

# Minutes of Pension Meetings at Gray's Inn 1800-1850

## Selected Edited Extracts

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### Foreword

Over the years members of the Gray's Board, or those closely associated with it, have undertaken many projects on behalf of Gray's Inn: A Prospect of Gray's Inn (Second Revised Edition, 1985), The War Book of Gray's Inn 1939- 1945 (2015), and An Illustrated History of Gray's Inn (2018), come readily to mind.

About six years ago when Master David Foskett was Chairman of the Board, it was decided that those Pension Books (the records of the meetings of the Inn's governing body known as Pension) still only accessible in long-hand, though beautifully hand-written and never a line blotted, ought to be edited and extracts posted on the Inn's website beginning with the year 1800 where Rev. Reginald Fletcher DD (1865-1932) had left the story. Fletcher was Preacher to the Inn for 15 years from 1904 but as early as 1901, when he was still only Chapel Reader at Gray's, a subsidiary role that did not include delivering the 'showpiece' sermons on Sundays in term time, he had published the first of two volumes of commentaries on the Pension Minutes beginning with the period from 1569 to 1669. The second volume continued the account to the end of the eighteenth century and was published in 1910.

The challenge set by Master Foskett was taken up with his customary readiness to oblige by Master Robert Hardy who led a small team, subsequently joined by Master Rosemary Jeffreys. The working party also had the advantage of the valuable assistance of Andrew Mussell, who has recently retired as Archivist at the Inn. Due to their combined efforts, to which I pay a tribute of high praise, the Pension Minutes are now in an attainable modern form covering the period 1800-1850. In most cases they are summaries rather than line-by-line transcriptions of the meetings, or have been severely cut back, and rightly so, as much of the work of Pension is routine and largely devoid of interest to the general reader.

I have been invited to follow in the footsteps of Rev. Fletcher by providing an historical introduction to the period. In accepting this commission, I do so with considerable diffidence as I make no claim to the thoroughness or the breadth of knowledge that Fletcher clearly possessed. A love of the Inn and its history, absorbed in the half century since my admission to Gray's Inn in 1970, and subsequent call, are my only qualifications.

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## Introduction

### 1. Gray's Inn 1800-1820

The early decades of the nineteenth century take the history of the British nation through to the successful conclusion of the Napoleonic Wars and witness the beginning and end of the Regency period that rather importantly established the well accepted principle now, though still novel at the end of the eighteenth century, that the Prime Minister of the day, supported by a majority of his colleagues in the House of Commons, governed the country with a circle of ministers whether they enjoyed the favour of the monarch or not.

Governments are concerned in the twenty-first century, as commonly they have been all through history, with questions of balancing the books. The period of the Napoleonic Wars was no exception. By 1815, the National Debt had swelled to over £700 million. During the hostilities further taxes were introduced to pay for the War effort and many were retained post-war including some which fell on institutions like the Inns of Court. The Inns sat on very valuable property, not least Gray's Inn, and quite rightly those institutions were not exempt from helping the country to discharge the nation's debt. These taxes (the King's Taxes) were a heavy burden on Gray's and a constant worry at a period when the Society struggled to keep abreast of expensive repairs, including to parts of Holborn Court (now South Square, Gray's Inn) following a fire in 1801. At the same time, the Benchers (those senior members of the Inn tasked with its government) had to attend to works of sanitation and drainage and plan for ambitious new building projects, which, because of financial constraints, were completed piecemeal over several years.

One practical way the Inn sought to assist the War effort was to permit two units of soldiers (including the Fourth Regiment of Loyal London Volunteers) to deposit their arms in Gray's Inn Hall (hereafter referred to as 'Hall') excluding ammunition. The soldiers were also allowed to conduct limited military exercises in the Walks (the gardens at the Inn). That concession was to have an echo more than a century later when during the First World War, the First London Welsh, subsequently re-named the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, drilled in the Walks and Squares of the Inn.

The Napoleonic War apart, questions of the abolition of the Slave Trade and Catholic emancipation dominated political thought and no one was more forthright in his support for both causes than Samuel Romilly who in 1783 was called at Gray's (the ceremony that confers on lawyers the right to call themselves a Barrister). He became Treasurer of the Society (Head of the Inn, commonly for 12 months) in 1803.

The minutes do not of course record the esteem in which Romilly must have been held by his fellow Benchers but they would not have mistaken their man. By the time of his Treasurership, Romilly was already a very successful King's Counsel, having been appointed in 1800, and was regarded as the most outstanding Chancery lawyer of his time. He became Solicitor General in 1806 and soon thereafter embarked on a career in the House of Commons that not only contributed greatly to the passage of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act in 1807 but also to reform of the criminal law, long overdue, that saw him persuade Parliament to end stealing from the person as a capital offence in 1808 and to abolish the inhuman punishment of hanging, drawing and quartering in 1814.

The Treaty of Amiens in 1802 brought hostilities between Britain and France (known to History as the War of the Second Coalition) to an end, though only very briefly, the peace enduring for less than 14 months. This interval encouraged the Inn to look to the future so that in 1803 Pension decided to erect new Chambers in the east of the Walks in what became Verulam Buildings. Once fully completed in 1811, the design was seen as devoid of any architectural merit whatsoever, Charles Lamb, the essayist, describing the structure as 'accursed'. By as early as 1806, the Benchers

were probably wondering whether they were wise to take on the burden of constructing Verulam Buildings as the War continued to confound any permanent resolution. Equally worrying, the financial accounts at the Inn showed how inadequate was the income from the Estate, as expressed in a Pension minute that year, to cover annual commitments like repairs and other outgoings, let alone taxes. Nevertheless, the Benchers persisted and were probably correct to do so in the long run.

The picture of Gray's during this period, and for a little time yet, remained largely a microcosm of the world outside. The Gray's Inn Coffee House at the Holborn Gate still welcomed guests for meals and overnight stays, including David Copperfield in the eponymous novel by Dickens, serialised between May 1849 and November 1850. In early 1849 the Benchers granted the lease of the Coffee House to Thomas Hart. Soon he re-named his establishment 'Hart's Gray's Inn Hotel', perhaps to give it a more modern ring and distance it from Dickens' gloomy description of the hostelry with its old-fashioned sanded coffee-room floor and ancient chief waiter with double chin, dressed in black breeches and stockings.

Elsewhere in the Inn was a baker's and a law stationer's, and at the Gray's Inn Road Gate, William Lill, a hairdresser, was permitted to sell oysters at his shop located there. It was not long though before this facility was brought to an end as the business was replaced by a Porter's Lodge, growing issues of security, and the need for watchmen, being more relevant to the Inn now than the availability of shellfish within its walls. Among other staff at the Inn, a scavenger, much like a public road sweeper, was still employed to keep the courts and squares tidy, a task helped from 1813 onwards by the appointment of an assistant at a wage of £10 p.a.

The Inn continued to act as a quasi-Local Authority too---and not merely because the Society undertook works to improve sanitation and drainage on its estate. One striking example of this was the role that two or three designated Benchers assumed as Overseers of the Poor. Their task was to make appropriate provision from the Society's limited resources for the destitute discovered within its boundaries, including foundlings, and those others outside the Inn whose plight was brought to their attention and seen as deserving of the Society's charity.

Religious observance remained a major feature of life at Gray's with not only Divine Service on Sundays, conducted by the Preacher to the Inn (usually a distinguished cleric appointed solely to preach the Sunday sermon) but prayers on Wednesday and Friday. Morning and Afternoon Preachers were retained by the Inn for this purpose as it was thought desirable that the residents (not just lawyers in Chambers) ought to have the opportunity to access 'spiritual assistance' when needed and presumably pastoral care too. Free accommodation at the Inn appears to have been made available to the Preachers.

The quality of singing, or psalmody, in Chapel was considered sufficiently important to be discussed on occasion by the Benchers who at one time authorised the engagement of boy choristers and students to improve the responses at services.

Taking the sacrament in accordance with the rites of the Church of England had long been a precondition of Call at Gray's though the requirement was often more honoured in the breach than in the observance despite efforts to tighten the rules. In 1786 the Inn had imposed an additional obligation to enforce compliance on students by requiring a member seeking Call to sign a book attesting to having taken the sacrament before being Called which needed to be witnessed as to the truth by both the Preacher and the Clerk of Chapel at the Inn.

In 1806 Pension decided to look at this requirement again and referred it to the House Committee for review. This was probably the result of a growing dissatisfaction with the rule and further flagrant breaches. Rather surprisingly Pension was clearly unaware that the requirement imposed by Gray's was not followed at the other Inns, a fact acknowledged in a later Pension minute. The issue was not finally resolved until 1825 when the requirement was quietly dropped, probably after further protests and many more seeking to be exempt. In a minute for 1824, it is specifically recorded that a Protestant dissenter had sought to be absolved from taking the sacrament which probably proved decisive in bringing the rule to an end. It was one thing for a secret Roman Catholic to seek to avoid the obligation, quite another for Protestants.

The dignity of the Rt. Rev. Walker King DD, who served as Preacher to the Society from 1787, became an issue in 1809 on Walker King's appointment as Bishop of Rochester, the most ancient diocese in the country next only to Canterbury. The Pension minutes at this point would have delighted Trollope with its clerical preoccupation with social standing and one-upmanship, meat and drink to such as Mrs Proudie and her husband, the Bishop of Barchester in the Chronicles of Barset. To Trollope the Proudies were 'very real' and this piece of hokum would scarcely have surprised the author. It would appear that Walker King had spoken to the Archbishop of Canterbury who had suggested to him, so Walker King alleged, that since he was now a Bishop as well as Preacher at Gray's, his new loftiness as a Lord of Parliament did not allow him to dine at the Inn whilst occupying his usual lowly position in Hall. This was particularly grievous to the Bishop because it permitted commoners to be placed above him. Consequently, Walker King declared that he wished henceforth to be seated beside or close to the Treasurer. This led to a flurry of consultation.

Fortunately, the matter was resolved quickly when, soon after the issue arose, Walker King resigned as Preacher which perhaps he ought to have done at the outset. It is easy to ridicule Walker King for his egregious self - importance and snobbery but he had much to commend him being a considerable man of letters, a Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford and the distinguished co-editor of some of Edmund Burke's later works. Both his father, and later his son, were Churchmen, the latter becoming Dean of Rochester on his father's death in 1827.

Over the centuries the Inn has had its fair share of dishonest employees, notably in the late nineteenth century when the dishonesty of a number of rogue servants almost ruined the Society. In 1810 the Librarian, John Dean, dealt a blow to the Inn by absconding, having misappropriated a large sum of money earmarked by the Society for payment of the King's Taxes. Subsequently Dean was apprehended, and he appears to have served a prison sentence. A new Librarian was appointed in his place but it is significant that the Inn restricted his hours of work. The explanation cannot be that there was less to do as the importance of the Library, with its growing stock of books rose in this period. It is more likely that the Benchers' confidence had been shaken and that they were determined to cut back on the expense of a full - time Librarian to save money and plug a hole in the Society's finances. This is highlighted by the fact that over the next few years John Perry, Treasurer of the Society in 1831, undertook a considerable amount of voluntary work in the Library, mainly cataloguing. Nevertheless Perry's generosity did not go unrecognised as he was often paid by the Benchers for his labours, commonly 50 guineas, and encouraged to continue. In 1840 the thanks of the Bench were rightly recorded when Perry presented his completed catalogue to the Society.

As a further sign of the key place the Library had assumed in the life of the Inn, a Master of the Library was appointed in 1847, Pension ordering that a Bencher be elected every year to fill the post. The position was clearly more than general superintendence as the Master of the Library was given power to purchase new books and order binding. He was also expected to deliver an annual report.

There were few members of Gray's Inn at this time who illuminated the Judicial Bench though George Solely Holroyd, Stephen Gaselee and John Hullock deserve mention.

Both Holroyd and Gaselee served as Treasurers of the Society, Holroyd in 1812 and Gaselee in 1819. Although a successful practitioner, Holroyd declined silk and remained a junior Barrister until he was appointed a Judge of the King's Bench and knighted in 1816.

Gaselee was held in high regard as a special pleader (a lawyer who prepares papers out of the common course of legal work) before becoming King's Counsel in 1819. Appointed a Judge of the Common Pleas and knighted in 1824, Gaselee appears to have captured the imagination of Charles Dickens as it is claimed he was the model for the irascible Justice Starleigh who heard the case of *Bardell v. Pickwick* in *The Pickwick Papers* (serialised from 1836 onwards). If Starleigh was based on Gaselee, the latter was seriously traduced because his reputation amongst the Bar, and Bench, was as a painstaking tribunal rather than for being intemperate. Neither is it likely that Gaselee fitted this unflattering description of Starleigh in the novel: '(he) was a particularly short man and so fat that he seemed all face and waistcoat'. Not that Dickens would care either way as he often assumed the part of Starleigh in his readings both for his own amusement and the enjoyment of his enthralled audience.

Hullock was a considerable authority on Costs even before he was called to the Bar in 1794. He first published the 'Law of Costs' in 1792 and a second edition followed in 1810. His works have often been compared to the erudition and influence on the profession that Sir William Blackstone (a famous English Jurist) had exerted through his 'Commentaries on the Laws of English' (1765-1769). Later Hullock was fortunate to be pupilled to Holroyd which set him on the path that led to his appointment as a Serjeant-at-law in 1816. He became a Baron of the Exchequer in 1823 when he was knighted. As a judge, he was esteemed for his fairness being described as 'not more for the Crown than the people' which was high praise indeed.

In November 1818, Sir Samuel Romilly committed suicide by cutting his throat at his home in Russell Square. He had found it impossible to face life without his wife who had died only a few days earlier. Such news would have gone hard at the Inn as it did in the political world. Lord Castlereagh, the Foreign Secretary, was not alone in expressing heartfelt sentiments: 'I cannot tell you how shocked I was at Romilly's sad death. It is the most tragical event I ever remember as connected with the loss of such a wife, and the sacrifice of such a life so valuable to his children'. Nearly four years later in August 1822, Castlereagh was to face the same fate when, overwhelmed by paranoia, he cut the carotid artery in his neck.

In 1820, Joseph Smith, Treasurer at the time, presented an engraving of Sir Samuel Romilly to the Inn in memory of the late Treasurer and Law Reformer.

## **2. Gray's Inn 1821-1840**

If some surprise might be expressed today about the small number of Benchers who attended Pension at this period, often in low single figures forcing Pension meetings to be abandoned on occasion, this sorry phenomenon is easily explained. The Bench at Gray's was very much smaller in the nineteenth century than it is now. As an example, in 1835 there were only 16 Benchers in total, and some of them were perhaps too old to participate fully. Even more limited was the pool at Gray's from which Benchers might be drawn, particularly if the Inn was looking for men of some distinction to appoint. Between 1801 and 1840, there were 27 years when not a single new Bencher was elected by the Inn. The longest period that elapsed between elections was 4 years covering the period 1830-1833. Even some of those approached refused the honour, Edward Lloyd doing so in

1828. In the next decade, a similar pattern emerges, there were no Benchers elected in 1842, 1844-46, and 1848-1849; Thomas Horncastle Marshall refused election in 1847.

More remarkable still was how quickly Barristers at the Inn rose to be Treasurer once elected a Bencher. One example will suffice: Henry Tennant became a Bencher in May 1847 and was Treasurer the following year. The explanation can only be that there was little inclination to be Treasurer or there were too few who merited the position.

Where Gray's Inn was situated was another factor that might have adversely affected attendance at Pension, though numbers gradually improved particularly amongst those with Chambers in the Inn as there were dark hints that Benchers might be in peril of losing their accommodation at Gray's unless they were more diligent.

The Inn was surrounded by such poverty and squalor that those Benchers not resident at the Inn might be forgiven if they were reluctant to make frequent visits to the Holborn area. What is more, Pension met regularly during term time, often once a week. Consequently, being a Bencher was clearly an onerous undertaking if taken seriously.

To the west of the Inn was the notorious slum at St. Giles, known as the Rookery or 'Little Ireland', where you were at constant risk of being robbed if foolish enough to take that route to Oxford Street, a fashionable shopping area. Much nearer to the Inn, and still looking west, was an area centred on Red Lion Street which was scarcely better than the Rookery for vice, crime and poverty. Baldwin Gardens, even closer to the Inn, off Gray's Inn Road, was an eyesore of impenetrable filth. Moving further east was the thieves' quarter where Fagin's den lay ('Oliver Twist' was published in book form in 1838, though previously serialised from 1837 onwards in a magazine). Its precise location was Saffron Hill taking in Chick Lane. Looking south, the area leading to the Strand was a warren of dark alleys and courts that richly deserved its reputation for evil, fortunately mostly swept away when the splendid new neo-Gothic Law Courts took their place, opened by Queen Victoria in December 1882.

Even on the Inn's doorstep, there was a thieves' kitchen in Fulwood Rents, now Fulwood Place. The Inn adopted what steps it could to protect its lawful visitors and tenants that included from 1828 employing a watchman to undertake a Day Patrol of the Estate, the object of which was to ensure vagrants, beggars, pickpockets and other undesirables were not allowed to settle but turfed out of the Inn on sight.

Despite the efforts of the Benchers, the Inn itself was hardly attractive to behold. In 1827, Charles Dickens, then only aged 15, began working as a clerk in a solicitors' office, first in Holborn Court (renamed South Square in 1829) and then at Raymond Buildings, completed in 1825. He formed a very poor opinion of the physical state of the Inn at this time which stayed with him long after he left Raymond Buildings in November 1828. Much later in 1860 his dislike of Gray's Inn influenced his grim description of the ugliness, dirt and dust of the Inn's Squares and Chambers when he came to write 'The Uncommercial Traveller'.

Not that Dickens was alone in his criticism of the Inn and its stewardship. When built, Raymond Buildings was greeted with no greater enthusiasm than Verulam Buildings was 14 years previously, and a letter in The Gentleman's Magazine published in 1826 poured scorn on the Benchers' efforts to 'improve' the exterior of Hall which was now finished in stucco and partly crenelated, fashionable at the time. The work also saw the exterior of other parts of the Inn rendered in the same mock-Gothic style including the Library, the Chapel and its porch. The Hall roof was stripped, and slate

substituted for tiles. The ultimate offence for many onlookers was that the ancient lantern, long a feature of the roof, was replaced with a design 'much resembling a pigeon-house'.

If all this paints a depressing though accurate image of London and the Inn in the early decades of the nineteenth century, fortunately it is not the whole picture. With the support of the Prince Regent, later George IV, the great architect John Nash succeeded in pushing forward plans for what became Nash's vision of a neo-classical London including Regent Street, Regent's Park, Marble Arch and much else besides. The Regent Street project had inevitable consequences. If you destroy decrepit buildings and clear filthy courts and alleys, you displace their impoverished former inhabitants. And where do they go? It is said that thousands of the poor were driven out of this new district to settle in the slums of the Strand, the Rookery at St. Giles, and Lambeth.

Still Gray's Inn must have had its attractions, at least for the Court of Exchequer. As long ago as 1789, Sir James Eyre, a Bencher of the Inn and Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, had raised the possibility of the Exchequer Court using Gray's Inn Hall for its Vacation Sittings. The Inn readily agreed and the arrangement continued on and off for decades. The sittings were not confined to the Long Vacation as the Pension minute for 1815 demonstrates: some Hilary Sittings had been permitted that year. When, however, in 1822 the Lord Chief Baron (now Sir Richard Richards) approached the Inn for permission to hold further sittings the Inn refused, giving the excuse that the Hall and apartments were inadequate. Although accepted as an explanation by the Chief Baron, it is not entirely clear why the Hall and its apartments were deemed adequate for the Exchequer Courts as recently as 1815, but inadequate in 1822. The picture is further complicated by the actions of the Benchers in 1840 offering the Lord Chancellor the use of the Hall for Court sittings contemplated by legislation then proceeding through Parliament overhauling the judicial system.

One Gray's Inn man who did reach some level of distinction in the 1820s was Joseph Littledale. Originally, he was admitted to Lincoln's Inn before joining Gray's in 1793. This was unusual because the trend was often in the opposite direction. Littledale was born in the same year as John Hullock and both being northerners it is possible that they knew each other, particularly as the world of the Barrister remained a small one. This connection might explain Littledale's switch to Gray's. There can be no doubt though that later both men were to know each other very well indeed as they practised together on the Northern Circuit and were part of the team that prosecuted Henry 'Orator' Hunt following the Peterloo massacre in 1819. The trial saw Hunt convicted of seditious conspiracy and sentenced to 30 months imprisonment. Littledale was appointed a Judge of the King's Bench in 1824, a few months after Hullock had become a Judge of the Exchequer.

It is a tradition at Gray's that every Treasurer has his or her coat of arms displayed somewhere at the Inn, now usually in the Small Pension Room. The custom was established in 1825 following an order of Pension that the west window in Hall be glazed with stained glass containing the arms of the Society and blank shields to carry the arms of the serving Treasurer (Henry Lockhart) and every succeeding Treasurer. It remains a much appreciated way of marking the Treasurer's year of office and service to the Inn.

In 1831 and 1832 both the First and Second Reform Bills were blocked by opposition in the House of Lords. In protest, riots occurred in Nottingham, Bristol and Derby, and other violence occurred in Leicestershire, Somerset and Devon. There were real anxieties too that London was on the brink of insurrection.

The Inn had feared being attacked in 1780 at the time of the Gordon Riots but at the beginning of the 1830s the threat seemed even more real. As J.R.M. Butler has written in 'The Passing of the Great Reform Bill': '...the air (in London) was charged with talk of pikes and barricades and swords

rough sharpened for the first time since Waterloo'. The Inn took what precautions it could and waited. Fortunately, the Third Reform Bill passed safely through both Houses of Parliament but only when it seemed likely William IV might create sufficient Whig Peers to outvote the Tories in the Upper House. The aftermath, however, still saw some ugly scenes. The Duke of Wellington, a strong opponent of reform, was recognised by a mob when he was passing through Holborn in June 1832. He was physically attacked in the street with stones and filth before being forced to take shelter in Chambers in Lincoln's Inn where he was rescued by the Bow Street Police. As in 1780, the threat to the Inn from the mob evaporated without challenge to its integrity, much to the relief of the Benchers. Further anxiety about the Inn's safety was to resurface in 1848 as we shall discover.

Despite the emphasis in this period both at the Inn and across London on new drainage, installing sewers and responding to the increasingly popular demand for water closets or flush toilets, the capital was not a healthy environment. To say nothing more, there were mounds of horse dung in the streets and untreated sewage drained into the Thames and its tributaries, including the Fleet River, barely more than a cesspit itself, and only a stone's throw from Gray's. Where sanitation at the Inn remained crude, cesspits were in the Gardens of the Inn, a new one only 'lately made' near Raymond Buildings at the beginning of 1849. Otherwise, they might be found in the cellars or basements of buildings on the estate.

Wherever the cesspits existed at Gray's, the solid waste would be removed by 'night soil men' approximately every 6 months, the liquid left behind seeping into the ground and finding its way untreated to the Fleet and finally the Thames. The smells of the metropolis, with its two million inhabitants by 1840, were such that the Judges at the Old Bailey were greatly envied by the populace for carrying nosegays!

Inevitably cholera struck London and other places across the country, even reaching 'Middlemarch', a fictional Midlands town, simulacrum of Coventry, that is at the centre of George Eliot's celebrated work set in this era of the Great Reform Bill and growing public health concerns.

The first outbreak of cholera in the capital was in 1832-33 killing thousands, particularly in the slum district of the Mint in Southwark. Pension minutes make no mention of this calamity nor of the more serious epidemic in 1848-49 as would be the case in similar circumstances today as the Covid 19 epidemic has amply illustrated. Perhaps there was some complacency about the disease because it rarely affected the wealthy. More importantly, it was not until the 1850s that scientists began to understand that cholera was not something in the air about which little could be done (a common belief) but waterborne. Slowly lessons began to be learnt and action taken. There is no doubt that it was the spread of cholera that drove the work of improving sanitation in London and within Gray's Inn too.

During the 1820s and 1830s, as the minutes record, the Inn began to increase its modest collection of portraits, greatly assisted by contributions from well-wishers. In 1827 there were gifts of a portrait of Nicholas Bacon and two portraits of Francis Bacon; in 1839 portraits of Sir John Bayley and Sir William Grant were presented. The latter gift is a mystery. Grant (Master of the Rolls 1801-1817) was not a member of Gray's but Lincoln's Inn where he became a Bencher and served later as Treasurer in 1798. On the other hand Bayley was indeed a member of Gray's, admitted in 1783 and called in 1792 but his portrait, and that of Grant too, is no longer in the possession of the Inn. Although much respected in his time and regarded as a sound Judge both when sitting in the King's Bench and subsequently in the Exchequer Court, it is unlikely Bayley's portrait would be displayed at the Inn today even if available as he owned (with others) three sugar plantations in British Guiana and Domenica sustained by slave labour. When slaves were emancipated in the 1830s, Bayley and



his partners were compensated by the British Government to the tune of £20,000 for the loss of 400 of their slave workers.

In 1840, now three years into the Victorian era, the Inn held a Dinner in Hall for Benchers, Barristers and students to celebrate the Queen's marriage to Prince Albert. Later the same year, the Benchers considered, and subsequently sent, a Loyal Address to the Queen following an attempt on her life. What this marked was a change in attitude symbolising a greater affection for the monarchy, and the young Queen, still only 23, than had ever been expressed during the two preceding reigns of her uncles.

### **3. Gray's Inn 1841-1850**

The debate over whether the Inns of Court have a purpose, or are useful or relevant is not new. The argument has alternated back and forth for centuries but in the 1840s serious public concerns were raised over whether the Inns were discharging their duty to educate law students properly, the implication being that there had been a clear dereliction. In response, Parliament set up a Select Committee on Legal Education which in 1846 recommended there was an urgent need to overhaul the provision of legal education.

Even before the Select Committee reported, a joint committee of Middle and Inner Temple, and Gray's Inn had sat to consider a suggestion that the three Inns provide lectures in civil law and jurisprudence. (Initially, Lincoln's Inn set itself apart, expressing reservations). The discussions were relayed to Pension and after the Parliamentary Report had also been considered, the Benchers decided 'to endow' a lectureship in Real Property, Conveyancing, Devises and Bequests. A lecturer was sought and William Lewis was appointed at a salary of £300 per year. His inaugural lecture held at the Inn on 1 July 1847 was marked by a dinner in Hall to which the Benchers of the other Inns were invited. Subsequently, 20 copies of Lewis' lecture were sent to each Inn. The other Inns made similar teaching appointments but since the efforts of the Inns on this important issue were not always coordinated or uniform, often a criticism of the Inns at this time, the experiment did not endure long-term.

In 1848 the Benchers adopted Lewis' advice that the Inn ought to introduce a 'voluntary' Bar examination for its students, though why not a compulsory test is unclear. (A compulsory examination was only instituted in 1872). Later in the same year Lewis and his fellow lecturers recommended that attendance at lectures at the Inns ought to be compulsory for students as a qualification for the degree of Barrister.

Lewis appears to have been an excellent choice for Lecturer at Gray's. His diligence gave 'high satisfaction' to the Benchers and as he reported himself in May 1850, he was not satisfied with merely giving the students 'transcripts from existing books' but would deliver his own original commentaries on the Law. He seems to have been popular with the students too. As for the voluntary exams, Lewis reported a growing attachment to them amongst his students. This may seem counterintuitive but taking a simple exam, and passing it, at least helped to prove to the student's family and friends that being called to the Bar was slightly more rigorous than eating a few dinners, washed down with sherry and wine.

Needless to say none of these reforms satisfied the critics of the Inns, not even when the Council of Education was set up in the early 1850s. The result was that a Royal Commission was appointed in 1854 'to inquire into the arrangements in the Inns of Court for promoting the Study of the Law and Jurisprudence, the Revenues properly applicable, and the means most likely to secure a systematic and sound education for Students of the Law and provide satisfactory Tests of fitness for Admission

to the Bar'. When it reported in 1855, the Commission's most radical recommendation, never implemented, was that the Inns of Court should be incorporated into a single public body to function as a University of Law.

An early feature of the 1840s at the Inn was the major building works that were undertaken. They were almost forced upon the Society as both Finch's Buildings and Denny's Buildings, both east of the Hall in South Square, were in a dangerous condition or, more euphemistically expressed, 'coming to the end of their useful life'. A Building Committee was formed and within two years Finch's and Denny's Buildings had not only been purchased for the Inn (previously these properties were leased by the Society) and demolished but replaced by new House premises in South Square comprising on the ground floor a vestibule, Pension Room, Clerk's Office and Stewards Office. There was also a Benchers' Robing Room. The vestibule boasted a grand staircase leading to a first floor where there was a Benchers' Library, a student Library and a storage room for books.

The new building had an attractive porticoed entrance with steps leading down to the Square. This illustrated renewed confidence and a degree of pride that had been sorely missing from Gray's Inn for decades.

In 1846 a rather surprising decision was taken to substitute the pewter plates in Hall with china. It was surprising only in the sense that the Inn had not resolved to do so much earlier. Creamware, pearlware and jasperware were available from Josiah Wedgwood by at least the end of the 1780s. Josiah Spode improved on Wedgwood's creamware by creating what is known as bone China again available in the eighteenth century. The British invention of transfer printing led to a more mechanised, and so to a cheaper process that certainly brought the better type of China within the reach of the pockets of the middle classes. (Jane Austen and her family were great patrons of Mr. Wedgwood, owning several sets of his China). And yet until nearly the middle of the nineteenth century the gentlemen of Gray's Inn were eating off pewter! This raises the possibility that if we could see into the Hall of 1845 today, we might be more impressed by the surroundings than the amenity of dining.

The dinner hour in Hall was constantly changing. Often the alteration merely reflected the cycle of the seasons. At other periods it was done in consultation with, and to suit, the profession as was the case in April 1850. On this occasion, after representations from the Senior Barrister in Hall, the time was altered to 5-30pm.

A glaring injustice that endured since 1833 was at last lifted from students in May 1850 when Pension abrogated the rule that if a student had not held Chambers in his name for at least two years prior to call he had to pay a fine of £20. This had been unfair on a number of counts, not least the misfortune that there may have been a dearth of Chambers available at the time or the cost was prohibitive, all of which has obvious echoes today.

It is impressive that the students at the Inn felt confident enough, again in 1850, to ensure that not too many differences developed between them and how members of the Bar were better treated in Hall. The vexed question that arose concerned...dessert spoons.

By the middle of the nineteenth century tableware included every type of special spoon, not least of course a dessert spoon. At the beginning of 1850 William Jope, a former Treasurer, presented the Inn with a dozen silver dessert spoons, and two dozen silver dessert forks, for the use of members of the Bar in Hall. The students reacted quickly by petitioning the Benchers for their own dessert spoons. The response from the Bench was not outright rejection but the rather sniffy reply that the students were to be supplied with what they wanted 'in so far as the stock of the society will

permit'. In short, the Inn was not to be troubled by any extra expense, at least not on account of the students' desire for a particular type of spoon!

There is some evidence that the numbers entering the profession in the period 1835–1845 grew markedly. If this was a sign of confidence in the Bar as a way of making a living it was short-lived. The immediate cause was the County Courts Act 1846 which had the effect of depriving the young Bar of opportunities to cut their teeth on small claims which the local Solicitors were equally capable of handling in these new Courts. By the early 1850s there was much inevitable commentary in the fledgling legal press, notably in the *Law Times*, expressing pessimism about the future of the Bar.

John Romilly, Treasurer in 1846, enjoyed a long and impressive political and legal career. He was the son of Samuel Romilly and entered Parliament for the first time in 1832. He was appointed Q.C. in 1843 and thereafter his political prominence became the engine of his legal career as he rose to be Solicitor General in 1848, Attorney General in 1850 and Master of the Rolls in 1851, only retiring in 1873. (Earlier he had been ennobled as Baron Romilly in 1866). It is much to Romilly's credit that after he had first served as Treasurer of the Inn in the 1840s he remained a regular attender at meetings of Pension. This was the case even after he became a Law Officer and then Master of the Rolls, a dedication recognised by his election to serve as Treasurer of the Inn for a second time in 1866.

What would strike us as extraordinary today, however, is that following his appointment as Master of the Rolls, Romilly did not automatically resign his seat in the House of Commons where he represented Devonport. Simply he was not required to do so. More extraordinary still given modern sensitivities, Romilly even fought the election of 1852 as a candidate at Devonport despite holding one of the highest judicial offices in the country. In the event his campaign for re-election failed provoking change. He was the last Master of the Rolls to sit in the House of Commons.

In 1848, Thomas Greenwood is recorded in the Pension minutes as having received a letter of thanks from the Home Secretary for his service on 10 April that year. So what lay behind the letter?

A large Chartist mass meeting had been arranged for 10 April to take place on Kennington Common, after which the Chartists intended to march on Parliament to present a Petition. There was no suggestion that the mass meeting or the march was likely to turn ugly or would be other than peaceful. Yet the Government, horrified by the spread of revolution across Europe, feared riots and determined upon a show of strength. A Statute of Charles II was revived which forbade more than 10 people from presenting a Petition in person to Parliament. In addition the Government introduced new repressive legislation that classed certain acts as felonies so making them liable to the death penalty or transportation. Still expecting trouble, the Government recruited 100,000 Special Constables to ensure good order. In the event, the meeting on Kennington Common passed off without incident and the procession to Parliament was cancelled. Instead the Petition, with its large number of signatures, was placed in three cabs and sent to Parliament accompanied by only a few Chartist supporters.

Greenwood, who had supervised the Special Constables stationed either at or in the vicinity of the Inn to offer protection on 'the day of apprehended riots', had been Treasurer of the Inn in 1841. It was not his fault that the Government overreacted to the alleged threat. If there had been trouble, perhaps the Government might have shared some blame for their own provocative behaviour and lack of wisdom.

Knowing the time, and keeping good time, is easy today as we have watches and smartphones. It was different in the early Victorian era when pocket watches were expensive as they were made by

hand. This was to change from about 1857 when modern technology permitted watches to be mass-produced on an assembly line, first introduced in the United States. Wind-up alarm clocks were not available until 1876 and wrist watches were hardly popular with men much before the First World War.

With growing industrialisation and expansion of the Railways (Euston Station opened in 1837, Bradshaw's Railway Guide was first published in 1839, Fenchurch Street Station was opened in 1841, whilst Waterloo Station came later in 1848) knowing the correct time in the largest City in the world was not only important but now vital to Victorians who had a mania for punctuality. This is why the complaint from the residents of the Inn, recorded in a Pension minute in 1848, that a clock at the Inn was obstructed was serious and not something that might be conveniently shelved for a while. It all seems very quaint today but the Benchers would have readily understood what was at stake and were right to act quickly.

To stress the point even more, it is interesting that at Pension on 22 February 1850 William Jope, acting generously once again, intimated his intention to present a Clock to the Society which would have a public function within the precincts of the Inn. It was to be placed above the arch separating South Square from Gray's Inn Square with the Clock facing into South Square.

In summary, what the Pension minutes of the mid-nineteenth century demonstrate beyond measure is that there was nothing so major as the protection of the Inn from attack by a mob or legal education, or anything so trivial as dessert spoons that was not the business of the Benchers of Gray's Inn — and their preoccupations included even the importance of time.

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Gray's Inn, London

23 November 2021

## The Transcriptions

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- These transcripts are edited summaries rather than verbatim copies. Scans of the Order Books are available, please contact the Inn's Archivist, see below.
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### GRAY'S INN 1801

#### *Hilary Term 1801*

PENSION 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: BURTON, LLOYD, WEGG, RIDLEY, DIXON, TOPHAM, KING, GRIMWOOD, ROMILLY and STEBBING.

'Ordered that George Cornick be one of the Badge Porters to this Society in the room of Edward Morris elected Gardener.'

'Ordered that Table Linen for the Use of the Hall be purchased under the Direction of the Treasurer.'

'Ordered that New Locks and Keys for the Garden Doors be made under the Direction of the Treasurer.'

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: BURTON, HUDLESTON, LLOYD, WEGG, MORGAN, DIXON, FISHER, KING, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY and STEBBING.

George Wailes called to the Bar.

'Ordered that Ann Dowdswell be allowed two Shillings a Week in addition to her present allowance of Five Shillings a Week.'

John Matthew Grimwood elected Treasurer.

PENSION 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, HUDLESTON, BURTON, LLOYD, WEGG, RIDLEY, MORGAN, FISHER, TOPHAM, KING, ROMILLY and STEBBING.

'Ordered that Fifteen Guineas be given to Mrs Butler according to the Direction of the Steward.'

'Ordered that the Gardeners' Bill for repairing the Road under the new Arch Way be paid amounting to £.'

PENSION 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, HUDLESTON, LLOYD, RIDLEY, MORGAN, TOPHAM, and STEBBING.

'Ordered that a Prosecution be forthwith commenced against Thomas Barton and any other concerned with him for stealing lead from one of the Pavilions in the Gardens of this Society and that Mr Chetham of Falcon Square be instructed to proceed therein, and that Mr Knowles and Mr Knapp be employed at Council for the Society in the said Prosecution.'

'Ordered that Mr Treasurer Mr Morgan and Mr Topham be a Committee to direct the Repairs to the Pavilion.'

#### *Easter Term 1801*

PENSION 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, SHARP, LLOYD, RIDLEY, FISHER, TOPHAM, KING, LAMBE and STEBBING.

'Ordered that Wm. Burrows one of the Badge Porters be allowed 5s. a week during his Illness.'

'Ordered that a separate Estimate be made by the Surveyor of the Repairs at No 5 6 & 7 in Holborn Court and reported at the next Pension.'

'Ordered that the Steward do report at the next Pension what Arrears are due for Commons and from whom.'

PENSION 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, HUDLESTON, LLOYD, WEGG, TOPHAM, SELBY, LAMBE, ROMILLY and STEBBING.

‘Ordered that the West Garden Wall be repaired and the several Channel Stones in the Garden relayed agreeable to the Surveyors Estimate.’

‘Ordered that the Repairs on the East Side of Holborn Court be immediately done.’

PENSION 6<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, HUDLESTON, LLOYD, WEGG, RIDLEY, MORGAN, DIXON, FISHER, TOPHAM, SELBY, LAMBE and STEBBING.

John Prince Smith called to the Bar.

‘Ordered that the Thanks of this Society be given to the Officers and Privates of the respective Corps, for their active and spirited Conduct during their Attendance at the Fire in Holborn Court Gray’s Inn on Monday last and that the Commanding Officer be requested to communicate the same to them.’

‘Ordered that Five Guineas be given to the Porters in equal proportion for their Service at the Fire in Holborn Court.’

PENSION 13<sup>th</sup> MAY. PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, HUDLESTON, RIDLEY, MORGAN, DIXON, FISHER, SELBY, LAMBE and STEBBING.

Philip Adams called to the Bar.

‘Ordered that Mr Hilton’s Rent for the Grays Inn Coffee House be this Year Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds commencing from Michas. 1800.’

‘Ordered that a Committee of seven Benchers be nominated any two to be able to proceed to investigate the Accounts and the state of the Society and to report their Opinion thereon at the second pension of the ensuing Term with Liberty for the Committee to call a special pension any Forenoon before the Term if they see Occasion and that Mr Treasurer Sr Robt. Burton Mr Ridley Mr Morgan Mr Topham Mr Selby and Mr Stebbing be that Committee.’

