G. W.  
Mr Thawton  
Mr Manning  
Mr Pease  
Mr Harman  
Mr Mellish  
Mr Dornin  
Mr Cole  
Mr Bowden

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1826

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr Bailey's Report relating to the Terms of a Report from Mr Bailey (in the absence of the Agreement on which the Lease of the House at Swansea has been purchased &c

The Governor laid before the Committee the Report from Mr Bailey (in the absence of Mr Scane) stating that the Agreement for purchasing the Lease of the House, at Swansea, was made with the Agents to the Estate, and that the Sum of £500 was agreed to be given for their interest in the same.

That £400 thereof was considered as an equivalent for the Sum stated to have been expended for repairs & improvements, and £100 as the value of the Fixtures & Fittings in the Banking Apartments.

Resolved,

That the Governor be requested to bring the foregoing business to a conclusion by disallowing any Claims on the part of Mr Gibbins for repairs & improvements on the Premises - by securing to the Bank those Articles in Mr Gibbins List of Fixtures which are attached to the Freehold, and by paying, at a fair valuation, for such Fixtures, as it shall be judged expedient for the Bank to take.

Resolution thereon

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The Governor reports  
that he had directed a  
third House at Bristol  
to be surveyed -

The Governor also Reported, that in  
addition to the House & Premises at Bristol,  
ordered on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>o</sup> to be surveyed - he had  
directed that a third House on the Broad  
Quay, which Mess<sup>rs</sup> B & O Smith state to be  
likely to suit the Bank, to be likewise  
surveyed by Mr Bailey -

- Mr Governor
- Mr Manning
- Mr Pease
- Mr Dorrice
- Mr Pole
- Mr Bowden
- Mr Butler

Wednesday 11 Octo 1826

The Minutes of the last Meeting

Minutes read - were read.

The Treaty for the  
House at Birmingham has not yet  
not yet completed -

The Governor reported that the Treaty  
for the House at Birmingham has not yet  
been completed.

And that as far  
the Communications had  
been received relating to  
the Fixtures &c at Swansea

Also. That he had received no Commu-  
nication relating to the Fixtures &c at  
the House at Swansea - since the last  
Meeting of the Committee -

Mr Bailey reports on  
the 3 Houses at Bristol  
& on the Premises more  
recently referred to -

Mr Bailey attended the Committee, and  
reported on the three Houses, which he had  
surveyed at Bristol, and on the other Pre-  
mises which had recently been referred to  
by Mess<sup>rs</sup> B & O Smith, at that City.

Mr Bailey again  
to proceed to Bristol &  
to report the

Mr Bailey was then directed to pro-  
ceed again to Bristol, in order to report more  
fully on those Premises <sup>that</sup> may properly  
be

be deemed eligible to be occupied as a Branch Bank, in that City.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Octo. 1826

Mr Gos & D. Gos -  
Mr Dorrain  
Mr Pole  
Mr Bowden

The Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes read. were read.

Letter from Mr Gibbins  
with a list of the Fixtures  
in his late House at  
Swansea

The Governor laid before the Committee

a Letter from Mr Gibbins, together with a  
List of the Fixtures in his late House at  
Swansea: also Mr Freshfield's reply to Mr

also Mr Freshfield's  
reply to Mr Gibbins letter

Gibbins's Letter Mr Gibbins continues to  
hope that the Bank will allow him £500  
for his Fixtures &c. for which Mr Freshfield  
gives him no encouragement. Mr F. also

-and an extract  
from the lease, which  
states the Fixtures to be  
surrendered with the House

forwarded an extract from the Lease of the  
Swansea House to Mr Gibbins &c. - which  
expresses the several Fixtures &c. - which are  
to be surrendered with the Premises -

Resolution  
thereon

Resolved. That the foregoing List of Fix-  
tures &c. be put into the hands of Mr Doan  
in order that he may determine on those  
which ought to be surrendered, with the Pre-  
mises. and on the value of any others of them,  
which shall be purchased by the Bank.

Letter

A Letter was then read from Mr  
Freshfield - Stating that the Assigment  
of

Letter from Mr  
Freshfield stating that  
the assignment of the lease  
of the House at Swansea  
has been executed &c

of the Lease of the House at Swansea to the  
Bank, has been executed by all the parties &  
forwarded to him; with a request, that the  
purchase money (£500) may be paid to  
Messrs Gibbins & Eaton's Estate Account, with  
J. W. Lubbock & Co. —

— The Governor au-  
thorized to sign an order  
for payment of £500 to

Resolved, That the Governor be authorized  
to sign an Order for £500 - and that Mr Fresh-  
field be requested to pay the same to the  
Account of Messrs Gibbins & Eaton, as aforesaid.

Letter from Mr Freshfield  
stating the completion  
of the Conveyance of the  
House at Manchester  
&c &c

A further letter from Mr Freshfield was  
read, stating the completion of the Convey-  
ances by Mr Greg of Manchester, of the  
House at that place, to the Bank; which  
have been forwarded, together with the Title  
Deeds to his Son, Mr Thomas Greg; who will  
attend at the Bank on Thursday to receive  
the purchase money - £5250. —

— Also that a Deed of  
Covenant had been pre-  
pared that the Bank  
should produce the Fi-  
le Deeds &c &c

Mr Freshfield also stated, in another  
letter, that the Title Deeds of Mr Greg's House  
also related to other property; and therefore  
a Deed of Covenant had been prepared, that  
the Bank should produce the said Deeds  
upon reasonable application for the pur-  
pose of elucidating Mr Greg's title to the  
remaining Property.

— Resolution  
thereon

Resolved, That the Governor be authorized  
to sign an order for payment of the above  
mentioned £5250 to Mr Thomas Greg - And  
that the Deed of Covenant be laid before  
the

the Court, tomorrow, for the purpose of being sealed.

Correspondence relating  
to the purchase of the Pre-  
mises at Birmingham  
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The Governor laid before the Committee further Correspondence between Messrs Perriss at Birmingham & the Bank Solicitors, relating to the purchasing the Premises, at that place for a Branch Bank - from the whole of which the Transaction appears to stand thus.

State of the above  
Transaction from  
Mr Freshfield -

The Apigues have agreed to purchase & convey to the Bank, the Freehold Interest in the 98 Square Yards of Leasehold property, subject to the Lease. The Bank will then possess it during the term under the Lease, but holding, at the same time the Freehold, a higher Interest, which will secure to them the perpetuity; but during the Lease, a right of way will belong to the Lessee of the Library over the Leasehold Yard - which the Lessee will compromise by accepting a narrow passage to be fenced off by an inner wall; or if the Bank will prefer not to take off that passage, then the Lessee will have no objection to leave the Key with the Agent for the Bank, & to restrict his own use of the right of way to the day time.

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The Apigues propose to pay £50 for the purchase of the Freehold Interest - and to allow other £50 - towards the expense of fencing off a Passage. Resolved

Resolution on  
the foregoing Statements.

Resolved,  
That it will be expedient to fence  
off a Passage, by building an inner wall  
as described in the foregoing Statement;  
towards the opening of which £50 is to be  
paid by the Apigues, in addition to the £50  
for purchase of the Freedhold Interest.

Mr Soane's Report  
of Premises at Bristol  
occupied by Mr Richard

Mr Soane presented a Report relating  
to the Survey of Premises in the High Street  
Bristol, occupied by Mr Richard. As  
several particulars in the Report had an  
unfavourable bearing on the suitability  
of those Premises for a Branch Bank - fur-  
ther proceedings thereon were declined.  
Declared.

Mr Soane's Report  
of Premises at Bristol  
belonging to Mr Gardiner

Mr Soane presented a further Report relating  
to Premises in Bridge St. Bristol, belonging  
to Mr John Gardiner: they are within 3  
minutes walk of the Exchange - are Free-  
hold. £3500 is asked for them, & may pro-  
bably be disposed immediately after purchase.

Resolved

Resolution  
thereon

That Mr Soane be requested to  
prepare an Estimate of the sum which  
it would be necessary to expend, to put the  
said Premises into a state to be used as a  
Branch Bank - and also of the time which  
would be required for attaining that Object.

Mr Gov & Dy Gov  
Mr Thornton  
Mr Pearce  
Mr Stelling  
Mr Harman  
Mr Buller

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Octo 1826

The Minutes of the last Meeting

were read.

Mr Soane's Report of  
works required to be done  
at the House at Bristol

Mr Soane presented Particulars, with  
Plans, of the works required to be done at  
the Premises in Bridge Street, belonging  
to Mr John Gardiner, to adapt them for the  
purpose of a Branch Bank, with a resi-  
dence for the Agent - Consideration of  
which was postponed.

Consideration  
deferred.

Dr Shepherd applies  
for the determination  
of the Bank on the alter-  
ations contemplated in  
Bartholomew Lane -

Mr Freshfield having stated, that  
an Application had been made to him by  
Dr Shepherd the Rector of St Bartholomew  
Exchange - to intimate the Bank to deter-  
mine whether the Alterations contem-  
plated by them at the South end of Bar-  
tholomew Lane are to proceed &c

Resolution  
shown

Resolved, That Mr Freshfield be di-  
rected to acquaint Dr Shepherd, that  
the proposed improvements will not be  
entered upon, at present.

Mr Gov & Dy Gov  
Mr Thornton  
Mr Stelling  
Mr Danvers  
Mr Bowden  
Mr Buller

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Novemb 1826

The Minutes of the last Meeting

were read.

Mr Soane's Report on  
the House at Bristol  
reconsidered -

Mr Soane's Report relating to the  
Premises at Bristol belonging to Mr  
Gardiner, was reconsidered, and it  
was

Resolved.

Mr Soane to purchase the Gardeners House at Bristol

That Mr Soane be authorized to purchase the aforesaid House & Premises, including all the Fixtures of every kind, at a Sum not exceeding £3500 —  
<sup>It will take 4 Months at least to repair & alter the House</sup>  
<sup>The expense will not materially exceed £3000</sup>  
 The Governor laid before the Council

Letter from Mr Statham submitting Plans of his property at Liverpool with relation to a Branch Bank there &c

a letter from Mr Statham at Liverpool, to Mr Freshfield stating that no further Applications have occurred from the advertisement and that he despairs of finding any suitable Situation as a temporary one, with immediate possession. Mr Statham therefore submitted the Plans & Elevations of his Property in the most Central part of the Town, which will be in a situation fit for occupation in the Month of May or June; and stated, that if the Bank feel disposed to take any part, upon a Lease of 7, 10, 14 or 21 Years, he shall be happy to afford every facility for such an Arrangement.