PENSION 16<sup>th</sup> MAY. PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, HUDLESTON, LLOYD, RIDLEY, DIXON and STEBBING.

Letter from Sun Fire Office estimating cost of repairs after fire at Holborn Court at £1019.5.8.

‘Ordered that the Steward apply to Messrs. Wigg and Mansfield to know from them for what they will contract to rebuild No5 in Holborn Court, and make it uniform with No4 and to report the same on Thursday next at an Adjourned Pension at half past 2 o’Clock.’

‘Ordered that Twelve Additional Buckets for the Engine be immediately provided and that the present Buckets be repaired.’

PENSION 21<sup>st</sup> MAY. PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, HUDLESTON, RIDLEY, MORGAN, SELK, SELBY, TOPHAM and STEBBING.

Permission granted to Capt George Ross of the Highland Armed Association ‘to exercise for about two Hours on any one Evening in the Gardens of the Honourable Society, during the Summer.’

Ordered that the sum of £1,019.5.8 from Sun Fire Office be paid into the hands of Messrs Child & Co to enable fire damage repairs to Holborn Court to be carried out under the authority of the Steward, Mr Thos. Quinn.

‘Ordered that the Repairs necessary to be done to the Eastern Pavilion be forthwith done under the Inspection of the Surveyor and that the Edges be covered with Slate and the other part with Lead, as recommended by the Surveyor and that the Steward direct Covey the plumber to complete the same as soon as possible subject to the Surveyor’s Estimate.’

5<sup>th</sup> June

Extracts and summary of the Committee to investigate the Accounts and State of the Society:

‘We ..... met on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May last past and proceeded by several Adjournments in Execution of the said O(r)der and having caused the Stewards Books Vouchers and Accounts and the Order Books of the Society to be laid before us, and having caused several Statements to be made therefrom as hereto annexed do find That there was at Lady Day last Cash in the Hands of the Steward about the sum of £200 and that there were due to the Society Arrears for Dues and Duties and Commons Bills several other Sums amounting in the whole to the sum of £4827.15.5 And that the whole that was due

from the Society at Lady Day 1801 for Taxes and Insurance, Workmen and Household Bills and to different Tradesmen amounted to the sum of £6108.14.6 from which the said sum of £4827.15.5 being deducted leaves a Balance due from the Society at Lady Day last of £1280.19.0 as will particularly appear by Statement No 1 to which we refer.’

To which sum is to be added ‘doubtful Debts’ on arrears for Commons Bills ‘which we think may fairly be stated at £1500.’

‘It does not appear to us that there are any Means of Discharging any part of this Debt but by the sale of £1641.3.4 of Cent Consol Bank Annuities which is the only Capital belonging to the Society, or by adopting the Measures hereafter proposed or such of them as the Bench may think fit.’

‘In Order to provide to provide a Fund to discharge the current Debt and to prevent a similar Inconvenience we proceed to consider the Means whereby the Income of the Society might be improved and its Expenses diminished.’

‘We beg leave further to State to the Bench that it appears to us that one principal Cause of the present Debt arises of a want of a more particular superintending Eye over the General Management of the Kitchen and the mode of conducting the Business in the Stewards Office, and also from the practice of bringing down the Audit of the Accounts only to the Year preceding the Time of making the Audit thereby leaving the Accounts of whole Year Dr. & Cr. Intirely without inspection. In Order to remedy these Inconveniencies, We without imputing blame to any Individual, beg leave to submit to the Consideration of the Bench some regulations of this sort, namely .....

The Report of the Committee is brought up for consideration.

PENSION 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE. PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, HUDLESTON, LLOYD, WEGG, RIDLEY, MORGAN, FISHER, TOPHAM, LAMBE and STEBBING.

‘Ordered that the Original Fine on Renewal of Terms in Chambers be raised one half .....

‘Ordered that from after the Expiration of this present Trinity Term upon all Renewals the Ground Rents be raised in proportion of one fourth part of what is now paid.’

‘Ordered that from and after the Expiration of this present Trinity Term two pence be added to the Charge now made for each Bottle of Wine drank at the Bar and Students Messes making the Charge three shillings and sixpence per Bottle also.’

‘Ordered that six pence be added to the Charge for Repasting making the Sum to be paid for each Repast three shillings to take place from the time above mentioned.’

‘Ordered that from and after the Expiration of this present Trinity Term the Caution Money to be paid upon a call to the Bench be One Hundred and Fifty Marks.’

‘Ordered that from and after the Expiration of this present Trinity Term every Admission of a Member into this Society an additional Fine of One Guinea be paid, and

That upon every Call to the Bar an Additional Fine of Three Guineas be paid to the Library Fund, and

That upon Admission of any Barrister from any other Inn of Court the Additional Fine of Four Guineas be paid to the Library Fund.’

‘Ordered that from and after the Expiration of this present Trinity Term the Allowance of Broth in the Kitchen be discontinued.’

‘Ordered that a Contract be Entered into with some proper person for Dieting the whole Hall during the Terms.’

‘Ordered that a Contract be entered with some person for supplying with pit Coal the Six Fires in the Apartments namely the Pension Chamber the Library the Steward’s Office the Officer’s Room the Officers Eating Room and the Steward’s Kitchen, also Ordered that a Contract be entered into with some person for supplying the Hall and other places with Charcoal.’

It is also ordered that a committee, to be called the House Committee, be constituted ‘for inspecting and regulating the Stewards Accounts from time to time and also all Receipts and Payments and the other Household Concerns of this Society and for making a Contract or Contracts for the Dieting of Hall and such other Contracts as may be necessary.’

‘Ordered that if Gentlemen in Arrears for their Dues and Duties who have notice by the Delivery of their respective Bills of the Amount thereof do not pay the sum before the end of the next Michas Term their Chambers will be seized and their Bonds put in suit.’

PENSION 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, HUDLESTON, WEGG, RIDLEY, MORGAN, TOPHAM, LAMBE and STEBBING.

Thomas William Carr called to the Bar.

‘Ordered that the Head Porter do see that the porters and the Watchman perform their Duty, and obey the Order of Pension of 22 July 1784.

‘Ordered that the Watchmen on duty do go to the Top of each Stair Case, at least twice every Night, between the time of setting the Watch and the Time of leaving it.’

‘Ordered that the porters prevent the Nuisances of Old Clothes Men, Cries of different Articles for Sale, and other Nuisances, within the Courts.’

‘Ordered that Morris the Gardener’s Bill for Extra Work amounting to £16.2.0 be paid.’

PENSION 9<sup>th</sup> JULY PRESENT: HUDLESTON, WEGG, RIDLEY, MORGAN, TOPHAM, LAMBE and STEBBING.

‘Ordered that John Jeffery Williams the second Steward and Pannyerman be allowed Forty Pounds per Annum in lieu of his perquisite of broken Meat in The Terms, during the pleasure of the Bench.’

‘Ordered that Thomas Wait, the Scavenger be allowed Five Pounds a Year in lieu of his perquisite of Candles.’

‘Ordered that the Steward be allowed Seven Pounds ten Shillings a Year, to provide Coals for his Office, Servants Waiting Room, and Kitchen.’

‘Ordered that the several Regulations respecting the Watchmen and Porters be printed and hung up in the Lodges and Courts.’

PENSION 17<sup>th</sup> JULY PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, WEGG, RIDLEY, MORGAN, TOPHAM and STEBBING.

‘Ordered that two fair Copies be made of the Order of Pension of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1784 respecting the Regulation of the Watch, in large Characters, and stuck up in the two Lodges and that the Steward do explain the said Order to the several Watchmen and porters.’

‘Ordered that Mr Hilton be allowed £280 to take the Estimated Repairs of the Coffee House upon himself; the same to be done under the Inspection of the Surveyor of the Society, and the Money to be allowed out of the Rent.’

‘Ordered that the Privies be cleansed by Smith at 3s 6p ... it being the lowest of Three Estimates sent.’

PENSION 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Francis Plaistow called to the Bar.

PENSION 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, HUDLESTON, WEGG, RIDLEY, TOPHAM, LAMBE and STEBBING.

‘Ordered that the Cook have the same Compensation in lieu of Commons as the other Servants.

‘Ordered that the Kitchen Maid be paid Sixpence per Day in Term in Addition to her present Pay, in lieu of the Broth Perquisite.’

‘Ordered that Messrs W(e)gg and Mansfield be respectively paid £300 each on Account of the Repairs now doing in consequence of the Fire at No 5 in Holborn Court.’

‘Ordered that the following Letter be sent to Mr Rooke and Mr Robt.Thorp viz:

Sir

I am Ordered by the Special Direction of the Bench at the adjourned pension held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December inst. to inform you, that it was then determined that if your Arrears are not paid by the first Day of next Hilary Term, the Society will proceed at Law for the Recovery of the same.

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Thos Quin Steward

‘Ordered that the Report of the House Committee be entered in their Minute Book.’



**1802**

PENSION 27th JANUARY PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, HUDLESTON, LLOYD, RIDLEY, TOPHAM, KING, LAMBE and STEBBING

‘Ordered that the Gate in the passage from Field Court into Gray’s Inn Place be shut’.

PENSION 11th FEBRUARY PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, HUDLESTON, WEGG, RIDLEY, MORGAN, SELBY, LAMBE and STEBBING

‘Sir Robert Burton as senior Member of the House Committee going out of office by rotation, ordered that Mr Grimwood be elected a member in his room.’

‘Ordered that Mr Justice Chambre’s Coat of arms be put up in the second south window over the sundial.’

‘Ordered that William Lambe Esq be Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing’.

2 MARH PRESENT LAMBE, HUDLESTON, LLOYD, WEGG, RIDLEY, MORGAN, TOPHAM, SELBY, WILLS, ROMILLY and STEBBING

‘Mr Morgan’s Bench chambers to be whitewashed and painted’.

‘Ordered that the Surveyor represent to the Commissioners of Sewers the state of the corner part of Warwick Court towards Holborn and that application be made to them respecting a footway in Gray’s Inn Lane.’

‘£40 to be given to Williams for the service rendered in attendance on the House Committee as a remuneration’.

‘The railing windows and door bases be painted forthwith and the staircases to be repaired in the long vacation, and the three reservoirs in the two courts to be referred to a committee, to direct the enlargement under the direction of the surveyor, committee to consist of Messrs Wegg, Topham, Grimwood, Selb and Stebbing’.

The Balance Sheet showed an error in the previous accounts of £100, and £1915.19.1 left, plus receipts, rents, commons bills, admissions etc from the time of the last balance to 23 February 1802 of £1047.17.2, making a total of £2963.16.1/2

Cash account:

Payments to servants including Mr Niven’s contract, a moiety of Williams contract and to the different tradesmen £2432.16.4, Balance of cash deposited at Messrs Child and Co. £497.8.2 and in the Steward’s hands £33.11.71/2 total £530.19.91/2 making a grand total of £2963.16.1/2.

‘At a committee of the Iron Railings held 12th March 1802, it was ordered that the Watch be continued till further order, and that Mr Atkins should apply to the Commissioners of paving to know whether, if the Inn give up the ground they will make a footpath at their own expense the whole length of the premises of the Inn abutting on Gray’s Inn Lane. Mr Mansfield having been examined as to the drain in Warwick court it appeared that it had been cleaned, and that it communicated with the common sewer which runs down the rest of the court into Holborn and that the sewer is in good repair.’

‘At a committee of the Iron Railing held on 18th March, Mr Atkins reported that the Commissioners of paving would pave if the Society would give up the ground and the railing. The proposal of the Inn was that in order to remove a nuisance and accommodate the public, it would give up their ground on the east side of the Inn as far as Gray’s Inn Lane on condition the Commissioners at their own expense make a proper and convenient footpath, and the Inn would also give up all the stones and stone work now on the premises.’

‘The Surveyor produced a plan of the ground behind no. 4 Holborn Court and suggested that it be let on a building lease for two houses and a shop for 61 years, at a ground rent of 8s per foot which in addition to the premises being extra parochial would amount to about £45 pa and further from being exempt from Land tax £5. Ordered that communication be made between the Tanks and that in GI Square be inclosed so that the whole do not exceed 20 guineas.’

Committee 25th March ‘Mr Atkins to meet the best bargain he can relating to paving and that he proceed to the sale of the Rails as they are, taking an exact account of their number, and that he advertise the sale in the Morning Advertiser’.

Iron Railing Committee 6 APRIL Railing to be removed and consent of Society given re paving.  
Extra Watch to be continued till further orders.

Footpath to be 4'6' wide of best Purbeck paving including the curb to be made of Moore Stone and oak posts on each side of the entrance into GI Square

The paving committee agreed to the proposals providing Gray's Inn agreed to pay £7pa

5th MAY 1802 LAMBE, HUDLESTON, RIDLEY, GRIMWOOD, ROMILLY and STEBBING  
Stage of the Hall referred to a Committee.

No work to be done in the Society without an order of Pension, then by order of the House Committee, or in their absence of such Bencher as may be in Town

12th MAY 1802 LAMBE, LLOYD, WEGG, RIDLEY, FISHER, GRIMWOOD and STEBBING  
Gardener's Bill for extra work amounting to £27.2 referred to House Committee.

Surveyors to do report on repairs necessary for Chapel.

Grate of drain in GI Square to be altered, drain cleansed and cesspool made if wanted

Staircase window frames to be inspected by surveyor.

Cellar under chamber in Field Court to be filled.

19th MAY 1802 LAMBE, HUDLESTON, LLOYD, WEGG, RIDLEY, DIXON, FISHER,  
TOPHAM, SELBY, MAID, GRIMWOOD, and STEBBING

Mr Thomas Sermon of No. 1 GI Square, having laid the New River Water in his chambers by a lead pipe without the permission of the Bench ordered that the Order of 9th June 1769 be put into force unless he do remove the same.

'The small portion of the new Drain leading from the Southernmost Tank in GI Sq to that in Holborn Court which passes under the subterraneous passage to the Hall Cellars under the new Gateway to be done with Parker's Composition to prevent the water forcing its way through into the passage and that the Southernmost tank in GI Sq be made about one foot deeper and that the covering be made to open with a wooden flap similar to the other tanks.'

26th MAY 1802 LAMBE, HUDLESTON, BURTON, LLOYD, PAUL, WEGG, DIXON, FISHER,  
SELBY and STEBBING

'Committee to make the best adjustment they can with the Committee of paving'.

31st MAY HUDLESTON, LLOYD, DIXON, GRIMWOOD and STEBBING

Davies Owen called to the Bar

23 JUNE 1802 LAMBE, HUDLESTON, LLOYD, PAUL, WEGG, RIDLEY, MORGAN, SELBY  
and STEBBING

Names of Inhabitants to be painted on the doorways of the respective staircases.

30th JUNE 1802 LAMBE, HUDLESTON, BURTON, PAUL, WEGG, RIDLEY, MORGAN,  
TOPHAM, SELBY, GRIMWOOD and STEBBING

'Mr Atkins the Surveyor to make an estimate of the expense in the alteration of Mr Hudleston's Bench Chambers'.

6th JULY 1802 HUDLESTON, BURTON, PAUL, WEGG, RIDLEY, MORGAN, TOPHAM,  
SELBY and STEBBING

Thomas Harrison called to the Bar

'Chapel to be repaired according to the estimate of the Surveyor excepting the extra painting mahogany or wainscot and with the addition of the stone work at the outside of the building. Chapel to be repaired on the inside above the wainscoting four time in oil French Grey, the whole of the woodwork, inside and out, twice in oil, the pewing, wainscoting gallery pulpit etc to be done light stone colour and generally to repair all the wood work and glazing internal and external, the whole of the plastering to be redone in the best stone lime, a stone plinth on the south side of the chapel and

return and the Chapel to be left complete and fit for Divine Service, the work to be commenced immediately after the 18th of July and to be fully completed by Saturday 4th September’.

#### Committee of the Iron Railing

Meeting to consider the objection of the Benchers to the width of the intended pavement. Inn replied that it was never the intention that the Footway should exceed 4’6’ including the curb.

Meeting arranged for 22nd May Work proceeding at 4’3’. Paving committee called in with their Solicitor and Surveyor and stated reasons which were not satisfactory. Bench ‘expect the Committee to strictly adhere to the terms agreed upon i.e. 4’6’; on which terms *only* the Bench agree to give up the Ground, and pay the additional assessment of £7 pa’.

Letter from United parishes of St Andrew Holborn and St George the Martyr, ‘who consider that it will be most for the public service that the pavement should be completed as the Pavement Committee proposed.’

Iron Railing Committee 30th June 1802: ‘as it may be dangerous that the Lane should remain in its present state, and more advantageous to the public to have a footpath formed, if the Committee will undertake that the part where the curb is laid will not be narrowed and the remainder done at the full dimensions, the Bench will agree to it being completed on the original terms acceded to by the Society.’

This was agreed (ie 4’6’ including the curb).

‘Mr Sermon’s water pipe to be cut off.’

Balance Sheet Balance carried forward £530.19.9 ½, receipts on House Bills, rents, commons bills, admissions etc £3123.5.3 ½, total £3654.5.1.

Payments to servants £3264.11.1, balance in cash at Messrs Child 3375.18.2, and in the Steward’s hands £13.15.10, total 3654.5.1

21st JULY 1802 PRESENT: LAMBE, HUDLESTON, WEGG, RIDLEY, MORGAN, TOPHAM, GRIMWOOD and STEBBING

‘Burton’s Bench Chamber to be whitewashed and painted, Screen painted and varnished to correspond with the Wainscot, and surveyor to employ such Smith he thinks proper.’

‘Proper alteration to be made to the Engine House under the inspection of the surveyor.’

‘Hall to be repaired.’

19th NOVEMBER PRESENT: LAMBE, BURTON, RIDLEY, DIXON, FISHER, GRIMWOOD, ROMILLY and STEBBING

Edward Lloyd called to the Bar.

Middle Temple Parliament 12th November 1802: Petition of William Burroughs called to the Bar in Ireland, admitted to the Bar at Bengal and appointed by Marquis Cornwallis to the office of standing Counsel to the Company on the Bengal Establishment, then appointed as Advocate General (first and highest Law Office of the Company), until resigned in 1801 having acquired an independent fortune by the practice of his profession and salary of his office. Opinion of other Inns now sought as to whether the requirement of keeping 12 terms can be dispensed with. Gray’s Inn replied that in the opinion of the Treasurer and the Masters of the Bench the requirement to keep 12 terms could be dispensed with.

Appointment of extra Scavenger to clean the West Pavement adjoining the buildings of this Society in GI Lane referred to the House Committee, and also Surveyor’s estimate of expense of resetting the steps in GI Place.

Wilmot’s Memoirs and Cases to be purchased for the Library.

26th NOVEMBER PRESENT: LAMBE, BURTON, RIDLEY, DIXON, TOPHAM, GRIMWOOD and STEBBING

Mr Wigg’s letter to the Bench respecting the arrears due to him referred to the House Committee.

27th NOVEMBER PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, BURTON, LLOYD, DIXON and STEBBING

Petition of Thomas Wait the Scavenger for relief referred to the House Committee.

Iron Railing Committee 19th November 1802

‘Boundary Stones to be set up at the ends of the new pavement in GI Lane’

14th DECEMBER 1802 PRESENT: LAMBE, BURTON, LLOYD, TOPHAM, GRIMWOOD, ROMILLY and STEBBING

Mr Burnett was given ‘liberty to erect an additional chimney in the chamber at no. 4 Holborn Court, at his own expense’.

‘The Revd Mr George Chatfield having resigned his office of Afternoon Preacher, the office was declared vacant. Mr Garden was requested to continue until the next Pension’.

‘East Side of the Bog Houses to be immediately shored up.’

‘Mr Serjeant Bayley’s Coat of Arms to be placed in the third North Window of the Hall, over the Duke of Northumberland’s Arms’.

Balance Sheet

Carried forward £389.14, Receipts £1565.19.9, total £1955.13.9

Payments £1272.16.8, balance of cash at Messrs Child £682.7.1, total £1955.13.9.

### GRAY’S INN 1803

PENSION 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: LAMBE, BURTON, LLOYD, HIGGINS, RIDLEY, TOPHAM, GRIMWOOD, ROMILLY and STEBBING.

‘Whereas the Office of Afternoon Preacher by Order of Pension dated the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 1765 was separate from the Office of Chapel Reader and the Reverend George Chatfield who had thereby been appointed having resigned the same Ordered that the said Office of Afternoon Preacher be reunited to that of Chapel Reader And that the Reverend Edmund Garden do perform the whole Office of Chapel Reader as the same as was performed in the time of the late Reverend William Noble and that the Salary of such Office of Chapel Reader be One hundred and Twenty Pounds per Annum payable Termly during the pleasure of the Masters of the Bench .... ‘

PENSION 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: LAMBE, BURTON, LLOYD, WEGG, RIDLEY, GRIMWOOD and STEBBING.

‘Resolved that it is expedient that the Society do build additional Chambers on the East Side of the Garden and that it be referred to a Committee to receive proposals for carrying the same into Effect.’

PENSION 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: LAMBE, BURTON, LLOYD, WEGG, RIDLEY, MORGAN, TOPHAM, GRIMWOOD and STEBBING.

The Building Committee reported that the new building should be divided into five stacks, that the stacks should be built by five separate parties and the money be raised by mortgage repayable in about five years.

‘Ordered that Samuel Romilly Esq be Treasurer of this Society for the Year ensuing.’

PENSION 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: ROMILLY, HUDLESTON, BURTON, LLOYD, WEGG, RIDLEY, MORGAN, TOPHAM, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and STEBBING.

The Report of the Building Committee, with its estimates, specifications and calculations, was received and referred back to the Building Committee to carry the plans into effect.

PENSION 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: ROMILLY, SHARP, HUDLESTON, LLOYD, RIDLEY, FISHER, TOPHAM, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and STEBBING.

The Report of the Building Committee, together with the proposals of the terms upon which sets of chambers are to be sold, was received.

‘Ordered that the new Buildings be named and called Verulam Buildings.’

PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: LAMBE, SHARP, HUDLESTON, LLOYD, FISHER, GRIMWOOD, and STEBBING.

The proposals on which Chambers in Verulam Buildings were intended to be sold were taken into consideration and amended.

PENSION 21<sup>st</sup> JULY PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, HUDLESTON, LLOYD, RIDLEY, MORGAN FISHER and STEBBING.

‘Ordered that the rent to be paid at present, by Mr Hilton for the Gray’s Inn Coffee House, be £250 per Ann.’

‘Ordered that if Mr Adams’ Arrears for Commons be not paid his name be Screened in the Hall the first Day of next Michas Term for Non Payment, and that he have Notice of this Order forthwith.’

‘Ordered that the Library be repaired under the Inspection of the House Committee.’

PENSION 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST PRESENT: ROMILLY, HUDLESTON, RIDLEY, FISHER, GRIMWOOD and STEBBING.

A request was received from the St Andrew’s and St George’s Corps to be permitted to deposit their Arms and Ammunition in the Hall. It was agreed the Treasurer of the Corps attend to make this request.

Two representatives of the Corps duly attended asking for two rooms, one for the Armoury and one for a Magazine together with the daily use of the Hall. A Sergeant’s Guard would be mounted, that the Sergeant’s Parade would probably be in the Garden and that the Main Guard would be turned out from there.

On 17<sup>th</sup> August the following letter was ordered to be sent by the Steward.

‘Sir I am directed by the Treasurer of the Society of Gray’s Inn to inform you, that after having consulted all the Benchers of the Society who are in Town, he thinks he cannot with propriety accede to the Request of the Committee of the St Andrew’s and St George’s Corps to be permitted to use the Hall of the Society as a Depository for the Ammunition of the Corps; But he thinks there is no Objection to the Corps depositing their Arms in the Hall, provided they are placed on moveable Stands, and that the Arms are never cleaned in the Hall, he begs too that it may be understood, that the Hall is to be so used, only as a temporary Depository, and till the Corps can find some other Place for the purpose; and that all the Arms and Stands must be in all Events removed from the Hall, on or before the last Day of October, and that the Ammunition of the Corps is not to be deposited in any of the Buildings belonging to the Society. I remain with respect, Sir, Your most Obedient Servant. Thos. Quin, Steward.’

To which the Corps replied that they felt themselves ‘highly obliged by your kind Acquiescence with their Request and that they have appointed a Sub Committee to carry the same into Effect.’

PENSION 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: ROMILLY, LLOYD, WEGG, RIDLEY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and STEBBING.

‘Ordered that Topham the Gate Keeper, in Consideration of his Age & Infirmary, be allowed ten Shillings a Week during the Pleasure of the Bench.’

‘Ordered that Edward Morris the Gardener be allowed Twenty One pounds per Annum in lieu of a dwelling House in the Garden, during the pleasure of the Bench.’

‘Ordered that a Committee be appointed to search Precedents as to the Rule respecting the Succession to Bench Chambers on the Decease of a Bencher...’

PENSION 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: ROMILLY, HUDLESTON, LLOYD, WEGG, LAMBE and STEBBING.

Letter received from Lt Col Lord Reay, Loyal North Briton Volunteers, requesting the use of Gray’s Inn Gardens, - ‘It having hitherto been found impracticable to procure in a Central (sic) Situation an eligible Spot for the Exercise of the Corps of Loyal North Briton Volunteers under my Command, ...I am induced ...to solicit the use of Gray’s Inn Gardens two Days in each Week for our Musters and Exercise .....’

The following Answer was directed to be sent by the Steward to Lord Reay’s Letter, viz

‘My Lord Your Letter to the Honourable Society of Gray’s Inn requesting the use of the Garden two Days in each Week for the Musters and Exercise of the Corps of Loyal North Briton Volunteers has been laid before the Gentlemen of the Bench, and I have the Honor (sic) to acquaint your Lordship that I have received Directions from the Bench to signify to your Lordship that the Bench are desirous to accommodate the Gentlemen of the Corps of Loyal North Briton Volunteers with the use of the Garden for the purposes mentioned by your Lordship ... I am directed to add that it is

hoped your Lordship will have no Objection to the posting a sufficient Guard at the Entrance of the Garden so as to prevent improper persons being admitted ... .’

#### **GRAY’S INN 1804**

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: LAMBE, HUDLESTON, LLOYD, RIDLEY, MORGAN and STEBBING.

Henry Stebbing elected Treasurer.

PENSION 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH PRESENT: STEBBING, LLOYD, WEGG, RIDLEY, MORGAN, SELBY, GRIMWOOD and ROMILLY.

‘Ordered that the Chambers in Verulam Buildings be insured in the Globe Insurance Office provided the Terms are not beyond those of the Sun Fire Office.’

‘It having been reported by the Treasurer that a new plate Chest was wanted – Ordered that it be referred to the House Committee to see whether the present Chest will do, and to Order a new one if necessary.’

17<sup>th</sup> March, ‘There not being sufficient number of Benchers present to constitute a pension the Treasurer adjourned to 20<sup>th</sup> of March at 3 o’Clock in the afternoon.

PENSION 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH PRESENT: STEBBING, LLOYD, RIDLEY, MORGAN, SELBY and GRIMWOOD.

‘Ordered that TWO Guineas be paid for the Funeral of Thomas Nightingale, late of the Badge porters of this Society.’

PENSION 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY PRESENT: STEBBING, HUDLESTON, BURTON, LLOYD, SELBY, GRIMWOOD and LAMBE.

‘Complaint having been made of great Disturbances in the Inn from the Noise of Children and Dogs and particularly during the Time of Divine Service, It is Ordered that the Head Porter do take Care ...that the Nuisances complained of be effectually prevented in future, ...the Head porter is hereby strictly enjoined to see this Order carried into Effect. AND THAT A Copy of this Order be stuck up in the Steward’s Office and another Copy delivered to the Head porter.’

‘Ordered that the Steward write to Mr Creevey requesting Payment of the Arrears due from him to the Society on or before the last Day of the present Term.’

PENSION 12<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: STEBBING, HUDLESTON, BURTON, LLOYD, RIDLEY, FISHER, SELBY, and LAMBE.

‘The House Committee having suggested to the Bench that in consequence of the advanced price of Wine it would be advisable to increase the price of the Wine drank in Hall from 3s.6d to 4s. – per Bottle. Ordered that it be advanced on and after the first Day of Trinity Term next to 4s. per Bottle.’

PENSION 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: STEBBING, HUDLESTON, BURTON, LLOYD, RIDLEY, FISHER, SELBY, GRIMWOOD and LAMBE.

It was ordered that Mr William Graydon, a student member of the Society, be allowed Michaelmas Term last on account of ‘ the alarming Situation of the County of Kildare in Ireland in which he resides, and of which he is a Deputy Governor, rendered his residence in that County indispensable ..... during the Months of October and November last .....’.

It was ordered that at the end of every Trinity Term henceforth the Sacrament was to be administered in the Chapel on the second Sunday of every month until the following Michaelmas Term.

The Steward was ordered to write to Mr Creevey’s sureties for settlement of his arrears amounting to £71. 17d ‘repeatedly demanded’.

PENSION 10<sup>th</sup> JULY PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, LLOYD, RIDLEY, SELBY and LAMBE.

It was ordered that a Petition be presented to the Commissioners of Sewers for Holborn and Finsbury Division for consideration of the construction of a new capacious sewer to be made in the centre of

Gray's Inn Lane fronting Verulam Buildings to communicate with the Great Sewer at the end of Little James Street to which expense the Inn was prepared to contribute the sum of £400.

'Mr Hollings of No.23 Devonshire Street, Queen's Square having, by his Memorial to the Bench, complained that Thomas Dean keeper of the Garden Gate in Gray's Inn Lane had grosly (sic) insulted Mrs Hollings in the Gardens, and such Complaint having appeared to the Bench to be true, it is Ordered that the said Thomas Dean be reprimanded, and that he go to Mrs Hollings and in the Steward's presence and ask pardon of Mrs Hollings; and in the case of his neglecting to do so, or his behaving improperly the House Committee are desired to dismiss him.'

On 27<sup>th</sup> November it was ordered that the sum of two guineas be given to Elizabeth Lextham in consideration of her long service to the Inn and the sickness of her daughter.

## **GRAY'S INN 1805**

PENSION 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: STEBBING, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY and KNILL.

'Ordered that the Petition of Mr Thomas Todd to the Bench, complaining of the improper Conduct of Wait the Scavenger towards him, be referred to the House Committee into the Facts and report the same.'

PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: STEBBING, BURTON, LLOYD, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and KNILL.

Ordered that Henry Stebbing be Dean of the Chapel in place of Nicholas Ridley (deceased).

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: STEBBING, BURTON, LLOYD, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and KNILL.

'Ordered that John Knill Esq be Treasurer of this Society for the Year ensuing.'

PENSION 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH PRESENT: KNILL, BURTON, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD and STEBBING.

On a Report of the House Committee respecting the delay in payment of contracts for the Hall and the production of balance sheets for inspection of the Committee being presented, it was ordered that the Steward deliver a fair copy of such balance sheets to the Treasurer a full week prior to the first Pension of each Term. Further, on the Committee observing that great inconvenience arises from the Orders of Pension not being entered in the Pension Book so soon as might be, it was ordered – 'That at the holding of every Pension the Orders of the preceding Pension be read from the Pension Book before any other Business be done.'

'The House Committee reported that some remuneration should be given to the Librarian for his Revision of the Catalogue Ordered that Ten Pounds be given to John Dean the Librarian for such revision of the Catalogue.'

'Ordered that the Nuisance at the Gray's Inn Coffee House be referred to the House Committee immediately to take Measures for such Nuisance being wholly removed.'

'Ordered that the Treasurer and Mr Selby Give Directions to the Gardener respecting such Shrubs as are wanted in the Gardens.'

PENSION 1<sup>st</sup> MAY PRESENT: KNILL, BURTON, LLOYD, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY and STEBBING.

'The Building Committee having caused a Plan and Estimate to be made of the Expense of taking down the Wall adjoining Gray's Inn Lane at the East Front of Verulam Buildings and erecting a Dwarf Wall and Iron Railing or Pallasadoes in its stead conformable to the original Plan of the Building Committee, and having laid the Plan and Estimate before this Pension and reported thereon, It is Ordered that about Sixty Five feet of the old Wall be immediately facing the Stack of Chambers No 3 Verulam Buildings and a Dwarf Wall erected ...'.

PENSION 8<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: KNILL, BURTON, LLOYD, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY and STEBBING.

‘Ordered that the Chambers remaining unsold in Verulam Buildings be advertised for Sale in each of the following papers viz The Times, Morning Post, Herald, Oracle, Morning Cronicle (sic) & Courier’.

‘Ordered that the Petition of John Dean the Librarian for an increase of his Salary be referred to a Committee composed of the present Bench any three of whom to act, to enquire into all the Circumstances relating thereto and report back’.

A recommendation by the Building Committee that water be laid on for the tenants of Verulam Buildings at the expense of the Inn, that expense to be apportioned amongst the tenants, confirmed.

PENSION 15<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: KNILL, BURTON, LLOYD, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and STEBBING.

Ordered that the Head Porter and nine Badge Porters be sworn as Constables for the District of Gray’s Inn.

‘The Building Committee having recommended to the Bench to suspend the Order of Pension for taking down the Wall at the East Front of Verulam Buildings, Ordered that Mr Wigg forthwith report to the Building Committee and Estimate of the Expense of rebuilding such part of the said Wall already taken down, including old Materials.’

PENSION 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: KNILL, BURTON, LLOYD, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY and STEBBING.

The Report of the Committee appointed to attend a conference with the other Inns of Court at the Parliament Chamber of the Middle Temple on 24<sup>th</sup> June relative to the Admission of Students was perused and considered and it was ordered that the recommendations be acceded to, namely as follows:

‘That before any Person be admitted a Member of any of the Inns of Court his Age Residence and Condition in Life be stated in Writing to the Steward or Under Treasurer of the Society together with a Reference to some respectable Person or Persons that Enquiry may be made into his Character and Situation.’

‘That such Statement be represented to the Treasurer or in his Absence to some other Bencher or Benchers of the Society and that no Person be admitted without the Approbation of such Treasurer Bencher or Benchers to whom such representation shall be made, or an Order of the Parliament, Council or Pension of the Society for that purpose.’

‘And that in the case of any Misrepresentation respecting the Party in the above Particulars his Admission shall be avoided at the Discretion of the Society into which he shall have been admitted.’

PENSION 12<sup>th</sup> JULY PRESENT: KNILL, BURTON, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and STEBBING.

‘Ordered that Notice be given to the several Occupiers of Chambers, that Complaints have been made to the Bench of the Filthy state of the Water Closets; and that the Bench find it necessary to recommend it to them not to permit their Servants to use any other Key than that which belongs to the Water Closets appropriated to Servants, as the Bench will otherwise be under the Necessity of putting the Occupiers of Chambers to the Charge of more expensive Keys.’

‘Ordered that the above be printed and distributed to the several Chamber Holders.’

‘Ordered that the House Committee do take Particular Notice of the Discharge of the Scavenger’s Duty, and if they shall find it necessary, to appoint a temporary Assistant to the Scavenger during the Vacation.’

Order that the garden locks be changed.

PENSION 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: KNILL, BURTON, WEGG, GRIMWOOD and LAMBE.

‘Elizabeth Latham having in her Petition to the Bench stated, that thro’ Illness she had contracted a Debt to an Apothecary amounting to £3.6.8 which she was unable to discharge, being in distress, and praying such Relief as they might think proper, Ordered that £3.6.8 be given to the said Elizabeth Latham to pay such Bill, on account of her long Service.’



PENSION 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER PRESENT: KNILL, BURTON, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and STEBBING.

‘Ordered that the Thanks of the Bench be given to the Revd. John Buckland for his most excellent Sermon preached in their Chapel on the General Thanksgiving on Thursday last and that the Dean of the Chapel do transmit a Copy of this Order of Pension to Mr. Buckland.’

The Report of the House Committee respecting the State of the Finances of the House was ordered to be entered in the Pension Book. The Committee found that ‘... all the Current Annual Expenses of House Keeping, Salaries, and every other Annual Charge upon the House are actually paid or reserved for ....’.

#### GRAY’S INN 1806

PENSION 17<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: KNILL, HUDLESTON, BURTON, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and STEBBING.

‘Dr Fisher not having taken his place at Pension since 6<sup>th</sup> June 1804 Ordered that a Copy of the Order of Pension dated 10<sup>th</sup> June 1740 be transmitted to him by the Steward.’

PENSION 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: PAUL, HUDLESTON, BURTON, LLOYD, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, STEBBING, KNILL, and DAUNCEY.

‘Ordered that it be referred to the House Committee to enquire, whether in the other Inns of Court it be required that the Sacrament be taken by Gentlemen previous to their being called to the Bar.’

Stebbing his protest: ‘I protest against this Order of Pension

Because 1<sup>st</sup>. This Measure is not rendered necessary by and Circumstance now before the Bench.

Because 2<sup>nd</sup>. This enquiry is avowedly made with and Intention and preparatory to the abrogation of certain ancient Regulations of the Bench and particularly an Order made in Pension 15<sup>th</sup> November 1661 which has been uniformly observed to this time respecting the Administration of the Holy Sacrament which sacred Rite ought not to be discontinued but upon the most urgent Necessity.’

‘Ordered that 6d per Bottle be added to the Charge of Wine furnished down the Hall.’

Report of the House Committee. 21<sup>st</sup> June 1806.

‘The House Committee having examined into the State of Finances of the Society, submit to the Consideration of the Treasurer and Benchers in pension the following Facts and Observations.

We find that the annual Income of the Society arising from Rack Rents, Ground Rents, pensions, Commons Bills and exclusive of Verulam Buildings amounts to £3503, -

That the annual Expenses of the Society in Salaries Taxes etc (also exclusive of Verulam Buildings) amount to £3265.5 leaving an Annual Balance in favour of the Society of £237.15 – as by the

Account hereto annexed marked No 1 appears - This Balance we conceive to be wholly inadequate to the probable amount of the annual Expenditure of the Society for Casualties, and such Repairs of the Hall, Chapel, House Chambers, Bench Chambers and of other Buildings and Works which fall upon the House to repair and perform, increase of Taxes etc – And we submit to your consideration that it is absolutely necessary some Means should be devised for improving the Income of the Society so as to considerably increase the above surplus Income of £237.15.

We have also examined into the State of Debts and Credits of the Society exclusive of Verulam Buildings And by the Account hereunto annexed marked No 2 – it appears that on the 7<sup>th</sup> April last the Debt due from the Society to Workmen, Tradesmen, for Taxes, and Deposits by Gentlemen intended for the English Bar amounting to £4577.10.5 and that by Cash in the Bankers Hands and by Arrears of Rack Rents, Dues and Duties and Commons Bills (exclusive of bad Debts) there was then due to the Society £3682.19.2 leaving a Balance against the Society of £894.11.3 to liquidate this Balance will require a Sum nearly equal to 4 Years of the Excess of Income above mentioned of £237.15 – this more fully proves the absolute Necessity of resorting to some Means of increasing the annual Income of the Society.

The House Committee having further taken into Consideration the Means whereby the Annual Income of the Society may be improved beg leave to submit to the Benchers in Pension.

1. Whether a small payment might not with propriety be imposed on all Barristers and Members not having Chambers in their right who do not keep Commons in the Nature of absent Commons (as is done in the three other Inns of Court) not to exceed 6/8 per Term this we calculate would raise £100 per ann.
2. An Increase of Fines on Renewal and Ground Rents on the old part of the Inn when the next Scheme of Renewal takes place which will not be until the year 1809.
3. That as the price paid for Wine by the Barristers and Students does not appear to answer the prime Cost that it therefore be advanced 6d per Bottle.
4. We find that the Society now pays annually to Watchmen £210, - no part of which is reimbursed to the Society by the proprietors or Occupiers of Chambers and Houses. We submit therefore to the Consideration of the Bench whether it is not reasonable that the proprietors and Tenants should sustain this Charge for their own protection by an Annual Payment of 15s/. for each Set of Chambers and House which we calculate will produce £176.5. which we think is a due proportion of this Charge to be sustained by proprietors and Tenants.
5. (The House Committee submitted a like charge for the Lamplighter).

In the Course of the Investigation of the Affairs of the House it appears that there were due on the 7<sup>th</sup> April last from different Members arrears of Dues and Duties to Lady Day 1805 - £334.14.7 -- For Arrears of Rack Rents to Lady Day 1806 - £1002 -- For arrears of Commons to the end of Hil. Term 1806 (exclusive of bad Debts £350) -- For Arrears of Dues & Duties & Ground Rents to Lady Day 1806 including proportions of Repairs payable by Proprietors to the End of 1805 - £1957.8. -- Making together the sum of £3644.2.7.

And we are of the Opinion that The Order of Pension of 17<sup>th</sup> June 1801 should be enforced for the purpose of obtaining payment of these Arrears without Delay -- And we conceive that it would be proper that the Under Steward should be directed to lay before the Bench a List of all Persons in Arrear for Dues and Duties, Rack Rents and Commons Bills at each of the Adjourned Pensions after Term when the Steward produces the Balance Sheet of Cash Account of the Society.

Lastly we recommend some effectual Check upon the Workmen's Bills for Repairs etc which appear in many Instances to be very exorbitant.'

24<sup>th</sup> June 1806 The House Committee Report that upon Enquiry made at the other three Inns of Court respecting the Sacrament being required to be taken as a previous requisite to any Gentleman being called to the Bar, they find that at the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple no such Order ever existed. At the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple such Rule existed until the Year 1748 when it was abolished. And at the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn a Rule or Order in Parliament was made in the Year 1670 that all Gentlemen should take the Sacrament previous to their Call to the Bar, which in a very few years afterwards was also abolished.'

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> JULY PRESENT: KNILL, BURTON, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and STEBBING.

'Ordered that the Key of the Yard at No 5 Holborn Court be delivered by the Steward to the Scavenger who in future and instead of the Head porter is to open the Door for the Laundresses and Night Women a 6 o'Clock in the Morning in Summer and 7 o'Clock in the Winter, and that he do every Morning immediately after 9 o'Clock pump a sufficient Quantity of Water to purge away the Soil emptied by the Women and that he examine the Cesspool in the Dust Yard every Day immediately after he has pumped the Water, and clear away anything that may have been emptied there, that may occasion a stoppage in the Grating of the said Cesspool and after he has finished his Work he shall deliver the Key of the Yard at No 5 to the Steward and fetch it again in the Evening.'

'Ordered that the Dues and Duties, and Commons Bills be again demanded by Letter of those Two Terms in Arrear, and upon Non Payment that the Bonds of the Defaulters be put in Suit.'

'Ordered that the House Committee do direct the Repair of the Steps in Gray's Inn Place, to be done forthwith.'

'Ordered that Matthews be paid for painting the Garden Seats when finished £2.5.-. as per Agreement with Mr Selby.'

Letter addressed to the Treasurer and Benchers of Gray's Inn, dated 27<sup>th</sup> November 1806:

'Honble Sirs

The present Situation of the Continent of Europe must impress upon the Minds of the reflecting part of this Country the absolute necessity of once again shewing the Martial energy of its Inhabitants, and therefore it is that I take the Liberty of requesting the Use of the Gardens belonging to your Honourable Society for the purpose of drilling and exercising the Fourth Regiment of Loyal London Volunteers which I have the honour to command and it consisting of more in Number than could be properly mustered in the narrow space of Furnivals Inn where I had formerly the Grant of Assembling the Regiment I have deemed it expedient from the local capacity of your ground to make this application to you, an application that I hope and trust you will not hesitate to indulge me with having my assurance that every care shall be taken that no mischief is done to the premises or any inconvenience arise to the residents of Gray's Inn, - being willing to arrange our Days and hours to those most suitable to the parties more immediately interested.

I have the honour to be Your most Obedient Servant,

Chas. Price. Lieut.Col. fourth Reg. L.L. Volunteers.'

On the 28<sup>th</sup> November the Benchers directed the Steward to reply granting permission but reminding the Colonel of like permissions earlier granted to the Corps of the United Parishes of St Andrew Holborn and St George the Martyr and to the Corps of Loyal North Briton Volunteers.

## **GRAY'S INN 1807**

*Hilary Term 1807*

PENSION 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: KNILL, HUDLESTON, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, STEBBING and DAUNCEY.

'Sr. Samuel Romilly being the next Bencher in turn intituled (sic) to Bench Chambers and having agreed to accept of the late Mr Lloyd's Bench Chamber on the two pair of stairs right hand at No 4 in Holborn Court It is Ordered that the said Sr. Samuel Romilly shall hold the said Chamber as and for his Bench Chamber from Michas last subject to the conditions contained in the Order for Bench Chambers made the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 1740.'

'Ordered that Mr Duncan's Memorial be referred to the House Committee and Report how far Mr Wilmott has infringed the Orders of the House respecting the Holders of Chambers and that Mr Duncan be informed by the Steward that the Bench cannot take cognisance of those parts of the Charge which are of a Criminal Nature.'

PENSION 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: KNILL, BURTON, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, and STEBBING.

'The House Committee having reported respecting the Complaint of Mr Duncan that upon searching the Orders of Pension, and examining Mr Rainsforth who resides in the Chambers under Mr Wilmott, they are of the Opinion that the Nuisance complained of doth exist, and that it will be proper and consistent with the Rules of the Society for the Steward to inform Mr Wilmot (sic) that if the above Nuisances are repeated he will be required to quit the Chambers.'

'Ordered that none but Badge Porters be permitted to ply with the Inn.'

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: KNILL, HUDLESTON, BURTON, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE ROMILLY and STEBBING.

'Ordered the Consideration of a payment by way of Absent Commons, to be imposed on all Members and Barristers of the Society not exceeding 6s/8p per Term be referred to the House Committee to enquire what payments are required in the other Inns and to what amount in respect of Absent Commons, and what the Payments are for those who keep Commons or Report.'

'Ordered that Sr. Robert Burton's Bench Chamber be painted and Whitewashed and an Estimate to be returned to the House Committee by Mr Wigg.'

Ordered that John Metcalfe and John Turner be Badge Porters to this Society.

'Ordered that Mr Selby be of the House Committee in the room of Mr Grimwood going out by Rotation pursuant to Order of Pension of the 17<sup>th</sup> June 18012.'

'Ordered that Philip Dauncey Esq. be Treasurer of this Society for the Year ensuing.'

PENSION 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: DAUNCEY, HUDLESTON, BURTON, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and KNILL.’

‘Ordered that Curb Stones opposite Verulam Buildings be repaired under the Inspection of Mr Selby.’

*Easter Term 1807*

PENSION 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: DAUNCEY, HUDLESTON, BURTON, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE AND KNILL.

‘Ordered that Sr. Samuel Romilly’s Bench Chamber be repaired according to Mr Wigg’s Estimate amounting to £45.15s. ‘

PENSION 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL PRESENT: STEBBING, HUDLESTON, SELBY, GRIMWOOD and LAMBE.

‘Ordered that the Gardener do forthwith remove the Pullies and Lines fastened to the Trees on the West Side of Gray’s Inn Garden adjoining upon Jockeys Fields.’

PENSION 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: DAUNCEY, HUDLESTON, BURTON, SELBY, LAMBE, ROMILLY and KNILL.

‘It appearing that Water has been laid from the New River Company’s Works into Mr. Sermon’s Chambers without leave of the Bench for that purpose, Ordered that Notice be given to Mr Sermon to show cause at the next Pension why he has taken such Liberty without leave of the Bench.’

PENSION 6<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: KNILL, HUDLESTON, BURTON, SELBY, LAMBE and ROMILLY.

‘Ordered that Mr. Sermon of No. 1 Gray’s Inn Square have leave to lay the New River Water into his Chambers during the pleasure of the Bench on Payment of One Shilling yearly at Michas. and that the Steward give Notice of this Order to Mr Sermon.’

‘The Inhabitants of Verulam Buildings having presented a Memorial to the Bench, ...It is Ordered that Iron place in the passage-way between Gray’s Inn Square and Verulam Buildings be altered under the Direction of Mr Selby, And that the Inhabitants of Verulam Buildings have leave to place Sun-Blinds on the Side of their Chambers next to the Gardens, the same being done in a regular Form and under the Direction of the Surveyor.’

‘Mr. Henry Hake Seward having made Application to the Bench to make a Room over his Chambers on the three pairs of Stairs North Side at No. 1 in Verulam Buildings Ordered that Mr Seward have Leave to make such Room, the same being done under the Inspection of the Steward.’

PENSION 9<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: STEBBING, HUDLESTON, BURTON, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD and LAMBE.

‘Mr John Fotherby having proposed to take the vacant piece of Ground at the back of the East Garden Pavilion in Gray’s Inn Lane, for depositing of the larger Articles of Goods he might have at any time on Sale and to pay an Annual Rent of Eight Guineas for the same and proposing also to put and keep the Wood Fence in Good Repair during his Occupation provided the Society will permit him to make a small penthouse against the Wall under the Direction of the Surveyor, Ordered that the said John Fotherby be permitted to Rent the premises as Tenant – determinable at the End of any three Months upon Notice, at The Quarterly Rent of Two Pounds two Shillings to commence from Midsummer Day 1807. And that he be permitted to erect a Penthouse against the Garden Wall within one foot of the top of the Wall under Mr Wigg the Surveyor’s Direction.’

*Trinity Term 1807*

PENSION 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: DAUNCEY, BURTON, KNILL, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, and KNILL.

‘Ordered that from and after the End of Trinity Term 1807 the Members of this Society not holding Chambers in their own right, nor keeping Terms, be subject to payment of the following Sums:

A Bencher 11s/8p

A Barrister 5s/10p

A Student 5s/ --p per Term.

Ordered that the Members of this Society be permitted to Repast under the established Rules, but that each Bencher do in future pay for a Repast (instead of the sum now paid) 5s 6p and each Barrister and Student 3s 6p.'

Various orders made for charges for keeping portions of a Term.

Leave granted to Mr Richard Stephen Taylor, an Attorney occupying 'the House situate the Corner of Fullwoods Rents fronting Field Court', at his own expense, to make a doorway in the wall in Field Court on the East side of his house, following his request ' , that it would be a great accommodation to him ' to have a separate doorway to his offices.

'Ordered that the Petition of the Steward and other Officers of the Society be referred to the House Committee, in which every Bencher, who shall think fit to attend, shall have a Voice, to enquire into the Salary Fees and perquisites of each Officer and the Duty he has to perform and to report thereon.'

PENSION 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: Dauncey, Hudleston, Burton, Selby, Grimwood, Lambe, Romilly, Stebbing and Knill.

'At this Pension it is thought fit to enter the following Memorandum of the Form of proceeding upon a General Call to the Bench, viz;

That the Name of the Senior Barrister be read –

If no Bencher proposes that such Barrister should be called – they proceed to the next.

If such proposal should be made but not seconded – they then also proceed to the next.

If the Senior Barrister is both proposed and Seconded, It then becomes a Subject of Deliberation.

The same Form is applicable to the Second and so on in their Order.'

'Ordered that the Bills delivered by the several Tradesmen of this Society be submitted to the of Mr George Brown, Surveyor, and that he report thereon at the adjourned Inspection Pension.'

*Michaelmas term*

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: DAUNCEY, BURTON, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, ROMILLY, STEBBING and KNILL.

'Ordered that the Petition of Thomas Wait the Scavenger be referred to the House Committee to enquire into the Emolument of the Office of Scavenger and to report thereon at the next Pension.'

PENSION 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER Present; DAUNCEY, BURTON, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY, STEBBING and KNILL.

William Walker called to the Bar.

'Upon the Report of the Dean of the Chapel and the Nomination of the Revd. Dr King, the Revd. Barker is approved as Assistant to Dr King as Morning Preacher of the Society.'

PENSION 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: DAUNCEY, HUDLESTON, BURTON, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, STEBBING and KNILL.

'Ordered that the Resignation of Thomas Wait as Scavenger be accepted, and the Office of Scavenger declared Vacant.'

'Ordered that Charles Cockrill be appointed Scavenger to the Society during the pleasure of the Bench in the room of Thomas Wait who has resigned, and that a Vacancy of a Badge Porter is declared by the promotion of the said Charles Cockrill.'

'Ordered that Thomas Wait be allowed an Annuity of £30 – to be paid to him by Monthly Instalments.'

**GRAY'S INN 1808**

*Hilary Term*

George Samuel Wegg Esq. elected Treasurer.

PENSION 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: WEGG, HUDLESTON, BURTON, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and STEBBING.

‘Ordered that no Work in future be done on Account of the Society for more than Twenty Pounds without a written Estimate and Control thereon approved by the Bench.’

‘ Upon reading the Report of the House Committee respecting the Petition of the several officers for an Increase of Salary the Bench approve the same and it is thereupon Ordered as follows, that is to say, That in future the Steward be allowed his Property Tax that the Under Steward be allowed his property Tax and that John Jeffery Williams for the Extraordinary Service he has performed be allowed in Addition to his Salary as follows 6d. in the Pound on the Amount of Commons Bills paid annually into the Hands of the Society, 1s. in the pound on the Amount of Absent Commons in like Manner paid into the Hands of the Society, and that writing the Stewards Accounts in the Ledger making up and Balancing the same be allowed the Sum of 10 Guineas per Ann. And we do appoint the said John Jeffery Williams permanent Clerk to the House Committee including the Business of Verulam Buildings with the Salary of £20 per Ann. the said Salary to commence from the 11<sup>th</sup>. of July 1806. It is further Ordered that the Salary of the Chapel Clerk be increased from £47 to £60 per Ann. and that the Librarian be reinstated in the Chambers formerly occupied by Wait and be allowed his property Tax.’

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: DAUNCEY, HUDLESTON, BURTON, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY, STEBBING and KNILL.

‘Ordered that every Proprietor of Chambers not occupying the same, shall within one Month from the Date hereof give Notice to the Steward at his Office, of the Name or Names and Situation in Life of the Occupier or Occupiers of his Chambers and so from time to time, within One Month, on every Change of Tenant; and that this Order be screened.’

PENSION 25<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: WEGG, HUDLESTON, BURTON, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and DAUNCEY.

Arthur William Shakespear and Robert Smith called to the Bar.

‘Mr Hudleston having stated that some of the Rails enclosing the Area of Mr. Kibblewhites Premises, on the Garden Side, had been taken away, which left a Space by which his People can pass into the Garden, Ordered it be referred to the House Committee to Examine and Report thereon.’

‘Mr.Grimwood stated that a Stone post opposite Mr. Lewis’s Chambers in Holborn Court was out of Repair Ordered that it be referred to the House Committee to examine and Report thereon.’

PENSION 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE PRESENT: KNILL, HUDLESTON, SELBY, GRIMWOOD and LAMBE.

‘Ordered that the House Committee take a View of the Librarian’s Apartments, and of one Room of Miss Shillitoe’s and report at the next pension what repairs are necessary to be done to them.’

‘Ordered that Thomas Jones one of the Badge Porters to this Society be allowed ten Shillings a Week from Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> June Inst.’

‘Ordered that a piece of Ground behind No 1 and No 2 Holborn Court be let to a Tenant in like Manner as the Ground behind No 4 Holborn Court.’

PENSION 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: WEGG, HUDLESTON, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, STEBBING, KNILL and DAUNCEY.

‘Ordered that the Inscription to Mr Justice Bayley’s Arms be referred to Mr Stebbing to see it carried into Execution.’

‘The House Committee having reported the Dean of the Chapel’s Plans and Estimates for a Fire Stove to be erected in the Chapel, Ordered that the same be carried into Effect under the Direction of the Dean.’

PENSION 26<sup>th</sup> JULY PRESENT: WEGG, HUDLESTON, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and DAUNCEY.

‘Ordered that Charles Grundy be appointed a Supernumerary porter, and that his Employment as Court Keeper is to cease but his Duty and Pay for Cleaning the Pavement in Gray’s Inn Lane at 3s/6p per Week is to continue.’

‘Ordered that two Guineas be given to Mary Jones towards the Funeral of her late Husband Thomas Jones.’

‘Ordered that the Badge Porters do Daily and Alternately parade the Inn and that one be appointed to parade Gray’s Inn Square and Verulam Buildings and One other Holborn Court Field Court and Gray’s Inn Place from half past 9 o’Clock in the Morning until 5 o’Clock in the Afternoon That each be paid 1s/6p per Day for his Attendance and be allowed an hour for Dinner one of them remaining on Duty until the other Returns That the Head porter do appoint the Badge porters alternately and Daily to their respective Stations enjoining them to keep the Inn free from noisy Children Beggars and every other sort of Nuisance That each of the Porters when on Duty do carry black Staff three Feet long (to be hereafter provided) and that they do not quit their Duty without putting some other Badge porter in his or their Stead That the Staves be obtained from the Head Porter every Morning at the stated time of Attendance and at 5 o’Clock in the afternoon taken to him and deposited in his Custody.’

PENSION 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: WEGG, BURTON, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, KNILL and DAUNCEY.

‘Mrs Catherine Graves of the City of Bath Widow and Extrix of Admiral Samuel Graves late a Member of this Society deceased having by petition stated that the said Samuel Graves in his life time held a set of Chambers on the one pair of Stairs left hand at No 14 in Holborn Court with a Cellar thereto belonging, ... Ordered that the prayer of Mrs. Graves’s Petition be granted upon Mr. Robert Clarke’s being regularly a Member of this Society.’

PENSION 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: WEGG, BURTON, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY, KNILL and DAUNCEY.

‘The House Committee having reported that Mr. James Kibblewhite of Gray’s Place had presented a Memorial ...in relation to the Conduct of Mr. George Cornick one of the Badge porters of this Society when on Duty as Watchman at Gray’s Inn Lane Gate And that upon hearing the several parties and their Witnesses it appeared to them that George Cornick had grossly misbehaved It is Ordered that Cornick be suspended and that upon the Application of Mr Kibblewhite ... he may after One Month be restored And the House Committee having also reported that Jehoida Matthews (another of the Badge Porters and who was on Duty with Cornick) had grossly prevaricated in Evidence given by him on his Examination It is Ordered that the said Jehoida Matthews be suspended for Six Weeks and that the Badges of each of the said porters be forthwith delivered up by them to the Steward.’

‘Ordered that the Steward do inform Members of this Society who shall hereafter apply for a Certificate (commonly called a Bene Decessit) that such Certificate does not import or mean that the person obtaining such Certificate thereby ceases to be a Member of the Society And that no Member can withdraw his Name from the Books and thereby cease to be a Member of this Society unless by Memorial presented to the Treasurer and Benchers in Pension or to the House Committee praying his Bond to be given up and his Name to be withdrawn upon payment of all Arrears of Dues and Duties.’

‘Ordered that Elizabeth Latham the Kitchen Woman be allowed £1.1 per Term in Addition to her present pay to commence from the beginning of this present Michas Term.’

PENSION 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER PRESENT: WEGG, BURTON, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, KNILL, and DAUNCEY.

‘Messrs. Baxter, Van Harthas and Brown having represented by their Memorial to the Bench that they were greatly annoyed by Mr. Harrison’s keeping Dogs in his Chambers at No.5 Gray’s Inn Square, ... And that Applications had been made to Mr. Harrison to correct the Nuisance by desisting from keeping the Dogs in his Chambers But without Effect. Ordered that the Steward be directed to write to Mr. Harrison to inform him that under the Circumstances stated in the Memorial he be requested to discontinue the Nuisance complained of.’

‘Ordered that Sr. Robert Burton’s Servant Henry be Paid his Bills for framing and Cleaning the Pictures in the Hall amounting to £12.10.11.’

## **GRAY’S INN 1809**

PENSION 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: SELBY, HUDLESTON, BURTON, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and DAUNCEY.

‘The House Committee reported that the undermentioned Gentlemen had presented Memorials praying leave to withdraw their Names from the Society and that each of them had paid all Arrears of Dues and Duties viz Edward King Esq, Mr Nichols. Wm. Ridley. Ordered that their respective Bonds be delivered up and their names are hereby withdrawn from the Books of the Society. And that the Steward do inform Edward King Esq that the Bench have lost no time in ordering his Name to be struck off the Books of the Society.’

‘Ordered that no Officer of this Society shall directly or indirectly advance or lend to or for the Use of any Bencher of this Society any Sum of Money whatever.’

PENSION 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY PRESENT: SELBY, WEGG, HUDLESTON, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and DAUNCEY.

‘Ordered that the Memorandum of Certain Facts relative to Doctor King made by the late Treasurer Mr Wegg be entered in the Order Book of this Society viz Memorandum – That in Hilary Term 1809 G.S. Wegg Esq being then the Treasurer of this Society was called upon by the Right Revd. Walker King DD the Chaplain and preacher who about that time was consecrated Bishop of Rochester and who requested to the Treasurer to make it known to the Bench that in Consequence of an Intimation from the Archbishop of Canterbury his Lordship could not in future dine in the Hall with the Benchers unless a Seat should be allotted to him at the head of the Table next to the Treasurer, it being derogatory to his Dignity as a Lord of Parliament to have Commoners sitting above him, as must be the case should he resume the Seat assigned to him for the Chaplain. ... it was resolved to postpone any discussion of the subject until a more numerous attendance of Benchers might be expected. That in the meantime inquiry was made at Lincolns Inn into the Cases referred to by his Lordship as precedents and it was ascertained that both Bishops Warburton and Hurd resigned their Appointments of Preachership to that Society soon after their Promotion to the Episcopal Bench and never return to dine in the Hall of Lincolns Inn. That on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 1809 the Right Revd. Walker King Bishop of Rochester dined in Gray’s Inn Hall and resumed at the Table the Chaplain and preachers place, thereby relieving the Benchers from the Necessity of passing any resolution in consequence of his Lordship’s Application for a higher Seat.’

By letter addressed to the Treasurer and dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of May The Right Revd. Walker King resigned the Office of Preacher to the Society.

PENSION 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: SELBY, HUDLESTON, BURTON, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY, STEBBING, KNILL and DAUNCEY.

‘Ordered that the Revd Matthew Raine Doctor in Divinity be and is hereby Elected Morning Preacher to this Society in the room of The Right Reverend Walker King DD Lord Bishop of Rochester who has resigned and that he be allowed the Yearly Stipend of £150, together with the House in Gray’s Inn Place in which the said Bishop of Rochester formerly resided, and Commons as usual, the said Stipend to be paid him at £37.10 at the End of each Term, the first Payment to be made at the End of the present Term.’

The House Committee reported that it had concluded an agreement with Mr George Brown as Surveyor to the Society that he ‘shall carefully inspect the external parts of all the Buildings and Pavements belonging to the Inn once in every two Months and shall make a Report in Writing of every Deficiency or want of Reparation in a Book to be kept for that purpose, which Book shall from time to time be laid before the House Committee or the Benchers in Pension for their Inspection.’

PENSION 5<sup>th</sup> JULY PRESENT: SELBY, HUDLESTON, LAMBE, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘At this Pension the House Committee reported that it appeared that Doctor Fisher one of the Benchers of this Society was indebted to Mr Thomas Quin the Steward in the sum of £45, And to the Society in the Sum of £55.19.2 and submitted to the Consideration of the Bench whether he ought not to be written to and desired forthwith to discharge those Sums of Money or in default thereof to permit the Steward to receive the Rent of his Bench Chamber until those Sums be paid. Ordered that the Steward do write to Doctor Fisher agreeably to such Report.’



‘The House Committee having reported that at a Pension held on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> June last Mr Stebbing had declared that he did not intend to resume his place as a Bencher of this Society until he was invited by the Bench so to do, and the House Committee having submitted to the Consideration of Pension whether under these Circumstances Mr Stebbing ought to be permitted any longer to hold the Office of Dean of the Chapel, and if not, Whether a Vacancy ought not to be declared and another Bencher appointed to the Office Ordered that Mr Stebbing be no longer permitted to hold the Office of Dean of the Chapel and that a Vacancy thereof be and is now declared.’

‘Ordered that a new Election of one of the Benchers of this Society to the Office of “Dean of the Chapel” now declared vacant shall take place and be held at the second Pension in Michaelmas Term next.’

‘Ordered that the Residence of Dr Raine in the House appropriated for the abode of the preacher to this Society be, on Application and Request of the Governors of the Charter House, dispensed with, for two Years to be computed from Christmas next unless he previously cease to be Master of the Charterhouse School.’

‘Ordered that the Roof of the Preachers House and the Cielings (sic) of the Garrets be forthwith repaired under the Direction of the Surveyor.’

‘Ordered that all the external Wood and Iron Work throughout the Inn be painted forthwith under the Direction of the Surveyor and that the Steward of this Society be authorised to sign the Agreement now produced with Francis Wallace for painting the same.’

22<sup>nd</sup> November. Montagu Farrer Ainslie Esq appointed Dean of the Chapel.

**PENSION 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER PRESENT: SELBY, HUDLESTON, KNILL, AINSLIE and WEAR.**

‘Ordered on the Report of the House Committee that the Dwelling House in Holborn adjoining the Gray’s Inn Coffee House and commonly known by the name of the Bakers House be let to Andrew Millne a Bread Baker To hold from Lady Day 1810 for One Year and so from Year to Year during the goodwill and Pleasure of the Bench at the Yearly Rent of £75 clear of all Deductions for Taxes whatsoever except the Property Tax. The Tenant is to take on himself all inside Repairs The Society maintaining the Roof Walls and Main Timbers only.’

‘Ordered that Mr Collinson’s Bill for Illuminations on the 25<sup>th</sup> October, being the Jubilee kept on the fiftieth Anniversary of His Majesty’s Accession to the Throne be allowed after the Deduction of Three pence per Lamp and also £10 for the Wood Work returned.’

‘Ordered that the Vacant Ground behind No 4 Holborn Court be Advertised to be let upon a Building Lease or Leases for 99 Years and that proposals in Writing for that purpose be received at the Steward’s Office on or before the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January next.’

‘Ordered that in future Dinner be served up in the Hall at 5 o’Clock on Sundays only in East. and Trin. Terms but at all other Times at the now usual Hour of a Quarter past 4 o’Clock and that this Order be screened in Hall.’

‘The Treasurer having reported to this Pension that it had become necessary that some Steps should be taken in order to enable the Society to discharge the Debts due to their Tradesmen and having proposed to give directions to Mr Williams the Under Steward forthwith to Collect all Rents and Arrears of Rents from Houses and Chambers that were due from their Tenants at Michas. last and to inform those who do not pay the same on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of January next that the Bench will then Order such Steps to be taken as may be proper to compel payment.’

‘It is Ordered that the foregoing Directions suggested by the Treasurer be immediately carried into Execution and that a Copy of this Report and Order be sent to every Tenant who shall not pay the Rent then Due from him.’

### **GRAY’S INN 1810**

**PENSION 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: SELBY, HUDLESTON, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, ROMILLY, DAUNCEY, HOLROYD, AINSLIE and WEAR.**

‘It appearing to this Pension that John Dean the present Librarian to this Society had misconducted himself in the Office of Collector of the King’s Taxes for this Society and that he had absconded and Secretly withdrawn himself therefrom with a large Sum of Money in his possession.

It is Ordered that the said John Dean be and is hereby suspended from the Execution of his said Office of Librarian to this Society during the will and pleasure of the Bench and Until further Order be made herein.'

PENSION 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: SELBY, HUDLESTON, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, AINSLIE, and WEAR.

'It is Ordered that John Dean the late Librarian by an Order of Pension of the 24<sup>th</sup> of January last was Suspended from the Execution of his Office, be dismissed the Service of the Society; that the office of Librarian be and is hereby declared Vacant, that the Election of a person to that Office be on Saturday next the 10<sup>th</sup> of February inst. And that in the meantime Philip Williams be appointed to attend the Library.'

PENSION 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: SELBY, HUDLESTON, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, AINSLIE and WEAR.

Ordered that Edward Christian Esq be Treasurer for the year.

Order regulating the hours of attendance of the Librarian as follows: From 10 o'Clock in the morning until 4 o'Clock in the afternoon and in the Long Vacation from 10 o'Clock in the morning to 2 o'Clock in the afternoon and that in future the Librarian's attendance after 4 o'Clock in the afternoon is dispensed with.

'Ordered that in the Room of John Dean, dismissed from the office of Librarian, Philip Williams be and is hereby elected Librarian to this Society at an annual Salary of £30 and the usual allowance in lieu of Commons.'

PENSION 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH PRESENT: CHRISTIAN, SELBY, LAMBE, AINSLIE and WEAR.

Following a report of the House Committee, it was ordered that, in order to ensure a proper supply of coals and wood for the Lodges and Watch boxes which use a fire in the winter season, various charges be added to the present charges for Watching to sets of Chambers from Lady Day 1810.

'Ordered that an Account of his Arrear for Commons be transmitted with a copy of the Order for holding Bench Chambers inclosed in the usual Letter from the Steward to Benchers whose Chambers are in a state of Forfeiture and that the Steward do inform Dr Fisher that the Bench expect the immediate payment of his Arrears.'

'Upon the further Report of the House Committee it is Ordered that the Apartment formerly the Officers Dining Room under the Hall Gateway be allowed to Thos. Gold the Collector of Taxes for his use as an Office for the Business of Taxes.'

'Ordered that in future the Receipt given by the Morning preacher for his Salary express the Sum actually paid to him and nothing more.'

'Ordered that during every Vacation the House Committee or any two Benchers shall have power to suspend any of the Officers or Servants of this Society except the Steward and Under Steward until the next Pension And that this Order be communicated to them.'

'Ordered that no money whatever shall in future be laid out on Account of any Public Rejoicing without an Order of Pension made for that purpose, or an Order in Writing signed by at least three Benchers.'

PENSION 16<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: DAUNCEY, HUDLESTON, SELBY, LAMBE, GRIMWOOD, ESPINASSE, HOLROYD, AINSLIE, and WEAR.

'Ordered upon the Motion of Andrew Hudleston Esq a Bencher of this Society respecting the performance of Divine Service in the Chapel on the appointed Mornings that the subject be referred to the Dean of the Chapel.'

'Ordered that proper posts be placed at Gray's Inn Lane Gateway to prevent Horses coming in and going out of the Inn at that Gateway.'

'Ordered that Elizabeth Baldwin be Kitchen Woman in the Room of Elizabeth Latham her late Mother deceased.'

PENSION 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: CHRISTIAN, HUDLESTON, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘At this Pension Mr George Lyndon having presented a Memorial to the Bench, Stating he was admitted a Student of the Kings of the Kings Inns Dublin in Hilary Term 1805 with a View of being called to the Irish Bar, ... also Stating that he was admitted a Student of this Society in Easter Term 1805 ..., and having kept more than twelve Terms and performed his Exercises conceived he was qualified to apply to this Society to be called to the Bar this Term That on applying at the Steward’s Office for Information previously to his Application to this Society to be so called he was for the first time informed that he ought to have deposited One Hundred Pounds with the Treasurer of this Society before he had commenced keeping the Number of Terms necessary to his being called to the Bar ... praying under the Circumstances above stated he might be permitted to lodge in the Hands of the Treasurer of this Society the said sum of One Hundred Pounds with the Interest which would have accrued due thereon these three Years past or from such time as by the Rules of this Society the said sum should have been so and that the said Sum may be received Nunc pro tunc so that he may apply in due Form to be called to the Bar this Term.’

‘Ordered that the said Mr Geo Lyndon’s Request be granted on his paying One Hundred Pounds into the Hands of the Steward of this Society without Delay and that the same be returned to him at the end of three Years from the Time of paying the same.’

George Lyndon called to the Bar on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### **GRAY’S INN 1811**

PENSION 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: DAUNCEY, HUDLESTON, GRIMWOOD, ESPINASSE and WEAR.

‘Mr Joseph Wigg Carpenter to this Society having by Letter read to this Pension signified his resignation of Business in favour of his Son Francis Wigg, requesting leave to recommend his said Son to the favour of the Bench; A Vacancy of Carpenter to this Society is hereby declared, and It is Ordered that a Carpenter to this Society be Elected in the room of the said Joseph Wigg at the next pension.’

Francis Wigg was duly elected at the next Pension.

PENSION 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: SELBY, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘Mr John Corbould Wilmot being indebted to the Society for One Year Rent £33, and One Year Charge for Lamps and Watching £1.10. due at Michas 1810 amounting in the whole to £34.10. and Application having been made to him and his Surety for payment without Effect, Ordered that the said Rent and Charges be immediately recovered by Law.’

Isaac Espinasse Esq elected Treasurer.

PENSION 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH PRESENT: ESPINASSE, SELBY, LAMBE, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘On the Report of the House Committee – It is Ordered that from Lady Day to Michas. the Garden Gate be opened at 6 o’Clock in the Morning and be kept open the whole Day (except from four to five o’Clock in the Afternoon) and to be shut at an Hour after Sun set or as soon as it is Dusk; - from Michas. to Lady Day to be opened at 9 o’Clock in the Morning and shut at 4 o’Clock in the Afternoon, And that the Gardener be required to do the Gate Duty.’

PENSION 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY PRESENT: ESPINASSE, HUDLESTON, SELBY, LAMBE, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘Ordered that from and after the last Day of Trinity Term 1811 every Gentleman admitted a Member of this Society for the purpose of keeping Eight Terms as a Qualification for the Irish Bar shall upon his Admission deposit in the Hands of the Treasurer of this Society for the time being Twenty pounds to be accounted for or returned to him on his having a Certificate of having kept Eight Terms or a bene Decessit from this Society, and that after the said last Day of Trinity Term 1811 the usual Bond given upon Admission of Gentlemen intended for the Irish Bar be dispensed with And that this Order be screened in the Hall of this Society.’

PENSION 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: ESPINASSE, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY, CHRISTIAN, AINSLIE and WEAR.

It was ordered that assent be given to a Motion communicated from the Parliament of the Middle Temple ‘That the Order of the 25<sup>th</sup> November 1798, requiring a Deposit of £100 from those Gentlemen who do not keep Eight Terms at one of the Universities, be repealed.’

PENSION 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY PRESENT: ESPINASSE, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, SELBY, LAMBE, ROMILLY, DAUNCEY, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘Ordered that all future Returns of Deposits to Gentlemen who abandon their Intention of being called to the Bar be made under an Order of Pension only, and upon the Petition of the party.’

PENSION 16<sup>th</sup> JULY PRESENT: ESPINASSE, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, and WEAR.

‘Ordered that the Drains of the preacher’s House be inspected and if necessary cleansed and repaired, and the back part of the House lath and plaster, be repaired by brick Nogging covered with Roman Cement and stained in imitation of Stone, And that the inside of the premises be painted as soon as the internal Repairs are completed And that the Preacher have permission to alter the Situation of the Door Way leading to Jockey Fields with a Step or two down into Gray’s Inn Place And to shut up the present East front Door of the House.’

Following a report of the Building Committee, the Steward was authorised to enter into a contract with the builder to complete the original design of Verulam Buildings by erecting two more Stacks of Chambers at the North end of the building.

‘Ordered that in future the Bench Fine to be paid by each Barrister of this Society on his being called to the Bench be One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.’

PENSION 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: ESPINASSE, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY, DAUNCEY, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘The Revd. Dr Raine late Morning Preacher to this Society being Dead a Vacancy of Morning Preacher to this Society is hereby declared, and it is Ordered that the Election of a Successor be on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> November Instant.’

‘At this Pension the Petition of William Andress was read Stating that in consequence of the New Buildings in the Garden he had been Employed under Order of Mr Selby and Mr Wear as Watchman Alternately with Hugh Crownan at the Gate at the North East corner of the Garden – And that on the 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. last that is to say about One o’Clock in the Morning being then on Duty the said Hugh Crownan with a person unknown to the petitioner came to the Gate and in Friendship obtained admission. That the said Hugh Crownan and his Companion soon after they entered the Garden fell upon and most Violently assaulted and beat with the intent of Murdering the Petitioner as he believes, one of them seizing him by the Throat endeavouring to strangle him and which he verily believes would have been accomplished had not his cries been heard by the Parochial Watch who were then passing and thus disabled him for the present from continuing on Duty as Watchman, and praying under all the circumstances to be appointed porter and Watchman to the Society.’

‘Ordered that the allowance of One Guinea per week granted by the Building Committee to the said Wm. Andress be continued until further Order and that Hand Bills be printed and distributed with a Reward of 5 Guineas for the apprehension of Hugh Crownan and his Companion.’

PENSION 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: SELBY, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘At this Pension a Letter was read from Mr Thomas Flight of No 1 Verulam Buildings complaining of Great Noises and Disturbances made by the Laundress of Mr Thomas Foster, her Husband and their Associates who assemble in the Kitchen belonging to him which being immediately under Mr Flight’s Bed Chamber, he is frequently deprived of many Hours rest, and stating that he had several times personally complained of the Great Inconvenience and annoyance he suffered by the frequent recurrence of the Irregularities without obtaining any other Satisfaction than promises that Mr Foster would interfere and give such Orders as would prevent them.’

‘The Bench having ascertained that the Disturbances still continue - It is Ordered that the Steward communicate to Mr Foster that it is the Desire of the Bench such Orders may be given to him as shall wholly prevent in future Disturbances of the like Nature.’

PENSION 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: ESPINASSE, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY, STEBBING, DAUNCEY, CHRISTIAN, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘Ordered that the Reverend William Mansfield be and is hereby elected Morning preacher to this Society in the room of the Reverend Matthew Raine, Doctor in Divinity deceased, and that he be allowed the Yearly Stipend of One Hundred and Fifty ponds, together with the House appropriated by the Society for the Residence of the Morning preacher, and Commons as usual, the said Stipend to be paid to him at Thirty seven pounds ten Shillings at the End of each Term.’

**GRAY’S INN 1812**

PENSION 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, HOLROYD and AINSLIE.

‘Ordered upon the Report of the Building Committee that a Watchman be stationed every Night to watch in the Garden and that he do regularly call the Hour by the side of the Buildings adjoining the Garden.’

PENSION 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: ESPINASSE, SELBY, DAUNCEY, HOLROYD, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘Ordered that a Registry be kept declaratory of the Intention of Gentlemen admitted for the English or Irish Bar or whether for any, and what other purpose.’

‘Ordered that the Door into Fulwood’s Rents be kept shut on every Thursday in each Week.’

‘Ordered that the proposals from the West Middlesex Water Company be referred to the Building Committee.’