Mr Freshfield to reply thereto:

It was Agreed, that Mr Freshfield should acquaint Mr Statham, that the Committee cannot immediately decide on the foregoing proposals.

The Governor's statement relating to the Drawing Office for Public Accounts

The Governor stated to the Council that the Drawing Office in the Hall, for Public Accounts is not sufficiently Capacious, but that an alteration & enlargement thereof, agreeably to a Plan now presented, might conveniently be effected.



Mr Soane was therefore directed to carry  
thereon - this measure into effect -

Mr Thornton states a  
report from Mr Crose  
relating to premises  
at Leeds - suitable for  
a Branch Bank

Mr Thornton reported, that Mr  
Crose being in London, was desired on his  
return into Yorkshire to survey the town of  
Leeds with the view to find a suitable situa-  
tion for a Branch Bank: and that, after  
a careful investigation he had reported there  
was no situation so desirable as the  
Premises lately occupied by Mr Fildes  
who are now retiring from the Banking  
business.

Resolution  
thereon -

Resolved, That Mr Thornton be requested  
to endeavor to obtain the refusal of those  
Premises; and the Governor, when that is  
obtained to order a Survey to be taken of  
the Premises with a view to a purchase  
of them.

Mr Gou + Dr Gou  
Mr Thornton  
Mr Manning  
Mr Cole  
Mr Buller

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1826

Minutes read - were read.

The Minutes of the last meeting

Mr Wilkins state  
want of Furniture  
wanted at Swansea

The Governor laid before the Committee  
a statement from Mr Wilkins that the  
following articles of Furniture are required  
for the use of the Bank Parlour, at  
Swansea.

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- List of Furniture & Library Table with Drawers & good Locks -

a Turkey Carpet 21-9 by 13-6

a Hearth Rug -

a Clock for the Mantle Piece

a Writing Desk

- Agreed to be  
procured.

The Committee agreed to grant the same

Report from Mr  
Scane of his having  
purchased a House  
from Mr Gardiner, at  
Bristol. -

The Governor laid before the Committee  
a Report from Mr Scane which stated -  
That he had entered into an Agreement with  
Mr John Gardiner for the purchase of his  
Freehold Premises in Bridge St. Bristol,  
together with the several Fixtures contained  
in a Schedule annexed to the Agreement for  
the Sum of £3500.

It has been stipulated that Mr Gardiner  
shall furnish an Abstract of his Title, within  
7 days from the date of the Agreement (of the 1<sup>st</sup>)  
and deduce a good & marketable Title thereto  
before or on the 21<sup>st</sup> December next: at which  
time if the Title is approved, the purchase is  
to be completed, the purchase money paid, &  
the purchaser intitled to possession.

If possession be given before the Title is  
approved, such possession when taken, not  
to be considered as a waiver on the purchaser  
of any valid objection to the Title.

If Mr Gardiner is unable to make out  
a marketable Title to the Premises by that  
day, it is to be at the option of the Purchaser,  
to

Mr. Scamers's  
Report continued.

to declare the Contract void.

It is understood that Mr. Gardiner will  
make every exertion in his power to give  
earlier possession of the Premises -

Mr. Freshfield & Mr.  
The Contract further

Mr. Freshfield, also, inclosed to the  
Governor a Copy of the Contract entered  
into for the purchase of the above mentioned  
House.

Resolution Resolved  
thereon

That the foregoing proceedings,  
be approved by the Committee.

A full Committee.

Wednesday 22 Novr 1826

The Minutes of the last meeting were  
Minutes read. read.

The Governor said he for the Com-  
mittee - the following Report from Mr. Scamers

Report from Mr. Scamers  
of the purchase of the  
House & premises at  
Birmingham

That he had on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>o</sup> entered  
into an Agreement with the Agents of the  
Estate of Messrs Gibbins Smith & Coe for the  
purchase of the House & Premises in Union  
St: Birmingham - together with the Fittings  
& Fixtures now on the Premises as specified  
in the Drawing & Statement furnished by  
the said Agents - for the Sum of Five  
thousand four hundred & fifty pounds.

That

- Report of the  
to one continued

That a part of the Ground behind the  
Old Birmingham Library, being Leasehold,  
and a right of way through the same, pro-  
posed by the Trustees of the Library for certain  
purposes, it has been stipulated, that the  
Appigees shall purchase the Freehold thereof  
Subject to the terms of the Lease, and convey  
the same to the Bank together with the other  
part of the Premises -

The Appigees are to make out a good  
& marketable Title to the Premises on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> March  
next, when the purchase Money is to be paid.

Possession of that part of the Premises, used  
for the purposes of the Banking Business, toge-  
ther with a sitting room & a lodging room  
for an agent, to be given within one week  
after a request made to that effect on the  
part of the Bank; and possession of the re-  
mainder of the Premises within one month  
after a similar Application

If the Appigees shall not deduce a  
good and marketable Title to the Premises  
within three months from the date of the  
Agreement, the Bank is to be at liberty to  
decline the purchase & is not to be prejudiced  
by having taken possession, nor by any repairs  
or alterations which may be made internally  
for the purpose of constructing a strong room,  
or externally for the purpose of giving  
additional

Letter from Mr  
Freshfield on the  
Title to the Premises  
at Birmingham

The foregoing informa-  
tion to be communicated  
to the Branch Bank  
Committee &c -

Letter from Mr  
Freshfield relating  
to the Title to the  
House at Bristol.

M. G. W. + D. H. W.  
Mr Manning  
Mr Bowdler  
Mr Bullen

Minutes read

additional security to the Premises.

The Governor also laid before the Committee a letter from Mr Freshfield, inclosing a Copy of the Contract for the purchase on behalf of the Bank, of the before mentioned Premises, at Birmingham: Mr Freshfield further states, that no material objection to the Title appears upon the Abstract delivered.

Resolved,

That the above mentioned information be communicated to the Branch Bank Committee - previously to any directions being given by this Committee for proceeding on any alterations or repairs.

A further letter from Mr Freshfield was read - stating that he had received an Abstract of the Title to the House purchased from the Bank at Bristol, which will be investigated strictly; that in the mean time he has no hesitation in reporting that such a Title is disclosed upon the face of the Abstract as will warrant the Bank in accepting possession, & undertaking any repairs they may deem necessary -

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Decr 1826

The Minutes of the last Meeting  
were read.

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The Governor reports  
his having authorized  
Mr Soane to proceed in  
fitting the Banking part  
of the Premises at Bir-  
mingham, for business.

The Governor reported, that Mr Soane  
having stated to him, that possession of the  
part of the House at Birmingham formerly  
used for the Banking business, would be given  
on Monday last, he had authorized Mr  
Soane to proceed, forthwith, in fitting &  
preparing the same for commencing bu-  
siness therein.

Mr Soane presents  
a Plan of the fitting of  
the said Premises with  
an Estimate for fitting  
the same &c

Mr Soane now presented a Plan of  
the whole of the Premises above mentioned,  
with a view to their being prepared, for  
business and residence: the expense of which  
Mr Soane estimated at about £350 -

To be carried  
into effect.

The Committee approved the same, and  
gave Mr Soane directions accordingly.

The Governor author-  
izes Mr Bailey to  
proceed to Liverpool,  
- Mr Bailey's  
Report to Mr Soane  
of Mr Cash's Premises  
in Church St

The Governor reported to the Committee,  
that he had authorized Mr Bailey to proceed  
to Liverpool, for the purpose of viewing cer-  
tain Premises at that place, in consequence  
of which, a Letter from Mr Bailey to Mr Soane  
was now read, stating, that he had viewed  
Mr Cash's House in Church Street, belonging to Mr  
Cash, which is well built - but is divided  
into 7 distinct Occupancies, on each of  
which there are Leases for various terms;  
which, however would be given up on  
equivalents being granted for their different  
Interests. The Proprietor asks £8000 for  
the Premises - On which the Committee  
Agreed,

That

no further red. That Mr Bailey be informed by some  
 peech to be had to these same. that the Bank will have no further  
 Premises - respect to the above mentioned Premises -

Mr Bailey notices he had seen the Premises in Hanover Street  
 Premises in Hanover which had been pointed out to the Governor, by  
 Mr Salisbury - of which he will take a  
 Plan as soon as possible; and also of any  
 others he may hear of, that are at all  
 eligible -

Mr Governor  
 Mr Lt. Governor  
 Mr Treasurer  
 Mr Harman  
 Mr Pitt

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1826

The Minutes of the last Meeting

Minutes read - were read.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1826.

Mr Gov. & Lt. Gov.  
 Mr Thornton  
 Mr Harman  
 Mr Butler

The Minutes of the last Meeting -  
 were read -

The following Bills were laid before  
 the Committee. viz

Henry Lee	Bricklayer	£ 187.13.0
Thomas Martyn	Carpenter	11.28-0-0
Thomas Grundy	Maason	1002-5--
Palmer & Son	Plasterer	94-6-0
William Good	Plumber	107-2--
Carried forward		£ 2,819.6-0

Sharp — £2819.6.0

Bills examined & passed	William Watson Painter & Glazier	468-4-0
	Robert James Glazier	96-14-0
	Sarah Jaudall Rubbish Cart	94-6-0
	Thomas Russell Smith	504-12-0
	James Mackell Jr	292-19-0
	Cutter & Sons Jr	593-8-0
	W. & D. Bailey Jr	516-16-0
	W. & M. Fresham Stone-mason	155-6-0
	Thomas Blackland Upholsterer	20-0-0
	L. L. Kent Jr	23-10-0
	Conradus Collyer Blind-maker	42-6-0
	W. Mathews Furman	11-3-0
	Bristow & Son Engine maker	5-11-0
	Thwaites Jr Spring maker	62-9-0
	W & J Sutton Tarpawlin	36-13-0
	Gaslight Comp Gas-lights	18-7-0
	W & J. Sharp Slater	8-12-0
	Duppa Jr Paperhanger	5-6-0
	M. Townshend Gardener	13-2-0
		<u>£ 5,788.10.0</u>

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Committee for the House & Servants, to order payment of the foregoing Bills.