Messrs.Booth and Leggatt Solicitors to the Board of Taxes having written to Williams respecting the Liberation of John Dean from Newgate Ordered that they be informed ‘That the Society have been repeatedly desired to request his Liberation, and that they have not any Request to make on his Behalf, but they beg it may be understood that he is not detained by them.’

‘On Reading the petition of John Collins the puisne Butler, stating that by reason of his Age and Infirmities he was unable to do his Duty and humbly relying on the Generosity of the Masters of the Bench, (in Consideration of his long Services) to make that provision for him as shall render him comfortable in his old Age Ordered that Williams do enquire into Collins’s Circumstances and report at the next pension.’

‘Ordered that in future petitions of Candidates for any vacant place or Situation in the Society be taken by the petitioners to the Treasurer and the rest of the Benchers with such Recommendations as the parties can furnish previous to the Day of Election.’

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: ESPINASSE, WEGG, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, HOLROYD, and WEAR.

‘Ordered that John Collins puisne Butler to this Society be at Liberty to provide, at his own Expence, a Substitute, to be approved of by the Bench.’

‘Ordered that George Sowley Holroyd Esq. be Treasurer of this Society for the Year ensuing.’

PENSION 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: HOLROYD, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, ESPINASSE and WEAR.

‘At this Pension John Collins the puisne Butler, having in pursuance of an Order of Pension made the 11<sup>th</sup> of February Inst. proposed, for the Approbation of the Bench, Thomas Gold as his Deputy in the Hall and Pension Chamber and Philip Williams as his Deputy in the Chapel It is Ordered that the said Thomas Gold and Philip Williams do act as Deputies for the said John Collins in the Hall Pension Chamber and Chapel as aforesaid.’

‘Ordered that Robert Gilbert be employed to paint the Inn at the same Terms as Wallis, or on such other Terms as the House Committee shall agree to whom it is referred.’

PENSION 15th APRIL PRESENT: HOLROYD, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, DAUNCEY, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘At this Pension the House Committee reported that the parochial paving Committee of St Andrew Holborn had made Encroachments on the Society’s premises. Ordered that Mr Treasurer and My Dauncey be appointed a Committee to Enquire by what Authority the parochial paving Committee have made the encroachments, and to act with Regard to the same as they the Committee may see fit.’ The Paving Committee duly replied: ‘The Committee when they directed the Pavement to be laid in Jockey Fields, and the Lamps to be set up on the Wall of the Garden, and these Bars to be fixed (the present Expence whereof is £200 and the permanent Expence of £16 per Annum) had nothing in view but the Accommodation of the parishioners and the public; and that the Iron Bars were intended to prevent the most disgusting nuisances, which the Recesses before the Gates gave occasion to.’ ‘But the Committee wish to shew all possible courtesy to the Society. They never pretended to a privilege of entering through the Gates, or of obstructing the Members of the Society from the exclusive use of them; but on the contrary directed that, so soon as the Bars should be completed, the Keys should be sent to the Benchers and remain with them.’

PENSION 9th MAY PRESENT: SELBY, HUDLESTON, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and WEAR.

‘At this Pension the Memorial of Mr John Matthew Boland a Member of this Society was read stating That about the first Week in November last being then in Dublin he was prevented in consequence of a severe Indisposition, attending at Gray’s Inn for the purpose of keeping last Michas Term, that the Loss of a Term would be of Material Disadvantage to him and praying that the Bench in Consideration of the premises would be pleased to allow him the said Term’ It is Ordered that the said Mr John Matthew Boland be allowed Michas Term last.

PENSION 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE PRESENT: ESPINASSE, HUDLESTON, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, AINSLIE and WEAR.

The Memorial of Mr Francis Bailey of No 3 Verulam Buildings was read:

‘Your Memorialist begs leave to call your Attention to the Injury which he has sustained by the projection of the new Buildings which have recently been erected adjoining to his Chambers. ... It was ordered that Mr Bailey’s Memorial be referred to Mr Lambe and Mr Ainslie and that a letter be written to Mr Bailey that his Memorial would be taken into consideration without delay.’

PENSION 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: HOLROYD, HUDLESTON, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, ROMILLY, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘Ordered, upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of Fullwoods Rents, that the Door from Field Court to Fullwoods Rents be opened in the Day time, except on Thursday when it is to be shut, from 9 o’Clock in the Morning till 5 o’Clock in the Afternoon.’

PENSION 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: ESPINASSE, HUDLESTON, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, and AINSLIE.

‘Mr John McNiven having, by his Letter to the Bench, resigned the Office of Cook to the Society It is Ordered that his Resignation be accepted, and Notice given that a Cook will be appointed at the Adjourned pension.’

PENSION 7<sup>th</sup> JULY PRESENT: HOLROYD, HUDLESTON, WEGG, SELBY, LAMBE, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘Ordered that Thomas Richardson be appointed Cook to this Society for the Year ensuing to commence at Michas Term next.’

‘At this Pension the Memorial of Mr Samuel Tagert was read Stating that in consequence of being served with a subpoena in Dublin last Easter Term and of having recently arrived at full Age he was unavoidably detained in Dublin ... which Circumstances prevented his keeping Easter and Trinity Terms last at Gray’s Inn, ... Ordered that Easter and Trinity Terms last be allowed Mr Tagert agreeably to the prayer of his petition and the Affidavit thereto adjoined.’

**GRAY’S INN 1813**

PENSION 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: HOLROYD, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY, DAUNCEY, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘Thomas Quin the Steward and Chief Butler of the Society being Dead Ordered that a Vacancy be and is hereby declared of Steward and Chief Butler And that the Election of a person in his stead be on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of Febr. next.’

‘Mrs Quin being desirous of quitting the apartments she occupies at the Steward’s Office as soon as may be, Ordered that she be at Liberty to leave them as soon as she pleases.’

PENSION 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: HOLROYD, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY, DAUNCEY, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘Ordered that the Steward in future be allowed to charge as his Fee upon every Admission of a Member of the Society and of Gentlemen to hold Chambers 10s. and the like Fee upon every Renewal of Term in, and assignment of Chambers And that the Under Steward’s Fee upon every Renewal and Assignment be in future 5s.’

The Steward’s Board Wages, Salaries and Allowances were ordered in future to be in the sum of £445.0.0 per annum.

‘Ordered that the Steward be allowed to let the Apartments at the Steward’s Office to the Under Steward which are to be considered equivalent to the proposed allowance for collecting the Taxes.’

‘Ordered that in future the Allowance to the Under Steward of 6d per Bottle on Wine consumed by the Barristers and Students of the Society during Term be discontinued.’

The Under Steward’s Board Wages, Salary Roll Money and Allowances were ordered in future to be in the sum of £165.4.2 per annum.’

‘Ordered that John Jeffery Williams Second Butler and Pannyerman and Steward and Chief Butler’s Man, be appointed Steward and Chief Butler to this Society in the room of Thomas Quin deceased.’

‘Ordered that Thomas Griffith be and is hereby appointed second Butler and Pannyerman and Steward and Chief Butler’s Man in the room of Jn. J Williams now appointed to the Office of Steward and Chief Butler.’

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: SELBY, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, AINSLIE and WEAR. Montagu Farrer Ainslie Esq. ordered to be Treasurer.

‘It is Ordered that no Officer or Servant of this Society shall receive any reward or present from any Tradesman serving the same And that a Copy of this Order be sent to the Tradesmen and a Copy also hung up in the Steward’s office.’

‘Ordered that the attendance of the Steward upon the Bench Table be for the present dispensed with.’

PENSION 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: AINSLIE, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, ESPINASSE, HOLROYD, WEAR, SHELDON and BELL.’

‘Upon reading the Memorial of Patrick Macabbe Gentleman a Member of this Society ... was then called home by the Sickness and Death of his Father and when in Dublin by process of the Court of Exchequer compelled to remain contrary both to his Interest and inclinations’ ... Ordered that he be allowed Trinity Term last agreeable to the Prayer of his Memorial.’

‘Ordered that Abraham Hemmingway the Badge Porter be dismissed the service of the Society having been found intoxicated and Insolent when on Duty as a Watchman.’

PENSION 5<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: AINSLIE, SELBY, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, ESPINASSE, HOLROYD, WEAR, KING, SHELDON and BELL.

‘John Collins the puisne Butler of the Society being Dead Ordered that a Vacancy be and it is hereby declared of the Office of puisne Butler And that the Election of a Person in the room of the late John Collins be at the next Pension.’

‘Thomas Philpot the Head Porter of the Society being Dead Ordered that a Vacancy be and it is hereby declared of Head Porter And that the Election of a person in the room of the late Thomas Philpot be at the next Pension.’

‘The Revd. Edmd. Harvey and Mr Thomas Ireland purchasers of Chambers in Verulam Buildings not having been admitted of the Society for the purpose of holding their respective Chambers And Mr

Thomas Flight also a purchaser of Chambers in Verulam Buildings not having named a Trustee to hold his Chambers Ordered that the Steward do inform The Revd. Edmd. Harvey and Mr Thomas Ireland that in Order to prevent a Forfeiture of their respective Chambers it is necessary they should be Admitted of the Society or name Trustees before the next Pension And that Mr Flight be in like manner informed that to prevent a Forfeiture of his Chambers it is necessary he should also name a Trustee before the next Pension.'

PENSION 12<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: AINSLIE, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, ESPINASSE, HOLROYD, WEAR, KING, SHELDON and BELL.

'Upon the petition of Mr Thomas Gold to resign the Office of Chapel Clerk and to be appointed puisne Butler in the room of John Collins deced. Ordered that Thomas Gold be, and is hereby appointed puisne Butler of this Society, And a Vacancy is now declared of the Office of Chapel Clerk.'

'Ordered that William Parton one of the Badge porters of this Society be, and is hereby appointed Head Porter, in the room of Thomas Philpot deced., and that the vacant Badge Porter's place be filled up at the next Pension.'

'Ordered that Rachael Bower's petition for an Allowance to her Husband, praying also that he may be continued a pensioner upon the Society, be, and it is hereby rejected.'

Following a Report of the House Committee on the subject of arrears due to the Society, it was ordered that arrears of rent due at Michaelmas 1812 for Chambers and Houses are to be paid before the end of this Easter Term and that arrears for Commons and Absent Commons are to be paid by the end of Trinity Term next.

PENSION 19<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: AINSLIE, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, CHRISTIAN, ESPINASSE, HOLROYD, WEAR, KING and BELL.

'The House Committee Reported that the Solicitor General (now Attorney General) had declined taking a Lease of the House in Gray's Inn Place upon the Terms confirmed by Order of Pension of the 27<sup>th</sup> Febry. last, and that the Committee therefore, at the request of the Steward, now proposed, that a Repairing Lease of the premises for TwentyOne Years from Lady Day 1814 under the usual Covenants and at SixtyThree pounds per annum Rent and the charges for Lamps and Watching should be granted to the Steward.'

PENSION 29<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: AINSLIE, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and WEAR.

'Ordered that the Iron Gate leading to the Steward's Office be locked up every Night at 8 o'Clock and that the Watchman in Holborn Court in doing his rounds do go through the passage at the East end of the Chapel leading from Holborn Court to Gray's Inn Square, and that the Watchman do call the Hour at the said Iron Gate every round.'

PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: AINSLIE, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY, CHRISTIAN, ESPINASSE, HOLROYD, WEAR, SHELDON and BELL.

'The House Committee Reported that at the end of this present Trinity Term there will be due from Dr John Fisher for Commons Bills and Commons for his Bench Chamber the Sum of £86.14.8, Whereupon it is Ordered that the Bench Chambers of Dr Fisher be taken into the Hands of the Society from Michaelmas Day next, that the present Occupier of the Chamber (Mr Kent) be informed, that from Michaelmas Day next he is to consider himself Tenant to the Society and from that time pay Rent for the said Chambers to the Steward at and after the Rate of £60 per annum; And it is further Ordered that the Steward be and he is hereby Authorized and required to demand and receive the said Rent half yearly and pay the Balance to the Society's Account (after deducting the Bills which, subsequent to this present Trinity Term may become due to the Society in respect of the said Chambers) and in Discharge of Dr Fisher's arrear and that he do Report when the whole is Liquidated.'

'Ordered that William Plece be and he is hereby appointed Chapel Clerk of this Society in the room of Thomas Gold now puisne Butler.'

'Ordered upon the Report of the House Committee that the Head Porter do lock the Fullwoods Rents Gates on Sunday Afternoons from Lady Day to Michaelmas Day at 5 o'Clock.'



‘Upon taking into consideration the petition of Charles Cockrill Scavenger to this Society praying to be allowed a man to assist him in the Laborious part of his Duty Ordered that he be allowed £10 per annum for an Assistant during the pleasure of the Bench.’

‘Ordered that there be 36 Tubs provided at the Expence of the Society to receive the Ashes etc daily from the Chambers of each Stair Case, and that the Scavenger do place one every Morning Opposite the Entrance of each Stair Case, and take care that the Laundresses and Servants do not in future deposit their Ashes etc in the open Squares or Courts of the Inn, - And that in future The Tubs and Wheelbarrows necessary for the Scavenger in cleansing the Inn be ordered by the Steward and paid for by the Society.’

PENSION 19<sup>th</sup> JULY PRESENT: AINSLIE, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, and WEAR.

‘Upon reading a Letter from the Reverend William Mansfield the Morning Preacher of this Society Ordered that the Steward do write to Mr Mansfield, enclosing Copies of Two Orders of Pension the one dated 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 1787 the other dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1809, and inform him, that his residence at the Preacher’s House cannot be dispensed with longer than the present Trinity Vacation; And that Mr Mansfield be also informed that the Bench with great pleasure acquiesce in his request to be Absent during the Summer Vacation.’

PENSION 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: AINSLIE, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY, DAUNCEY, HOLROYD.

‘Upon reading a Letter to the Steward from the Solicitors under Mr George Brown’s Commission of Bankruptcy Ordered that the said Letter be referred to the Building Committee who are requested to have a Meeting with the Assignees and do thereupon as they think best.’

‘Mr Thomas Richardson being dead Ordered that the place of Cook to the Society be and it is here by declared Vacant And that the Election of a person in his stead be at the next Pension.’

‘George Graham one of the Badge Porters being dead a Vacancy of a Badge Porters place is here by declared and it is Ordered that a Badge porter be Elected at the next pension in the room of the said Geo. Graham. Ordered that £2 be paid to the Widow Geo: Graham late a Badge porter of the Society deceased as a Charitable Donation from the Society.’

‘Ordered that William Lill the Hair Dresser be permitted to sell oysters at the shop under the Gray’s Inn Square Gateway during the pleasure of the Bench only.’

PENSION 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: AINSLIE, WEGG, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, ESPINASSE and HOLROYD.

‘Upon the Steward presenting a written Message from Fowler Hikes Esq to the following Effect: “Mr Hikes desires the Steward to present his respectful Compliments to the Gentlemen of the Bench And to say that he requests the favour of an Audience on the Subject of the Late call to the Bench, - that he would wish to adopt that mode in preference to any other because if any explanation should be necessary he could more conveniently give it by a personal communication.” Ordered that the Steward do inform Mr Hikes that his Application, being unprecedented, cannot be complied with.’

PENSION 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: AINSLIE, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, HOLROYD and BELL.

‘The House Committee Reported that the petition of the Badge Porters (who are also Watchmen) had been taken into Consideration And that it was proposed to allow those Watchmen who have been Fifteen Years in the Society’s Service Three Shillings per Night, those who have been Seven Years, Two Shillings and Six pence per Night, and that all who have not been appointed Seven Years should remain at the present allowance of Two Shillings per Night. Ordered that the said Report be, and it is hereby confirmed, and that the Additional Allowances do commence upon the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of March and the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of August next after any Watchman shall have been in the Service of the Society Seven or Fifteen Years as above mentioned.’

‘Ordered that Twenty pounds be paid to the Widow of Thomas Richardson the late Cook, as a Donation from the Society.’

PENSION 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER PRESENT: AINSLIE, GRIMWOOD, DAUNCEY, HOLROYD and BELL.

‘Upon the Report of the House Committee on the Application of William Parton the Head Porter to be allowed the pay of a Watchman – Ordered that the Salary of the Head porter be increased One Pound Five Shillings per Term or Five Pounds per annum not as pay for Watching but for inspecting and overlooking the Scavenger in his Duty of filling the Cistern of the Water Closets and letting the Water off daily, and taking care that the Water Closets are kept duly cleansed; and the Head Porter is further Ordered to Report to the Steward if the Scavenger neglects this part of his Duty.’

#### GRAY’S INN 1814

PENSION 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: AINSLIE, GRIMWOOD, ROMILLY, DAUNCEY, SHELDON and BELL.

‘Upon reading a letter from the Governors and Directors of the poor of the Parish of St Andrews Holborn above the Bars requesting Subscription towards the Relief of the poor of that Parish. - Ordered that the Steward do write to the said Governors and Directors of the poor and inform them that the Benchers of this Society do not find themselves at Liberty, in the Character of Benchers and Trustees of the Society, to subscribe and Sum towards a parochial Contribution for Relief of the Poor.’

‘ORDERED that John Wear Esquire be Treasurer for the year ensuing.’

PENSION 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH PRESENT: WEAR, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, AINSLIE and SHELDON.

‘ORDERED that Six pence be added to the charge now made for each Bottle of Wine drank at the Bar & Students Messes making the charge Five Shillings per Bottle.’

‘ORDERED that the Bar Mess be allowed daily as a present from the Treasurer or presiding Bencher one Bottle of Sherry and one Bottle of Port or Two Bottles of Port at the option of the Bar Mess, and that the second Mess be allowed a pint of white Wine daily by the House (if there are Two Gentlemen at the Second Mess but not otherwise) in lieu of a present of a pint of Wine from the Bar Mess.’

UPON the Petition and Statement of Thomas Goddard in behalf of the Family of the late Head Porter Thomas Philpot ORDERED that Twenty pounds be paid to Philpot’s Representatives for the Use of the Children, as a Donation from the Society.’

PENSION 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: WEAR, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, AINSLIE and SHELDON.

ORDERED that Deposits of Twenty Pounds be dispensed with from Gentlemen admitted for the Irish Bar if two sureties of either Barristers or Members of an Inn of Court resident in England joined in the usual Bond.

ORDERED that the Gentlemen admitted for the Irish Bar be allowed to keep their Terms on any three days in the Term notwithstanding the days on which they may dine in Hall be Repast Days.

‘ORDERED that the Cook be paid Two Shillings for Vegetables and Cold Butter daily in Term served to the Bar Mess, and the like sum of Two Shillings for Vegetables served to each of the other Messes in the Hall, and that in future no Collection Whatever be made from Gentlemen dining in the Hall except for Wine.’

‘ORDERED that the Petition of the Inhabitants of Fullwoods Rents praying that the gate in Field Court may not be shut on Sunday Afternoon be, and is hereby rejected.’

‘ORDERED that the Steward do write to Mrs Mary Quin for payment of the Balance due from the Estate of Mr Thomas Quin late Steward of this Society, being One Hundred and four pounds Seventeen Shillings and four pence half penny, and inform Mrs Quin that the Bench require payment before Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May next.’

Following a report from the House Committee, it was ordered that Thomas Griffiths be allowed twenty five pounds per annum to provide a proper person to clean and superintend the Pension Chamber and all the apartments used by the Society adjoining the Hall.

‘ORDERED that the Librarian do take an Account of the Books in the Library in the presence of the Steward or Under Steward and make a Catalogue of such Books as shall appear to be Missing since the taking of the last Catalogue at that it be produced at the first Pension in the next Term.’

PENSION 21<sup>st</sup> MAY PRESENT: Wear, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, ESPINASSE, HOLROYD, AINSLIE and BELL.

‘ORDERED that prayers be read in Chapel in the Morning of every Wednesday and Friday in each Week and that Divine Service be also performed on all Saint’s Days and Festivals throughout the year and that on Sunday Afternoons Divine Service be not in future omitted on any Account whatever; And it is also Ordered that the Steward to transcribe and send a Copy of this Order to the Revd. Edmd. Garden the Reader and the Afternoon preacher to the Society.’

The house in Gray’s Inn Place recently let to the Steward ordered to be considered hereafter as the residence of the Steward of the Society as long as he continued to be Steward at a yearly rent of fifty pounds.

PENSION 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: WEAR, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, ESPINASSE, HOLROYD and AINSLIE.

Following a report of the House Committee, it was ordered that the Head Porter do in future superintend Gray’s Inn Square and Courts in the way of a parading porter according to custom, and that, in order to do this and to better superintend the watchmen and to be on hand in case of fire, the hairdresser’s shop and chamber under Gray’s Inn gateway be in future reserved for the Head Porter’s Lodge.

PENSION 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: WEAR, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ESPINASSE, HOLROYD, AINSLIE, SHELDON and BELL.

‘ORDERED that the Steward do write to Lady Burton and inform her that the arrear due from the late Sir Robert Burton deceased for Commons must be paid or the Bench will be under the necessity to sue her, as Executrix, as well as the Surety of her late Husband for the Amount.’

‘Ordered that in future All Wine for the Society be purchased from Messrs. Stainforth and Giberne and that a pipe of Port be ordered immediately under the directions of Mr Ainslie and Mr Sheldon.’

PENSION 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: HOLROYD, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, SHELDON and BELL.

‘ORDERED that no Work be done or Expense incurred on Account of the Society without an Order of Pension or of the House Committee, or, in the absence of both, by any one Bencher who may be in Town, unless in a case of urgent necessity; and that a Copy of this Order be sent to the Treasurer and every other Bencher.’

‘ORDERED that Mr Ainslie and Mr Sheldon be requested to ascertain what White Wines are wanted and Report at the next Pension.’

‘ORDERED upon the Report of the House Committee that Gentlemen Admitted of this Society for the English Bar be allowed to keep their Terms by dining in the Hall any three Days of the Term notwithstanding the Days on which they may dine be Repast Days.’

‘ORDERED upon the Report of the House Committee that in future the Commons Bills be collected half yearly, that is to say, at Lady Day and Michaelmas and then required to be peremptorily Paid.’

‘ORDERED upon Report of the House Committee that the Scavenger do attend at the Chapel on Sunday and all Feasts and Festivals to prevent Noises in Gray’s Inn Square during Divine Service and that he be remunerated at the Pleasure of the Bench.’

‘ORDERED upon the Recommendation of the House Committee that Thanks be returned to the Steward & and Under Steward, the One for his correct & accurate Statement of the Debts and Credit of this Society and the other for his Exertions in collecting the Arrears due to the House and that such Thanks be entered in the Pension Order Book of this Society.’

PENSION 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER PRESENT: WEAR, GRIMWOOD, ESPINASSE, HOLROYD, AINSLIE and SHELDON.

‘ORDERED upon the Report of the House Committee that the Watchman stationed in Field Court be for the future discontinued And the following Orders submitted by the Committee for the future Regulation of the Watch be adopted, viz:

Ordered that the Watchmen go on Duty at 9 o’Clock precisely and remain on Duty till 6 o’Clock in the Morning; and that the Short Watch be set at 7 o’Clock in the Evening precisely.

- That all the Gates be shut at the Hours appointed for the Watchmen to be on Duty.
- That the Head Porter and Under Porter do alternately Watch at Holborn Gate, from 9 till 12 o’Clock to assist the other Watchman stationed there, to that time.
- That the Watchmen stationed at Holborn Gate, Gray’s Inn Square Gate, Verulam Building Gate, and at Gray’s Inn Place, do, from the Hours the Gates are shut, prevent a general Thoroughfare, especially between Holborn and Gray’s Inn Lane and that after 10 o’Clock no persons whosoever be let into or out of the Inn, except Inhabitants of the Inn, and Persons going to and from such Inhabitants.
- That the Watchman stationed at No 6 Holborn Court do call the Hour at the Door of every Staircase in Holborn Court and Field Court, also at the Gate leading to the Steward’ Office and at the East end of the Chapel. The Watchman stationed at No 8 in Gray’s Inn Square do in like manner call the Hour at every Staircase in Gray’s Inn Square and at the Pension Room Windows. The Watchman in Verulam Buildings do call the Hour in like manner at the Door of every Staircase. The Watchman in Gray’s Inn Place do call the Hour at every other Door. The Watchman stationed at the Garden Gate Keeper’s Box do call the Hour with a loud Voice as he passes on the North Side of Gray’s Inn Place and West Side of Gray’s Inn Square, and the other Watchmen in the Garden do the like in passing along the North Side of Gray’s Inn Square and at the South Corner of Verulam Buildings.
- That none of the Watchmen shall leave their respective Stations, except from Michaelmas Day to Lady Day, between which periods the Watchmen at the Stands at No 6 in Holborn Court and at No 8 in Gray’s Inn Square only, shall after calling past 12 o’Clock change Stations with the respective Watchmen at Holborn Gate and Gray’s Inn Square Gate, and the Watchman at Holborn Gate and Gray’s Inn Square Gate shall go to No 8 Gray’s Inn Square: and thus, every Two Hours (commencing at 12 o’Clock) alternatively change their Stations, and have the Benefit of the Fire in the Lodges during that Half Year.
- That in case of Fire, or upon Outcry or Disturbance in the Inn, all the Watchmen do a Hand and assist, first securing the Gates.
- That the Head Porter and Under Porter shall, from 12 o’Clock, superintend the whole of the Watch, until 6 o’Clock in the Morning, and every two hours, (commencing at 12 o’Clock) go round to all the Watchmen’s Stations, and see that they do not Neglect their Duty, to which end the Head Porter shall have a Key to the Garden, which shall be in his Possession at all Times, except during the Night the Under Porter is on Duty’ in that case the Key be duly returned by the Under Porter to the Head Porter when the Watch goes off’ and that the Head Porter or Under Porter only, do let the Watchmen into and out of the Garden.
- That the Head Porter and Under Porter shall, on no account leave the Inn, or fail to superintend the Watch, from 12 o’Clock in the Morning, and on pain of dismissal from their respective Places, shall report to the Steward and Watchman not found upon, or otherwise neglecting his Duty, and also any Watchman intoxicated, or unfit to remain at his Post.
- That every Watchman not found by the Head Porter or Under Porter at his Post, or detected in any other Neglect of Duty, or unfit to remain on Duty for the Night, shall be mulct of his Pay for that Night, which Pay shall be reserved as a Reward to the Head Porter or Under Porter for his Vigilance in detecting such Watchman neglecting his Duty, or being unfit to remain at his Station; and no Watchman shall be excused for Insolent Behaviour or Intoxication.
- That none but the Badge Porters of this Society shall be permitted to Watch in the Inn, except by permission of the House Committee, or in their Absence by any one Bencher, or in the Absence of all the Bench, by leave of the Steward.
- That the Head Porter see the Watch duly appointed every Night, and that no Watchman whosoever, shall do the Duty of the Head Porter or Under Porter, unless he has been named to, and approved by the Steward.

- That these Orders be printed, and a Copy hung up at the two Lodges, and one in each of the Watchmen's Boxes.'

'ORDERED that the Head Porter be paid as a Senior Watchman in consequence of the foregoing Regulations requiring him to be on Duty all Night.'

'The Whole of the Mortgage on Verulam Buildings and the Interest due thereon being paid and an Assignment Executed by Mr Wigg duly Registered being now produced, - ORDERED that the Mortgage Deed and Assignment be put in the depository of the Society.'

'ORDERED that the Last Two Volumes of Easts and the last Two Volumes of Vesey's Reports be purchased for the Library and that the said Reports be had in Numbers bound in pasteboard.'

'ORDERED that Peter Dowling be paid his Bill (£39.3.0) for lopping the Garden Trees cleaning and pruning the Clumps and Rolling the Plats & Gravel Walks.'

'Morris the Gardener having accidentally cut his Knee; ORDERED that Mr Vincent the Surgeon do attend him.'

### **GRAY'S INN PENSION BOOK 1815**

PENSION 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY: PRESENT: AINSLIE, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD and DAUNCEY.

'The Barons of the Court of Exchequer having been permitted to hold their Sittings in the Hall of this Society from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1815 inclusive And a Note of thanks from the Barons having been received - ORDERED that the said Note of Thanks be copied into the Pension Book of this Society, which is as follows:

'The Barons of the Court of Exchequer present their Respects to the Treasurer and Benchers of Gray's Inn, and beg leave to return their best Acknowledgements for the Permission with which they were so obligingly favoured of holding their late Sittings in the Hall of the Society, and for the very excellent Accommodation they have experienced there.'

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY: Present : AINSLIE, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY and KING.

'ORDERED that John King Esquire be Treasurer of this Society for the Year Ensuing.'

PENSION 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH: Present : KING, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, HOLROYD, AINSLIE and BELL.

'ORDERED that George Trimnell the Cook be and he is hereby dismissed the Service of this Society; that the Place of Cook be declared Vacant and the Election of a person in the room of George Trimnell be at the first Pension of the Easter Term next.'

'Upon reading the Petition of Philip Williams the Librarian IT IS ORDERED that Twenty Guineas per Annum be added to his present Salary of £30. – He continuing to Assist the Steward as he has hitherto done and devoting the whole of his Time to the Services of this Society.'

'ORDERED that a Gratuity of £10 be paid to Edwd. Morris the Gardener and that he be, and is hereby dismissed the Services of this Society; that the Place of Gardener be declared Vacant and the Election of a Person in the room of Edwd. Morris be at the first Pension in Easter Term next.'

'ORDERED that the Head Porter and other Porters do constantly and regularly superintend the Inn and prevent Noises from rude Children and Disturbances therein; That they do also prevent Laundresses and others from throwing Slops and Filth over the Inn and detect them in committing such Nuisances on pain of being instantly dismissed; and that a Copy of this Order be delivered to each of the Porters.'

'ORDERED that various Parts of the Inn be repaired with New Gravel under the directions of Mr Selby.'

PENSION 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: WEAR, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, ROMILLY, DAUNCEY, HOLROYD and AINSLIE.

'UPON reading a Letter from The Revd. William Mansfield resigning the Office of Morning Preacher, IT IS ORDERED that Mr Mansfield be informed that the Bench have to express their regret in accepting his Resignation. They also feel much Obligated to him for his offer to do the Chapel Duty

until the Appointment of another Preacher and that they will thank him to officiate the Two remaining Sundays in the Term if it be perfectly convenient to him.’

‘ORDERED that the Order of Pension requiring the residence of the Morning Preacher at the House in Gray’s Inn Place be reconsidered.’

PENSION 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: KING, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, ESPINASSE, HOLROYD, AINSLIE, WEAR, SHELDON and BELL.

‘ORDERED that whoever be elected Steward to this Society shall give such Security for the faithful Performance of the Duties of that Office as the Benchers in Pension shall Appoint.’

Thomas Griffith, Second Butler and Pannyerman appointed Steward and Chief Butler in place of John Jeffery Williams deceased.

PENSION 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: KING, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, ROMILLY, DAUNCEY, ESPINASSE, HOLROYD, AINSLIE, WEAR, SHELDON and BELL.

‘Ordered that the Reverend John Honeywood Randolph be and he is hereby Elected Morning Preacher to this Society in the Room of the Reverend William Mansfield who has resigned, and that he be allowed the Yearly Stipend of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds together with the House appropriated by the Society for the Residence of the Morning Preacher and Commons as usual, the said Stipend to be paid to him at Thirty Seven Pounds Ten Shillings at the End of each Term.’

‘ORDERED that John King be and he is here by appointed Gardener to this Society in the Room of Edward Morris dismissed at £70 per annum.’

‘ORDERED that the Steward do find Security for Five Hundred Pounds and Two Securities for Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds each for faithful performance of his Duty.’

PENSION 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE. PRESENT: AINSLIE, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, DAUNCEY, ESPINASSE and SHELDON.

‘ORDERED upon the Report of the House Committee that no Officer entitled from his Situation to a Key of the Garden do presume on any Account whatever to lend the same.’

‘As there are several Keys of the Garden now in the Hands of Persons, who have no Right to Possession of them, in consequence whereof the House Committee have found it necessary to Order new Locks upon the Gates and Doors of Admission, RESOLVED that it is expected that no Bencher will on any occasion in future part with or lend his Key, or permit any other Key to be made from it. And it is ORDERED THAT A Copy of this Resolution be Delivered to each of the Benchers with his New Key.’

‘Ordered that the Model of the Fire Stove Grate be approved of and that it be carried into Execution forthwith under the Directions of the Surveyor.’

‘Ordered that the Surveyor’s Plans of the intended alterations at Holborn Gateway be approved of and that they be carried into Execution without Delay under the Directions of the Surveyor.’

‘Ordered that the Petition of Mr James Darley be, and it is hereby Rejected and that a Notice be given by the Steward to the Petitioner, that the Bench do not Permit any Chambers to be converted into a shop of any Description and that they do expect he will Remove his guin on or before the first Day of next Term.’

PENSION 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER. PRESENT: KING, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, WEAR and BELL.

‘ORDERED that Philip Williams Librarian be, and is hereby appointed Second Butler and Pannyerman, and Steward, and Chief Butlers Man, during the Pleasure of the Bench in the Room of Thomas Griffith now appointed Steward and Chief Butler.’

‘ORDERED that the Office of Librarian be, and is hereby Declared Vacant and that Election of the Person to that Office be on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November Instant.’

‘ORDERED THAT THE Application of Mr James Redit for a Key of the Garden be, and is hereby Rejected.’

PENSION 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER. PRESENT: KING, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, HOLROYD, AINSLIE and SHELDON.

‘ORDERED that the Reverend Edward Chaplin be and is hereby Elected Librarian to this Society in the Room of Philip Williams now Under Steward; at an Annual Salary of Forty Guineas and that the Duty of Waiting in the Hall, and Attendance upon the Bench in the Evening be in future despenced with.’

#### GRAY’S INN 1816

PENSION 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: KING, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘ORDERED upon the Recommendation of the House Committee that Henry Hudson the Cook of this Society be, and is hereby allowed the Sum of Eighty Guineas pr. Annum, as his Salary & to provide a Kitchen Woman, and every other Material necessary for Washing, Scouring and keeping clean, the Kitchen Furniture, and that the Kitchen Woman be, no longer considered a Servant of the Society.’

PENSION 10<sup>th</sup> February PRESENT: KING, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘ORDERED that William Sheldon Esquire be Treasurer of this Society for the Year ensuing.’

PENSION 8<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: SHELDON, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, WEAR and BELL.

‘ORDERED that the Reward of Ten Pounds be paid to George Vaughan and Dickons Two Police Officers for the Apprehension of John Peter Drury, for Breaking Open Chambers No 4 Holborn Court.’

PENSION 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY PRESENT: SHELDON, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ESPINASSE, and WEAR.

‘ORDERED that the several Gentleman hereunder named be and they are hereby called to the Bench, they first paying each One Hundred and Fifty Pounds as a Fine and all arrears of Duties due to the Society. That they take their Places accordingly to their Priority of Acceptance of their Call; and do attend at the Pension to be holden on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June next in order to accept their said Call.

Viz. Rudd Bartholomew 16<sup>th</sup> Nov..er 1792  
Williamson John 5<sup>th</sup> June 1793 When called to the Bar  
Gaselee Stephen 20<sup>th</sup> Nov..er 1793’

PENSION 25<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: SHELDON, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘UPON reading a letter from John Walpole Willis Gentleman a Member of this Society praying to be allowed the Trinity Vacation to enable him to be called to the Bar next Trinity Term instead of Michaelmas Term It is ORDERED that his Application be and is hereby rejected it being inconsistent with the Positive Rules and Regulations of the Four Inns of Court.’

‘ORDERED that John Wear Esquire have a New Key of the Garden Gate he having been robbed of his Old One.’

PENSION 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: SHELDON, WEGG, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, DAUNCEY, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, WEAR, KING, BELL and GASELEE.

‘ORDERED that the Gentlemen hereunder Named be and they are hereby called to the Bench they first paying each One Hundred and Fifty Pounds as a Fine and all arrears of Duties due to the Society.

Viz. Smith Joseph 11<sup>th</sup> February 1794 When called to the Bar  
Evans William David 11<sup>th</sup> February 1794’

‘UPON reading the Petition of James Harrington One of the Badge Porters of this Society accompanied with a Certificate from Edward Bryant Surgeon. It is ORDERED that he be allowed Three Months leave of absence and the Sum of Ten Shillings per week with Liberty to apply to any Bencher in Town to enlarge the Time if necessary.’

‘ORDERED that the Petition of the Inhabitants of Fullwoods Rents praying leave to have free Access into Field Court on Thursdays and on Sunday Evenings be and is hereby rejected.’

‘THE PETITION of James Kibblewhite Gentleman to be called to the Bar being taken into Consideration; It is ORDERED that Mr Treasurer be requested to communicate to Mr Kibblewhite ‘That the Gentlemen of the Bench think it necessary he should explain the Circumstances respecting

his taking his Seat in the House of Commons which at Present appear to them to convey an Idea of his having attempted to practice a Deception on the House inconsistent with the Character of a Gentleman.’

‘That the Bench leave it to the option of Mr Kibblewhite to give such Explanation and abide their Judgment upon it, or to withdraw his Petition as he shall think fit.’

PENSION 10<sup>th</sup> JULY PRESENT: SHELDON, SELBY, GRIMWOOD AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘ORDERED that when any Member of this Society who has been Admitted for the purpose of Holding Chambers only, shall afterwards be desirous of Studying, in order to be called to the Bar, That such his Intention shall be made known to the Steward, and by him communicated to the Bench before he is allowed to make his Deposit of One Hundred Pounds that the Bench may have an Opportunity of deciding as to his Fitness for the Bar and direct their Assent or Dissent to be entered on the Original Instrument of Admission and that this Order be screened.’

‘ORDERED that the Four Pipes of Port Wine selected by Mr Treasurer and Mr Selby be delivered into the Cellars of the Society and that the Bill be paid for them at Two Months after delivery. Mr Selby’s Wine to be paid for in the same Way.’

PENSION 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: SHELDON, WEGG, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, AINSLIE, WEAR, GASELEE and EVANS.

‘ORDERED that the Thanks of the Bench be returned to Basil Montagu and John Wear Esqres for having recovered the Third Volume of Lord Bacon’s Works belonging to the Library of this Society.’

‘10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER. Only Three Benchers attending no Pension was held.’

#### **GRAY’S INN 1817**

PENSION 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: SHELDON, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, KING, BELL and GASELEE.

‘ORDERED that the Sum of Thirty Pounds as a Donation be sent to Mrs Mary Williams widow of J.J. Williams the late Steward.’

‘UPON reading a Letter from the Directors of the Poor of the Parish of St Andrews requesting a Subscription It is ORDERED that the Steward do send a copy of the Order of Pension of the 26<sup>th</sup> January 1814 made upon a Similar Application.’

PENSION 7<sup>th</sup> February PRESENT: SHELDON, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, ESPINASSE, WEAR, KING, BELL and GASELEE.

‘ORDERED that the Surveyors Report of the Garden Wall in Field Court be, and it is hereby confirmed and referred to the House Committee to see that the same be speedily and effectually executed and that the Pavilion in the Garden be immediately Repaired.’

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: SHELDON, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE. BELL and GASELEE.

‘UPON Reading the Petition of John Rose Gentleman complaining of a Nuisance from a Water Closet Erected in the Chambers over him at No 1 in Gray’s Inn Square It is ORDERED that it be referred to the House Committee to have such Nuisance remedied at the Expence of Mr Allen and Mr Allen to have Notice that at any further Complaint the Water Closet will be removed And it is further Ordered that in future no Water Closet be erected without the previous consent of the Bench.’

‘ORDERED that the Solicitor be directed to give Mr Reynolds Notice to quit Chambers he holds of the Society at No 2 in Field Court at Michas. next or as soon after as the current year of his Tenancy expires.’

‘ORDERED that John Bell Esquire be Treasurer of this Society for the Year ensuing.’

PENSION 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL PRESENT: BELL, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE WEAR, KING and GASELEE.



‘ORDERED that the Thanks of the Bench be returned to Mr Robert Espinasse and Mr James Staveley for their Present of a Treatise on Arithmetic and Geometry by Bhascara Archarya for the Library.’

PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: BELL, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, AINSLIE and GASELEE.

‘UPON reading the Petition of John Rose Gentleman complaining of a Nuisance in the Chambers over those he occupied at No 1 in Gray’s Inn Square It is ORDERED that a Letter be sent to Mr Allen that unless every Cause of Complaint be removed the Bench will revoke the Liberty to lay in Water into his Chamber.’

‘UPON reading a Letter from the Secretary of the Law Association It is ORDERED that a Letter be sent to Mr Flexney permitting him to examine the Entries of Admissions and make such extracts as he shall think Proper.’

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: BELL, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, AINSLIE, KING, SHELDON, WILLIAMSON, GASELEE and SMITH.

‘UPON reading the Petition of Jas. Kibblewhite Gentleman praying that his Petition to be called to the Bar may be taken into further Consideration It is ORDERED that it be, and is hereby rejected.’

PENSION 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: BELL, SELBY, LAMBE, AINSLIE, SHELDON and GASELEE.

‘A Letter having been received from The Revd. J. H. Randolph desirous to resign the Situation of Preacher to this Society ORDERED that the Resignation be accepted that the Election of a Successor take Place on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> November and that the Dean of the Chapel be requested to procure some Gentleman to do the Duty in the meantime.

That the Dean of the Chapel be desired to communicate to Mr Randolph the Thanks of the Bench for his Services in the situation of Preacher and to acquaint him that they accept his Resignation with Sentiments of Regret at the being deprived of his Society and good wishes for his future Prosperity.’

PENSION 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: BELL, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ROMILLY, DAUNCEY, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, WEAR, KING, SHELDON, WILLIAMSON, GASELEE and EVANS.

‘ORDERED that Revd. George Shepherd be and is hereby Elected Morning Preacher to this Society in the Room of the Reverend John Honeywood Randolph who has Resigned, and that he be allowed the Yearly Stipend of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds together with the House appropriated by the Society for the Residence of the Morning Preacher and Commons as usual, the said Stipend to be paid him at Thirty Seven Pounds Ten Shillings at the end of each Term.’

‘ORDERED that Thomas Goddard be, and is hereby appointed Chapel Clerk to this Society (during the Pleasure of the Bench) in the room of Wm. Plece who has resigned.’

‘ORDERED that a Letter signed by the Treasurer on behalf of the Bench be sent to the Revd. William Elwin expressing the satisfaction of the Bench at the very able manner in which he has discharged the duty of Morning Preacher of the Society during the Vacancy of the Office and requesting him to accept their unanimous thanks. And that the Steward do pay him Sixty Guineas for his Services from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July last to Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> November instant both inclusive.’

PENSION 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: SHELDON, SELBY, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE and GASELEE.

‘ORDERED that a Fire Proof Closet be Built in the Steward’s Office for the Preservation of the Order Books of this Society according to the Plan and under the Directions of Mr Wigg the Surveyor.’

PENSION 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER PRESENT: SHELDON, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE and WEAR.

‘UPON reading a Letter from the Revd. George Shepherd the Morning Preacher of this Society It is ORDERED that the Preacher’s request be complied with, that the Antient Salary of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds a year be continued, and that he be allowed Sixty Pounds a Year in lieu of a House - That the Steward be directed to let the House with the Approbation of the House Committee with all convenient speed.’

## GRAY'S INN 1818

PENSION 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, GASLEE and EVANS.

'Upon reading the Petition of William Plece late Chapel Clerk to this Society It is Ordered that the present allowance of Fifteen Shillings per Week be continued until the Second Pension in the Michaelmas Term next.'

'Upon reading the Petition of William Wainwright Officer to the Public Office Hatton Garden It is Ordered that the Sum of Two pounds be given him as a reward for his Exertions in Apprehending and Prosecuting Francis Brereton for Robbing Chambers at No 4 in Gray's Inn Square.'

PENSION 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: SELBY, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE and EVANS.

'Ordered that the Gates leading from Field Court to Gray's Inn Place be taken away and Iron Posts similar to those leading from Gray's Inn Square to Verulam Buildings be Erected in their Stead.'

'Ordered that the Gates in Gray's Inn Square be shut and a Thoroughfare prevented during Divine Service on Sundays.'

'Upon reading a Letter from the Revd. Edward Chaplin Librarian to this Society stating that owing to a severe fit of Illness he requested leave of absence sooner than usual It is Ordered that leave of Absence be granted and to shut up the Library at the beginning instead of the latter end of July'.

PENSION 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, SHELDON and EVANS.

'Ordered that George Heald Esq. a Barrister of this Society having accepted his Call to the Bench and paid his Caution Money have a Vote in Pension and do take his Place according to his Seniority of acceptance of his said Call.'

## GRAY'S INN 1819

PENSION 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: SELBY, GRIMWOOD, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, KING BELL, GASLEE and EVANS.

'Ordered that Stephen Gaslee Esquire be Treasurer of this Society for the Year ensuing.'

PENSION 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE PRESENT: GASLEE, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, SHELDON and EVANS.

'Ordered that in future Deposits to be made by Gentlemen intending to be called to the English Bar, be invested in Exchequer Bills, upon a Separate and distinct Account, and that the existing Deposits be also invested in Exchequer Bills as soon as conveniently may be.'

PENSION 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: GASELEE, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, SHELDON and EVANS.

'Ordered that the Door unto Fullwood's Rents be kept shut on every Court Day in each week.'

PENSION 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: GASELEE, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, AINSLIE, KING, SHELDON and EVANS.

'Ordered that the several Gentlemen hereunder named by and they are hereby called to the Bench, they first paying, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds as a Fine and all Arrears of Duties due to the Society That they take their Places according to their Priority of Acceptance of their Call: And do attend at the Pension to be holden on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> January next in order to accept their said Call.

Viz. McKinnen John Daniel Called 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1794, Whishaw John Called 27<sup>th</sup> June 1794, Creevey Thomas Called 27<sup>th</sup> June 1794.

## GRAY'S INN 1820

PENSION 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: GASELEE, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, SHELDON, BELL, EVANS and WHISHAW.

'Ordered that Joseph Smith Esquire be Treasurer of this Society for the Year ensuing.'

PENSION 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY PRESENT: SELBY, GRIMWOOD, BELL, GASELEE and WHISHAW.  
'Ordered that the Chapel be Painted by Mr Wm. Thorne under the Direction and inspection of Mr Wigg for the sum of Eighty Pounds as per Contract.'

PENSION 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: LAMBE, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, GASELEE and WHISHAW.

'Ordered that the thanks of the Bench be returned to John Wishaw Esq. for his Present of a proof Engraving of the late Sir S. Romilly.'

### **GRAY'S INN 1821**

PENSION 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: SELBY, GRIMWOOD, CHRISTIAN, AINSLIE, BELL and HEALD.

'Ordered that George Heald Esq be Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing.'

PENSION 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: SELBY, GRIMWOOD, CHRISTIAN, AINSLIE and WHISHAW.

'Ordered that the Several Gentleman here undernamed be and they are hereby called to the Bench they first paying One Hundred and Fifty Pounds as a fine and all arrears of Duties due to the Society that they take their places according to their priority of acceptance of their Call and do attend at the Pension to be holden on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May next in order to accept their said Call.'

Maude Francis Esq, Myers John Esq, Edgworth John Esq, Johnstone Lockhart, Sockett Henry Esq.

PENSION 16<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: HEALD, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, CHRISTIAN, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, KING, BELL, GASELEE and WHISHAW.

'READ a Letter from Mr John Waters, Clerk to the Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Kings Bench dated 10<sup>th</sup> May 1821, stating that he is directed by the Lord Chief Justice Abbott to acquaint the Benchers of Gray's Inn that the Judges have Appointed to meet on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> Instant at 10 o'Clock in the forenoon at their Chamber at the Guildhall Westminster, to take into consideration the Petition of the Appeal of Mr Joseph Freeman Rattenbury against the decision of the Benchers of this Society in respect of his claim to be called to the Bar; ...

'READ a copy of Mr Rattenbury's Petition of Appeal ...

'THAT a Committee be appointed to prepare an answer to the said Petition, and report the same to an adjourned Pension to be held for that purpose on Friday next.'

At a Pension held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 'THE STEWARD reports that in pursuance of the Order of Pension of Friday last, he attended the Judges at Westminster on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> instant, and Delivered the Answer of the Benchers to the Petition of Appeal of Mr Rattenbury which he desired he might have time to reply to, whereupon their Lordships were pleased to order that the further consideration of the Petition of Appeal should be adjourned till Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> Instant at Sergeants Inn Hall.'

At a Pension held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, a Letter was read from the Clerk to the Lord Chief Justice, as follows: 'THE JUDGES present having heard and considered the Petition of Mr Rattenbury and the certificate of the Benchers of Gray's Inn, and having heard the Petitioner by his Counsel, are of the Opinion, that upon the Matters contained in the Petition and Certificate the Benchers came to a proper conclusion; but upon the matters now suggested to the Judges on his behalf, they recommend to the Benchers to reconsider the Claim of the Petitioner, and to hear such further evidence of the facts as to his conduct both before and since his first application to them, as he may think fit to offer them.'

Pension minutes reveal many opportunities afforded Mr Rattenbury to produce such evidence, the matter being finally resolved at Pension on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1822, as follows:

'READ a Letter from Mr Tarbutt of 15<sup>th</sup> November 1822 in answer to the Letter directed to be sent to him by the Steward in which he informs the Bench that their Letter of 18<sup>th</sup> February 1822 was forwarded to Mr Rattenbury to the care of his Agent at New York, and that he had not received any answer thereto, but that he understood that Mr Rattenbury was on a visit to West Florida and had not returned.'

RESUMED the Consideration of Mr Rattenbury's Petition to be called to the Bar dated 25<sup>th</sup> June 1821 ...The Bench upon Consideration of what has been alleged in support of the Petition see no reason to vary from their former Determination and therefore RESOLVE that Mr Rattenbury's Petition be rejected.'

PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: HEALD, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, CHRISTIAN, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, BELL, GASELEE and SOCKETT.

'ORDERED that the Gates from Fullwoods Rents be not shut until 8 o'Clock from May Day, till Michaelmas Day, except on Sundays'

PENSION 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY PRESENT: HEALD, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, CHRISTIAN, AINSLIE, ESPINASSE, KING, GASELEE and WHISHAW.

'ORDERED that Ten Pounds be paid to John King the late Gardener as a Charitable Donation from the Society.'

'ORDERED that Charles Waud be continued as temporary Cook, during the ensuing Michaelmas Term, and that the appointment of a Cook to this Society be taken into further Consideration on the last Pension Day in that Term.

PENSION 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, KING, GASELEE and WILSHAW.

'ORDERED that the several Gentlemen here under named be and they are hereby called to the Bench, they first paying each One Hundred and Fifty Pounds as a Fine, and all arrears of Duties due to the Society. That they take their Places accordingly to their Priority of acceptance of their Call, and do attend at the Pension to be holden on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November next in Order to accept their said Call. Viz: Montagu Basil, called 19<sup>th</sup> May 1798, Spranger Jefferies, called 19<sup>th</sup> May 1798, Littlewood Joseph, called 26<sup>th</sup> June 1798.

## **GRAY'S INN 1822**

PENSION 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: HEALD, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, GASELEE, SPRANGER and LITTLEDALE.

'UPON Reading the Petition of Richard Poole Gentleman, a Member of this Society praying Leave to erect a Water Closet, and a communication from the Chambers to the Kitchen at No 5 Gray,s Inn Square. ORDERED that the Application for the Water Closet be refused. And that the Interior Communication may be safely permitted.'

PENSION: 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRY PRESENT: HEALD, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, BELL, GASELEE, WHISHAW and LITTLEDALE.

'UPON reading the Petition of Thomas McClelland Gentleman a Member of this Society for the Irish Bar; praying leave to take his Standing as a Student for the English Bar. ORDERED upon his producing a Certificate of his having kept Two years Terms in the University of Dublin.'

'ORDERED that John Whishaw Esquire be Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing.'

PENSION: 15<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: WHISHAW, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, BELL, GASELEE and LITTLEDALE.

'UPON reading the Petition of Thos Handley Gentleman a Member of this Society praying leave at his expense to erect a Water Closet at his Chambers No 6 Gray's Inn Square. ORDERED that the Application to erect a Water Closet and to make the Necessary Alterations for the purpose be permitted under the inspection and Direction of Mr Wigg Surveyor to this Society the same be continued during the pleasure of the Bench Only. And Mr Handley paying therefore to the Treasurer of the Society for the Benefit of the Society Two Shillings a year.'

PENSION 6<sup>th</sup> NOV PRESENT: WHISHAW, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, AINSLIE, KING, GASELEE, SPRANGER and LITTLEDALE.

‘The Treasurer acquaints the Bench that early in the last Vacation an application was made to him by the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer requesting to be informed whether it would be convenient & agreeable to the Society of Gray’s Inn to accommodate the Barons of the Exchequer with apartments for the Transaction of their judicial business during the rebuilding of the Courts at Westminster. In answer to this Application the Treasurer after communicating with such Benchers as were then in Town, informed the Chief that the Hall of Gray’s Inn and the adjoining apartments were inadequate to the purposes mentioned in the application and that the Society did not possess the means of furnishing the Barons of the Exchequer with the accommodation required.

The Treasurer further states that he afterwards received another Letter from the Lord Chief Baron acknowledging the above Communication, and stating that the answer was what he expected, but that he thought it right to make the application, his Lordship was pleased to add that the Barons of the Exchequer as a body were under the greatest Obligations to the Society of Gray’s Inn, and as individuals most grateful for the kindest attention from every one of the Bench.

The Correspondence upon this subject consisting of a Letter from the Chief Baron dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1822, the Treasurer’s answer dated the 6<sup>th</sup>, and the Chief Baron’s reply dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of the same Month having been received. The BENCH approved the conduct of the Treasurer and directed the correspondence to be entered in the Books of the Society.’

### **GRAY’S INN 1823**

PENSION: 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: WHISHAW, AINSLIE, KING, BELL, GASELEE, HEALD, SPRANGER and LITTLEDALE.

‘ORDERED that Francis Maude Esq be Treasurer of this Society for the year Ensuing.’

PENSION: 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, KING, BELL, GASELEE, HEALD, WHISHAW, SPRANGER and LITTLEDALE.

Following a letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> November 1822 on behalf of the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple requesting to be informed of the practice of the Society of Gray’s Inn with regard to the admission of a barrister *ad eundem gradum* from another Inn of Court and whether there is any restriction as to the barrister so admitted being called to the Bench:

‘ORDERED that for the future no Barrister, who shall hereafter be admitted a Member of this Society, having been called to the Bar at another Inn of Court, shall be called to the Bench before the expiration of Fifteen Years after the date of such Admission; except for some special Cause to be approved by the Benchers of the Society for the time being.’

PENSION: 10<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: MAUDE, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE, AINSLIE and SOCKETT.

‘ORDERED that the Petition of the Inhabitants of Fullwoods Rents praying that the Gate in Field Court may not constantly be shut, be, and is hereby rejected.’

PENSION 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: MAUDE, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, BELL, GASELEE, SOCKETT and SPRANGER.

‘ORDERED that the Gate in Field Court be shut at Six o’Clock in the Evening until further Order- And that the same be immediately locked up again by Order of any Bencher who shall think such a step necessary.’

‘ORDERED that Ten pounds be paid to Judith Shillito the Ladies’ Gallery Keeper, as a Donation from the Society.’

‘UPON reading a Letter from the Revd. Edward Chaplin Librarian to this Society requesting leave of absence from the first day of August to the twenty first day of October – ORDERED that leave of absence be granted.’

### **GRAY’S INN 1824**

PENSION 18<sup>th</sup> February PRESENT: MAUDE, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, GASELEE, SPRANGER and LITTLEDALE.

‘ORDERED that Lockhart Johnstone Esq be Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing.’

‘ORDERED that Sarah Plece be appointed Ladies Gallery Keeper at a Salary of Fifteen Pounds a year instead of Rooms with permission to ask for a Christmas Box.’

‘ORDERED that Ten Pounds be given to the Executor of Judith Shillito late Ladies Galler Keeper. A Donation from the Society.’

PENSION 5<sup>th</sup> MAY. PRESENT: JOHNSTONE, GRIMWOOD, BELL, WHISHAW, SOCKETT and SPRANGER.

‘UPON reading the Memorial of John Evans Gentleman of this Society for the English Bar dated the 5<sup>th</sup> instant praying that the taking of the Sacrament as a Qualification for the English Bar be dispensed with at his Call to the Bar He being a Protestant Dissenter ORDERED that further consideration of his Petition be postponed.’

PENSION 19<sup>th</sup> MAY. PRESENT: JOHNSTONE, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, KING, BELL, GASELEE, HEALD, WHISHAW, MAUDE, SOCKETT and SPRANGER.

‘UPON reading a Letter from John Williamson Esquire a Bencher of this Society having a Bench Chamber Requesting that his attendance according to the Order of Pension of 1732 be dispensed with. ORDERED that the Steward write to inform him that in consequence of his appearing to be under a Mistake as to the practice of this Society His attendance during this Term is dispensed with – But unless Mr Williamson attends the next Term the Order of Pension of 1732 will be enforced against him.’

‘UPON reading a Letter from Mr Hilton of the Gray’s Inn Coffee House applying to have the Lease of the Coffee House, granted jointly to him and Mr Page cancelled and a new one made to him alone. ORDERED that his application be refused no sufficient ground having been stated for granting his request.’

PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE. PRESENT: JOHNSTONE, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, ESPINASSE, AINSLIE, BELL, GASELEE, HEALD, and SOCKETT.

‘UPON reading a Letter from the Rev. Edward Chaplin Librarian to this Society requesting leave of absence. ORDERED that leave of absence be granted to him from the 10<sup>th</sup> of August to the 20<sup>th</sup> of October next.’

‘ORDERED that all collateral Spouts communicating with the Water Spouts in the Inn be immediately removed.’

‘UPON reading a Report from the Surveyor recommending an increase of Water Closets and a new Engine House and Watch Box to be erected at the North End of Verulam Buildings. ORDERED that the same be done under the Inspection of Mr Wigg.’

PENSION 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER. PRESENT: JOHNSTONE, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, KING, BELL HEALD, WHISHAW and SPRANGER.

‘ORDERED that The Reverend Edward Chaplin be, and is hereby Elected Chapel Reader and Afternoon Preacher to this Society in the room of the late Reverend Edmund Garden deceased, at a Salary of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds per annum with the usual Commons.’

## **GRAY’S INN 1825**

PENSION 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: JOHNSTONE, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, KING, SHELDON, BELL and SPRANGER.

‘ORDERED that Thomas Goddard be and is hereby Elected Librarian to this Society at a Salary of Thirty Pounds per Annum in the room of the Reverend Edward Chaplain now Chapter Reader.’

PENSION 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: JOHNSTONE, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, KING, SHELDON, BELL, WHISHAW, SOCKETT and SPRANGER.

‘ORDERED that Henry Sockett Esquire be Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing.’

PENSION 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL PRESENT: SOCKETT, SELBY, AINSLIE, BELL, WHISHAW and MAUDE.

‘UPON reading a Letter from Isaac Espinasse Esquire a Bencher of this Society requesting that the Order of Pension of 10<sup>th</sup> June 1740 applying to his holding of a Bench Chamber be dispensed with owing to his present Ill state of health. It is ORDERED that in consideration of Mr Espinasse’s long and continued attendance --- as a Bencher, and his present Infirmities, his future attendance be dispensed with until further ordered.’

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: SOCKETT, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, KING, BELL, WHISHAW, MAUDE and SPRANGER.

‘ORDERED that Mr Jones of Mark Lane be Appointed the Wine Merchant to this Society and that he supply all the Wine until further ordered.’

PENSION 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: SOCKETT, SELBY, AINSLIE, KING, BELL, HEALD and SPRANGER.

‘ORDERED that the plan of building in Gray’s Inn Gardens be carried into effect. And that a building committee be appointed ... and that it be an open Committee and that the name of the Building be submitted to the decision of the Committee.’

‘ORDERED that the West Window in the Hall be Glazed with Stained Glass, the Arms of the Society to be placed in the centre division, a further part with the Treasurers Arms which are at present in the Hall, and the remainder with blank shields for the insertion of the Arms of every succeeding Treasurer.’

PENSION 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: SOCKETT, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, SHELDON, BELL, WHISHAW and SPRANGER.

‘ORDERED that the several Gentlemen here under named be and they are hereby Called to the Bench they first paying each One Hundred and Fifty Pounds as a Fine and all arrears of Duties due to the Society. That they take their places according to their priority of acceptance to their Call and do attend at the Pension to be holden on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> instant in order to accept their Call Viz  
Huddleston Henry

Jenner Herbert

Wailes George

Carr Thomas William ‘

‘ORDERED that after Saturday next Dinner be served up in the Hall at 5 o’Clock instead of the now usual hour of half past four o’Clock, and that this Order be screened in the Hall.’

‘ORDERED that the following regulations with regard to the distribution of Wine in the Hall be observed for the future; That a bottle of Port Wine and a bottle Of Sherry be presented by the Bench to the Bar Mess every day during Term as heretofore.

ORDERED that there be in future an additional Bar Mess under the above Regulation.

ORDERED that a bottle of Port Wine be presented daily by the Bench to every other Mess in the Hall every day during each Term.’

PENSION 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: SOCKETT, AINSLIE, BELL, WHISHAW and SPRANGER.

‘ORDERED that receiving the Sacrament by Students as a Qualification for the English bar, be in future dispensed with.’

‘THOMAS GODDARD Chapel Clerk and Librarian being dead ORDERED that a Vacancy be, and is hereby declared ORDERED that the Election of a Chapel Clerk at a Salary of Twenty Five Pounds a Year. And a Librarian at a Salary of Seventy Pounds a year be fixed for the second Pension day in next Hilary Term.’

## **GRAY’S INN 1826**

PENSION 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: SOCKETT, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, KING, SHELDON, BELL, WHISHAW and SPRANGER.

‘ORDERED that the Repairs of the Roof of the Hall and the Alterations in the Chapel Windows be carried into execution according to the Plans produced by Mr Wigg and that a Contract be (if

possible) made forthwith for the same and that the Treasurer Mr Ainslie Mr Whishaw and Mr Spranger be a Committee to superintend the same. ‘

PENSION 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: SOCKETT, KING, SHELDON, WHISHAW and SPRANGER.

‘ORDERED that William Wheeler be and he is hereby appointed Chapel Clerk to this Society in the room of Thomas Goddard deceased.’

‘ORDERED that Sandaver be and he is hereby appointed Librarian to this Society in the room of Thomas Goddard deceased.’

PENSION 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: SOCKETT, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, KING, SHELDON, BELL, WHISHAW and SPRANGER.

‘ORDERED that Jefferies Spranger be Treasurer to this Society for the year ensuing.’

‘ORDERED that the Adjourned Pension and Audit day be held on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February instant at half past Five o’Clock and that the Stewards Accounts in the Treasurership of Lockhart Johnstone Esquire be then audited.’

‘ORDERED that no Repairs or other Work above the value of Five Pounds be in future performed without an Estimate approved by the Surveyor being submitted to the Bench during Term to two Benchers if out of Term.’

PENSION 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: SPRANGER, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, KING, SHELDON, WHISHAW and CARR.

‘ORDERED that the Petition of the Inhabitants of Gray’s Inn Lane opposite the south Gate in Verulam Buildings requesting that the said Gate be opened, be, and it is hereby rejected.’

PENSION 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: SPRANGER, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, BELL and CARR.

‘The Masters of the Bench having taken into consideration the unnecessary increase of expense which has lately been incurred upon Calls to the Bar in consequence of a practice which has recently obtained of Gentlemen Called giving Wine on the day of the Call to all who dine in the Hall without reference to any previous acquaintance or personal Invitation are of the opinion that such increase of expence may be inconvenient to Individuals and injurious to the Interest of the Society They therefore strongly recommend that on all future Calls no Wine be given except to such personal Friends of the Gentleman Called as may receive a particular Invitation. And it having been represented to the Bench that in some instances the Hall has been kept open until a very late and inconvenient hour IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that upon all future occasions when any Call to the Bar takes place the Doors of the Hall be closed at the Hour of Eleven o’Clock at night precisely. AND it is also Ordered that Notice hereof be given to the Society by screening one Copy of this Order in the Library and another in the Hall.

PENSION 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY PRESENT: SPRANGER, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, Sheldon, BELL, smith, WHISHAW, locket and CARR.

‘ORDERED that the South Gateway in Verulam Buildings be Bricked up under the direction of the Surveyor.’

PENSION 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: SPRANGER, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, SHELDON, BELL and CARR.

‘ORDERED that Five Pounds be given to Mary Bambrick the late Laundress as a Charitable Donation from the Society.’

PENSION 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: SPRANGER, AINSLIE, BELL, SMITH, WHISHAW, SOCKETT and CARR.

‘ORDERED that Ten Pounds be given to Mary Quin Widow of Thomas Quin late Steward as a Charitable Donation from the Society.’

**GRAY’S INN 1827**



PENSION 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: SPRANGER, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, WHISHAW, BELL, JENNER and CARR.

‘ORDERED that Dr Jenner be Treasurer to this Society for the year ensuing.’

‘ORDERED that the Adjourned Pension and Audit Day be held on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> February Instant at 5 o’Clock and that the Stewards Accounts in the Treasurership of Henry Sockett Esquire be then audited.’

PENSION 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY PRESENT: JENNER, GRIMWOOD, SHELDON, WHISHAW, SOCKETT, SPRANGER and CARR.

‘ORDERED that the Thanks of the Bench be returned to Henry Collingwood Selby Esquire for a Portrait of Sir Nicholas Bacon presented by him to the Society.’

‘ORDERED that the Thanks of the Bench be returned to John King Esquire for a Portrait of the Lord Chancellor Bacon presented by him to the Society.’

‘ORDERED that the Thanks of the Bench be returned to Basil Montagu Esquire for a Portrait of Lord Chancellor Bacon presented by him to the Society.’

PENSION 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, SHELDON, BELL, WHISHAW, SPRANGER and CARR.

‘William Sheldon Esquire one of the Masters of the Bench having obtained permission to build a new Wine Cellar under the Gateway adjoining the Kitchen ORDERED that he have a Term in the said Cellar for the period of his natural life & Six Months after his decease upon payment of 2/- per annum to the Society.’

#### **GRAY’S INN 1828**

PENSION 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: AINSLIE, SHELDON, BELL, SPRANGER and CARR.

‘ORDERED that George Wailes Esquire be Treasurer to this Society for the year ensuing.’

‘ORDERED that the Adjourned Pension and Audit Day be held on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> Instant at 5 o’Clock and that the Steward’s accounts in the Treasurership of Jefferies Spranger Esquire be then audited.’

PENSION 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY PRESENT: WAILES, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, SHELDON, SMITH and SOCKETT.

‘ORDERED that from and after the last day of this Term no person to be Admitted a Member of this Society shall directly or indirectly apply for or take out any Certificate in pursuance of the Statute (44<sup>th</sup> Geo. 3rd C98. S.14.) without the Special permission of the Society by Order made in Pension under pain of Expulsion. And that such permission be in no case granted until the person applying for the same shall have Kept such Commons in the Hall of the Society as are required to be Kept to qualify him to be Called to the Bar – And that such permission do enure for one year only from the date thereof but may be renewed annually upon Petition according to the Will and Pleasure of the Society And that any person to be admitted shall sign the above Order signifying his Assent thereto – And that this Order be screened in the Hall of the Society.’

‘ORDERED that the Thanks of the Bench be returned to Montague Farrer Ainslie Esquire for a Print of Sir Alan Chambre presented by him to the Society.’

PENSION 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY PRESENT: SELBY, BELL, SPRANGER, JENNER and CARR.

‘James Chambers a Badge Porter having been dismissed for Drunkenness – ORDERED that a vacancy be and it is hereby declared, and that the Election of a Person in his stead do take place on the second Pension Day in next Michaelmas Term.’

‘ORDERED that the Chapel be heated by Messrs. Howden & Son according to a Plan and Estimate given in by them under the Direction of Mr Wigg the Surveyor.’

PENSION 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, SHELDON, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, and CARR.

‘ORDERED that the Chief Porter pay strict attention to the Sobriety and good conduct of the different Porters and that unless he shall in all cases report the Benchers at the next ensuing Pension the Drunkenness or Misconduct of any Porter he shall be himself discharged for such neglect.’

PENSION 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: WAILES, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, SHELDON, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, JENNER and CARR.

‘ORDERED that Gray’s Inn Square Gate leading into Gray’s Inn Lane be finally closed for the night at 12 o’Clock and no thoroughfare allowed.’

‘The Bench resume the Consideration of the circumstances attending the Admission of Mr Robert Long as a member of this Society, preparatory to his offering himself a Candidate for being called to the Bar; ...the Bench cannot but be of the opinion that Mr Long’s Answers, contained in the Letters before referred to, are evasive and unsatisfactory and as, in the case of any Member of the Society professing the intention of being a Candidate for the Bar, ... the Bench think it further necessary to declare that the circumstances now stated, will be considered by this Society as forming a very serious objection to Mr Long’s Call to the Bar, in case of his applying hereafter for that purpose; and they therefore direct that a copy of this Minute be transmitted to Mr Long for his information.’

### GRAY’S INN 1829

PENSION 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: WAILES, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, SHELDON, BELL, WHISHAW, SPRANGER and CARR.

‘ORDERED that Mr Ainslie, Mr Bell and Mr Spranger, with the Treasurer for the time being, do form a Committee to examine and report fully both as to the Library and the Funds requisite.’

‘ORDERED that Thomas William Carr Esquire be and is hereby Elected Treasurer to this Society the year ensuing.’

‘ORDERED that a Stove be fixed in the North Porch of Gray’s Inn Hall under the direction of Mr Wigg the Surveyor.’

‘ORDERED that the Adjourned Pension and Audit Day be held on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant at 5 o’Clock and that the Steward’s Accounts in Treasurership of Sir Herbert Jenner be then audited.’

PENSION 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: CARR, GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, SHELDON, BELL, WHISHAW and SPRANGER.

‘ORDERED that a Sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds be now appropriated to the Purchase of Books for the Library.’

PENSION 6<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, KING, SHELDON and SPRANGER.

‘ORDERED that the Consideration of Electing another Treasurer in consequence of the Death of the late Treasurer Thomas William Carr Esquire be referred to the next Pension.’

PENSION 13<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, KING, SHELDON, BELL, WHISHAW, MAUDE and SOCKETT.

‘ORDERED that a Tank and Pump for the new River Water be placed in Raymond Buildings.’

‘ORDERED that new Iron Railings be placed on the West side of Raymond Buildings.’

‘ORDERED that no Wine be received into the Cellars of the Society without an Order of Pension.’

‘ORDERED that Edward Lloyd, Francis Whitmarsh, John Perry, Thomas Parker, William Anglin Scarlett and John Paulfrey Burrell Esquires be proposed as Benchers at the next Pension.’

PENSION 20<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, SHELDON, BELL, WHISHAW, MAUDE and SOCKETT.

‘ORDERED THAT THE SEVERAL Gentlemen hereunder named be and they are hereby called to the Bench, they first paying each the sum of One Hundred Pounds as a Fine, and all arrears of duties due to the Society, that they take their place according to their priority of acceptance to their Call, and do attend at the Pension to be holden on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> Instant in order to accept their Call. Viz Edward Lloyd 19<sup>th</sup> November 1802

Francis Whitmarsh 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1803

John Perry 13<sup>th</sup> June 1804  
Thomas Parker 21<sup>st</sup> November 1804  
William Anglin Scarlett 21<sup>st</sup> November 1804  
John Palfrey Burrell 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1805.

‘ORDERED that no Gentleman be permitted to enter the Hall for the purpose of Dining later than half past five o’Clock and that the Head Porter who is stationed in the Lobby of the Hall do see that this Order is attended to.’

PENSION 27<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, SHELDON, BELL, SMITH, SOCKETT and SPRANGER.

‘ORDERED that South Square be inscribed on No 1 and over the Gateway on the South side of that part of Gray’s Inn formerly called Holborn Court.’

‘ORDERED that Thomas Coleman be and is hereby appointed Day Patrol to this Society, and that he do prevent all Nuisances by turning out all Vagrants, Beggars etc and obey all Orders of the Steward.’

‘ORDERED that if any Porter, Watchman or Patrol shall misconduct himself in his Office the Steward be directed to report the same to the Treasurer and one Bencher if the former be in Town and if he be not to any two Benchers, who are hereby empowered to discharge the Offender from his Office; if upon enquiry they think fit so to do.’

PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, SHELDON, SMITH, SOCKETT, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘Edward Lloyd Esquire having been written to informing him that he was Called to the Bench of this Society upon the usual terms – the Steward laid before the Bench a Letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 1829 from Mr Lloyd in which he declines the honor of accepting his said Call.’

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, SELBY, SHELDON, BELL, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, SCARLETT and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that the proposal of the Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police, bearing date the 25<sup>th</sup> September 1829 to assess the Annual Value of Gray’s Inn at £13,528 0.0 be accepted and that the Steward be directed to pay the Sum of £225 9.4 being at the rate of Four Pence in the Pound on the above Sum of £ £13,528 accordingly and that it be referred to the House Committee to consider and report what general measures shall be taken under all the circumstances.’

PENSION 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, AINSLIE, SHELDON, WHISHAW, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that the recommendation of the House Committee be adopted (viz) that the two Watchboxes situate in Gray’s Inn Square and South Square be removed and the Watch in future dispensed with – Also the services of Thomas Coleman the Day Patrol be in future dispensed with and that he be paid to the end of the present month – Also that the services of the three Porters viz William Hawkins, Robert Tatton and Thomas Parish be henceforth dispensed with.’

PENSION 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, SHELDON, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘UPON reading the Memorial of Daniel Reardon Gentleman a Member of this Society praying to be allowed the present Term he having Dined in Hall only two days – IT IS ORDERED that his application be rejected.’

**GRAY’S INN 1830**

PENSION 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: GRIMWOOD, SHELDON, BELL, WHISHAW, MAUDE, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that Francis Whitmarsh Esquire be and is hereby Elected Treasurer to this Society for the year ensuing.’

‘ORDERED that the Adjourned Pension and Audit Day to be held on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> February instant at 5 o’Clock and that the Steward’s Accounts in the Treasurership of Thomas Carr Esquire be then audited.’

PENSION 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: WHITMARSH, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, SHELDON, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that the proposal recommended by the House Committee to Pension for converting the Houses Nos. 9 & 10 in Gray’s Inn Place into Chambers be adopted And that Mr Wigg the Surveyor do attend at the next Pension with Plans and Estimates.’

PENSION 5<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: WHITMARSH SELBY, GRIMWOOD, SHELDON, BELL, LOCKETT, SPRANGER, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that the Dinner Desert and Tea Service ordered by the House Committee be approved and adopted.’

PENSION 12<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: WHITMARSH, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, SHELDON, BELL, MAUDE, LOCKETT, SPRANGER, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that it be referred to the House Committee to report to the next Pension what attendance or duties are required from Benchers holding Bench Chambers under and by virtue of the Order of the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1740.’

PENSION 19<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: WHITMARSH, SELBY, GRIMWOOD, SHELDON, BELL, SMITH, HEALD, MAUDE, LOCKETT, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that John Perry Esquire be and is hereby Elected Dean of the Chapel in the room of Montague Farrer Ainslie Esquire deceased.’

PENSION 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: WHITMARSH, SELBY, BELL, LOCKETT, SPRANGER, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that measures be taken for the transfer of the Stock belonging to the Society from Henry Collingwood Selby Esquire into the names of the Treasurer, Henry Collingwood Selby, John Perry, and John Palfrey Burrell.’

‘ORDERED that an Assistant Clerk be appointed in the Stewards Office at a salary of £40 per annum – to wait at the Bench Table in a Gown.’

‘ORDERED that two new Waiters be appointed in the Hall.’

‘ORDERED that every Member Admitted for the Irish Bar on taking out his Certificate do pay Three Guineas towards the Library Fund.’

‘ORDERED that no Officer belonging to the Inn except the Steward shall interfere directly or indirectly in the letting or disposing of Chambers.’

‘ORDERED that no Petition be granted for the Renewal of Chambers unless the name of the occupier of the Chambers be indorsed thereon and signed by the Steward – And that when Chambers are vacant at the time of the Petitioning they shall be considered as upon the same footing as if the Chambers were occupied by a person not a Member of the Inn.’

‘The House Committee having made a Report whereby after reciting in part two several Orders of Pension dated respectively July 1<sup>st</sup> 1732 & June 10<sup>th</sup> 1740 and their opinion thereon they stated that considering the importance to the Society that the Benchers should attend to the business of the Inn and that the original intention of giving the benefit of Bench Chambers to the senior Benchers was probably in order to insure their services as often as their health and convenience would permit, they deemed it proper to recommend that in future BENCHERS to whom Chambers are offered should be required to attend to the duties and business of the Inn oftener than they seemed to be by the present rules – It is therefore upon the recommendation of the said Committee ORDERED that from the date of the Order every Bencher who shall accept a Bench Chamber shall in order to entitle him to hold and retain the same attend at least two Terms in the year – And that such attendance in each Term shall be by being present and assisting at two Pensions at least, And that the whole number of days on which he shall dine in the Hall shall not in each year be less than twelve – And that in all future vacancies of Bench Chambers ( not including those now actually vacant) no Bencher shall be

considered to be entitled to or shall be admitted to a Bench Chamber who shall not have dined in the Hall and attended at a Pension within Eight Terms next before the happening of such vacancy and who shall not have attended at Eight Pensions (since he was called to the Bench exclusively of the year in which he served the Office of Treasurer to the Society) And who shall not have served or be actually be serving the Office of Treasurer. Provided that if any Bencher possessed of such a Chamber shall omit to attend as aforesaid and to observe the Rules and Conditions above mentioned such his Chamber shall be deemed actually void as if such Bencher was dead and shall vest in the next Bencher in turn entitled to such a Chamber unless such omission be excused upon proofs to be made of sickness or otherwise as shall be allowed of by Order of Pension.'

PENSION 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: WHITMARSH, GRIMWOOD, SHELDON, BELL, SMITH, HEALD, WHISHAW, JENNER, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

'ORDERED that The Sum of Three Pounds be given to John King the late Gardener as a charitable Donation from the Society.'