— Referred to the Committee for the House & Servants

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Mr Bailey, Rep<sup>ts</sup>  
relating to Premises  
in Hanover Street  
Liverpool

Mr Seaman laid before the Committee

a Report from Mr Bailey relating to several  
Premises which he had inspected at  
Liverpool.

1. Premises in Hanover St<sup>l</sup> belonging to  
Messrs. Earle, consisting of a Plot of Ground  
containing about 700 square Yards, of which  
about 365 Yards are covered with Buildings,  
consisting of a detached Dwelling House &  
out Offices.

The Premises are in a Central Situation,  
about 7 minutes Walk from the Exchange &  
Town Hall, a short distance from the Custom  
House & from the site on which the New Custom  
H<sup>se</sup> is about to be erected, near the Post Office &  
immediately contiguous to the Excise Office.

The Buildings were originally of a  
substantial & ornamental description, but  
are now generally in a dilapidated state.

The Timbers of the Roof and the Floors  
are strong, & in good condition; but a  
considerable portion of the Out Offices is in  
a ruinous state.

There is an arched Cellar under the  
Entrance Hall and Stair Case, & likewise  
under the rooms at the S<sup>o</sup> East Corner of  
the House.

The Rooms having been let out for  
Offices &c have undergone considerable  
alteration; there is no Kitchen or other  
other

Report continued

other domestic Offices for a Family.

The opposite side of the street is at present occupied by Warehouses, and a Cooper Yard.

The Premises are held under a Corporation Lease for 3 Lives and 21 Years afterwards, but the tenure will, if desired, be altered by the present proprietor for a Lease under the Corporation of Liverpool for 75 Years certain; it being the practice of the Corporation to grant such Exchanges.

The Corporation will renew the Lease from time to time, on receiving a Fine, equal to one Years Rent in 25 Years.

For these Premises, together with all the Fixtures belonging thereto, the Sum of £3000 is asked - being about 4 Guineas per Square Yard.

There is a Ground Rent of one Shilling per Yard of Frontage.

It is stated, that immediate possession will be given.

Mr Bailey, reports on other Premises at Liverpool

Mr Bailey also Reported on Premises belonging to Mr Barnes in Lord Street (No 2) - On Premises No 4 Lord Street. On Premises belonging to Mr Barnes, in Castle Street - and also in Bold Street. Further - that it was recommended the Dispensary in Church Street might be purchased. Resolved

Resolved,

- Mr Soane to prepare a Plan & Estimate of the Premises in Hanover St. Liverpool -

That Mr Soane be instructed to prepare a Plan & Estimate for repairing and fitting the House belonging to Mr Earl in Hanover Street, for the Service of the Bank - and also to report the time when it may be ready to be occupied -

Mr Gou & Dy Gou  
Mr Mellish  
Mr Butler

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December 1826

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read -

A full Committee

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1827

Further Report on the House at Liverpool belonging to Mr Earl -

Mr Soane Reported - That the Premises in Hanover St. Liverpool, belonging to Mr Earl - are held under a Corporation Lease for 3 Lives & 21 Years afterwards, but the Term, if desired, will be altered by the present Proprietors for a Lease under the Corporation of 75 Years certain - it being the practice of the Corporation to allow of such exchanges.

The Corporation will renew the Lease from time to time, on receiving a fine equal to about a Year Rent in 25 Years.

For

Continued

For these Premises together with all the Fixtures belonging thereto, the sum of £3000 is asked - being about 4 Guineas per Sq Yard.

There is a Ground Rent of one Shilling per Yard Frontage.

It is stated that immediate possession will be given.

The Premises contain about 700 Sq Yards, of which about 365 Yds. are covered with Building -

Estimate for repairing & fitting the House -

Mr Deane further states that the Estimate for carrying into execution the Design now submitted to the Committee, amounts to about four thousand pounds, and that four months will be required for the Completion of the Works.

Resolved,

Mr Deane be authorized to purchase the -

That Mr Deane be authorized to purchase the above mentioned Premises with all the Fixtures belonging thereto, at a Sum not exceeding £3000.

Letter & Account from Messrs Turners relating to payments of the House at Gloucester -

The Government laid before the Committee a Letter from Messrs J & T Turners requesting payment of the following Account - for the Sale of their Premises at Gloucester, to the Bank - viz

Amount

Amount due for the House at Gloucester.	Amount of purchase money on judgment 13 July 1826	} £ 4200 —
	Interest on £ <sup>4</sup> to 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> p <sup>er</sup> cent 1827 174 Days	
		4300-2-2
	Deduct Commission for quit rent	} — 46-

Mr Freshfield's re-  
port relating to the  
Title & Conveyance of  
the Gloucester House.

Mr Freshfield reported on the foregoing  
Communication - that the Title of the Premises  
is finally approved and the Deed of Convey-  
ance to the Bank has been duly executed by  
the parties beneficially interested in the pro-  
perty - that it appears however, that the  
Trustee of a term of years, who should have  
executed an Assignment to a Trustee for the  
Bank, is now absent from England, this  
execution will probably not be obtained  
for some time; as, though the Parties have  
sent out a Letter of Attorney for him to ex-  
ecute, Mr Freshfield would, on many ac-  
counts, prefer attesting his signature to  
the Deed.

A Board of Indemnity for protecting  
The Bank against a Claim to Dower in  
a very small part of the property, also  
remains to be executed by one of the parties  
who is expected in London, on Thursday next.  
Under all the Circumstances Mr F.  
thinks, that on receiving from them  
all

3<sup>d</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1807

Quarterly Report  
to the Court

The Committee have to Report to the Court of Directors, that the Quarterly Bills have been examined, & referred to the Committee for the House & Servants for payment. They amount to £5788-10-0

The Committee have authorized an enlargement of the Drawing Office in the Hall for Public Accounts, to afford greater accommodation to the business of that Office.

The purchase of Premises at Birmingham having been completed, Mr Soane has been directed to present a Plan & Estimate for preparing them for Business; the expense of which has been stated will amount to about £850. Mr Soane has been directed to carry this measure into effect.

A Contract has been entered into for the purchase of Freehold Premises in Bridge Street Bristol for a Branch Bank in that City:

And Mr Soane has been authorized to treat for the purchase of Premises in Hanover Street Liverpool for a Branch Bank in that Place —

Continued all the Deeds, the Interest of the Bank would be sufficiently protected by withholding a Sum of £500 - till the execution of the Assignments, and of the Bond of Indemnity, and that the remainder may be safely paid as requested, through the Gloucester Bank.

Resolved,

Resolution  
upon -

That £3754. 2 2 be paid to Messrs J & T. Turner; and that the remaining £500. be retained till the points referred to in Mr Freshfield's Report, are completely arranged -

Gos + D & Co  
Thurston  
Mellish  
Dorrien  
Pole &  
Bowden  
minutes read.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 1827

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Chairman's Report  
relating to Premises  
No. Leeds, belonging  
to Messrs Bracewell

Mr Soane presented the following Report - relating to Premises in Commercial Street, Leeds - belonging to Messrs Bracewell -

These Premises are well situated for business - and consist of a Plot of Ground containing 326 Square Yards; of which 224<sup>yd</sup> are covered with Buildings 4 Stories high (including a lofty Basement which extends over the whole Area of the Ground) with a front next Commercial Street of 43 Feet.

The Buildings which are stated to have been

Mr Soane Re-  
port continued -

been erected within 6 Years, are of a substantial Description: The Front has a respectable appearance, and the several Stories are lofty and well lighted.

The dimensions of the several Rooms will be seen by an inspection of the accompanying Sketches.

The Premises are stated to be Freehold, for which the Sum of £4500 is asked.

A Part of the Premises is occupied by the Proprietor, the remainder (over which there is a red tint in the Plans) consists of a part of that Basement, Ground Floor, and one pair Floor, is Let; but the present occupier has notice to quit in June next, and it is expected that he would be willing to quit very shortly, upon receiving a compensation for so doing.

— Estimate of  
the expense of Repairs &c

In reply to Question asked of Mr Soane he stated - that he thought the repairs & fitting these Premises, would amount to about £3000 - & might be completed in about 4 Months.

— Resolution  
thereon

Resolved That Mr Soane be instructed to state - that the Sum which has been asked for the above mentioned Premises, is thought too high; but that if the lowest Amount which the Proprietor will take for them,

be



be mentioned - The Committee will consider and determine thereon.

Birmingham House  
inconvenient by the  
faulting of the Locks  
to the Strong Room

A Letter was read from Birmingham  
stating that considerable inconvenience  
had been experienced at the Bank Bank,  
from not being able to unlock & open the  
Strong Room; owing it was supposed to some  
fault in the Construction of the Locks.

Mr Soane  
instructed thereon

Mr Soane being present / was instructed  
to give directions, to have the Wall which  
had been broken through repaired - and  
the Locks made safe and efficient.

Mr G. L. Dyer  
Mr Thorne  
Mr Mellich  
Mr Bowden

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 1827

Minutes read.

The Minutes of the last Meeting  
were read.

Further letter from  
Mr Dischoff re  
to the House at Leeds.

Mr Soane laid before the Committee  
a letter from Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Bischoff of Leeds  
stating that Mr Braccwell is quite  
Decided not to make any abatement upon  
the sum of £4500 which he has asked  
for his House at Leeds.

Resolution  
thereon

Resolved. That the Bank will give  
£4500 for the House at Leeds, provided  
possession is given within a month,

and

and that the Proprietor of the House can make an agreement with the Tenant to surrender possession of his part, at, or about that time.

Mr Geo. & Dr Geo  
Mr Thornton  
Mr Harman  
Mr Derrain  
Mr Pole  
Mr Bowden  
Mr Buller

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1827

The Minutes of the last meeting were read -

Letter from Mr Freshfield relating to the payment of £500 in full for the House at Gloucester.