PENSION 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: WHITMARSH, GRIMWOOD, BELL, HEALD, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, JENNER, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

The Petition of Samuel Wells, a Member of the Society was read. The Petitioner averred that he had been admitted as a Member of the Society in Michaelmas Term 1800 with the intention of proceeding to the Bar.

Family circumstances, however, compelled him to retire into the country where he practised as an attorney and did not attend the Hall again until 1825. In that year he had been elected the Registrar of the Honourable Corporation of the Bedford Level which office was generally held by a Barrister. The Petitioner had now kept his proper number of Terms and performed his Exercises and wished to be called to the Bar.

He had discovered by chance, however, that upon admission in 1800 he had failed to make the Deposit required in pursuance of an Order of 1798, of which he claimed to have been utterly ignorant. Having now made the required Deposit and it being of the utmost importance he should be called to the Bar in order to take up his appointment, The Petitioner now humbly prays to be called to the Bar in the present Michaelmas Term.

The decision of the Benchers was that Samuel Wells should be informed the Benchers do not entertain his application and 'It is ORDERED that the Rule having been made with the concurrence of the other Inns of Court cannot be dispensed with unless under very special circumstances which the Bench are of the opinion do not exist in this case.'

PENSION 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: WHITMARSH, GRIMWOOD, BELL, HEALD, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

'UPON reading the Petition of John Bullar Gentleman a Member of this Society praying leave to take out a Certificate and practise as a Conveyancer He having Kept only Eight Terms - The Bench are of the opinion that his Petition cannot be complied with.'

#### **GRAY'S INN 1831**

PENSION 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: WHITMARSH, GRIMWOOD, BELL, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, JENNER, PERRY, and BURRELL.

'ORDERED that no person be permitted to take any Books out of the Library without the permission of a Bencher and that no Book be delivered out of the Library by the Librarian but upon the Order in writing of a Bencher for each particular Book and that no Book be kept by any person so obtaining it longer than a week, and if a Book be Kept longer than that period that the Librarian do apply for it and in case it is not returned he do give immediate notice of it to the Bencher who shall be responsible for it.'

PENSION 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: WHITMARSH, BELL, HEALD, MAUDE JOHNSTONE, JENNER and PERRY.

‘ORDERED that John Perry Esquire be and is hereby Elected Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing.’

‘Referred to the House Committee to enquire into the manner in which the Accounts of the Society are now Kept and managed and Audited and whether any and what alteration is necessary in the keeping and managing and auditing of such accounts.’

PENSION 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: PERRY, GRIMWOOD, BELL, JOHNSTONE, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that George Henekey of the Queen’s Head Tavern Holborn be at liberty to enjoy during the pleasure of the Bench the use of such part of the external Wall of No.14 South Square as is mentioned in the Memorandum signed by him and dated the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1831 upon the Terms in the Memorandum mentioned.’

PENSION 7<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: PERRY, JOHNSTONE, SOCKETT, WHITMARSH and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that the Members of this Society do from and after the end of this present Term for each Repast preceeding the first regular half Week at the Commencement of each Term and for each Repast after the Termination of the last regular half Week of each Term pay the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence only: the Charge for Repasts in the regular half Weeks continuing as before.’

‘ORDERED that whenever any Member is admitted of this Society for the Irish Bar the Terms Kept by him shall not be available for the purpose of his being called to the English Bar without the Special order of the Bench to be made on his Petition and that whenever any Member so admitted for the Irish Bar shall have Kept the number of Terms requisite for that purpose he shall cease to be considered any longer a Member of the Society unless upon his Petition the Bench shall think proper to let him be reinstated as a Member.’

‘ORDERED that if any Member of the Inn enter the Hall with his Hat on or Kept it on whilst he remains there it shall be considered as a breach of the good Order and Decorum which ought upon all occasions to be observed in this Society.’

PENSION 25<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: PERRY, HEALD, SOCKETT, SPRANGER, WAILES, WHITMARSH, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘UPON reading the further Petition of Samuel Wells Gentleman praying to be Called to the Bar in the Present Trinity Term It is ORDERED that his Application be rejected.’

PENSION 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE PRESENT: PERRY, SMITH, HEALD, WHISHAW, SOCKETT, SPRANGER, JENNER, WAILES, WHITMARSH, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that Samuel Owen Gentleman a Member of this Society being of Full Standing having Kept Commons for Twelve Terms in the Hall of the Society be allowed to take out a Certificate to enable him to Practice as a Conveyancer for one year from the above date under the Order of Pension made the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1828.’

‘ORDERED that the proposed addition to the Library and alteration of the Stair Case be adopted: and that the Treasurer and House Committee be authorized to carry the same into effect.’

‘ORDERED that An Organ be immediately purchased at the expense of the Society and placed in the centre of the Gallery of the Chapel and that the Dean of the Chapel Mr Sockett Mr Whitmarsh and Mr Burrell be appointed as a Committee for the purpose of choosing an Organ and superintending its erection in the Chapel.’

PENSION 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: PERRY, SMITH, WHISHAW, MAUDE, SOCKETT, SPRANGER, JENNER, WAILES, WHITMARSH PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that the Entrance into Gray’s Inn Gardens be for the future at the North end of Raymond Buildings and that no person be admitted without producing a Ticket signed by a Bencher and to be registered in the Steward’s Office – The Hours of Admittance and the Regulation of the Garden to be under the Direction of the House Committee.’

‘ORDERED that for the purpose of carrying into effect the Order relating to the Erection of an Organ in the Chapel made at the Pension of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June Instant the Treasurer Mr Maude Mr

Whitmarsh and Mr Burrell be empowered to ( ) for and purchase the said Organ of such Builder and on such terms as they may approve of.’

‘ORDERED that the Adjourned Pension and Audit Day be held on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> Instant at 5 o’Clock and that the Steward’s Accounts in the Treasurership of Francis Whitmarsh Esquire be then Audited.

PENSION 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: PERRY, BELL, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PARKER and BURRELL.

ORDERED that Thomas Hudson, James Francillon and John Bullar, having Kept Commons for twelve Terms, be allowed to take out Certificates to enable them to practise as Conveyancers for one year.

ORDERED that John Stephens and Rowland Gibson, having Kept Commons for twelve Terms, be allowed to take out Certificates to enable them to practise as Special Pleaders for one year.

PENSION 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: PERRY, GRIMWOOD, BELL, SMITH, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that Samuel Wells Gentleman a Member of this Society being of Full Standing having Kept all his Commons performed all his Exercises and paid all his Dues be Called to the Bar and is hereby published Barrister accordingly.’

PENSION 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: PERRY, SMITH, WHISHAW, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that it be referred to the Treasurer and Mr Burrell to take into Consideration and report the State of the Library and to suggest any means that may conduce its Improvement.’

‘ORDERED that the Election of an Organist take place at the Second Pension in Hilary Term next. And that the Duties and Salary of the Organist so to be appointed are to be conformable to the Terms stated and entered in the Book of Officers duties etc. which statement was read and approved at this Pension. And it is further Ordered that in the meantime & until the said Election shall take place the Treasurer (as Dean of the Chapel) be requested to procure a Person to perform the duty of Organist.’

### **GRAY’S INN 1832**

PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: PERRY, GRIMWOOD, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that Thomas Parker Esquire be and is hereby Elected Treasurer to this Society for the year ensuing.’

‘ORDERED that Mr Henry Gattie be and is hereby Elected Organist to this Society at the Salary of Thirty Pounds per annum.’

PENSION 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: PARKER, BELL, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that Gray’s Inn Square Gate leading into Gray’s Inn Lane be finally closed at Dusk when the other Gates are closed instead of at 12 o’Clock as before.’

‘ORDERED that Richard Hutchkinson a Badge Porter to this Society be dismissed for misconduct.’

PENSION 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: PARKER, BELL, HEALD, SOCKETT, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY and BURRELL.

‘UPON reading the Petition of John Dyneley Jonathan Moore and John R Lewis Gentleman occupiers of Chambers in No.2 in Field Court complaining of a nuisance from the decayed state of a Wall in Gray’s Inn Place IT IS ORDERED that the same be referred to the House Committee.’

PENSION 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: PARKER, SMITH, HEALD, WHISHAW, JOHNSTONE, SOCKETT, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY and BURRELL.

‘THE PETITION OF Hamilton Dowdall which was adjourned from last Pension having been taken into further consideration IT IS ORDERED that upon his proving that he has been regularly Called to the Irish Bar and on making his deposit of One Hundred Pounds he be allowed the Eight Terms he formerly kept in Gray’s Inn for the Irish Bar and to date the Five Years he must be on the Books of

the Society from the time of his first Admission And after making his Deposit and Keeping Four more Terms and completing his Five Years upon application to the Bench the Circumstances of his Case will be taken into Consideration.’

**PENSION 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE PRESENT: PARKER, SOCKETT, WHITMARSH, PERRY and BURRELL.**

‘ORDERED that the thanks of the Bench be given to Mr Perry for the time and labor devoted by him in examining into the state of the Library & for the excellent Report made by him respecting the same.

‘THAT the sum of Two Hundred Pounds out of the general Funds of the Society be placed at the disposal of Mr Perry to be applied in the whole or in part as may be found necessary as an auxiliary Fund in aid of the Library Committee for the purchase of such Books as Mr Perry may deem proper for supplying deficiencies in the Library.’

‘ORDERED that a Donation of Ten Pounds be given to Mary Ann Wait daughter of Thomas Wait late Scavenger to this Society deceased.’

‘THE House Committee having reported that they had taken into consideration several Plans submitted to them for the building of a Gardeners Lodge and had approved of a Plan produced by the Surveyor and signed by the Treasurer IT IS ORDERED that the said Report be confirmed and that the Lodge be erected according to such Plan and Estimate of the Surveyor’.

‘THE House Committee having reported that it would be proper to have a Drain and Sewer to drain and carry off the Water from Field Court and South Square with connecting drains according to an Estimate made by the Surveyor in which he states the Bricklayers Work will cost about £340 exclusive of Shoring etc. IT IS ORDERED that the Report be confirmed and that such Drains and Sewers be made forthwith.’

**PENSION 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: PARKER, BELL, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY and BURRELL.**

‘THE Minutes of a House Committee holden on the 5<sup>th</sup> July last having been read whereby it was ordered that Mr Perry and Mr Griffith should be appointed Overseers of the Poor of Gray’s Inn under and for the purposes of the Act of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of his present Majesty Chapter 45 IT IS ORDERED that such Appointment be confirmed and continued until the second Pension in Easter Term next.’

### **GRAY’S INN 1833**

**PENSION 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: PARKER, BELL, HEALD, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY and BURRELL.**

‘UPON reading a letter from Charles Waud the Cook tendering his resignation ORDERED that such resignation be received and that the Situation be declared vacant.’

‘A PETITION from Joseph Hutchinson (who was discharged from being a Badge Porter by a House Committee on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832) praying to be reinstated was read and rejected.’

‘STEPHEN MATTHEWS a Badge Porter not having attended to perform his duties in the Inn was called in and discharged.’

**PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: PARKER, BELL, MAUDE, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY and BURRELL.**

‘ORDERED that John Palfrey Burrell Esquire be & is hereby Elected Treasurer to this Society for the year ensuing.’

**PENSION 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: PARKER, BELL, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY and BURRELL.**

‘ORDERED that Thanks of the Bench be returned to the Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple for a Copy of the Catalogue of the Books in the Inner Temple Library.’

**PENSION 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH PRESENT: PARKER, WHISHAW, WHITMARSH, PERRY and BURRELL.**



‘ORDERED that any Member of the Society applying to be called to the English Bar who shall not have had Chambers in his Name in the Inn for the space of two years at least immediately preceding the time of his Call shall pay the usual Composition sum of Twenty Pounds in lieu of Chambers.’

‘ORDERED that a list of Barristers dining in the Hall on each day in Term (such as is regularly prepared by the Puisne Butler for the Inspection of the Benchers) shall be filed for the ensuing and every successive term and on the back of Every such list shall be stated the Number of Messes for which (if any) the Commons of the day have not been provided.

THAT the Bill of fare for the Benchers and also the bill of Commons down the Hall for the day and also for the following day are to be made out Every day by the Under Steward and Immediately after Dinner the same are to be laid before the Benchers in the Pension Room so that any alteration may be made if necessary and afterwards the bills of fare are to be filed so as to be referred to as required.’

PENSION 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: BURRELL, JOHNSTONE, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY and PARKER.

‘ORDERED that the proceedings of the House Committee held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1833 and afterwards by adjournment respecting the Cook be confirmed and that Edward Daw having agreed to a Memorandum of Terms proposed by the Society for their Contract with a Cook and having signed the said Memorandum on the 8<sup>th</sup> April be appointed Cook to the Society on those Terms.’

PENSION 7<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: BURRELL, BELL, HEALD, MAUDE, SOCKETT, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY and PARKER.

‘ORDERED that John Perry Esquire and Mr Griffith be appointed Overseers of the poor of Gray’s Inn for the year ensuing for the purpose of the Act of the second year of his present Majesty Chapter 45.’

PENSION 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY PRESENT: BURRELL, WHISHAW, SOCKETT, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY and PARKER.

‘THE Society being under great obligations to John Perry Esquire for the attention and trouble he has afforded to the arrangement of the Library It is ORDERED he be requested to continue such attention and trouble and that he be presented with the sum of Fifty Guineas as a Testimony of the sense of the Society of his past attentions.’

On the earlier resignation of Mr George Wigg as Surveyor ‘ORDERED that the person to be appointed Surveyor to the Inn do make the Duties of his Office the principal object of his attention. THAT he shall by actual Survey and Inspection from time to time make himself acquainted the general State of repair of every part of the Inn and exercise his discretion as to the necessity of doing any work therein subject to the restrictions hereinafter mentioned in regard to expense. THAT he shall attend at an Office to be provided for him for one hour on three stated Days in every week to be affixed on the Office Door for the purpose of receiving verbal or written Notices from the occupiers of Chambers of such necessary repairs as may be required and that he shall forthwith examine the places to which his attention has been respectively drawn and take such steps thereupon as he may judge proper. THAT he be permitted at his discretion to order all necessary repairs which shall not exceed Five pounds in amount specifying in his Book hereinafter mentioned as far as is practicable all the circumstances explanatory thereof. THAT in case repairs required to be executed may be expected to exceed the amount of Five pounds an explanation thereof and an Estimate as far as is practicable of the expense shall be delivered to the Steward who shall forthwith lay the same before the House Committee and take their directions thereon. THAT in all cases it will be the Duty of the Surveyor to superintend and be responsible for the due performance of the work done in the Inn. To examine and Tax all the Bills of the Tradesman and Workmen and the other Bills and accounts relating thereto and to keep a Book containing minutes of all orders given and every thing done by him relating to the duties of his Office which Book shall be always open to the Inspection of the Steward and be produced whenever called for by the Bench or the Steward. THAT the Surveyor be allowed a Salary of One Hundred pounds per annum exclusive of such Charges as he may become entitled to for any Specific Plans or the execution thereof which may be specially ordered by the Bench on any occasion but he will not be allowed to receive any profit whatever upon the Work done either by way of poundage or otherwise.’

‘IT being stated by the Steward that Mr Francis Wigg had read and agreed to the Terms of the Order of Pension of the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May last relating to the duties of a surveyor ORDERED that the said Francis Wigg be and is hereby appointed Surveyor to this Society upon the Terms of the Order of Pension.’

PENSION 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: BURRELL, WHISHAW, SOCKETT, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY and PARKER.

‘ORDERED that the sum of Five Pounds as a Donation from the Society be given to Elizabeth Baldwin late Kitchen Woman as the Steward may judge proper.’

PENSION 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: BURRELL, BELL, WHISHAW, WHITMARSH, PERRY and PARKER.

‘UPON reading the Petition of James Jackson now living in a Kitchen at No 6 Raymond Buildings praying for relief IT is ORDERED that the Steward be at Liberty to advance him five shillings per week till the first Pension day next Term or further Order.’

‘UPON reading the Petition of Mr Samuel Male Law Stationer of No 12 Gray’s Inn Square praying leave to have his Name and with such words as are required by the Act of Parliament passed to enable him to sell Stamps on a Board placed outside his Chambers IT IS ORDERED that leave be granted and that the letters be only such as are prescribed by the Act of Parliament and be put up under the Stewards directions..’

#### **GRAY’S INN 1834**

PENSION 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: BELL, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that Commons kept by Irish Students be entered in a Book to be Kept for that purpose alone to commence from their Admission in Hilary Term 1834.2

‘ORDERED that any Gentleman who Keeps his Term by Dining after the Rolls are made up be entered on the last Roll as a Supplementary.’

‘ORDERED that three days dining in the Hall Keep a Term for Chambers.’

‘ORDERED that Benchers holding Bench Chambers under the Order of Pension of 16<sup>th</sup> June 1830 pay only for Commons they Keep and be charged for Repasts when they dine on Repast days without reference to any other Chambers they may hold.’

PENSION 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL PRESENT: BELL, WHISHAW, MAUDE, JOHNSTONE, SOCKETT, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that John Perry Esquire & Mr Griffith be appointed Overseers of the Poor of Gray’s Inn for the ensuing year for the purposes of the Act of the Second Year of his present Majesty Chapter 45.’

PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: BELL, MAUDE, SOCKETT, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that for the greater convenience of keeping the Wine Account a portion of the Cellar be enclosed and appropriated to the reception of a sufficient quantity of Wine for one Term’s consumption and be called the Term Cellar.

THAT previously to the commencement of every Term a sufficient quantity of the several Wines to meet the Consumption of the Bench and Hall for one Term be transferred from the Stock to the Term Cellar and a descriptive account of such transfer be immediately entered in the general Cellar Book.

THAT the general Cellar Book be produced on the first Pension Day in each Term and whenever required for the purposes of examination and adjustment on the Quantity of Stock.

THAT a Term Cellar Book be kept and the daily consumption entered under proper heads and be produced examined and signed daily.’

PENSION 7<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: BELL, WHISHAW, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that it be referred to the House Committee to consider whether any and what Repairs Alterations or Improvements are necessary or expedient to be made in the Pension Room and that part of the Inn which is now occupied as Offices.’

‘ORDERED that it be referred to the House Committee to consider whether any and what Improvements or Alterations ought to be made in the mode of Keeping and Auditing the Accounts of the Society.’

PENSION 28<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: WHISHAW, JOHNSTONE, LOCKETT, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘ORDERED that the Surveyor’s Plan marked No 1 laid before this Pension for New Wine Cellars and for Store Wine in Bottles and another Cellar for Wine in Wood be adopted.’

PENSION 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE PRESENT: BELL, WHISHAW, JOHNSTONE, LOCKETT, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER and BURRELL.

‘REPORT of the House Committee dated 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1834 respecting the Accounts of the Society and the manner of Keeping them in future was Ordered to be received and to be taken into consideration at the next Pension.’

‘ORDERED that the several Gentlemen hereunder named be and they are hereby Called to the Bench they first paying each the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds as a Fine and all arrears of Duties due to the Society .....

James Hamerton, Charles Henry Barber, Robert Bayly, Thomas James and George Long.’

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: BELL, WHISHAW, LOCKETT, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, BAYLY, JAMES and LONG.

James Hamerton Esquire and Charles Henry Barber Esquire in letters to the Bench each ‘ declines the honor’ of his Call to the Bench.

‘ORDERED that the Report of the House Committee received at the last Pension respecting the Accounts of the Society be adopted and acted upon for the future.’

‘ORDERED that the offer and Estimate of Mr Parkins for warming the Chapel for £40 – contained in his Letter dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1834 be adopted and that he be directed to carry the same into Execution.

‘ORDERED that Joseph Smith Esquire – having by Letter stated his Inability to attend the Bench as required for his holding Bench Chambers on account of ill health and Infirmary, be excused from attendance until further Order.’

PENSION 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: BELL, WHISHAW, LOCKETT, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, JAMES and BAYLY.

‘ORDERED that the Report of the House Committee respecting the House No 8 Warwick Court be received and adopted and Thomas James Esq (a Bencher of the Society) be requested to investigate the Title to the Premises and do prepare a Conveyance by way of Feoffment from the Steward to the Benchers to hold in Trust as they hold other Property of the Society.’

‘ORDERED that the Steward do apply to the Representatives of our late Solicitor Mr Bramley and to his Surviving Partners and do obtain from them with all Convenient Speed the Possession of all Deeds Papers and Documents belonging to the Society which may have been deposited in their Office and do also arrange with them for the Settlement of All Accounts between them and the Society.’

PENSION 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: BELL, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, BAYLY, JAMES and LONG.

‘ORDERED that it be referred to the House Committee to consider and Report on the state of the Cellar and on the proper regulations for its’ future management.’

PENSION 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: BELL, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BAYLY and LONG.

‘ORDERED that it be referred to the House Committee to consider what steps should be taken for the purchase of such of the Chambers in Nos 8 and 9 in South Square as they should consider it for the benefit of the Society to purchase.’

## GRAY'S INN 1835

21st JANUARY 1835 PRESENT: BELL, WHISHAW, MAUDE, SPRANGER, JENNER, PERRY, BURRELL, BAYLEY, JAMES AND LONG

Memorial of William Gresham of Castle Street Holborn, an Attorney of HM Court of KB and CP. 'He had applied to Barnard's Inn to be admitted a Member there, submitted testimonials and after very considerable delay received a negative answer. He then attended several meetings with the Society of Barnard's Inn and was told it was full, but then the Principal caused his own son to be admitted. He was then told that the Society was merely a Club for festivity and social purpose and that no one would be admitted except by the consent and election of the Members. He understood that Gray's Inn, as Visitors or otherwise, could make orders as to the admission to the Society of Barnard's Inn, and cited precedents from the time of Queen Elizabeth.'

'John Gresham attended this Society in Pension on 5 December 1834, and the Benchers caused search to be made for Precedents but none were found which in their opinion sufficiently bore upon the case, so declined interfering.'

30th JANUARY 1835 PRESENT: BELL, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, BAYLY, JAMES AND LONG

Perceval Banks and John Brown Terrewest called to the Bar

'John Bayly elected Treasurer.'

20th FEBRUARY 1835 PRESENT: SPRANGER in loco Treasurer, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, BAYLY, JAMES AND LONG

'Report of House Committee respecting the Cook referred back to the Committee with power to discharge him and enter into a contract with a new cook.'

'Society to purchase the Ground floor chambers at No. 9 South Square at the sum of £1020.0.0, the price at which Mrs Carr's Trustees offered to sell.'

27th MARCH 1835 PRESENT BAYLEY, BELL, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL AND JAMES

'Salary of the Ladies Gallery Keeper in the Chapel to be at the rate of £10 pa.'

'£1020 to be paid by the Steward to Mrs Carr's Trustees'.

'House Committee to be empowered to enter into a contract with a new cook before next Easter Term and Edward Daw the present cook to be discharged.'

22nd APRIL PRESENT BAYLY, JOHNSON, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER BURRELL, JAMES AND LONG

Edward Warwick Fuller appointed Cook

29th APRIL PRESENT BAYLY, BELL, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL AND LONG

'No solicitor or attorney to be allowed to keep Commons for the Bar until his name is taken off the Roll.'

6th MAY PRESENT BAYLY, BELL, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL AND LONG

Communication from Lincoln's Inn: Special Council 1st May 1835. Thomas Erskine and James Lewis to meet the other Inns of Court relative to the proposed qualification for the Bar. 'Proposed to the other Inns that so much of the Bench Regulation of 22 June 1798 as exempts members of Oxford, Cambridge and Dublin and Members of the Faculty of Advocates in Scotland from the Deposit of £100 prior to keeping terms to be rescinded, and that all persons of 23 years and upwards who have been upon the books for three years may be admitted to the Bar after keeping 12 terms.'

27th MAY 1835 PRESENT BAYLY, BELL, WHISHAW, MAUDE, JOHSTONE, SOCKETT, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, JAMES AND LONG  
 ‘50 guineas to be presented to John Perry as a further testimony of the sense of the Society of his attention to the Library.’

Thomas Sydney Smith called to the Bar

Report of Committee appointed to meet the other Inns relating to the qualification for the Bar  
 Similar resolutions from other Inns to that from Lincoln’s.

Benchers of Gray’s Inn June 1835

	Called	accepted	
Selby Henry	22 Nov. 1797	24 Jan.17983	Died 4th Feb 1839
Collingwood			
Bell John	10 Feb 1813	10 Feb 1813	Died Feb 1836
Williamson John	22 May 1816	19 June 1816	
Smith Joseph	26 June 1816	10 July 1816	Jan. 1839
Whishaw John	18 Nov 1814	26 Jan 1820	Dec 1840
Maude Francis	10 Feb 1821	9 May 1821	
Johstone Lockhart	Ib	ib	
Sockett Henry	Ib	23 May 1821	
Spranger Jefferies	14 Nov 1821	21 Nov 1821	Died April 1840
Jenner Herbert	9 Nov 1825	26 Nov 1825	
Wailles George	Ib	ib	
Whitmarsh Francis	20 May 1829	29 May 1829	
Perry John	Ib	ib	
Parker Thomas	Ib	ib	
Burrell John Palfrey	Ib	ib	
Bayly Robert	4 June 1834	11 June 1834	
James Thomas	Ib	ib	
Long George	Ib	ib	
Edgell Harry	26 April 1837	3rd May 1837	
Bradley Rob Green	Ib	ib	
Teed John Godfrey	Ib	ib	
Greenwood Thomas	Ib	6th May 1837	

3rd JUNE 1835 PRESENT BAYLY, WHISHAW, MAUDE, JOHSTONE, SOCKETT, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, JAMES AND LONG

‘The plan of alterations in the entrance and Pension room to be carried out without delay and a building committee to be appointed’.

‘Demand of Commissioners for Paving of £5.11.8 for watering the King’s Road in 1834 not to be complied with.’

16th JUNE 1835 PRESENT BAYLY, SOCKETT, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, JAMES AND LONG

James McAuley, John Morland, William Beetham, Edmund Walker and Simon Ansley Ferrall called to the Bar

John Perry and Mr Griffith appointed overseers of the Poor

1st JULY PRESENT BAYLEY, SOCKETT, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY AND JAMES

‘Chapel to be embellished during the vacation by coloring and whitewashing the ceiling and walls and varnishing the wood work.’

‘The new entrance for foot passengers to be made into the Inn in the West Garden Wall in a line with the Gable end of Bedford Row according to a plan produced by the Surveyor and when completed and possession of the houses Nos 1 and 2 GI Place obtained, the present entrance at Jockeys Steps to be closed and the steps remove and a wall built across the entrance and the said houses to be repaired.

But in case Mr Kibblewhite should not surrender possession of these houses, or if any difficulty should arise, Mr Newton was directed to take the necessary steps to obtain possession without delay  
The report of the Building Committee was read and it was ordered that the proposed alterations in the Entrance and Pension room should be postponed, and the building committee to be continued with power to make such arrangements and take such steps as they think proper for obtaining possession of the premises required at no. 8 and 9 South Square’.

‘House Committee empowered to take legal proceedings against Mr Galbeath, Mr Kibblewhite and Mr Duncan as to the premises occupied by them if they think it convenient.’

‘Charles Townshend dismissed the employment of the Society.’

4th NOVEMBER 1835

PRESENT BAYLEY, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, JAMES AND LONG

Letter from Mr Francis Wigg the Carpenter tendering his resignation; the situation declared vacant.

18th NOVEMBER 1835 PRESENT BAYLEY, BELL, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL AND LONG

Arthur Saunders, John Mee Matthew, Montague Edward Smith, Sidney Calder Horry, Thomas Dux, John Warner Nicholls, Richard Albany Nelson, and Robert Allen called to the Bar

10th DECEMBER PRESENT BAYLEY, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL AND JAMES

‘Plan and Estimate produced by Mr Wigg the Surveyor considered, for a line of draining from opposite No. 1 Gray’s Inn Place to the Sewer lately made in Field Court: ordered that the said drainage to be carried into execution’.

#### **GRAY’S INN 1836**

PENSION 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: JENNER, BELL, MAUDE, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY and JAMES.

‘ORDERED that Thomas James Esquire be and is hereby Elected Treasurer to this Society for the year ensuing.’

‘ORDERED that the Adjourned Pension and Audit Day be held on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March next at 4 o’Clock in the afternoon and that the Steward’s Accounts in the Treasurership of Robert Bayly Esquire be then audited.’

PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: WHISHAW, MAUDE, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL and JAMES.

‘UPON Consideration of a Memorial from the Incorporated Law Society requesting Lists of the Persons now and from time to time authorised to Practice under the Bar by the Benchers of Gray’s Inn IT IS ORDERED that such Lists be made out and delivered to Secretary of the said Law Society from time to time as required, and an answer to the said Memorial be sent forthwith to the said Secretary to inform him thereof and that a Copy of such answer be entered in the Minute Book.’

‘ORDERED that for the future the Charge for the Benchers Repasts be at the same Rate as for Repasts of Barristers and Students.’

PENSION 4<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: JAMES, WHISHAW, MAUDE, JOHNSTONE, SOCKETT, SPRANGER, JENNER, WAILES, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER and LONG.

‘ORDERED that John Perry Esquire and Mr Griffith be Appointed Overseers of the Poor of Gray’s Inn for the year ensuing for the purposes of the Act of the Second Year of his present Majesty Chapter 45.’

‘ORDERED that the sum of Fifty Guineas be presented to John Perry Esquire as a further Testimony of the Sense of the Society of his attendance to the Library.’

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: JAMES, WHISHAW, SOCKETT, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER and LONG.

‘The Right Honorable Sir Herbert Jenner having been requested by the Bench to permit his Coat of Arms to be put up in one of the Windows of the Hall and having agreed thereto ORDERED that the said Arms be put up, accordingly under the Direction of Sir Herbert Jenner.’

PENSION 1<sup>st</sup> JULY PRESENT: JAMES, WHISHAW, SOCKETT, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER and LONG.

‘ORDERED that a piece of Plate with a suitable Inscription of the value of Fifty Pounds be presented to Mr Thomas Griffith the Steward as a well Merited Compliment to him from the Society for his zealous and valuable Services in general and in particular in the important Causes of Selby v Bardons.’

PENSION 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER PRESENT: JAMES, WHISHAW, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL and LONG.

‘UPON reading the Petition of Andrew Carew O’Dwyer Esquire praying leave to withdraw his Deposit and Name IT IS ORDERED his Deposit be returned and his Name is hereby withdrawn accordingly all dues and duties being paid.’

### GRAY’S INN 1837

PENSION 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: JAMES, MAUDE, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL and LONG.

‘A COMMUNICATION having been made from a Meeting of Committees of the Four Inns of Court held at Lincoln’s Inn on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January Instant at which the following proposition was made. ORDERED that the Committee appointed by this Society on the first day of the present Term to hold a conference with Committees of the other Inns of Court on the subject of Admissions to the different Inns for the purpose of being Called to the Bar be requested to propose to the Committees of the other Inns of Court at their Meeting on Friday next ‘That for the future the Judges be requested to entertain the application of any Gentleman who shall be refused admission into any Inn of Court the Inns of Court being willing to be bound by the decisions of the Judges on such application’.’  
RESOLVED that a Committee of the Bench be empowered at the next meeting of the Committees of the Four Inns of Court to be held at Lincoln’s Inn on the 27<sup>th</sup> Instant to consent to the above-mentioned proposition.’

PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: JAMES, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL and LONG.

‘ORDERED that George Long Esquire be and is hereby Elected Treasurer to this Society for the year ensuing.’

‘ORDERED that the Adjourned Pension and Audit Day be held on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March next at 4 o’Clock in the afternoon and that the Stewards Accounts in the Treasurership of Thomas James Esquire be then audited.’

PENSION 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: LONG, WHISHAW, JOHNSTONE, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL and JAMES.

‘ORDERED that the several Gentlemen hereunder named be and they are hereby Called to the Bench they first paying each the sum of one Hundred and Fifty Pounds as a Fine and all dues and duties due to the Society and that they take their place according to their Seniority and do attend at a Pension to be holden on Wednesday next the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May in order to accept their said Call:

Harry Edgell 26<sup>th</sup> June 1811, Robert Greene Bradley 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1814, John Godfrey Teed 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1816, Thomas Greenwood 24<sup>th</sup> June 1817.

PENSION 6<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: LONG, WHISHAW, SOCKETT, WAILES, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, JAMES, EDGELL, BRADLEY, TEED and GREENWOOD.

‘ORDERED that John Perry Esquire and Mr Griffith be appointed overseers of the Poor of Gray’s Inn for the year ensuing for the purposes of the Act of the Second Year of his present Majesty Chapter 45.’

‘ORDERED that the sum of Fifty Guineas be presented to John Perry Esquire as a further Testimony of the Sense of the Society of his attention to the Library.’

‘ORDERED that the Thanks of the Bench be presented to Harry Edgell Esquire for a Portrait of the Late Lord Chief Justice Eyre presented by him to the Society.’

PENSION 31<sup>st</sup> MAY PRESENT: LONG, WHISHAW, MAUDE, SOCKETT, SPRANGER, JENNER, WAILES, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, JAMES, EDGELL and GREENWOOD.

‘ORDERED that the Salary of the Chapel Organist be to the amount of Forty Pounds per annum such increase to commence from Midsummer day next.’

PENSION 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER PRESENT: LONG, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL and GREENWOOD.

‘THE BENCHERS having been informed that Terms have been kept in this Hall by persons assuming the Names of Students by falsely personating them IT IS ORDERED that any Member of the Society who shall be proved either to personate falsely any Student or to authorize any person to personate him as a Student or to adopt such personation shall be expelled from the Society.’

#### **GRAY’S INN 1838**

PENSION 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: LONG, MAUDE, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, PARKER, JAMES, EDGELL, TEED and GREENWOOD.

‘ORDERED that the sum of Five Pounds be given to Susanna Williams Widow as a Charitable Donation from the Society.’

‘ORDERED that the proceedings of the House Committee relative to the arrears due to the Society be hereby Confirmed and that the Committee be authorized to take such steps for the Collection and recovery thereof as to them shall seem good and Report to Pension thereon from time to time.’

PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: LONG, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, EDGELL, TEED and GREENWOOD.

‘ORDERED that Harry Edgell Esquire be and is hereby Elected Treasurer to this Society for the year ensuing’.

‘ORDERED that the Adjourned Pension and Audit Day be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March next and that the Steward’s Accounts in the Treasurership of George Long Esquire be then audited.’

PENSION 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: EDGELL, WHISHAW, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, BRADLEY, TEED and GREENWOOD.

‘ORDERED that John Perry Esquire and Mr Griffith be appointed Overseers of the Poor of Gray’s Inn for the year ensuing for the purposes of the Act of the second year of his late Majesty Chapter 45.’

‘ORDERED that the sum of Fifty Guineas be presented to John Perry Esquire as a further Testimony of the Sense of the Society of his attention to the Library.’

‘UPON Reading the Statement of William Illingworth a Member of this Society, and his letter to the Treasurer relating to his Misfortunes and Infirmities and his having become destitute of the Means of Support; it is unanimously agreed and ordered that a Donation of Fifty Pounds be made by this Society for his benefit and that the same be paid on his behalf to Charles Few and Benjamin Austen Esquires who have undertaken to become Trustees for him in respect thereof And the Treasurer is requested to inform the said Wm Illingworth of this Order.’

PENSION 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY PRESENT: EDGELL, JOHNSTONE, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, BRADLEY, TEED and GREENWOOD.

‘A LEASE of a piece of Ground belonging to the Society part of Warwick Stables on the West side of Gray’s Inn Place proposed to be granted to Edward Doughty of Upton House in the County of Dorset



Esquire for the Term of Thirty One Years from 25<sup>th</sup> March 1838 at the Rent of Sixteen Pounds per annum having been approved by the Bench ORDERED that Messrs Whitmarsh, Perry and Burrell the Lessors named therein be authorised to execute the said Lease.’

‘ORDERED that the Application of John Shehan described to be of No 37 Regent Street of the Queens Inns Dublin to be admitted a Member of this Society be rejected and that Notice thereof be sent to the other Inns of Court.’

PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: EDGELL, WHISHAW, JOHNSTONE, SOCKETT, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, LONG, BRADLEY, TEED and GREENWOOD.

‘THE SUB STEWARD having stated to the Bench that Mr Somers a Student of this Society had yesterday endeavoured to introduce a Stranger into the Hall and put his Gown upon his Back in order to the introduction contrary to the Regulations of the Society and the Remonstrances of the Sub Steward on the occasion, Mr Somers was called into the Bench this day (26 May) and admitted the facts and being Admonished by the Treasurer the said Mr Somers apologised and promised not to transgress the Rules in future.’

‘ORDERED that a Stove on the Plan of Dr Arnott be placed at the bottom of the Hall in the Centre under the Clock and that it be referred to the House Committee to take the necessary steps for purchasing & fixing the same.’

‘IT was this day unanimously Resolved That the Reverend Dr Shepherd the Preacher to this Society be Solicited to sit for his Portrait to be placed in one of the public Rooms of this Inn as a Tribute of Gratitude for his pastoral services during a period of Twenty Years and as a Memorial of the Respect and Veneration of the Society for his Character as an eminent and exemplary Divine and of the individual attachment and Regard of the Benchers for his general Courtesy and Amiable Deportment as one of their Members & that the above resolution be communicated to Dr Shepherd by the Treasurer.’

PENSION 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: EDGELL, WHISHAW, MAUDE, JOHNSTONE, SOCKETT, SPRANGER, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, JAMES, BRADLEY and TEED.

‘A LETTER signed by the Reverend John Travers Robinson Rector of the Parish of St Andrew Holborn and the Church wardens of the said Parish and addressed to the Benchers of this Society requesting the use of Gray’s Inn Hall upon occasion of the Coronation (of which the following is a copy) having been read IT WAS ORDERED that the Request be complied with.’

‘Gentlemen

A number of Parishioners of Saint Andrew Holborn having joined me in a desire to Celebrate the approaching Coronation of her Majesty by a Dinner given to a number of Children of the Poor and a subscription having been commenced for that purpose I am induced to Solicit from your Honorable Society with great respect that you would be pleased to grant the use of your Fine Old Hall in Gray’s Inn on that interesting occasion. I trust that I shall not be considered intrusive in observing that no more appropriate spot could be selected for the Celebration of such a Festival than that which is historically connected with the memory of the most distinguished of our Female Sovereigns and was also honoured with her presence.

I beg to add that the Churchwardens of the Parish of St Andrew Holborn cordially join me in this application and in assuring your Honorable Society that every care shall be taken that in the case of your acquiescence you shall have no cause to repent of your kindness. I beg to call your kind attention to the Signatures of those Gentlemen together with my own have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servant

John Travers Robinson Rector of Saint Andrews Holborn

J Buckmaster and John Hooper Churchwardens. ‘

Copy of Letter from Francis Whitmarsh Esquire to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishops of Durham, London, Winchester, Lincoln, Chichester, Salisbury, Llandaff, Rochester, Gloucester and Bristol.

‘My Lord Archbishop

At the request of the Treasurer and Benchers of Gray's Inn and as one of them I take the liberty of addressing your Grace respecting the proposed alteration in the Law as to residence by the Benefices Pluralities Bill now before the House of Lords. The Society of Gray's Inn, as well as the other Inns of Court feel that it will be prejudicial to them if their Preachers are deprived of the exemption from the penalties imposed for non residence on their Benefices, during the actual performance of their duties as Preachers, which they have hitherto enjoyed, and we respectfully submit to your Grace and the other prelates, that unless the exemption be continued, we can no longer expect to have the Spiritual assistance of such eminent Divines, as have hitherto adorned our pulpits.

I humbly presume to hope, that the continuation of the exemption to the Preachers of the Inns of Court, conferring as it will a great benefit to the Societies, will not be considered by your Grace and the other Prelates as operating injuriously to the pulic.

I remain, with great respect, Your Grace's most humble Servant,  
Francis Whitmarsh.'

Inter alia, the following reply was received:

'The Bishop of Durham ... begs to assure him he thinks it highly desirable to continue the present exemption to Preachers of the Inns of Court. The Bishop has had a conference with the Lord Chancellor on the subject and his Lordship has promised to move an amendment to the desired effect.'

PENSION 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER PRESENT: EDGELL, WHISHAW, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, TEED and GREENWOOD.

'ORDERED that Mr Dennison the Sub Steward proceed between this and the next Term to Dublin and the neighbourhood for the purpose of Collecting divers Debts & sums of Money due to the Society and that he be empowered to apply to Mr Montgomery Solicitor Dominick Street Dublin for such legal advice as he may think necessary for the purposes of his journey.'

#### **GRAY'S INN 1839**

PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: EDGELL, MAUDE, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, LONG, BRADLEY, TEED and GREENWOOD.

'ORDERED that Robert Greene Bradley be and is hereby Elected Treasurer to this Society for the year ensuing.

PENSION 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PRESENT: EDGELL, WHISHAW, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, LONG, TEED and GREENWOOD.

'ORDERED that in the case of any Member of the Society shall not on or before the last day of Michaelmas Term in each year discharge the amount of his Commons due at the end of the Trinity Term preceeding his name be laid before the Bench at the first Pension in Hilary Term following in order that proceedings may be taken to recover the arrears due. This Order not to affect the general Rule of the Society for payment of Dues and Commons at the accustomed period.'

'ORDERED that the Steward do pay to Mr Dennison the sum of Twenty Guineas for the Expenses of his Journey to Dublin & back.'

'ORDERED that the Adjourned Pension and Audit Day be held on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> March next at 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon and that the Stewards Accounts in the Treasurership of Harry Edgell Esquire be then audited.'

PENSION 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL PRESENT: BRADLEY, WHISHAW, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL and TEED.

'ON CONSIDERED of the facts stated in Mr Wailes's Letters dated respectively the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1838 & 21<sup>st</sup> January 1839 It is ORDERED that the forfeiture incurred by Mr Wailes for non-attendance at the Pensions in Two Terms in the year commencing Easter 1838 and ending Hilary 1839 be waived and that a Copy of this Order be transmitted to Mr Wailes.'

PENSION 1<sup>st</sup> MAY PRESENT: JOHNSTONE, WHISHAW, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, EDGELL, TEED, and GREENWOOD.

‘ORDERED that the sum of Fifty Guineas be presented to John Perry Esquire as a further Testimony of the Sense of the Society of his attention to the Library.’

‘ORDERED that the sum of Five Pounds be given to Susan Williams Widow as a Charitable Donation from the Society.’

PENSION 29<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: BRADLEY, MAUDE, JOHNSTONE, SOCKETT, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, LONG, TEED and GREENWOOD.

‘ORDERED that all the Orders of the Society relating to Admissions Calls to the Bar Certificates and Bench Chambers etc be Collected and that the Treasurer Mr Long Mr Perry and Mr Greenwood be Appointed a Committee to digest the same – it being left to the Gentlemen of the Committee to collect and digest all such Orders and Regulations of the Inn as they may think proper to be introduced into the digest.’

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: BRADLEY, WHISHAW, SOCKETT, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, TEED and GREENWOOD.

‘ORDERED the Thanks of the Bench be presented to the Right Honorable Sir John Bayley for a portrait of himself presented by him to the Society.’

‘ORDERED that the Thanks of the Bench be presented to John Godfrey TEED Esquire for a Portrait of the Right Honorable Sir William Grant, late Master of the Rolls.’

On Mr William Brown, a Member of the Inn, petitioning to be called to the Bar, subject to an enquiry as to his having been engaged as a Salaried Clerk to an attorney with Messrs Dyneley Coverdale & Lee of Gray’s Inn at the time of his admission as a student of the Society in Hilary Term 1834 until 16<sup>th</sup> May 1839, it was determined by the Bench that the matter be referred to the other Inns for their consideration.

The Inner Temple and Middle Temple responded that William Brown was thereby disqualified from being called, while Lincoln’s Inn responded that, having held the position of a Salaried Clerk he was not at present eligible to be Called to the Bar but that there will not be an objection at the end of two years from ceasing to fill such a situation.

In another case, Mr Samuel Owen, having petitioned the Judges in consequence of the rejection by the Bench of his application to be called to the Bar, the Judges required from the Benchers their reasons (the reasons are not specified in the Pension Records). The Judges met on 7<sup>th</sup> June at Sergeant’s Inn Hall when the Treasurer and two fellow Benchers attended. Mr Owen was represented by counsel. In an adjourned ruling on 11<sup>th</sup> November Lord Denman, Lord Chief Justice, declared that the resolution of the Judges on the Petition of Mr Owen was that they were of the opinion that they ought not to recommend Masters of the Bench ‘to call Mr Owen to the Bar or to make any order therein.’

## **GRAY’S INN 1840**

PENSION 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: BRADLEY, SPRANGER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, EDGELL, TEED and GREENWOOD.

‘ORDERED that John Godfrey Teed Esquire be and is hereby Elected Treasurer to this Society for the year ensuing.’

‘ORDERED that a Dinner be provided for the whole Hall Benchers Barristers and Students and that all there who shall by a Day to be hereafter named by a House Committee give in their Name to the Steward to Dine in Hall on the Day of the Queen’s Marriage whenever that shall occur with power to House Committee to make all necessary arrangements.’

‘ORDERED that the Adjourned Pension and Audit Day be held on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March next at 4 o’Clock in the afternoon and that the Steward’s Accounts in the Treasurership of Robert Greene Bradley Esquire be then audited.’

PENSION 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH PRESENT: WHITMARSH, WHISHAW, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, TEED and GREENWOOD.

‘THE STEWARD having reported the Death of James Cornick a Badge Porter, IT IS ORDERED that the usual Donation of Two Pounds be presented to his Widow on her delivery up the Badge.’

PENSION 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL PRESENT: TEED, JOHNSTONE, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, and GREENWOOD.

‘Mr WHITMARSH having since last Pension and at the request of the Pension made a Communication to the Lord Chancellor intimating an offer of the Hall of the Society for either of the New Courts contemplated by the Bill now pending in Parliament for making New Equity Courts for the purpose of such Court obtaining a permanent sitting in the Hall – the present Pension hereby affirms and approves such communication.’

‘UPON reading the Petition of Edward Warwick Fuller Cook praying to be allowed the use of the Society’s Kitchen for the purpose of preparing Turtle Soup and to be allowed to receive Orders and Communications addressed thereto IT IS ORDERED that the said Petition be rejected.’

PENSION 6<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: TEED, WHISHAW, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, LONG and EDGELL.

‘ORDERED that John Perry Esquire & Mr Griffiths be Appointed Overseers of the Poor of Gray’s Inn for the Year ensuing for the purposes of the Act of the Second Year of His late Majesty’s Reign Chapter 45.’

‘ORDERED that the sum of Fifty Guineas be presented to John Perry Esquire as a further Testimony of the sense The Society of his Attention to the Library.’

‘ORDERED that John Carr Gentleman a Member of this Society having kept all his Commons performed all his Exercises hath a Chamber in his own Right & and paid all his Dues be called to the Bar and he is hereby published Barrister accordingly. The said Jn. Carr is not of Full Standing he having been Admitted a Member of this Society on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1837 but the deficiency of time has been waived he having presented Petitions to the Bench stating that he had a well grounded expectation of receiving a Professional Government Appointment at Sierra Leone which Appointment awaited his Call to the Bar and further that it was very desirable and important to him to take his passage in a certain vessel called the Gambier which was about to sail in a few days.’

PENSION 12<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: SOCKETT, WHISHAW, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, JAMES and LONG.

‘THE BUILDING COMMITTEE appointed in Trinity Term 1838 having reported that the several sets of Chambers being No 8 & No 9 in South Square will fall into possession at Michaelmas next or perhaps earlier IT IS ORDERED that such Report be received and entered and that the necessary & preliminary Steps to the commencement of the Works be immediately taken.’

PENSION 27<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: TEED, WHISHAW, MAUDE, JOHNSON, SOCKETT, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, LONG, EDGELL, BRADLEY and GREENWOOD.

‘WHEREAS it was Ordered at an Adjourned Pension on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December last that Rebecca Gray a Foundling be continued at Mrs Ockerly’s School Chiswick (where she was removed from the care of Mrs Smith) at Twelve Pounds a year from Christmas 1839 and that Ten Pounds should be paid to Mrs Ockerly to procure her Cloathing IT IS NOW ORDERED that Mrs Whitmarsh’s offer of receiving Rebecca Gray as Housemaid be thankfully accepted; and that the Society do furnish her with Cloathes until further order.’

PENSION 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE PRESENT: TEED, MAUDE, JOHNSTONE, SOCKETT, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, JAMES, BURRELL and BRADLEY.

‘ORDERED that a Donation of Thirty Pounds from the Funds of the Society be paid by the Steward to the Treasurer of Kings College Hospital for the use of that Institution.’

PENSION 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: TEED, WHISHAW, SOCKETT, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, EDGELL, BRADLEY and GREENWOOD.

‘Mr PERRY having undertaken the laborious task of making a Catalogue of the Books in the Library of the Society & completed the same and having made a fair copy thereof in his own handwriting and

presented it to the Society - IT IS ORDERED that the thanks of the Bench be given to Mr Perry for his valuable present and that the same be recorded in the Order Book.'

PENSION 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: TEED, SOCKETT, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, JAMES and LONG.

'AS the late treasonable attempt upon the Life of the Queen may possibly occasion the necessity of calling a Meeting of the Pension instanter for the purpose of considering whether any and what demonstration of our loyalty & attachment to her Majesty should be adopted, IT IS ORDERED that the Treasurer and any two of the Benchers be empowered to call a Pension at his or their discretion for the above purpose.'

PENSION 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: TEED, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER and JAMES.

'RESOLVED that the addresses to Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness Prince Albert agreed at the last Pension be presented by the Treasurer and Mr Whitmarsh. The address to the Queen at her Levee on Wednesday next the 1<sup>st</sup> July and that to the Prince at such time as he may appoint.'

Both addresses were duly presented and that to the Queen was in the following terms:

'TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY. MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

'We your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Gray's Inn on behalf of ourselves and the other Members thereof most humbly beg leave to join our heartfelt Congratulations with those of all you faithful subjects upon your providential deliverance from the wicked and treasonable attack that has been lately made upon the life of your Sacred Majesty.

Deeply sensible to the Blessings which we enjoy under your Majesty's Government and of your just claims to the Loyalty and Affection to your people we are at a loss for language to express our astonishment and indignation that there should be found among your Subjects a person capable of so foul and atrocious an attempt and our prayers will ever be that a life so dear to the Nation may be long preserved to us.'

PENSION 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST PRESENT: TEED, SOCKETT, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, JAMES and LONG.

The Building Committee reported on the Works to be undertaken on Nos 8 and 9 South Square, that trustworthy builders had been selected after tender of £3868, such Works to be supervised on behalf of the Inn by the Steward. The Report was approved and adopted.

In addition, it was ordered that repairs be undertaken to the Eastern end of the Hall, new windows to be inserted in the Pension Room and the Library and that the flue and chimney from the Hall fireplace be altered.

## 1841

### *Michaelmas Term 1841*

PENSION 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1841

PRESENT: THOMAS GREENWOOD TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER, MICHAEL FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES GEORGE LONG, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, JOHN GODFREY TEED, SAMUEL TURNER, THOMAS PURVIS AND ARCHER RYLAND.

'Ordered that Thomas Barnes one of the Badge Porters of this Society be and he is hereby elected Head Porter in the room of William Parton deceased.'

PENSION 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1841

PRESENT: THOMAS GREENWOOD TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER, MICHAEL FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, JOHN GODFREY TEED, SAMUEL TURNER, THOMAS PURVIS AND ARCHER RYLAND.

'The petition of John Richard Cook late a Barrister of this Society praying that his case might be reconsidered and that the Order of Pension of the 18<sup>th</sup> June last might be rescinded or that he might be

granted a rehearing having been read and considered: it is resolved that the prayer of the said Petition be not complied with.'

PENSION 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 1841

PRESENT: THOMAS GREENWOOD TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER, MICHAEL FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, SAMUEL TURNER, THOMAS PURVIS AND ARCHER RYLAND.

'Ordered that Edwin Ratley be and he is hereby elected a Badge Porter to this Society.' Same order in respect of Henry Stevens.

**1842**

*Hilary Term 1842*

12 JANUARY 1842

PRESENT: THOMAS GREENWOOD TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER, MICHAEL FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, THOMAS JAMES GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, SAMUEL TURNER, AND ARCHER RYLAND.

'Ordered that the sum of ten pounds ten shillings from the funds of the Society be paid by the Steward to the Secretary of Charing Cross Hospital as a donation for the use of that institution.'

PENSION 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 1842

PRESENT: THOMAS GREENWOOD TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER, MICHAEL FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, SAMUEL TURNER, AND ARCHER RYLAND.

Having taken into consideration the memorial of the Dublin Law Institute it is ordered that a donation of one hundred guineas be given to that Society.

PENSION 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 1842

PRESENT: THOMAS GREENWOOD TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER, MICHAEL FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, THOMAS JAMES GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, SAMUEL TURNER, AND ARCHER RYLAND.

'Upon taking into consideration the report of the House Committee of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant on the petition of the executors of the late William Hilton for leave to assign the Gray's Inn Coffee House to Mr Hitchcock on which such Committee subject to Mr Hiffe the Society's Solicitor ascertaining from Mr Hitchcock's referees his respectability and solvency recommend that the executors have license given to them to make the prospect assignment of the lease subject to Mr Hitchcock's executing a deed for reviving the condition of re-entry in the lease and to his taking upon himself the performance of the covenants and consent not to assign without license and that Mr Hiffe should confer with Mr James and Mr Turner in the matter to arrange in the mode they may recommend as safest and the Society not to be at any expence.'

'Such report was adopted and it was ordered that the license be granted for assigning the lease to Mr Hitchcock subject to such defeasance and covenant to be executed by Mr Hitchcock as Mr James and Mr Turner shall approve on behalf of the Society.'

Gray's Inn 29<sup>th</sup> January 1842

PRESENT: THOMAS GREENWOOD TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER, MICHAEL FRANCIS WHITMARSH, THOMAS PURVIS, JOHN PERRY, HARRY EDGELL, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND AND THOMAS GREENE.

'The Treasurer having written to Mr Kennedy to announce the donation of one hundred guineas to the Dublin Law Institute pursuant to the Order of Pension of the 19<sup>th</sup> January instant, Mr Kennedy's letter in reply was now read...'

PENSION 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 1842

PRESENT: THOMAS GREENWOOD TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER, MICHAEL FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURELL, THOMAS JAMES GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED AND SAMUEL TURNER.

‘Ordered that the adjourned Pension and Audit Day be held on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March next at 4 o’Clock in the afternoon and that the Steward’s accounts in the Treasurership of Thomas Greenwood Esquire be then audited.’

PENSION 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 1842

PRESENT: SAMUEL TURNER TREASURER, LOCKHART JOHNSTONE, SOCKETT, FRANCIS WHITMARSH JOHN PERRY, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, ROBERT GREEN BRADLEY, JOHN GODREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, THOMAS PURVIS, ARCHER RYLAND AND THOMAS GREENE.

‘Upon the motion of Mr Long that the Hour of Dinner in the Hall be in future half past 3 instead of 3 o’Clock It is ordered that the consideration of the same be adjourned to the second Pension in next term.

The Memorial of the barristers of this Society praying that the Benchers would take into their consideration the subject of the admission of barristers from other Inns of Court and make an order directing that such barristers should take their seats at the Bar Table and in all other respects rank according to the date of their respective admissions as barristers of this Society having been considered and the question from time to time adjourned the Bench after a full consideration of the subject feel that under all the circumstances they cannot comply with the prayer of the Memorial. Ordered that the completion of the internal decorations of the Pension Chamber be taken into consideration at the second Pension in next term.’

PENSION 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 1842

PRESENT: SAMUEL TURNER TREASURER, SOCKETT, GEORGE WAILES, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, THOMAS GREENWOOD, THOMAS PURVIS AND ARCHER RYLAND.

‘Ordered that John Perry Esquire and Mr Griffith be appointed Overseers of the Poor of Gray’s Inn for the year ensuing for the purposes of the Act of the Second Year of his late Majesty Chapter 45. Ordered that the sum of Fifty Guineas be presented to John Perry Esquire as a further Testimony of the Sense of the Society of his attention to the Library’.

PENSION 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE 1842

PRESENT: SAMUEL TURNER TREASURER, LOCKHART JOHNSTONE, SOCKETT, GEORGE WAILES, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, HARRY EDGELL, GEORGE LONG, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, THOMAS PURVIS AND ARCHER RYLAND.

Report of the Building Committee presented to the Pension on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1842.

‘In the last report of the Building Committee entered in the Order Book of Pension of the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 1841 it was stated that the Surveyors’ estimate for bookcases amounted to £1042 as explained in such report. Tenders were soon afterwards sent in by four several persons for performing these works and their tenders were as follow:

	£
Mr Trego	1212
Mr Mansfield	990
Mr Winsland	738.15
Mr Grinsdell	727

The lowest of these tenders was preferred and the work under it has been completed.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1841 £1000 Consols and on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1841 £2000 Consols were sold out pursuant to Order of Pension authorising same and after the Month of April in the same year 1841 the several sums of £400 £967 and £700 were paid to Messrs Mansfield and the sum of £338 to Mr Grimsdell on account of their several contracts and demands under the Surveyor’s Certificate.

In the month of February 1842 the Surveyor reported that Messrs Mansfield had completed the works to the new library and the Steward’s office (except the painting which is postponed to the long vacation of this year) and that the sum of £1242.5.0 was due to them. And in the month of April 1842

the Surveyor reported that Mr Grimsdell had completed the fittings of the bookcases and that he was entitled to the balance of £523.1.10 1/2.

To enable the Committee to meet these demands and to provide for such future payments as were likely to become due the order of Pension of the 28<sup>th</sup> April 1842 was obtained authorising the Committee to sell out £3000 Consols which was acted upon on the 30<sup>th</sup> April and produced the sum of £2770.1.0. The Committee then proceeded to examine the accounts produced to them assisted by the Surveyor and after attentively considering the same and having a statement of the monies paid on account and of the respective balances claimed as beforementioned laid before them the Committee paid to Messrs Mansfield the several sums of £800.0.0 and £442.5.0 making together £1342.3.0 and they paid to Mr Grimsdell his balance of £542.1.10. The Committee found that in addition to these demands the sum of £179.6.6 was due to Messrs Mansfield and Son for bricklayers work the sum of £32.6.0 to Mansfield for plumbers work the sum of £271.7.9 to Mr Coales for smiths work all of which they have paid after examining their several accounts. ..such further expenditure as the Bench may think proper to incur in fitting up the Pension Room in a proper manner or for other purposes there is now in the Bankers' hands to the credit of the building account the sum of £1322.10.11 and with respect to the fitting up of the Pension Room the Committee ... recommend that the Pension will make an order to enable the Committee to carry it into effect and it is stated by the Surveyor that the whole can be done for the sum of £350 and that a person is ready to enter into a contract to perform the work for that sum.

Signed Samuel Turner, Treasurer	John Perry
Francis Whitmarsh	Thomas James
Henry Sockett	Harry Edgell

The above report having been read and considered it is ordered that the same be approved and adopted and it is further ordered in pursuance of the recommendation contained in the said report that the Pension Room be fitted up and finished in the course of the present summer upon the Plan produced by the Surveyor for that purpose and that the Building Committee be empowered to carry the same into effect.'

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 1842

PRESENT: SAMUEL TURNER TREASURER, HENRY SOCKETT, HERBERT JENNER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, THOMAS GREENWOOD, THOMAS PURVIS AND ARCHER RYLAND.

'Resolved that Addresses be presented to Her Majesty the Queen the Prince Albert and the Duchess of Kent in consequence of the late treasonable attempt on Her Majesty's Life and it is referred to the House Committee to prepare such Addresses and to the Treasurer to make arrangements for the presentation of them.'

PENSION July 1842

PRESENT: SAMUEL TURNER TREASURER, HENRY SOCKETT, HERBERT JENNER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS GREENWOOD, THOMAS JAMES AND THOMAS PURVIS.

'In pursuance of a recommendation of the House Committee of this day's date and in consideration of the extra services performed by the Steward as Clerk to the Building Committee during a period of seven years it is ordered that the sum of fifty guineas be presented to him as a gratuity for such services.'

'The Addresses to her Majesty the Queen the Prince Albert and the Duchess of Kent having been prepared pursuant of the order of Pension of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June last the Treasurer now reported that as her Majesty the Queen would not hold any Levee this year at which the Address to her could be presented the Address was sent to the Secretary of State for the Home Department to be laid before Her Majesty and that a gracious Answer had been received to such Address and that the Addresses to their Royal Highnesses the Prince Albert and the Duchess of Kent had been sent to the proper Officers to be laid before them respectively and that Answers had been received from them and the Addresses and Answers having been read the same were ordered to be entered in the Order Book ...

PENSION 7<sup>th</sup> December



PRESENT: SAMUEL TURNER TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS PURVIS AND ARCHER RYLAND.

‘Upon reading the Petition of Martha Parton widow praying for relief it is ordered that the said Petition be rejected’

### 1843

PENSION 18<sup>th</sup> January 1843

PRESENT: SAMUEL TURNER TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, THOMAS GREENWOOD AND ARCHER RYLAND.

‘Ordered that in future the Library be kept open from 10 o’Clock A.M. till 4 o’Clock P.M. daily, Sundays excepted, all the year round except from September the 1<sup>st</sup> to October the 1<sup>st</sup> during which period it is to be wholly closed.’

PENSION 25<sup>th</sup> January 1843

PRESENT: SAMUEL TURNER TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, THOMAS GREENWOOD, THOMAS PURVIS AND ARCHER RYLAND.

‘Ordered that the Steward do pay for Elizabeth Wheeler Widow of William Wheeler late Chapel Clerk the sum of Ten Pounds as a Charitable Donation form the Society.’

PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> January 1843

PRESENT: SAMUEL TURNER TREASURER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, THOMAS PURVIS, ARCHER RYLAND AND THOMAS GREENE.

‘Ordered that Thomas Purvis Esquire be and he is hereby Elected Treasurer to this Society for the year coming.’

PENSION 15<sup>th</sup> February 1843

PRESENT: SAMUEL TURNER TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, THOMAS PURVIS AND THOMAS GREENE.

‘Ordered that the Adjourned Pension and Audit Day be held on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March next at half past 4 o’Clock in the afternoon and that the Steward’s Accounts in the Treasurership of Samuel Turner Esquire be then audited.’

PENSION 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 1843

PRESENT: THOMAS PURVIS TREASURER, HENRY SOCKETT, HERBERT JENNER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND AND THOMAS GREENE.

‘Upon reading the Report of the House Committee held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1842 of their having inspected a Drawing made by the Surveyor of the Society of projected new Gates to be erected in Verulam Buildings in consequence of the accident which some time since occurred to the former ones by a Coal Waggon and approving the drawing and recommending that the New Gates be made conformable to it

It is ordered that the said Report be adopted and carried into effect.’

PENSION 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 1843

PRESENT: THOMAS PURVIS TREASURER, HENRY SOCKETT, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, THOMAS GREENWOOD, JOHN GODFREY TEED, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND AND THOMAS GREENE.

Ordered that Richard William Greenfield be and he is hereby appointed Chapel Clerk to this Society in the room of William Wheeler deceased.'

PENSION 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 1842

PRESENT: THOMAS PURVIS TREASURER, HENRY SOCKETT, HERBERT JENNER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND AND THOMAS GREENE.

'Ordered that John Perry Esquire and Mr Griffith be appointed Overseers of the Poor of Gray's Inn for the year ensuing for the purposes of the Act of the Second Year of his late Majesty Chapter 45. Ordered that the sum of Fifty Guineas be presented to John Perry Esquire as a Further Testimony of the sense of the Society of his attention to the Library.'

PENSION 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 1843

PRESENT: THOMAS PURVIS TREASURER, LOCKHART JOHNSTONE, SOCKETT, HERBERT JENNER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, JOHN GODFREY TEED, SAMUEL TURNER AND ARCHER RYLAND.

'The Building Committee were appointed in June 1835 but in order to provide for the New Building it became necessary to Purchase such of the Chambers in South Square at No.8 and No.9 as did not previously belong to the Society and they were accordingly purchased at the price of £3368, which was paid from the general fund of the Society. In 1840 all the Buildings constituting Nos 8 and 9 in South Square and the Steward's office and Apartments were taken down and the Materials Sold and in the Month of August in that year a Contract was entered into ... for erecting the New Buildings for the sum of £3868 ..., and in June 1841 a Contract was made ... for fitting up the Interior of the Library for the sum of £677 ... and a third Contract was in June 1842 made with Nicholas Winsland for fitting up the Interior of the Pension Room for the sum of £350. The New Buildings were commenced in August 1840 and an Order was afterwards made to face the same with Bath Stone and another Order to take down and rebuild the North front of the Pension Room and Library and when the East End of the Wall of the Hall was laid bare in the Course of building it was discovered from the decayed State thereof it was necessary to take the same down and rebuild it from the foundation. ... It will be seen by the Account subjoined hereto that the whole of the sums paid by the Committee amount £8170.11.4 and such amount includes the Surveyor's Charges for Commission and Clerk of the Works, and also about £200 paid for Tables and Chairs in the Library and the Side Board and Curtains in the Pension Room.

To enable the Committee to meet the Expenditure above mentioned £8500 Bank 3 per Cent Annuities belonging to the Society were Sold out pursuant to Order of Pension, and the same produced the sum of £7630.8.0 and the sum of £589.10.0 arising from and being the net proceeds of the Old Buildings pulled down and Sold was with the before mentioned sum of £7650.8.0 carried to the Credit of the Building Committee in the Bank of Messrs Child & Co, making in the whole, the sum of £8249.17.0 from which amount the Expenditure of £8170.11.4 before mentioned being deducted there remained in the hands of the Committee the sum of £89.6.8. And the Committee finding on enquiry that every demand on account of the New Buildings has been discharged, have paid over the said balance of £69.6.8 to the general Fund of the Society and with this Report announce the termination of their functions.

The subjoined Account contains the particulars of the receipts and payments of the Committee, and further particulars of all their proceedings will be found in the their several Reports made to Pensions and the Orders made thereon, and in their Minutes of Proceedings and their Bankers Pass Book.

1840

Received

October 2nd

For £25000 Consolidated 3 percents @ 881/8

2200

27	For proceeds of Old Buildings taken down	401.17.0			
November 23	Ditto	187.13.0	589	10	
1841					
May 11	For £1000 Consols @ 89 7/8		896	6	6
August 18	For £2000 Ditto @ 89 3/8		1783	18	6
1842					
April 30	For £3000 Ditto @92		2770	1	
			8239	18	
1840	Paid				
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	J&G Mansfield 1 <sup>st</sup> Instalment of Contract		967		
	Ditto on account of extra work		150		
November 6	Ditto 2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment of Contract		967		
	Ditto on account of extra work		150		
1841 May 24	Ditto 3 <sup>rd</sup> Instalment of Contract		967		
	Ditto on account of Extra Work		400		
August 20	Ditto On account of Extra Work		700		
Sept 30	Samuel Grinsdell one half of Contract		338		
1842					
April 27	J&G Mansfield on account of 4 <sup>th</sup> Instt of Contract		800		
May 5	Samuel Grinsdell balance of Contract and Extra Work		542	1	10
	James Mansfield & Sons on account of extra Work		179	6	6
	J&G Mansfield on acct of Contract and extra Work		442	5	
May 6	D.Coales (Smith) his Bill for Railing Stoves etc		271	7	9
	C. Mansfield (Plumber) his Bill		43	6	
July 11	F.Wigg (Surveyor) on account of his Bill		200		
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May 11	Ditto Remainder of Bill for Commission and Clerk of Works		208	12	
May 12	N. Winsland Pension Room contract and Extras		369	7	3
	Ditto Bill for Carpenter's Work		114	16	9
May 15	J&G Mansfield Balance of Contract and of Account		161		10
May 12	W.H. Hammond Tables and Chairs in Library		114	19	5
	T. Pavell Side Board and Curtains in Pension Room		84	8	
May 31	Balance of Account paid to General fund of the Society		69	6	8
			8239	18	

Upon reading the foregoing Report It is Ordered that the same be received and adopted and entered in the Order Book and that the Building Committee be dissolved with the Thanks of the Society generally'.

#### PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> July 1843

Present HENRY SOCKETT IN LOCO TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND AND THOMAS GREENE.

'The House Committee having Reported on the subject of the Hall Stove particularly as to the bad state of the Flues and that they had consulted with the Surveyor and Builder and had under their Advice ordered Alterations and Repairs to be made and the Original Stove to be restored It is Ordered that the said Report be adopted and confirmed.'

#### PENSION 8<sup>th</sup> November 1843

PRESENT: THOMAS PURVIS TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PERRY, THOMAS PARKER, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, ROBERT GREEN BRADLEY AND SAMUEL TURNER.

'A Copy of the following Order made by the Society of the Middle Temple and addressed to the Steward of Gray's Inn was read.'

Middle Temple

‘At a Parliament holden on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Nov. 1843

It is Ordered that Members of the London and Durham Universities do have the same Privileges as the Members of Oxford and Cambridge Universities with respect to Calls to the Bar at this Society and that this Order be communicated to the three other Inns of Court

Signed Edward Eldred, Sub Treasurer’

‘Whereupon it was Ordered that the Receipt thereof should be acknowledge by the Steward by letter to the Sub Treasurer of the Middle Temple.’

#### **GRAY’S INN 1844**

PENSION 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: PURVIS, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, JAMES, EDGELL, GREENWOOD, TURNER, RYLAND, GREENE and ROMILLY.

‘An Application from the United Law Clerks Society having been read and considered IT IS ORDERED that the sum of Twenty One Pounds be paid to the said United Law Clerks Society as a Donation.’

‘ORDERED that Archer Ryland Esquire be and he is hereby Elected Treasurer to this Society for the year ensuing.’

PENSION 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH PRESENT: PURVIS, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, TURNER, RYLAND and ROMILLY.

‘THE AUDITORS of the Accounts of the Society for the Year 1843 having reported that the Receipts for the Year were not sufficient to meet the Demands of the Society and that the sum of £900 and upwards for Tradesmens Bills remained unpaid and that also a balance was due to the Steward of £600 and upwards IT IS ORDERED that the sum of £2000 Bank 3 per Cent Consols standing in the names of Francis Whitmarsh John Perry and John Paulfrey Burrell Esquires to the Credit of this Society be sold and that out of the proceeds of such sale the Balance due to the Steward and the outstanding Bills of Tradesmen be paid and that the Balance be carried to the general Fund of the Society: and that an account of such proceeds and payments be made out and audited at the first Pension in Easter Term next as a supplemental account for the year 1843.’

‘An Application having been made by the Reverend John Travers Robinson Rector of the Parish of Saint Andrew Holborn on behalf of the Charity School of that Parish of which he is Treasurer requesting pecuniary Aid in support of their Funds IT IS ORDERED that the sum of Ten Pounds be paid by the Steward to the said Mr Robinson as a Donation to the said Charity School.’

PENSION 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY PRESENT: SOCKETT, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, GREENE and ROMILLY.

‘ORDERED that John Perry Esquire and Mr Griffith be appointed Overseers of the Poor of Gray’s Inn for the year ensuing for the purposes of the Act of the Second year of his late Majesty Chapter 45.’

‘ORDERED that the sum of Fifty Guineas be presented to John Perry Esquire as a further Testimony of the sense of the Society of his attention to the Library.’

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: RYLAND, SOCKETT, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, JAMES, EDGELL, BRADLEY, GREENWOOD, TURNER, GREENE and ROMILLY.

ORDER that from the present Trinity Term (inter alia) no Attorney at Law or solicitor shall be allowed to keep Commons in Hall for the purpose of being called to the Bar or practising under the Bar until such person shall have taken his name off the Rolls and shall have ceased to practise as such Attorney, Solicitor, Writer to the Signet or Writer of the Scotch Courts, Proctor, Notary, Agent or Clerk.

Correspondence in the Cause of Grubb v Perry (both Members of the Inn) requested production of certain Orders of Pension concerning terms of renewal of the lease of 6 Holborn Court. By letter of 6<sup>th</sup> June the Steward was instructed to reply that the Members of the Bench saw no reason to depart from their determination not to permit the inspection of their books.

PENSION 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: RYLAND, SOCKETT, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, and ROMILLY.  
A REPORT OF THE GARDEN COMMITTEE was of the opinion there was no need to alter or annul the Order of Pension of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1831 where it was ordered ‘ that the Entrance into Gray’s Inn Gardens be for the future at the north end of Raymond Buildings and that no person be admitted without producing a Ticket signed by a Bencher and to be registered in the Steward’s Office’, but that as much liberality should be exercised as shall be consistent with its preservation and the respectability of the Inn which in former times had been compromised by indiscriminate admissions to the Gardens.  
‘IT IS ORDERED that the same be adopted and that the Committee be instructed to carry out the said Report in the most liberal manner as to the times and the mode of Admission to the Gardens.’

PENSION 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: RYLAND, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, BRADLEY, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, and ROMILLY.  
‘ORDERED that the Thanks of the Bench be presented to William Turton Esquire for a Portrait of his Ancestor Sir John Turton one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer and afterwards one of the Judges of Kings Bench together with the accompanying Copy of Verses presented by him to the Society.’

PENSION 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: RYLAND, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, BRADLEY, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, GREENE and ROMILLY.  
‘ORDERED that if on or before the first day of the Hilary Term next all arrears of Commons due at the end of the preceding Trinity Term be not paid the names of such defaulters be Screened in the Hall. ORDERED that the above Order be Screened tomorrow in the Hall and in the Steward’s Office.’

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER PRESENT: RYLAND, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER and PURVIS.  
ORDERED a Deputation under the Treasurer attend the Committee of the Benchers of Lincoln’s Inn to consider the propriety of establishing uniform Rules for all the Inns of Court for the admission of Students, the keeping of Terms and the calling of Students to the Bar.  
The attention of the Bench was called to the conduct of Henry Hugh Pyke who was called to the Bar by the Inn on 24<sup>th</sup> January 1838. ‘ A Report was accordingly made and presented to the Bench by which the following charges were made against the said Henry Hugh Pyke.

1. That while Mr Pyke was a student for the Bar and within 2 Years before he was Called to the Bar he was actually in practice as an Attorney In Oxford.
2. That his Agreement with Dickinson an Attorney to share his profits was entered into very shortly before his Call to the Bar and was to continue for 6 Years.
3. That in pursuance of this Agreement he shared the Profits of Mr Dickinson’s business as an Attorney till 1840.
4. That Mr Pyke actually received only half of the Fees marked on the Briefs given to him as a Barrister from Dickinson’s Office.’

Henry Hugh Pyke appeared before the Benchers on 20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November, and  
‘IT WAS ORDERED that the Call to the Bar of the said Henry Hugh Pyke in this House be forthwith vacated and that he be disbarred and expelled from the Society and that a Copy of this Order be transmitted to the said Henry Hugh Pyke by the Steward...’

#### **GRAY’S INN 1845**

PENSION 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT: RYLAND, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, GREENE and ROMILLY.

‘In Michaelmas Term last the attention of the Bench was called to the Conduct of Daniel Newton Crouch who was called to the Bar of this Society on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1841. By Information it appeared that at the Central Criminal Court he had been guilty of irregularities in his Professional Practice in several instances and Evidence having been laid before the Bench relating thereto the same was at a Pension held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November last referred to a Committee of Benchers to enquire and report thereon.

At a Pension held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January Instant a Report was made and presented to the Bench stating the said Irregularities and the Evidence in support thereof and it was thereupon ORDERED that the said Report should be received and that a Copy thereof should be sent to the said Daniel Newton Crouch calling upon him to appear before the Bench at the next Pension to answer the matter of the Report.

And at a Pension held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January the said Daniel Newton Crouch appeared before the Benchers and was on that day and afterwards on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January heard in Explanation of his Conduct.

And at the Pension of this day the Benchers having taken into consideration the Charges against the said Daniel Newton Crouch and his Explanations and being of opinion that he has been guilty of Irregularities in his Professional Conduct ( which he has in part admitted ) IT IS ORDERED that the said Daniel Newton Crouch be admonished as to his future practice and that the Treasurer do admonish him accordingly.’

‘IT IS ORDERED that Thomas Greene Esquire be and is hereby Elected Treasurer to this Society for the year ensuing.’

PENSION 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH PRESENT: RYLAND, JENNER, PERRY, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS and ROMILLY.

The following Resolution, following a Meeting of the Committee of the Four Inns of Court held in the Council Chamber Lincoln’s Inn on 7<sup>th</sup> day Of February 1845, received from Lincoln’s Inn was read.

‘The Committees having proceeded to consider the propriety of Establishing uniform Rules for all the Inns of Court for the Admission of Students the keeping of Terms and the calling of Students to the Bar with the matters connected therewith and to consider the proper Rules to be adopted IT WAS RESOLVED that the Meeting should stand adjourned to Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February Instant at 4 o’Clock when it will be proposed ‘That at none of the Inns of Court and distinction shall be made in the Admission of Gentlemen as Students, as keeping Terms, or Call to the Bar, founded on their place of Education.’

At the Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February the Deputation from the Inner Temple declared that they were not prepared to adopt the proposition and the Meeting broke up without coming to any Resolution.

‘The Death of Jacob Willan Puisne Butler to this Society being announced, the Office is hereby declared vacant and it is ORDERED that it be referred to the House Committee to consider the duties and Emoluments of that Office and to make a Report thereon to the first Pension in the ensuing Term.’

PENSION 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: GREENE, JOHNSTONE, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, EDGELL, BRADLEY, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND and ROMILLY.

‘THE REPORT of the House Committee relating to the Duties and Emoluments of the Office of Puisne Butler having been read and considered IT IS ORDERED that it be received and it is RESOLVED that in future the Salary of the Puisne Butler be £80 a year without any Fees or Perquisites and without any payments to others but that the question of his Duties be referred to the House and Finance Committees in conference to report thereon at the next Pension.’

PENSION 28<sup>th</sup> MAY PRESENT: GREENE, JOHNSTONE, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, BRADLEY, GREENWOOD, PURVIS, RYLAND and ROMILLY.