A letter from Mr Freshfield was read, stating that the Conditions have been performed upon which the £500, part of the purchase money of the Gloucester Branch Branch Bank was retained - and that it may now be paid over to Messrs John & Thos Turner Mr Robt Morris & Geo. Morris of Gloucester, who are the parties entitled to the £500, & have already given a receipt for the whole purchase money, endorsed on the Conveyance to the Bank.

Resolution there on -

Resolved. That the sum of £500 be paid agreeably to Mr Freshfield's recommendation.

Letter from Mr Freshfield relating to the Title and Conveyance of the House at Bristol.

A further letter from Mr Freshfield stated - that the Title of the Bristol Branch Bank purchased by the Bank

of

Letter continued of England of Mr Gardiner has been esta-  
blished - and that the conveyance to the Bank  
will be sent down for execution to Bristol  
this Evening - and so far as Mr F is concerned  
the purchase may be finally completed in  
the Course of this week -

Letter from Mr Fresh-  
field with the Con-  
tract for the House  
at Liverpool

The Governor laid before the Committee  
a Letter from Mr Freshfield dated 22<sup>d</sup> instant,  
inclosing the Contract signed by Mr Earle  
of Liverpool for the sale to the Bank of a  
Leashold House at that place - held under  
the Copartion of Liverpool for a term of 75  
Years at a Peppercorn Rent.

Conditions of  
the Contract.

Also stating that the Bank is entitled  
to take possession of the House upon giving  
one week's notice, and Interest at 4 per cent  
upon the purchase money is to commence  
on the 12<sup>th</sup> February next - but all outgoings  
are to be paid by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Earle up to the time  
when the conveyance is executed, which  
you will probably think it right should  
be about the 5<sup>th</sup> April next, which will be  
the commencement of the Government Year  
for Assessed Taxes.

Notice to be given  
for immediate Possession.

The Committee Agreed, that Notice  
be given for immediate Possession of the  
above mentioned Premises -

The

Letter from Mr  
Freshfield, with sug-  
gestions for simplifying  
the Surrender of  
the House at Liverpool  
to the Bank -

The Governor also laid before the Com-  
mittee a further letter from Mr Freshfield,  
of this date - Stating - that it will sim-  
plify the transaction relating to the Liver-  
pool House - to let Mess<sup>rs</sup> Earle surrender  
their present Lease for 9 Lives & 21 Years,  
to the Corporation of Liverpool, & instead of  
soliciting a Lease for 75 Years to them-  
selves and then assigning that Lease to  
the Bank, that they should request the 75  
Years Lease may be granted immediately  
to the Bank - by this course the necessity for  
obtaining two separate Powers at different  
periods from Mr Earle (who is abroad)  
will be avoided, and that Bank will at any  
future time, if they should wish to resell  
the property, be relieved from all questions  
of Title, as they will hold directly from the  
Corporation, and the Title will consist only  
of the Lease.

The expense of the Lease must be borne  
by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Earle, and the Bank will not  
incur the Expense of any Assignment

Resolved,

Approved &  
adopted.

That the foregoing Suggestions  
of Mr Freshfield, be approved & adopted -

Further Letter from Mr  
Bischoff relating to  
the House at Leeds.

A further Letter from Mr Bischoff  
at Leeds, addressed to Mr Scam was read -  
stating that Mr Procewells Tenants  
will

Letter continued will not give him prop. specien of that part of the Premises occupied by him within a month, for a less Bonus than £125-

Mr Bruce will make arrangements to give up his own on the 1<sup>st</sup> March - but is not disposed to contribute anything towards the allowance to obtain prop. specien from his Tenant, at the same time.

The general Fixtures are included in the purchase - except the Counters, Shelves & some wood partitions, particularly adapted to Mr B's business, as well as a Gas Apparatus & a small hand safe. It is supposed none of these things would be required - if wished for they might be had at a valuation.

Resolution thereon -

Resolved.

That Mr Soane be authorized to acquaint <sup>that the Bank</sup> Mr Bischoff - accede to the terms for the purchase & prop. specien of the House at Leeds. mentioned in the foregoing Letter

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 1827

- Mr Gov. & Dykes.
- Mr Harman
- Mr Dorrin
- Mr Pole
- Mr Bowden
- Mr Buller

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Minutes read.

Mr Soanes proposed alterations to be made in the House at Liverpool. He

Mr Soane presented the following Memorandum, relating to the alterations proposed to be made to form the Banking - Room in the House, Hanover St. Liverpool.

The

the same proposals for altering the House and in regard

The space in front of the ground floor is (as may be seen by the Plans & Elevation) at present divided into three parts; the centre division being an Entrance Hall, in which you ascend by 3 steps to the general level of this floor. This Hall is paved with stone which is in a very decayed state.

The rooms right and left have wooden floors and are fitted up with Pannelled Wainscoting & ornamented Ceilings & Cornices.

The principal part of these finishings require considerable reparation.

These rooms are <sup>ft in</sup> 10-9 high.

It is proposed by the Plans submitted to the Committee, to remove the partition walls right and left of the Entrance Door and to lower the floor to the level of the landing at the Entrance Door. A Banking room would thus be obtained about ~~14~~ <sup>ft in</sup> 17-9 long - <sup>ft in</sup> 17-9 wide and <sup>ft in</sup> 12-6 high.

Another way would be to remove the partition wall on the right of the Entrance Door only, and to leave the floor at its present height, with the steps protruding into the space, as  
first

Mr Soames proposals first described.  
continued -

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The adoption of this Plan would produce a saving, perhaps of about ten days of time, and of about £150 in the expense,

The Committee approved the first of Mr Soames Plans &

The Committee, after duly inspecting the Plans & Model, approved of the first of the foregoing Plans of Alteration &c. proposed by Mr Soames.

Mr Gov. & Dr Gov  
Mr Thornton  
Mr Manning  
Mr Mellish  
Mr Bowden

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 1827

Minutes read -

The Minutes of the last meeting were read -

Adjourned.

adjourned to Thursday - after the Court

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1827

Mr Soames directed to repair & fit the House at Liverpool

The Committee directed Mr Soames to proceed in repairing & fitting the House at Liverpool, according to the Plan and Model, which have been examined & approved.

Mr Gov. + Dr Gov  
 Mr Thornton  
 Mr Harman  
 Mr Pole

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feby 1827.

The Minutes of the last Meeting  
 Minutes read, were read.

Mr Soane presents Plans  
 for fitting the House, Plans presented by Mr Soane for carrying  
 at Bristol.

The Committee inspected some  
 - ing on the Works required to be done on  
 the Premises purchased at Bristol; to  
 adapt them for Business & Residence -

Approved - The said Plans were approved: and  
 to be carried into effect. Mr Soane was instructed to carry them  
 into execution.

Correspondence on  
 Mr Bracewells, de-  
 clining to enter into  
 Contract to sell his  
 Premises at Leeds.

The Governour laid before the Committee  
 the Correspondence which has passed be-  
 tween Mr Freshfield, and Mr Bracewells,  
 Agent (Mr Bidchoff) and <sup>his</sup> Solicitors Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
 Tottis & Co. on the subject of Mr Bracewells  
 declining to enter into a Contract to sell  
 and give possession of the House at Leeds,  
 which the Bank have agreed to pur-  
 chase for a Branch Bank.

The Governour to  
 confer with Mr Fresh-  
 field thereon he

It was Agreed, that the Governour be  
 requested to confer with Mr Freshfield  
 with respect to his proceeding with the  
 Investigation of the Title to the above  
 mentioned Premises, in order to determine

whether



whether it will prove satisfactory.

Mr Govt & Mr Gov  
Mr Thorton  
Mr Pearce  
Mr Pole  
Mr Bowden

Wednesday 28 Feb 1827

The Minutes of the last Meeting

Minutes read were read.

Mr Harrison's Opin-  
ion on the Title of  
the Premises at Leeds.

Mr Freshfield having at the  
desire of the Governor, procured the opi-  
nion of Mr Harrison on the Title of the  
Premises at Leeds proposed to be purcha-  
sed by the Bank:—A Paper from Mr  
Harrison was now read, detailing the  
reasons on which he had come to a  
conclusion "that a marketable Title  
to the said Premises is not shewn".

Letter from Mr  
Huish offering other  
Premises at Leeds.

The Governor laid before the  
Committee a Letter from Mr W<sup>m</sup> Huish  
of Gomersall near Leeds stating that  
he has Premises at Leeds, consisting of  
two Shops—one a Druggists, & the other  
a Linen Drapers, that there is a good  
large House to each, and a Yard—that  
the situation is about the middle of  
Boar Lane, at one end of which is the  
Coloured Cloth Market & the New Ex-  
change—and the other end runs in nearly  
a direct line to the White Cloth and  
the

Letter from Mr  
Hirst continued.

the new market. These Premises, Mr Hirst offers to fit up, for a Branch Bank in any style which may be wished, provided he and the Bank can agree upon Terms; or if the Bank prefer purchasing, he will sell them. Mr Hirst refers to Mr Ch<sup>r</sup> Smith, who, at present, is in London.

Letter from Mr Fresh-  
field - suggesting that  
a Post Bill for £3500  
be made out, for pay-  
ment of the House  
at Bristol. He

The Governor laid before the Com-  
mitted a Letter from Mr Freshfield, stating,  
that the Deeds for purchasing the House  
at Bristol, from Mr Gardiner are fully  
expected to be returned, executed, in a day  
or two; and therefore suggesting, that a  
Bank Post Bill should be made out,  
(Accepted, payable on the 2<sup>d</sup> of March)  
in favour of Mrs Ann Balfour, to whom  
the property is mortgaged, for the whole  
£3500; and expressing the value to have  
been received of Mr D<sup>r</sup> the Gardiner,  
which will connect the Bill with the  
purchase.

Agreed to.

Mr Gov<sup>r</sup> & Mr Secy  
Mr Thwaites  
Mr Pearce  
Mr Harman  
Mr Pole  
Mr Boardman  
Mr Butler

Minutes read.

The Committee Agreed thereto.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1827.

The Minutes of the last Meeting  
were read.

The

Quarterly Bills laid  
before the Committee

The undermentioned Quarterly

Bills were laid before the Committee, viz.

Henry Lee — Bricklayer	£ 106.15.0
Thomas Mastys Carpenter	604.9.0
Thomas Gundy — Mason	55.6.0
The Palmer & Son Plasterer	36.7.0
William Good — Plumber	77.11.0
William Watson Painter & Glazier	114.1.0
Robert James — Glazier &c	91.17.0
Sarah Jansall — Rubbish Cart	75.16.0
Thomas Russell — Smith	274.18.0
W. & McGeetham Stovemakers	64.1.0
Thomas Blackland Upholsterer	6.4.0
Bristow & Son — Engine Makers	5.15.0
John Robins — Cabinet Makers	738.19.0
Thwaites & Reed — Spring Machinery	20.7.0
Brookbank & Co — Clock Makers	24.2.0
Will <sup>m</sup> Mathews — Patent Lamps	53.14.0
Gas Light Works &c — Gas Lights	54.18.0
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	£ 2405.0.0
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Resolution  
Thereon

Resolved,  
That it be recommended to the  
Committee for the House & Servants, to  
order payment of the foregoing Bills —

a

Letter from Mr Smith  
relating to Mr Hirst's  
House at Leeds

A Letter was read from Mr Chris-  
tish (to whom Mr Hirst had referred)  
addressed to Mr Pearse: Stating that the  
Premises at Leeds which Mr Hirst has  
offered to dispose of to the Bank, are not  
near so eligible or respectable as those  
for which the Bank are in treaty with  
Mr Bracewell.

Further Opinion from  
Mr Harris on retaining  
to Mr Bracewell's  
House at Leeds.

The General laid before the Com-  
mittee a further Opinion from Mr  
Harris on, on the subject of the Title of Mr  
Bracewell's Premises, at Leeds. And it was  
Resolved.

Mr Freshfield to  
carry into effect the pur-  
chase of Mr Bracewell's  
House - if a fair, tenable  
Title can be secured.

That it be referred to Mr  
Freshfield to carry into effect the pur-  
chase of Mr Bracewell's House, at  
Leeds, if it can be done so as to secure  
to the Bank a fair tenable title.

- Mr Gov. & Dr Gov
- Mr Thoroton
- Mr Manning
- Mr Haman
- Mr Loring
- Mr Pole
- Mr Bowdler
- Mr Puller

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 1827

The Minutes of the last Meeting were  
read.

Letter of inquiry relat-  
ing to the alterations & im-  
provements in Thread-  
needle Street. &c

The General laid before the Committee  
a Letter from Mr Aberdeen to Mr Fresh-  
field & Son requesting, that the Church-  
wardens & Overseers of the Parish of St.  
Bartholomew Exchange may be

Letter continues to be informed, if the Bank have given up the idea of making the alteration & improvement in Threadneedle Street, as a Vestry is to be held the beginning of the ensuing month to take into consideration the state of the Church and the repairs necessary to be done thereon.

A former minute on this subject confirmed. A preceding Application on this subject was referred to, and the minute made thereon, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October last, was confirmed -

A full Committee except Mr Pearse -

Wednesday 28 March 1827.

Minutes read. were read.

The Minutes of the last meeting

Bills for the Gloucester Branch Bank laid before the Committee, viz

Thomas Carpenter - Carpenter	-	£ 24-4 0
Palmer & Son	Plasterer	18-9 0
John & Joseph Court	Smith	32-14 0
Daniel Galt	do	8-12 0
Thomas Russell	do	9-13 0
Cutter & Sons	do	207-19 0
C Collyer	Blind maker	7-6 0

£ 308-17 0

Swansea

## Swansea Branch Bank.

Bills for the

Swansea B. Bank

Thomas Martyn	Bricklayer &c	£ 555.0.0
W & D Bailey	Smith	201.9.0
John Robin	Cabinet maker	21.9.0
S. L. Kent & Co	Carpenter & manufactory	27.18.0
Brockbank & Co	Clock maker	19.3.0
		<u>£ 824.19.0</u>

Bills for the

Manchester B. Bank

## Manchester Branch Bank.

Henry Lee	Bricklayer	£ 262.4.0
Thos Martyn	Carpenter	1272.1.0
Thomas Gundry	Carver	277.16.0
Palmer & Son	Plasterer	362.15.0
Hughes & Son	Painters	36.4.0
W. Tittley	Plumber &c	76.11.0
W & D Bailey	Smith &c	799.12.0
Thwaites & Co	Spring maker	21.4.0
		<u>£ 3108.7.0</u>

Bills for the

Birmingham  
B. Bank

## Birmingham Branch Bank

B. Chepman	Bricklayer	£ 215.5.0
Richd. Winder	Mason	68.1.0
Isaac Carter jr	Plasterer	109.8.0
J. & S. Leppill	Smith	98.2.0
W & D Bailey	do	288.13.0
Joseph Talbutt	do	20.5.0
Willm Pitt	Iron mangle	17.13.0
		<u>£ 817.7.0</u>

13<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> £ 817. 7. 0

Continued -	Stone Ho <sup>se</sup>	Brass foundries	3-1-0
	Chas Hammond	Engraver	4-12-0
	John Wright	Cyphers & Co	10-19-0
	Thos. Houseman	do	18-6-0
	Gas Light Co	Gas Light	4-18-0
	John Slater	Rep <sup>y</sup> Steam Kitchen	14-17-0
		Birmingham	£ 874-0-0
		Gloves, &c	308-17-0
		Swansea	824-19-0
		Manchester	3608-7-0
			£ 5716-3-0

Resolved,

Resolution thereon

That it be recommended to the Committee for the House & Servants, to order payment of the foregoing Bills.

Letter from Miss Tottier<sup>s</sup> relating to the delay in regard<sup>s</sup> the Title to Mr Bracewells Estate

The Governor laid before the Committee Copy of a letter from Miss Tottier<sup>s</sup> Mr Bracewells' Solicitors, relating to the delay which has taken place regarding the Title to his Estate - stating that he is charged with a rent of £4 per week for the Premises he has taken & those which his Tenant is quitting, and that it is of moment he should know, who is to pay this Charge.

also

— Copy of a reply  
to the foregoing letter.

Also, copy of a reply to the above, from  
Messrs Freshfield & Son, putting an end to any  
expectation that the Bank should bear the  
charges referred to in Messrs Tottel's letter;  
and stating that the Bank are ready to  
complete the purchase if a marketable  
Title can be made; mentioning also the  
Opinions which Mr Harrison has given on  
this Subject, and that the point of the sup-  
posed revocation of Joseph Bowring's Will  
has been submitted to Mr Sir<sup>ts</sup> Bosanquet  
and Mr Home.

Opinion of the Bank  
Council on the point  
above referred to.

The Governor then laid before the Com-  
mittee the Opinion of Mr Sir<sup>ts</sup> Bosanquet  
and Mr Home on the point above re-  
ferred to.

— The Governor to  
confer with Mr Fresh-  
field on the foregoing  
business.

The Governor was requested to con-  
fer with Mr Freshfield on the foregoing  
Business.

Mr Soane reports re-  
lating to the fitting  
of the Premises at  
Bristol

Mr Soane reported, from the Clerk  
of the Works at Bristol, the several Works  
which are proceeding with, in repairing &  
fitting the Premises lately purchased for a  
Branch Bank in that City. It con-  
cluded with a statement, that there are  
54 Workmen employ'd thereon, and that  
the time that will be required to complete  
the



Continued.

The Banking Apartments so that that business may be carried on, will be three months. (say 1<sup>st</sup> July) -

Mr Soane reports on the Banking House of Messrs Stuckey & Co at Bristol.

Mr Soane further reported from the Clerk of the Works at Bristol. Particulars (with 3 Plans) of the Banking House of Messrs Stuckey & Co on the Broad Quay Bristol; which, if used by the Bank, would require some additional security to be given to them, at a cost of about £50.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That the temporary occupancy of Messrs Stuckey & Co. Premises, be declined by the Bank.

A full Committee except Mr Harcourt

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1827

Letter from Messrs Tottier & Co declining further proceed<sup>g</sup> relating to Mr Bracwell Premises & claiming Compensation for delay

The Governor laid before the Committee a Letter from Messrs Tottier & Co. Mr Bracwell's Solicitors, addressed to Messrs Freshfield & Son; in the conclusion of which it is stated, that Mr Bracwell is satisfied to keep his Estate, but claims a Compensation for the loss he has sustained by unnecessary Delay; and he desires, that the Abstract Draft Conveyance & other papers may be returned.

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— Mr Freshfield's  
reply to Mr Tottier  
H<sup>o</sup> Letter.

The Governor also laid before the Com-  
mittee, a reply, which Mr Freshfield proposed  
to transmit to Mr Tottier H<sup>o</sup> - Stating that  
any claim on the part of Mr Bracewell, for  
loss sustained by him, is wholly inadmissible;  
and that the Bank, with more propriety, might  
ask to be indemnified for the expenses they  
have incurred in the investigation of a Title,  
which he will take no trouble to render  
marketable.

Resolved,

— Resolution  
thereon

That the foregoing Letter from  
Mr Freshfield be approved; and that the  
Abstract and other papers be returned to  
Mr Tottier H<sup>o</sup> -

Report to the Court of  
Directors -

Report to the  
Court of Directors.

The Committee have to Report, that  
the Quarterly Bills, amounting to £2405-  
and also Bills for repairing & fitting the  
Branch-Banks at Gloucester, Swansea,  
Manchester & Birmingham, amounting  
to £516-3-0 have been examined, and  
referred to the Committee for the House &  
Servants, for payment -

Provision has been taken of the  
Premises purchased at Liverpool

and

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- Report continued and Bristol, and they are repairing & fitting to be occupied as Branch-Banks.

The Bank have been in treaty for the purchase of Premises at Leeds, for a Branch-Bank; but it has failed, for want of a satisfactory Title being offered for the same —

12<sup>th</sup> April 1827.

The Court appointed the Committee of Building. And to assist the Committee in superintending the completion of the Buildings - Mess<sup>rs</sup> -

Palmer

Thomson &

Raikes -

Mr Gov & Dr Gov  
Mr Manning  
Mr Dorrion  
Mr Polo  
Mr Butler  
Mr Campbell

Wednesday 25 April 1827.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were

Minutes read. read.

The Governor laid before the Committee a Letter from Mr Thomas Bischoff at Leeds - Bischoff recommends submitting the Plans of Premises (in Board Premises at Leeds, Street) which are very desirable, for a Beacon belonging to Mr Makin's Part. They are the property of Mr Makin, who asks 5000 Guineas for them, exclusive of a Bonus, to the yearly Tenants who now occupy them, for immediate possession.

Mr Makin proposes to set off for the Continent in three weeks. immediate attention to this matter, is therefore expedient.

Other Premises also referred to -

Mr Bischoff refers to other Premises, none of which, however, appear to be so eligible, as those above mentioned.

Resolved.

Resolution thereon -

That the Governor be requested to give directions to Mr Soane, to survey and Report upon, the Premises, recommended by Mr Bischoff.

Mr Gov. & Dr Gov  
Mr Thornton  
Mr Pease  
Mr Dorrion  
Mr Bowden  
Mr Butler  
Mr Campbell

Wednesday 2 Decr 1827

The Minutes of the last Meeting

Minutes read. were read -

Mr Soane reports on  
the Premises at Leeds  
recommended by Mr  
Bischoff

Mr Soane attended the Committee, and  
gave in a Memorandum relating to the Pre-  
mises in Bond St. Leeds, described in Mr  
Bischoff's Letter of the 21. Ult<sup>o</sup>

The Mem<sup>o</sup> stated, that it appears very ma-  
terial alterations must be made to adapt  
them for Business and for a Residence for the  
Agent: that for doing this, much must de-  
pend on the substance and quality of the  
materials of which the walls are composed;  
and that the necessary alterations and also  
the construction of a strong room, would  
probably require a Sum little short of  
£1000 on which it was

Resolved,

Resolution  
thereon

That Mr Soane be directed to  
send Mr Bailey to Leeds, to inspect the  
said Premises; and also these other Premises  
referred to, in Mr Bischoff's Letter -

Mr Soane reports  
the state of the Works  
at Bristol -

Mr Soane Reported on the state of the  
Works at Bristol and Gloucester -

At Bristol - there is every reason to expect  
that the Premises will be ready, so that  
business may be transacted therein, - to-  
wards the end of June.

At Gloucester

At Gloucester - The whole of the arrange-  
ments for the purpose of business are

completed

— Reports on the Premises at Gloucester continued —

completed, excepting a Room for the Porter.

With respect to a Residence for the Agent, it is found, that the back-buildings are so old, and altogether in so bad a state, as to be incapable of alteration or useful repair.

Mr Soane has therefore made a Plan for the accommodation of the Agent — for the purpose of its being submitted to the Committee; to complete the works agreeably to this Plan. Mr Soane calculates will require about Two thousand Five hundred pounds —

— Consideration postponed.

The Consideration of this Subject, was postponed.

A full Committee except Mr Thorton

Wednesday 9 May 1827.

Letter from Mr Freshfield stating that the Deeds &c for purchase of the House at Birmingham had been executed — & preparing that £5450 the purchase money be paid.

The Governor laid before the Committee a Letter from Mr Freshfield stating that the Title to the Premises purchased of the Assignees of Messrs Gibbins Smith & Co for the Birmingham Branch Bank has been completed, and the Conveyances to that Bank have been duly executed, & are, with the Title Deeds & Documents in his hands: That the Assignees are desirous of receiving the £5450 purchase money through the Branch Bank at Birmingham

and

Letter continued

and he therefore recommended that payment should be accordingly ~~to~~ made there to William Atteck Bructon Gibbins William Paine & Edward Eagle. who are the surviving Assignees of the Bankrupts, Joseph Store, the other Assignee having died since the Conveyances were executed.

Resolution thereon

Resolved, That Mr Freshfield's Letter be approved, and carried into effect. -

Wednesday 16 May 1847

A full Committee except Mr Manning

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Minutes read.

Mr Davis Report on Mr Waking's Premises at Leeds -

Mr Soane presented a Report relating to Mr Waking's Premises at Leeds - refers to in Mr Bischoff's letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> - the result of which was - That the Situation is good (in New Bond St and Park Row) but to render the Premises applicable for the purposes of the Bank would require a large Sum, and would take a considerable time; probably from three to four months.

The Proprietor will sell the Premises, including the Fixtures, for Five thousand <sup>Guineas</sup>

Mr Soane's Report  
continued -

Guineas, and if possible make the arrangements with the Tenants to give up the possession on that day, or give a definitive answer to the Bank, relinquishing the Sale, in one week, if he cannot get the possession required by the Bank.

Resolved.

— Mr Soane to decline  
the Offer of Mr Makin's  
Premises to

That Mr Soane be authorized to decline the Offer of the foregoing Premises; but to thank Mr Dischhoff for his attention relating to them.

Mr Soane's Report on  
Mr Goodman's Pre-  
mises at Leeds.

Mr Soane presented a further Report relating to Mr John Goodman's Premises in Park Row, Leeds; who will not sell but would grant a lease for 7 Years, at a Rent of £200 per Annum; or would let them for 2 Years at £250 per Ann<sup>m</sup>.

These Premises might be adapted for a temporary occupation by the Bank at an inconsiderable expence, but cannot be considered suitable for a permanent establishment; they are situate (as appears by the Plan) in the vicinity of the vacant Ground, belonging to Mr Makin in New Bond Street.

— The said Premises  
declined -

The Committee Agreed to decline taking Mr Goodman's Premises.



Mr Swan's Report  
on the Premises of Messrs  
Field's & Greenwood at  
Leeds

the same presented the following  
Report, relating to <sup>the</sup> Premises of Messrs  
Field's & Greenwood, in Boar Lane  
Leeds.

They are at present occupied as a  
Bank and a Residence; the dimensions of the  
Banking Room and other Apartments may  
be seen by an inspection of the Plans.

There is a strong Room formed of  
stone with an arched Ceiling under a  
part of the Banking Room, with an Iron  
Door thereto -

The Proprietors would let the Pre-  
mises, with the Fixtures & Fittings, in the  
Banking Apartments, and the use of the  
Fixtures in the Dwelling House, for an  
annual Rent of £300 from Year to Year, but  
for Two Years certain, each party to give one  
Year Notice

Possession to be given on the 1<sup>th</sup> of July.

The Premises when given up to be in equally  
good Condition as when entered upon.

Certain Alterations for the convenience &  
Security of the Bank to be allowed to be made  
if required.

These Premises might be occupied for a  
short period without any considerable  
expense being incurred, the building being  
very substantial, and for the most part in a  
good state of repair.

The

— Report Continued

The Floor of the Banking Room is much worn & would require some repair — the Ceilings of the Banking Room & Passage leading thereto, must be whitened and the Walls coloured: the Woodwork should be painted, but this is not indispensable if taken for a short period —

Some additional Iron-work would be required for the Banking Room Windows & Doors, which, however might be so fixed as to be removed on relinquishing the Premises.

The Ceilings throughout the Dwelling House require white washing, being in a very bad state; but, if occupied for a short period, the Paint would do with scouring only.

The whole of the expense that would attend the preparing of the Premises for transacting business (exclusive of the moveable Iron Safe for the Treasury and of fitting the Dwelling House for occupation, would not exceed One hundred & Sixty Pounds.

Resolved. That Mr Poane be empowered to complete an arrangement for the Premises described in this Report, upon the terms detailed therein.

— Resolutions  
thereon —

Mr Geo & Jy Ger-  
in Manning  
Mr Pease  
Mr Dorrin  
Mr Pole  
Mr Bowden  
Mr Butler  
Mr Campbell

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1827.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read -

Minutes from the Branch -  
Bank Committee relating  
to Premises at Hull.

A Minute from the Branch Bank  
Committee was read stating that Mr  
Raikes had received a letter from Mr  
Beadle at Hull, relating to Premises at  
that Place, which he thought might be  
obtained for about £2400 or £2600. for a  
Branch Bank. Mr Beadle's letter accom-  
panied the Minute, and it was

Mr Raikes re-  
quested to make in-  
quiry on this subject.

Agreed That Mr Raikes be requested to  
make inquiry and obtain further informa-  
tion on this subject.

Mr Kearsey offers  
to take the House No  
2 Bank Buildings

Mr Soane laid before the Com-  
mittee a letter from Mr Tho Kearsey,  
offering to take the House No 2 in New  
Bank Buildings, if put in complete  
condition at £240 per Annum -

Mr Soane to offer  
the said House at £300

Resolved That Mr Soane be authorized  
to offer the said House to Mr Kearsey, in  
good Condition, on a Lease for 7, 14 or 21 Years,  
at £300 per Annum - He paying all Taxes.

Mr Richardson and Goodluck  
wish to relinquish the 104  
Bank Buildings, in favor  
of a respectable Tenant &c

Mr Soane acquainted the Committee  
that, in consequence of the abolition of Lotteries  
Mr Richardson and Goodluck intended to  
relinquish the Premises 104-Bank Building,  
and that they wished to know, if the Bank  
would accept a respectable Tenant which  
they may introduce?

Mr Soane instructed  
thereon

Mr Soane was instructed to acquaint  
Mr Richardson & Goodluck, that the Bank  
will accede to their proposal

Mr Soane Report of the  
State of the Dome of the  
Rotunda - & his proposal  
to cover it with Lead,

Mr Soane stated to the Committee,  
that the Dome of the Rotunda was, in the  
Year 1795 covered with Cement, which  
has now failed. That it has become  
necessary to cover the Dome with lead, &  
that it would be also desirable to increase  
the light in the Rotunda, by an addition  
to the Lantern light, in the Centre.

The Estimated expense of these works, is  
about £1,350.

Resolved,

That the Works proposed to be  
done, on the Rotunda, by Mr Soane, be  
carried into effect.

Resolution  
thereon

Mr Gov & Dr Governor  
 Mr Thorton  
 Mr Bowden  
 Mr Buller  
 Mr Campbell  
 Mr Palmer  
 Mr Thomson  
 Mr Parker

Wednesday <sup>14</sup> & Sunday 1827.

The following Quarterly Bills were  
 laid before the Committee. viz

Quarterly Bills laid  
 before the Committee

Henry Lee	Bricklayer	£ 117. 8. 0
Thomas Gundy	Chas on	219. 5. 0
Thomas Martyr	Carpenter	295. 19. 0
Palmer & Son	Plasterer	29. 17. 0
William Good	Plumber	78. 11. 0
William Watson	Painter & Glazier	116. 11. 0
Robert James	Glazier	86. 4. 0
Exec <sup>r</sup> of the late Sarah Gardall	Rubbish Cart <sup>s</sup>	83. 19. 0
Thomas Russell	Smith	224. 19. 0
Cutter & Sons	Dr	66. 0. 0
John Robins	Cabinet Maker	86. 6. 0
Thos Blackland	Upholsterer	5. 6. 0
Cornelius Collyer	Blind-maker	23. 11. 0
Thwaites & Co	Door Spring maker	4. 7. 0
Bristow & Son	Engine maker	65. 7. 0
J & W Sutton	Tarpaulins	3. 18. 0
Gas Light Comp <sup>y</sup>	Gas Lights	21. 0. 0
Will Townsend	Gardener	23. 4. 0
Joseph Batho	Parier	12. 5. 0
W & J Mountague	Surveyors	21. 4. 0

£ 1614. 16. 0

Resolv<sup>d</sup>

Bills referred to  
the Committee for the House  
& Servants

Resolved,

That it be recommended to the  
Committee for the House & Servants, to order  
payment of the foregoing Bills -

Commission, ordered to  
the Poole.

Ordered,

That £331.9.0 be paid to the  
Poole for his Commission of 5 per cent on  
£6629<sup>11</sup>/<sub>2</sub> being the Amount of Bills for  
Work done from Lady Day to Michaelmas  
1826 - Also £75 to the Clerk of the Works from  
25<sup>th</sup> March to 29<sup>th</sup> September 1826 - and £25.17.0  
to the same for extra Attendance, 94 Evenings  
at 5<sup>0</sup>/<sub>6</sub> Each. Making together £432.6.0

Payment to the  
Clerk of the Works.

Ordered,

Commission ordered  
to the Poole

That £466.16.0 be paid to the  
John Poole for his Commission of 5 per cent  
on £8336.3.1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, being the Amount of Bills  
for Work done from Michaelmas 1826 to  
Lady-Day 1827 - Also £75 to the Clerk of the  
Works from 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1826 to 25<sup>th</sup> March 1827,  
and £20.7.0 to the same for extra Attendance,  
74 Evenings, at 5<sup>0</sup>/<sub>6</sub> Each Making together  
£512.3.0

Payment to the  
Clerk of the Works.

Agreement for the  
Premises at Leeds  
said before the Committee

The General laid before the Com-  
mittee a Letter from Messrs Trescowthick & Son  
inclosing the Agreement for the House  
contracted for at Leeds, duly executed by

by Messrs Field & Greenwood - on the terms stated in Mr Soames Report in Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> May last -

An Offer of Premises at Hull from Col<sup>l</sup> Maister.

A Letter was read from Mr Beadle at Hull (addressed to Mr Raikes) inclosing an offer from Mr Maister on the part of Col<sup>l</sup> Maister, of the Premises (mentioned in a former letter) in High Street, Hull, including two Houses at the Back entrance - for £2700 - This offer to stand good for 14 days from 29<sup>th</sup> May. Mr Beadle suggested that an offer of £2500 - might be accepted -

A longer time for an answer to be requested - and Mr Soames to survey the said Premises -

Resolved. That Mr Raikes be requested to apply for a week longer for the answer - and that Mr Soames be directed to have the said Premises surveyed - and report thereon.

Letters from Mr Swaith relating to Houses at Newcastle, recommending two letters from Mr J Swaith of Newcastle - relating to Houses, at that place - and stating that <sup>the</sup> one in Pilgrim Street belonging to Mr Jackson seems to be best suited for a Branch Bank. It is freehold - subject to a ground-rent of £5. 11. 0 - & Mr Jackson asks £3500 for it - and to have an answer on Saturday or Monday next.

A Letter was read from Mr George Carr (of Crown Court Broad St<sup>h</sup>) communicating two letters from Mr J Swaith of Newcastle - relating to Houses, at that place - and stating that <sup>the</sup> one in Pilgrim Street belonging to Mr Jackson seems to be best suited for a Branch Bank. It is freehold - subject to a ground-rent of £5. 11. 0 - & Mr Jackson asks £3500 for it - and to have an answer on Saturday or Monday next.

Resolved

— a longer time for  
Answer whereunto that  
Mr Soame survey & view the said Premises, and Report thereon  
Report thereon

Resolved,

That Mr Soame be directed to sur-  
and that for effecting this object Mr Parker be  
requested longer time from Mr Parkers au-

Letter from Mr Francis  
relating to houses at  
Norwich.

A letter was read from Mr John  
Francis at Norwich (addressed to Mr Pattison)  
relating to certain Premises, at that place,  
which he had looked at, with a view to  
a Branch Bank in that City.

Report relating to two  
Houses at Exeter -

The Deputy Governor reported, that  
he had been informed of two Houses at  
Exeter, one belonging to Mrs Kikewick,  
which may be had for £600 or £800. The  
other in Bedford Circus, lets at £100 a  
year, the purchase money £600 on a  
Lease of 66 Years. The refusal, as it res-  
pects both Houses, has been obtained for  
a week -

Resolved

— Mr Soame to  
Survey & report thereon

That Mr Soame be directed  
to survey and report upon the said Premises  
at Exeter -

Mr Soames Report of  
the State of the Works  
at Bristol.

Mr Soame presented a Report of  
the state of the Works at Bristol and  
Liverpool; from which it appeared, that  
the



Continued

The Banking Apartments of the Premises at Bristol will be ready for transaction of business by the 24<sup>th</sup> of June: that the Dwelling Apartments are likewise in a forward state, & exertions are making to complete them by the same time.

Mr Soan's Report of the State of the Works at Liverpool

That every part of the Work on the Banking Apartments of the Premises at Liverpool, is in a very forward state, & the whole of it will be finished in one week after the arrival of the Sien Doors for the Strong Room in the Basement, and the Book Room, adjoining the Banking Room. These Doors were promised by Mr Beamah by the 23<sup>rd</sup> May: he has subsequently stated they will be finished this week. The Dwelling Apartments, & the greater part of the Rooms, will be fit for occupation by the end of this month.

A full Committee  
except Mr Thwaites  
& Mr Mannin

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1827

Minutes read - were read.

The Minutes of the last Meeting

Mr Soane made the following Report relating to Premises in Southernhay Place, Exeter - viz (being) been signed these

the Same's Report

relating to Premises at the Chamber of Exchequer for 99 Years, Determined  
 Peter in Southwark on the death of 3 good lives, aged 41-32 & 30-  
 Place -

These Premises - are held on Lease from  
 "The Chamber of Exchequer" for 99 Years, Determined  
 subject to a small conventional rent of  
 £1-9-0 - with a perpetual right of renewal  
 on payment of a Fine of £30-9-0 for each 4<sup>th</sup>

The Premises contain at 262 Sq  
 Yards of which the House is 14 Stories high  
 exclusive of the Rooms in the roof / occupies  
 at 127: the remainder consists of a Court &  
 Area in front, and a Yard at the back on the  
 level of the Basement Story, in which are  
 various domestic Offices, principally of  
 Timber, one Story high.

The Premises require considerable re-  
 pair, particularly the roof; having been  
 unoccupied for nearly 3 Years the Paint  
 Papering &c is in a very bad state.

The Stair Case is of Wood, & that to  
 the Basement very dark & confined.

There is no part of the Basement  
 vaulted. The Premises adjoin the  
 Theatre.

After considering the above Report, it was

Resolved,

The said Premises  
 declined -

That the said Premises be declined.

— Report relating to  
Premises in Bedford Circus,  
Exeter —

— declined —

Report of Premises  
No 18 Southernhay  
Place - Exeter -

The Plans were reported on the  
Premises situated in the Bedford Circus,  
at Exeter - which, being deemed ineligible,  
were declined. (shown) This report covers in two  
only of a drawing!

The Plans then presented a Me-  
morandum relating to Premises No 18  
Southernhay place, Exeter - viz

The Executors of the late Lady  
Meadows by whom the Premises were,  
'till lately, occupied, have notified that  
they will shortly be offered for sale; but  
the person who has the care of the House  
is not in possession of the Terms.

They are held on Lease from the  
"Chamber of Exeter", on 3 Lives, renewable  
on the payment of a Fine.

The House is in a good situation,  
and is of rather superior description,  
both as to appearance & stability, to the  
adjoining ones. It requires but little  
repair, excepting the Slating of the Roof,  
and the Coping of the Parapet walls.

The Basement is not vaulted.

There are some restrictions as to  
building on the Garden.

Resolved

referred back to Mr Soane for consideration & further Report at the next meeting -

Resolved,

That the foregoing Report be referred back to Mr Soane, for the purpose of his stating to the Committee, at its next Meeting - Whether the said Premises are of sufficient capacity to be fitted for a Branch Bank.

Letter from Mr Beadle relating to Premises at Hull.

A further letter was read, from Mr Beadle, at Hull, to Mr Raikes, stating that the Bank may consider the House of Col Maister, in offer, for 14 days, from the expiration of the time previously stipulated. Also that another & well situated House has been advertised for sale by auction, on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst: that it is desirable the Bank should have it surveyed, as well as the House of Col Maister, and that the value of each, will be nearly alike.

Resolved,

Mr Soane to survey them &

That Mr Soane be directed to have both the Premises, above referred to, surveyed, and that he Report thereon -

Letter from Mr Smith relating to Mr Jackson's Premises at Newcastle

A further Letter from Mr Smith to Mr Carr, was read - stating that Mr Jackson will take £3400 for his Premises, at that place, and will wait

till

till a Surveyor be sent down to inspect them, but, that this must be done soon, as he is determined to quit them before the 5<sup>th</sup> of July next.

Resolved,

That Mr Soame be directed to survey and report upon, the said Premises, at Newcastle —

— Mr Soame to survey the said Premises &

Letter from Mr Francis relating to Premises at Norwich.

A further letter was read from Mr Francis at Norwich (addressed to Mr Pattison) relating to Premises at that place belonging to Mr Titter, for which he asks £110 per Annum including Stables & Gig House &c. They will be ready for a Tenant in about 3 weeks.

Resolved,

That Mr Soame be directed to survey & report thereon, and report on, the above mentioned Premises, and also any other at Norwich that may appear suitable for a Branch Bank.

— Mr Soame to survey & report thereon, and report on,

Mr Kearsley offers £260 per Annum for the House in New Bank Buildings —

Mr Soame laid before the Committee a Letter from Mr Kearsley, increasing his Offer for the House in 2 New Bank Buildings to £260 per Annum

— not less than £300 to be taken

— The Committee, however, declined to let the said Premises for a less Rent than £300 per Annum.

Mr. Sturges. & Dr. Gw-  
 Mr. Thorton  
 Mr. Manning  
 Mr. Pease  
 Mr. Dorrin  
 Mr. Bowden  
 Mr. Butler  
 Mr. Campbell

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1827

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr Soane reports, on  
 the House at Esher be-  
 long to the late Lady  
 Meadows.

Mr Soane reported additional  
 particulars relating to the House belong-  
 ing to the late Lady Meadows, at Esher -  
 and from a Plan of the Premises, stated his  
 opinion, that they are capable of being fitted  
 for a Branch Bank.

Mr Soane to  
 obtain particulars of  
 the House, he of the said  
 Premises

As the particulars, relating to this  
 House can only be obtained of Mr Pocock  
 of Lincoln's Inn - the Executor of Lady Mea-  
 dows, Mr Soane was requested to make  
 application for the same.

Report of the State of  
 the Works at Bristol  
 & Liverpool

Mr Soane laid before the Committee  
 a Letter from Liverpool, and also one from  
 Bristol, relating to the progress of fitting  
 the Premises for Branch Banks at each of  
 these Places: and he was requested, in reply  
 thereto, to accelerate the completion of the  
 said Premises.

to be accelerated

Letter from Mr Titter  
 relating to his House  
 at Warwick -

A Letter was read from Mr Titter  
 to Mr Francis (of Warwick) stating his pro-  
 posals for letting a House in Pettugate St.  
 The rent to be £60 per An<sup>o</sup> - to be on a Lease  
 for 7 Years: this proposal to stand good for

for a fortnight.

Letter from Mr Gibbs relating to his Premises

Also a Letter from Mr Gibbs, giving the refusal of the House & Warehouse, late Post Office for a fortnight from the 18<sup>th</sup> inst - the rent to be £40 per Annum -

Letter to Mr Francis describing 2 Houses in St Giles Broad St -

Likewise a Letter to Mr Francis describing two Houses lately erected in St. Giles, Broad Street.

Mr Scane to Survey the aforesaid Premises -

Mr Scane was directed, agreeably to a Resolutions of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>h</sup> to have the abovementioned Premises, surveyed and Reported on -

Mr Scane reports (thru Mr Bailey) relating to Col Maiters House at Hull -

Mr Scane laid before the Committee a Letter from Mr Bailey - relating to the two Houses at Hull, which Mr Beadle had mentioned to Mr Raikes -

After describing the Premises in High St belonging to Col Maiters - Mr Bailey adds -

"The whole of the Premises are so much out of repair and of such extent, as would require some Months to re-instate them & put them into habitable condition, & the expence, independent of any alterations that may be necessary to adapt them for the purpose required, little less than a thousand Pounds -

Mr Comtee declines the same -

The Committee agreed to decline any further proceedings, relating to the foregoing Premises.

The

Mr Soane Reports  
on Premises in Salt-  
house Lane Hull -

The Premises advertised for sale on the 27<sup>th</sup>  
instant are in Salt-house Lane - have been  
vacant for nearly 9 years, excepting a tempo-  
rary residence of 15 months; the Cellars which  
are under the Dining Room & Kitchen, and not  
more than <sup>4</sup> 5-6 high, are occasionally flooded  
when the Tides are high, & therefore compara-  
tively useless.

— Ireland —

The Committee declined any further  
proceeding with respect to the above men-  
tioned Premises.

Mr Gey & Dyer -  
Mr Pease  
Mr Mellish  
Mr Jarrin  
Mr Pole  
Mr Bowden  
Mr Butler  
Mr Campbell

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 1827.

The Minutes of the last meeting were  
read.

Mr Soane reports regard-  
ing the approaching Sale  
of Premises at Exeter

Mr Soane reported - that on reference to  
Mr Pocock of Lincoln Inn, he had learned, that  
the Premises at Exeter belonging to the late  
Lady Meadows would be sold by Auction in  
about a fortnight - and that he had given direc-  
tions to be furnished with "The Particulars", as  
soon as they shall be printed.

Mr Soane's Report  
on Premises at Hull  
belonging to Miss Harrison  
Watson & Co

Mr Soane presented the following Re-  
port relating to Premises in High St. Hull,  
belonging to Miss Harrison Watson & Co

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These Premises, were formerly occupied as a Banking House, and a Residence - they contain about 380 Square Yards, of which the House and Offices occupy nearly 200 - the remainder consists of Garden, Yard &c.

The Buildings are generally Two Stories high and are of Brick - they were originally slightly constructed, particularly those at the back, are now old, and require some considerable repairs.

There are no Cellars under any part of the House, excepting one, under the "Back Kitchen".

There is a strong Closet of small Dimensions (as per Plan) adjoining the Back Office, but the Iron Door has been removed.

The Premises are Freehold, and at present let, but the Proprietors would undertake to give possession of them on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, or sooner, if the present occupiers can suit themselves with other Premises.

The Price asked, including the Furniture belonging thereto, is £1575.

The Committee decline the above Premises.

The Committee Agreed to decline the said Premises.

State of the Works

at Bristol & Liverpool

As Soame Reported / from the Clerk of the Works / The State of the Works at Bristol and Liverpool

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Extracts from the Re-  
port on the Premises  
to be purchased at Leeds.

Work to be done -

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Mr Soane presented Extracts from his Report on the Premises at Leeds - belonging to Messrs Field & Co - upon which the Committee came to the following Determinations -

The Floor of the Banking Room to be repaired.

The Ceiling of the Banking Room, & Passage leading thereto, to be whitened & the Walls coloured.

Some additional Iron Work to be fixed, for the Bank Windows & Doors.

The Ceiling throughout the House to be white washed: and the Paint Work to be scoured.

A Safe for Treasure to be provided. The wall to be made good - and the Locks altered.

Report on Premises at  
Newcastle belonging  
to Mr Jackson -

Mr Soane presented the following Report relating to Premises in Pilgrim Street Newcastle, belonging to Mr Jackson - viz

They are situated on the East Side of Pilgrim St. having a frontage of 31 1/2 feet next that Street, & extending backwards about 245 feet, and containing nearly 74 1/2 Square Yards. of which about 157 are occupied by a Dwelling House, 166 by Warehouses, three stories high, 207 by Warehouse & stable & one story high; the remainder consisting of Yard, Garden & Passage.

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The Dwelling House is three Storeys high exclusive of the Cellars and Rooms in the Roof: it is old, but was originally substantially built, and is now in a tolerably good state of repair. None of the Cellars are arched.

The Warehouses next to the Dwelling House are altogether in a dilapidated state, & in a ruinous condition, & incapable of useful repair: those at the extremity of the Premises are in a somewhat better condition but require considerable repair, as do likewise the whole of the Fence walls.

The situation is good, being in one of the Principal Streets &c

The Premises are stated to be Incumbered, with an annual Charge on them of £5211 0 payable to the Trustees of Hanover Square Chapel; for which the sum of £3400 is asked.

Immediate possession may be had.

It is understood that the Quakers, whose Meeting House adjoins the Premises, would be willing to purchase the part of the Premises occupied by the Old Warehouses, for the purpose of enlarging their Burial Ground.

The Committee decline the said Premises

The Committee declined any further Proceedings, with respect to the foregoing Premises.

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Report on Premises  
at Newcastle, belonging  
to Mr Reed —

Mr Soane presented the following Report  
relating to Premises in Clavering Place Newcastle,  
belonging to Mr Reed.

They are situated at the Corner of Clavering Place & Bailey Gate, and consist of a Dwelling House with Coach-house, Stable Yard &c. containing together about 642  $\frac{1}{2}$  Sq Yards.

The Dwelling House is substantially built, and the Rooms lofty & well finished: it is three stories high, exclusive of the Basement, a part of which is arched: the Cellars are lofty and dry.

The Buildings are generally in a good state as to substantial repairs.

The Premises are Freehold, for which the sum of £1900 is required.

As the Proprietor, who is a Solicitor, occupies the Ground Floor as Offices, he cannot give immediate possession, but will undertake to do so, by the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, or sooner if he can meet with Offices that will suit him.

The Situation as regards business cannot be considered equal to those Premises in Pilgrim St: they are however within ten Minutes Walk of the Quay, the Custom House Post Office &c.

There are some low Houses immediately  
opposite

Continued - opposite the entrance to the House, but the neighbouring Houses are generally of a superior description -

Mr Soame to obtain further information thereon -

The Committee directed Mr Soame to obtain further information relating to the said Premises -

- Mr Galt & Dyer
- Mr Sheraton
- Mr Manning
- Mr Pease
- Mr Cole
- Mr Bowden
- Mr Butler
- Mr Campbell

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1827.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read

Report to the Court of Directors -

Report to the Court of Directors

The Committee have to Report to the Court of Directors, that the Quarterly Bills amounting to £1614.16.0 have been examined, and referred to the Committee for the House & Servants, for payment -

Mr Soame having reported that the Dome of the Rotundo, which was covered with Cement in the year 1795 - has now failed; - he has been directed to cover it with Lead, and to increase the light thereof, by an addition to the Lantern Light in the Centre. The expense of these Works is estimated at £1350.

A Contract has been entered into for  
Renting the Premises of Messrs. Field's & Green-  
wood in Boar Lane, Leeds. Possession was  
taken of the same on the <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> instant; and  
directions have been given to Mr Soane to  
proceed in fitting the Premises for a Branch-  
Bank, at that place.

The Committee are making in-  
quiries & using endeavours for obtaining  
Premises for a Branch Bank, at Exeter,  
Newcastle, Hull & Norwich —

To a New Book.