‘ORDERED that John Perry Esquire and Mr Griffith be Appointed Overseers of the Poor of Gray’s Inn for the year ensuing for the purposes of the Act of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of his late Majesty Chap 45.’

‘ORDERED that the sum of Fifty Guineas be presented to John Perry Esquire as further Testimony of the Sense of the Society of his attention to the Library.’

PENSION 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: GREENE, JOHNSTONE, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, JAMES, EDGELL, BRADLEY, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND and ROMILLY.’

‘ORDERED that Henry Sockett Esquire a Bencher of this Society be allowed this and the last Term on Account of Absence from indisposition as if he had Kept those Terms.’

PENSION 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE PRESENT: JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, EDGELL, BRADLEY, GREENWOOD, TURNER and RYLAND.

‘GENERAL REPORT of the Benchers who attended to the proceedings upon the Appeal of Mr Henry Hugh Pyke.

Mr Henry Hugh Pyke having by an Order of Pension bearing the date the 11<sup>th</sup> December 1844 been Disbarred and expelled the Society presented a Petition of Appeal to the Judges against that Order, and the Judges having been furnished with the Evidence upon which such Order of Pension was founded, the Petition of Appeal came to be heard before the Judges on Monday Evening the 27<sup>th</sup> January 1845 at 7 o’Clock there being Lord Denman and 12 other Judges present.

Mr Henry Hugh Pyke opened his Case and was heard at considerable length, and amongst other matters urged by him against the said Order of Pension, he particularly addressed to the question of Jurisdiction in the Benchers to make such an Order, and insisted, that they had no power to disbar a Man once Admitted by them to the Degree of Barrister.

9<sup>th</sup> June 1845 A Notice having been sent by Lord Denman that the Judges would attend at Sergeants Inn Hall this evening at 7 o’Clock to proceed upon the case of Mr Pyke, Mr Wailes Mr Whitmarsh Mr James Mr Edgell and Mr Ryland attended when Lord Denman said - ‘We have considered the Application of Mr Pyke against the Order made by the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the Honourable Society of Gray’s Inn, and are unanimously of the Opinion that the Order appealed against should be affirmed.’

PENSION 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: GREENE, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, EDGELL, BRADLEY, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER and ROMILLY.

‘ORDERED that the ARMS of Mr Serjeant Allen be placed in the Hall under the direction of the Treasurer.’

‘UPON reading a Letter from Mr Johnstone stating that from his blindness he would be unable again to attend the Bench IT IS ORDERED that for the future he be excused from attendance in respect of his Bench Chamber and that the Treasurer be requested to signify the same to him accordingly.’

PENSION 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT: GREENE, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, EDGELL, BRADLEY, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS and ROMILLY.

‘MR HITCHCOCK the Tenant of the Gray’s Inn Coffee House and Premises belonging thereto having according to the Report of the Society’s Surveyor done sufficient Repairs to entitle him to the Lease thereof proposed be granted to him.’

PENSION 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER PRESENT: GREENE, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, JAMES, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS and RYLAND.

‘THE TREASURER having laid before the Pension Plans made by Mr Wigg the Surveyor relating to the formation of a Passage leading from the Kitchen to the Interior of the Hall – IT IS ORDERED that the same be referred to the House Committee to enquire and report thereon.’

‘ORDERED that it be referred to the House Committee to consider whether China or Earthen ware Plates etc should be substituted for Pewter in the Hall and to report thereon.’

## GRAY'S INN 1846

PENSION 14.1.1846 PRESENT: GREENE (TREASURER), FUST, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, LONG, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND AND ROMILLY

'The Report of the Committee appointed on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 1845 to whom it was referred to consider whether any and what improvement could be made in the mode of the recording the orders and Proceedings of the Bench was further considered and thereupon the following Orders were made.

1<sup>st</sup> That all the Proceedings of every Pension be entered in the Order Book.

2<sup>nd</sup> That the Order to renew the Term in Chambers be altered to the following form (viz) .... Shall have Seven Years added to the Term of Fourteen Years ... so as to make up the same Twenty one Years in the said Chamber and Cellar...

3<sup>rd</sup> That to the Copy of such Order delivered to the Lessee there shall be attached the following Notice [Memorandum with proviso as to what should happened to chambers on death of a member of the Society]

4<sup>th</sup> That unless otherwise ordered by the Pension the Reports of all Committees presented to the Bench be inserted in the Order Book

5<sup>th</sup> That a Book be kept recording the Proceedings of the House Committee to be signed by the Chairman and that the entries in such Book made subsequent to the last preceding Pension be read at each Pension

6<sup>th</sup> That a Letter Book properly indexed be kept and that there be inserted therein Copies of every Letter written by Order of the Bench by the Treasurer Steward or any Bencher or Officer of the Society

7<sup>th</sup> That all official Letters written to the Bench the Treasurer Steward or other Officer of the Society be filed but not entered either in the Letter Book or Order Book without a Special Order of the Bench

8<sup>th</sup> That a Schedule be made of all the Papers and Documents relating to the Cases of the two Mr Cooks and Mr Pyke disbarred by this Society and that the Papers be tied up in sufficiently strong Covers for their Preservation and deposited in a place of safety.'

PENSION 21.1.1846 PRESENT: FUST, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND AND ROMILLY

'Upon taking into Consideration an Order of the Council of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn dated the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1846 upon a motion for the appointment by that Society of Lecturers in Jurisprudence and the Institutes of the Civil Law and the Foundation of Scholarships in connection therewith and also a resolution of the Masters of the Bench of the Honorable Society of the Inner Temple dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 1846 made on the same subject and also a printed Report made by a Committee of the Masters of the Bench of the Honorable Society of the Middle Temple to the Parliament of that Society entitled 'Report of the Committee of Legal Education' and likewise an Order of the Parliament of the last mentioned Society dated the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1846 confirming such Report and Ordering that a Lecturer be appointed an Examination instituted and two Exhibitions established in the manner and subject to the Regulation recommended by the said Report and referring it back to the Committee to report further thereon It is Ordered that the consideration of these matters be referred to a Committee....'

PENSION 28.1.1846 PRESENT: GREENE, FUST, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND AND ROMILLY

'The House Committee to whom at the Pension holden on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December last it was referred to consider whether China or Earthenware Plates should be substituted for Pewter in the Hall and to report thereon having at this Pension reported that in the opinion of the committee it was desirable that such substitution should be made and that the Society should purchase a fitting supply of ironstone China Plates and other Articles with the Arms and Name of the Society engraved thereon and that such Articles when purchased should be delivered to the Cook of the Society for the use of the Hall and that he should receive the sum of One pound eleven Shillings and six Pence per Term for maintaining the Stock...

The House Committee to whom at the Pension holden on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December last the Plans of Mr Wigg the Surveyor relating to the formation of a New Passage from the Kitchen to the Interior of the



Hall having at this Pension reported that the Plan which Mr Wigg stated might be carried into effect for £150 was the most eligible and that they recommended it to be adopted except in regard to the width of the Staircase’.

PENSION 28.1.1846 PRESENT: GREENE, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND AND ROMILLY

Ordered that John Romilly Esquire be and he is hereby Elected Treasurer to this Society for the year ensuing.

PENSION 19.5.1846 PRESENT: ROMILLY (Treasurer), FUST, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, AND PURVIS

‘It is Ordered That after the Report of the Finance Committee shall have been taken into consideration and its substance so far as may be necessary carried into effect it be sealed up and deposited in the Strong Room of the Society for the use of the Benchers exclusively And further that the Report be not entered in the Order Book

That three committees be appointed namely

1<sup>st</sup> a House Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> a Building and Repairing Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> a Finance Committee

... That each and every of the three several Committees of the House do keep a Minute Book of the Matters transacted at their several Meetings which Minute Books shall be exhibited to the Bench whenever they shall be called for and that the Orders contained in such Minute Books shall be the authority to the Steward the Surveyor and other Officers and Servants of the Society for the execution and performance of the matters therein contained’.

PENSION 8.7.1846 PRESENT: ROMILLY (Treasurer), FUST, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS and GREENE

Ordered that the thanks of the Bench be given to Thomas Greene Esquire our late Treasurer for his liberal Present of three Dozen Silver Forks for the use of the Society.

Upon taking into Consideration the Report of the Committee appointed by this Society upon the subject of Legal Education ... resolved forthwith to establish and endow a Lectureship of Real Property Conveyancing Devises and Bequests and trusting that this Resolution may be in accordance with the views of the other Societies, this Society has to inform them that this Society will takes steps forthwith for the purpose of obtaining Candidates from whom they may be able to select a proper Lecturer unless some Communication be made by the other Societies which may affect the Resolution of this Society and further that this Society will be ready to contribute one fourth of the Endowment that may be necessary for the purpose of Establishing and Supporting the remaining 5<sup>th</sup> Chair not at present provided for by the propositions offered for adoption by the Deputations from the Inn of Court Committees.’

PENSION 21.7.1846 PRESENT: ROMILLY (Treasurer), FUST, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS and GREENE

Orders were made as to the formula for valuation of chambers, terms of years, Lamps Watching and Insurance etc.

‘That no person or persons shall use or carry on any trade or handicraft business in any Chambers held under the Society without the consent of the Bench and that any Chamber in which such trade or business shall be used or carried on shall not be permitted to be renewed.

That all the Accounts of the Society the same having been previously been made up and balanced to the first day of Michaelmas Term next ensuing be audited by the Finance Committee

That on or before the First day of Michaelmas Term next and Account be opened at the Banking House of Messrs Childs Temple Bar for and on behalf of the Society exclusively

That a Cash Waste Book be kept by the Steward in which all receipts and outgoings whatsoever shall be entered and the amounts balanced every week.

That any two Benchers of the said Society be authorized to sign Checks upon the Funds of the Society...’

PENSION 18.11.1846 PRESENT: ROMILLY (Treasurer), FUST, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, BRADLEY, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER and PURVIS  
'The General House Committee to whom at the last Pension the Petition of Thomas Norton a Badge Porter of this Society was referred having reported that the Petitioner had been a Badge Porter to the Society for about 33 years and a waiter in the Hall for the same period as mentioned in his Petition and that he was aged 63 years and from his infirmities unfit to continue his duties as a waiter in the Hall or as Watchman except for the short watch but that they considered he might be able though to a less extent than formerly to attend to his other duties as a Porter and under all the circumstances of the case recommend to the Bench that from the end of the present Term and until further Order he be allowed Ten pounds per annum.  
The Treasurer having pursuant to Notice of Motion given at the last pension Proposed to the Bench a Plan for the Lectures on Real Property Law and Conveyancing It is Ordered that a copy of the proposed plan be sent to every Member of the Bench and that it be considered at the next Pension.'

PENSION 24.11.1846 PRESENT: ROMILLY (Treasurer), WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, LONG, BRADLEY, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER and PURVIS  
'Whereas at the Adjourned Pension held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July last it was resolved that the sum of £300 per annum for three years should be paid by this Society by way of Endowment to such person as the Bench should elect to deliver Lectures on the subject of Real Property and Conveyancing such Salary or Endowment to begin from the day of the appointment of such Lecturer and it was Ordered that the Treasurer Mr Long Mr Turn and Mr Purvis be appointed a Committee ... Now at this Pension the Committee (by way of Report) proposed that the following Resolutions be adopted viz  
'The Benchers therefore invite Gentlemen desirous to accept the Office of Lecturer to send in Testimonials of their Competency and Fitness addressed to the Treasurer. The Benchers are desirous that in addition to the Lectures some further means should be adopted to secure the attention and to ascertain the proficiency of Students the discussion of some appointed subjects in which the Student should be invited to join, subject to proper regulations – opportunities afforded to Students of stating and of obtaining from the Lecturer the solution of difficulties and Examinations in the subjects of the previous Lectures and discussions suggest themselves as means, by the judicious application of which the end in view may be attained.' The Benchers however express no opinion as to the best course to be adopted but they suggest these matters to explain distinctly their object in establishing this Lectureship and more particularly to induce each Candidate to send in such a plan of the course of instruction he proposes to adopt as may enable the Benchers to form a judgment of its probable efficiency'.

PENSION 16.12.1846 PRESENT: ROMILLY (Treasurer), FUST, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER and PURVIS  
'Upon reading a Letter from the Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn dated the 10<sup>th</sup> Instant stating that the Committee appointed by that Society on the subject of Legal Education had reported their approval of the Propositions agreed upon by the Deputations from each of the Inns of Court on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 1846 and recommending the immediate appointment of a Professorship of Equitable Jurisprudence as administered in the Court of Chancery and that the Report having been considered at their Adjourned Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> Instant was confirmed and adopted by that Society It is ordered that the Steward do by Letter acknowledge the receipt thereof.'

#### **GRAY'S INN 1847**

PENSION 13.1.1847 PRESENT: ROMILLY (Treasurer), FUST, WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, TURNER, PURVIS and RYLAND  
The Honorable Society of the Inner Temple having on the 21<sup>st</sup> December last transmitted to this Society the following Resolution on the Judges viz  
'On the Petition of Abraham Hayward Esquire Q.C. ... The Judges therefore are all of the Opinion that the Petitioner had no inchoate right to be called to the Bench But they all think that the Mode of Election by which a single Black ball may exclude is unreasonable and they strongly recommend the

Benchers of the Inner Temple in future to conclude their elections to the Bench on some more satisfactory principle', it is Ordered that the receipt of the Resolution be acknowledged. A written notice from the Honorable Society of the Inner Temple announcing the continuation of their Lectures having been received on the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant ordered that the same be acknowledged Robert Dennison the Second Butler and Pannerman and Steward and Chief Butler's man being deceased It is Ordered that it be referred to a General House Committee to inquire into the Duties and Emoluments of the Office held by the deceased and to report thereon ...

PENSION 20.1.1847 PRESENT: ROMILLY (Treasurer), FUST, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND AND GREENE  
'In the Matter of John Richard Cook's Appeal The Appellant having delivered to the Society a printed statement of his case, Messrs Burrell, James, Greenwood and Ryland attended the Judges this Evening at Serjeants Inn Hall on behalf of the Society and reported to the Bench that the Appellant had been heard by his Counsel who took the following preliminary objections to the Order appealed against... That if true it did not justify the disbarment which the Counsel contended could only (up to the time of this Order) be inflicted for conviction of Crime and that his Client was no party to the two cases of Cook and Cook and Cook and Dansey from which the charge against the appellant was extracted. The Hall being then cleared the Judges remained sometime in deliberation and upon the readmittance of parties Lord Denman said with reference to the objections that the facts disclosed by the above cases furnished a sufficient matter of accusation against the appellant affecting his character and position as a Barrister and justified the Benchers in calling on him for an explanation and that their Lordships were then ready to hear the further observations of the Appellants' counsel and on Mr Hill declining to offer any their Lordships called on the Benchers of Gray's Inn to produce the papers and documents in the case which were accordingly handed in by the Benchers present and the meeting was adjourned sine die'

PENSION 27.1.1847 PRESENT: ROMILLY (Treasurer), FUST, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND AND GREENE  
The Deputation from the Committee appointed by that Society on the subject of Legal Education had directed him to state that they were desirous of meeting the deputations from the Committees appointed on that subject by the other Inns of Court to consider certain important matters and that the deputation from Lincoln's Inn suggested a Meeting at the Inner Temple Hall on Saturday next the 30<sup>th</sup> Instant at 4 o'Clock (if convenient to the other deputations) and containing a request that this suggestion be communicated to the Deputation from this Society It is Ordered that an answer be returned to say that the Deputation of this Society will attend as request.

Read the following Notice from the Honorable Society of the Inner Temple together with a Letter from the Subtreasurer of that Society containing a request for permission to allow the notice to be placed in the Hall of this Society

'Inner Temple Bench Table 26<sup>th</sup> January 1847 The Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple request that Gentlemen desirous of becoming candidates for the Office of Lecturer of this Society On those branches of the Common Law which are not included in constitutional Law, criminal and other Crown Law, the Law of Real Property and Conveyancing devises and bequests are requested to communicate their desire to that effect to the Treasurer of the Inner Temple.. Candidates must be either Barristers of Five years standing or special Pleaders of Five years standing, or persons who have practised for five years, part as Barristers and part as special Pleaders' Ordered that the above Notice be screened in the Hall of this Society...

PENSION 30.1.1847 PRESENT: ROMILLY (Treasurer), WHITMARSH, PERRY, BURRELL, LONG, BURRELL, TURNER, PURVIS RYLAND and GREENE  
Ordered that the Right Honorable Sir Herbert Jenner Fust Knight be and he is hereby Elected Treasurer to this Society for the year ensuing.

PENSION 18.2.1847 PRESENT: ROMILLY (Treasurer), FUST, WHITMARSH, PERRY, PARKER, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, RYLAND and GREENE

Upon reading a Letter from Jane Dennison the widow of the late Under Steward dated the 17<sup>th</sup> instant stating that her late husband had shortly prior to his death purchased an original Portrait of the late Sir Alan Chambre which it had been his intention to offer to the Society in case they desired to possess the same and requesting to hear the sentiments of the Benchers upon the subject it is ordered that the said Jane Dennison be requested to send the picture to the Library for the Inspection of the Bench.

Upon reading a Letter from Edward Warwick Fuller the Cook stating that in consequence of the dearness of provisions more particularly of Vegetables butter bacon etc during the last two Terms, he humbly asked the Bench to allow him five Tons of Coals It is ordered that the sum of Seven pounds be granted to the said Cook in lieu of the said five Tons of Coals.

Upon reading a Letter addressed to the Treasurer from Messrs Venning Naylor and Robins dated the 18<sup>th</sup> Instant stating that they were instructed by the Executors of the late Daniel Neal Lister Esquire (late a Barrister of this Society) to inform the said Treasurer that by the Will of the said Daniel Neal Lister the sum of One hundred Pounds was bequeathed to the Treasurer for the time being of the Honorable Society of Gray's Inn for distribution among the poor connected with the Society and that they were instructed to pay the Legacy to the party entitled to receive it and requesting to be informed to whom and in what manner the same should be paid, It is Ordered that the Steward do write to the said Messrs Venning Naylor and Robins and inform them that if the money be paid in to the Accounts of the Society with Messrs Child and Co the Treasurer for the time being will give a receipt for the same.

PENSION 26.3.1847 PRESENT: ROMILLY (Treasurer), Fust, WHITMARSH, PERRY, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, BURRELL, TURNER, PURVIS and RYLAND

A communication was read from the Hon. Society of the Inner Temple. 'At a meeting of the Deputation from the Committees of the four Societies on the subject of Legal Education held in the Parliament Chamber of the Inner Temple on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> March 1847 It was resolved that it be recommended to the respective Benches as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> That each Society not having yet appointed its Lecturer do proceed to the Appointment as early as possible.

2<sup>nd</sup> That in order to the election of the fifth Lecturer three members be appointed from each Bench and that the Election be by a majority of such members present at a Meeting to be appointed for that purpose as early as possible

That each Lecturer, as soon as chosen, be apprized by the Bench appointing him of the general object to which it is desired that his Lectures be directed.

That each Inn appoint a Committee of three members to consider and report upon the adoption of a uniform system for the Admission of Student and for Calls to the Bar. '

'The portrait of Sir Alan Chambre having been sent to the Library by Mrs Dennison in accordance with the Order of Pension made the 18<sup>th</sup> February last and the same having been inspected by the Bench It is now Ordered that the consideration as to its purchase by the Society be adjourned to the next pension and that in the meantime the price of the portrait be ascertained.'

Easter Term 1847

PENSION 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 1847 PENSION PRESENT: FUST (Treasurer), WHITMARSH, BURRELL, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, GREENE and ROMILLY

Mr Teed having (in pursuance of Notice of the 27<sup>th</sup> January last moved 'that the attention of the Bench be called to the state of the Bench with the view of adding to its members' gave Notice that at the Pension to be holden on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May next he would move 'that the Bench add to their numbers' whereupon it was Ordered that special notice of the Motion be given to every member of the Bench.'

Upon taking into further Consideration the subject of the purchase of the Portrait of Sir Alan Chamber adjourned from the last Pension It is Ordered that such Purchase be not made. '

'Upon taking into consideration the Petition of Thomas Norton one of the Badge Porters of this Society praying for an increased allowance It is Ordered that he be allowed in future seven shillings per week.'

PENSION 28th APRIL PRESENT: JENNER-FUST, WHITMARSH, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, BRADLEY, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND, GREENE and ROMILLY.

‘Mr George Horsey’s application to be admitted a Member of the Society was withheld upon information that Mr Horsey had been refused admission to Lincoln’s Inn in that at the time of his application he was a clerk to Messrs. Tatham and Proctor, Solicitors. He was duly admitted a Member of the Society upon Mr Romilly assuring the Bench that he had received a letter from the said Solicitors that Mr Horsey was not now a clerk to them or to any other Attorney or Solicitor to the best of their knowledge or belief.’

‘It was Ordered that the Inn appoint a Committee of three members to meet a like Committee from each of the other three Inns in order to consider and report upon the adoption of a uniform system for the admission of Students and for Calls to the Bar.’

PENSION 1st MAY PRESENT: JENNER-FUST, WHITMARSH, JAMES, EDGELL, BRADLEY, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND and GREENE.

‘IN PURSUANCE of the Order of Pension made on Wednesday last Mr BANKS and Mr KENEALY attended at the Adjourned Pension and the Bench having received from Mr Banks a written statement setting forth the grounds of objection for Mr Kenealy being called to the Bar, the same was read and it having been submitted to Mr Kenealy for his perusal both the above named Gentlemen were called in and heard and in consequence of the statement containing an allegation that Mr Sergeant Murphy could give information to the Bench which would satisfy them that Mr Kenealy was not a fit person to be called to the Bar Mr Greenwood at the request of the Bench proceeded to Mr Sergeant Murphy who assured the Bench in a Letter addressed to Mr Greenwood – ‘That he knew nothing which in his Judgment should prevent Mr Kenealy being called to the Bar and that were he a Bencher he certainly should have no hesitation in admitting him to the Bar’ – On Mr Greenwoods return with this communication the matter was further considered and Mr Banks and Mr Kenealy were again called in and made acquainted with it and informed that the Bench had determined to call Mr Kenealy to the Bar ...’.

PENSION 5th MAY PRESENT: JENNER-FUST, WHITMARSH, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, BRADLEY, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND and ROMILLY.

ORDERED that JOHN PERRY Esq and Mr GRIFFITHS be appointed Overseers of the Poor of Grays Inn for the year ensuing.

‘ORDERED that the sum of Fifty Guineas be presented to JOHN PERRY Esquire as a further Testimony of the sense of the Society of his attention to the Library and the Thanks of the Society for the benefit they have derived therefrom.’

ORDERED that HENRY TENNANT, WILLIAM JOPE, WILLIAM HERRICK, THOs HORNCastle MARSHALL and THOMAS CHANDLESS be called to the Bench, ‘they first paying each the sum of ONE HUNDRED and FIFTY POUNDS as a Fine and all arrears of duties due to the Society and that they take their place according to Seniorry and do attend at a Pension to be holden on Wednesday the 26th day of May Inst ....’.

THE Committee appointed to enquire into the duties and emoluments of the late second Butler and Pannyerman and Steward and Chief Butler to this Society RECOMMENDED; ‘that there be appointed an Officer to be called Under Steward and Chief Clerk and that he shall keep the Accounts of the Society under the directions of the Bench and Steward and make out and collect the bills of Dues and for Commons and absent Commons and enter all orders and proceedings of the Society in books to be kept for that purpose and generally to attend to the business of the Society under the directions and superintendence of the Bench and Steward. Also that he shall attend during the Evening of each day that the Bench dine together for such purposes as they may direct – but he shall not be required to perform the duties of Butler and pannier man or Chief Butlers man as performed by the late Under Steward except that he shall assist in the making up the wine books and accounts under the superintendance of the Bench. That the Under Steward and Chief Clerk to be appointed as aforesaid shall be paid by an annual Salary of £120 and that he shall be allowed the like percentage on the receipts of Commons and absent Commons as the late Under Steward but that he shall not be entitled to any other perquisites or fees whatsoever and that the whole of his time shall be devoted to

the Service of the Society when required it being understood that in vacation time after Office hours his attendance will not be often required.’

PENSION 26th MAY PRESENT: JENNER-FUST, WHITMARSH, PARKER, JAMES, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, TENNANT, JOPE and CHANDLESS.

‘WILLIAM HERRICK Esquire, a Barrister of this Society having been written to informing him that he was Called to the Bench of this Society upon the usual terms, The Steward laid before the Bench a Letter dated the 10th Instant from Mr Herrick in which he declines the honor of his said Call.’

‘THOMAS HORNCastle MARSHALL Esquire, a Barrister of this Society having been written to informing him that he was called to the Bench of this Society upon the usual terms, The Steward laid before the Bench a Letter dated the 14th May Instant from Mr Marshall in which he declines the honor of his said Call.’

‘UPON reading the renewed Petition of Sir GEORGE STEPHEN stating further reasons for relaxing in his favour the rule of this Society relating to the disqualification of Attornies in regard to their admission to the Bar and the Bench having further considered the same IT WAS RESOLVED that they could not see reason to alter their decision of the 21st April last.’

‘AND IT IS ORDERED that WILLIAM DAVID LEWIS Esquire be and he is hereby ELECTED to the office of LECTURER to this Society upon Real Property and conveyancing Devises and Bequests. And the Treasurer is requested to communicate the same to Mr Lewis. IT IS ALSO ORDERED that Mr Lewis as the Lecturer be invited to dine with the Bench on the Grand Day of the present Trinity Term’.

‘LETTER from E.R.PICKERING Esquire the President of the Incorporated Law Society to the Treasurer of this Society accompanied with Copies of the proposed rules of practice relating to the retainers of Counsel as submitted to the Judges and the Bar having been laid before the Bench THE TREASURER is requested to acknowledge the receipt of the same.’

‘MOVED seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that a day be appointed for inviting the BENCHERS of the other INNS OF COURT to DINE with this Society and Thursday the 1st July at 6 o’Clock is fixed for the day of the dinner and the following Gentlemen are named as the Committee to make arrangements for the Dinner viz. The Treasurer, Mr Edgell, Mr Teed, Mr Greenwood, Mr Turner and Mr Ryland.’

PENSION 14th JULY PRESENT: JENNER-FUST, WHITMARSH, PARKER, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, and ROMILLY.

‘ORDERED that the ELECTION of the DEAN of the CHAPEL in the room of John Perry Esquire deceased do take place at the first Pension in Michaelmas Term next.’

‘ORDERED that the BENCH CHAMBER on the one pair of stairs east side at No 2 in South Square VACANT by the death of John Perry Esquire late a Bencher of this Society BE OFFERED to George Long Esquire upon the Terms expressed in the Order of Pension made the 16th day of June 1830 he being the next Bencher in Turn entitled to Bench Chambers.’

‘ORDERED that SAMUEL TURNER Esquire be APPOINTED OVERSEER of the Poor of Gray’s Inn for the present year jointly with Mr Griffiths the Steward to supply the place of John Perry Esquire decd.’

‘ORDERED that Mr LONG Mr TURNER and MR ROMILLY be requested to communicate with Mr LEWIS the Lecturer on Real Property and arrange with him the mode of delivering his lectures so as to commence in Michaelmas Term next.’

‘ORDERED that the THANKS of the BENCH be given to JOHN ROMILLY esquire (late Treasurer) for his liberal present to the Society of two silver mustard Pots, two silver salt cellars and two silver pepper Castors AND that a copy of this Order be transmitted to Mr Romilly by the Steward.’

PENSION 3RD NOVEMBER PRESENT: JENNER-FUST, WHITMARSH, BURRELL, LONG, EDGELL, BRADLEY, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND and TENNANT.

‘ORDERED that SAMUEL TURNER Esquire be and he is hereby ELECTED DEAN of the CHAPEL in the room of John Perry Esquire deceased.’

‘READ a LETTER from the Honorable Society of Lincoln’s Inn and another from the Honorable Society of Middle Temple acknowledging the receipt of the Invitation from this Society to the Masters of the Bench of their respective Societies to hear the Inaugural Address of the LECTURER

on the Law of Real Property and Conveyancing to be given in the Hall of this Society on Thursday next the 4th November.’

PENSION 10th NOVEMBER PRESENT: JENNER-FUST, WHITMARSH, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, BRADLEY, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, RYLAND, ROMILLY and JOPE.

‘THE RESOLUTION of the FINANCE COMMITTEE of the 5th Oct. last consenting to the assessment by the Middlesex Justices of the Property of the Society at the fixed rental of £13,500 for the purposes of the County rate subject to the approval of the Bench having been adjourned to the Pension for consideration, the same was taken into consideration and CONFIRMED.’

‘ORDERED that THOMAS JAMES Esquire be and he is hereby ELECTED MASTER of the LIBRARY.’

PENSION 17th NOVEMBER PRESENT: JENNER-FUST, WHITMARSH, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, EDGELL, BRADLEY, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND, GREENE, ROMILLT and TENNANT.’

‘UPON the MOTION of Mr LONG IT WAS ORDERED, THAT the MASTER of the LIBRARY holds his Office till the Election of Treasurer in Hilary Term next, THAT a Bencher be elected every year at the annual Election of the Treasurer and Committees in Hilary Term next, as Master of the Library, THAT the Master have the general superintendence of the Library (subject to any Orders of the Bench) purchase new books – complete old sets – order binding and all other matters generally relating to the Library and make an annual report in Hilary Term of every year to the Bench of the state of the Library.’

‘THE FINANCE COMMITTEE to whom at the PENSION holden on the 10th Instant A LETTER from the COOK of this Society upon the subject of his application for a further allowance in respect of the Dinner to the Benchers of the other Societies on the 1st July last was referred for consideration HAVING MADE THEIR REPORT thereon at this Pension and that matter having been further considered IT WAS ORDERED that the application by allowed.’

‘THE PETITION OF THE BADGE PORTERS to be allowed dinner on such days as they wait in the Hall (having been reported upon at this Pension) WAS REJECTED.’

PENSION 24th NOVEMBER PRESENT: WHITMARSH, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, RYLAND, GREENE, ROMILLY and JOPE.

‘THE RESOLUTIONS passed at a Special Council of the Honorable of Lincoln’s Inn there on the 8th day of Nov. instant relating to the qualification of Students to the Bar by that Society ( which Resolutions are set forth in the proceedings of the last Pension and consideration whereof was adjourned to this Pension) having been now read and considered IT IS ORDERED that the further consideration of the same be adjourned to the first Pension in Hilary Term next and that Mr Teed and Mr Romilly be requested in the meantime to confer with the Benchers of the Honorable Society of the Middle Temple on the subject of the Resolutions and to report thereon at such Pension.’

## **1848**

PENSION 12th JANUARY PRESENT: JENNER, WHITMARSH, PARKER, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND, ROMILLY, JOPE AND CHANDLESS

Letter of thanks to William Lewis for his present to the Library of a copy of his inaugural address on real property and to Robert Rouiere Pearce for his present of his work entitled History of the Inns of Court and Chancery.

PENSION 26TH JANUARY PRESENT: JENNER, WHITMARSH, PARKER, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, ROMILLY, JOPE AND CHANDLESS

Henry Tennant elected Treasurer.

Thomas Norton called to the Bar

Lecturer on Real Property proposing voluntary examination for honours; students who join regularly in the lecture, mootings qualified to stand and that the position of the successful candidates to be regulated by the results of the examinations on 7th June; names of students only who succeed in obtaining places in the class list to be made public. Approved

£20 paid to Flintoff Fund for widow and infant children of late Owen Flintoff  
Petition from Merry Derry, Laundress in the Inn praying for pecuniary relief read but no order made.  
Thomas James made his report on Library which was accepted, and apptd Master of the Library for ensuing year.

PENSION 18TH FEBRUARY PRESENT: JENNER, WHITMARSH, PARKER, BURRELL, JAMES, EDGELL, GREENWOOD, TURNER, RYLAND, ROMILLY, JOPE AND CHANDLESS  
Letter of thanks to William Jope for his present of Johnson's Dictionary in 3 volumes by the Revd Todd and to John Cooke for his present of a commentary of the 18th edition of Blackstone's Commentaries, and to the Inner Temple for their present of several copies of the inaugural lecture on Common Law  
£10 to National School in Baldwin's Gardens

PENSION 24th MARCH PRESENT: JENNER, WHITMARSH, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND, GREENE, ROMILLY, JOPE AND CHANDLESS  
Steward to transmit to each of the Inns of Court 20 copies of inaugural address on real property

PENSION 19TH APRIL PRESENT: TENNANT, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PARKER, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, EDGELL, TEED, GREENWOOD, PURVIS, RYLAND, GREENE, ROMILLY AND CHANDLESS

Arthur Price Jenner called to Bar; William Tyndall Barnard allowed to practise as a Special Pleader  
Letter from Sir George Gray, Home Secretary to Thomas Greenwood, who undertook the superintendence of the Special Constables on the day of the apprehended Riots (10th April):  
'It has been my gratifying duty to represent to Her Majesty the loyal and constitutional spirit which has been evinced by the great body of the Inhabitants of the Metropolis on the occasion of the recent apprehensions of a disturbance of the public Peace.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to express her warm approval of the conduct of all those whose zealous co-operation with the authorities so largely contributed to the preservation of Order and to the tranquility [sic] of London.

I request that you will do me the favor to convey to the Special Constables of Gray's Inn the cordial acknowledgments of Her Majesty's Government for the valuable services rendered by them on this occasion in common with a very large number of the fellow Citizens.

The promptitude and zeal with which men of all Classes came forward to undertake the duties of Special Constables is most satisfactory and affords the strongest ground for confidence in the maintenance of public Peace and Order.'

Resolutions passed at Special Council of Lincoln's Inn relating to the qualifications of student to be called taken into consideration but no order made.

Letter of thanks to Revd David Thom for his present of a work of his brother on the Chinese Language.

Petition from Inhabitants who had learnt with much regret that the Benchers had been urged to destroy the Rookery in the Gardens and respectfully but earnestly requesting them not to do so until they had had an opportunity of ascertaining whether the sentiments of the Residents generally were in favor, it was ordered that an answer be returned by the Steward intimating that there is no intention to disturb the Rookery.

PENSION 3 MAY PRESENT: TENNANT, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PARKER, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, EDGELL, GREENE, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, RYLAND, GREENE, JOPE AND CHANDLESS

Henry Nicholas Carr, John Stratford Collins and Maurice Charles Merttins Swaby called to Bar.

PENSION 10TH MAY 1848 PRESENT: TENNANT, JENNER, WHITMARSH, JAMES, EDGELL, GREENE, RYLAND, ROMILLY, JOPE AND CHANDLESS

Turner and Griffith reappointed Overseers of the Poor  
£1000 to be invested in £3 per cent consols



PENSION 31ST MAY PRESENT:TENNANT, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PARKER, JAMES, LONG,EDGELL, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND AND CHANDLESS

Report of Building Committee referred to continued complaints received about the state of the WCs to which resort is made by the clerks as well as to the principals, and necessity for providing additional accommodation. They made an inspection, and agreed this was an absolute necessity, and looked at land behind No. 5 South Sq where it had been suggested they might be sited, though at very considerable cost. Mr Wigg afterwards suggested that an additional range might be made (instead) on the west side of the present closets, to occupy the passage between them and the Chapel – preferable to adapting the site at the back of No. 5 South Sq. The committee agreed and asked Mr Wigg to draw up a plan and an estimate.

Communication by the Lecturer in Equitable Jurisprudence at Lincoln’s Inn, Robert Hall, Commons Law Inner Temple, George Long, Reader on Jurisprudence and Roman Law, Middle Temple and William David Lewis, Gray’s Inn, Real Property and referring to advantages of public lectures for students on the system and practice of English Law concurrently with General Jurisprudence, and suggested that attendance at the lectures being delivered in the Halls of the Inns should become part of the qualification to be required for candidates for the degree of Barrister. Public sanction of Benchers needed

PENSION 7TH JUNE PRESENT:TENNANT, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PARKER, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, TEED, GREENWOOD, TURNER, RYLAND, GREENE, ROMILLY, JOPE AND CHANDLESS

Report of Building Committee on the WCs: it was ordered that it be received and adopted and referred to the Building Committee to carry into execution the Survey’s Plan marked B.

PENSION 14TH JUNE PRESENT:TENNANT, WHITMARSH, BURRELL, JAMES, LONG, EDGELL, GREENWOOD, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND, ROMILLY, JOPE AND CHANDLESS  
Called to the Bar: Daniel Harnett Slack, Thomas Worthington Barlow and Leon Arnaud

PENSION 11TH JULY PRESENT: TENNANT, JENNER, WHITMARSH, PALFREY, JAMES, LONG, TEED, TURNER, PURVIS, RYLAND, GREENE AND CHANDLESS

St George Kerr admitted to the Society for the purpose of being called to the Irish Bar  
Further consideration of the letters from residents about obstruction of the sight of the Clock by the Screen over the roof of the North Library. Mr Pownall for the Surveyor attended and produced plans for a proposed alteration of the Screen. Ordered that the present Gable be taken down and that a battlemented parapet be carried in front of the roof of the Library, similar to that over the Hall and Chapel.

£1000 stock 3% consols to be purchased out of the Balance now in the Bankers funds.

### **Pension Book volume XI**

Benchers of Gray’s Inn – November 1848

		Called	accepted
Ob Feb 1852	Johnstone Lockhart	10 <sup>th</sup> Feby 1821	9 <sup>th</sup> May 1825
	Fust Rt Hon. Sir	9 <sup>th</sup> Novr 1825	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1826
	Herbert Jenner Kt		
Ob 19 Ap 1854	Wailles George	Ib	ib
D	Whitmarsh Francis	20 <sup>th</sup> May 1829	29 <sup>th</sup> May 1829
D	Parker Thomas	Ib	ib
D	Burrell John Palfrey	Ib	ib
Ob 5 oct/53	James Thomas	4 <sup>th</sup> June 1834	11 <sup>th</sup> June 1834
	Long George	Ib	ib
	Edgell Harry	26 <sup>th</sup> Aok 1837	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 1837
	Bradley Robt Greene	Ib	ib

	Teed John Godfrey	Ib	ib
	Greenwood Thomas	Ib	6 <sup>th</sup> May 1837
Ob 9 May 1849	Turner Samuel	21 <sup>st</sup> Apr 1841	28 <sup>th</sup> Apl 1841
	Purvis Thomas	Ib	ib
	Ryland Archer	Ib	ib
	Greene Thomas	Ib	ib
	Romilly Sir Jno Kt	13 <sup>th</sup> Decr 1843	17 <sup>th</sup> Jany 1844
	Solr Genl		
Ob 1854	Tennant Henry	5 <sup>th</sup> May 1847	26 <sup>th</sup> May 1847
	Jope William	Ib	ib
	Chandless Thomas	Ib	ib
	Broderyn William	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1850§	17th Apr 1850
	John		
	Marshall Thos	Ib	ib
	Horncastle		
	Coulson Walter	16th July 1851	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1851
	Combe Boyce	1 <sup>st</sup> May 1854	10 <sup>th</sup> May 1854
	Wilde William	Ib	ib
	Ray Henry Belward	Ib	ib
	Barstone James	Ib	ib

## GRAYS INN 1848

### *Michaelmas Term*

8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1848

PENSION PRESENT HENRY TENNANT TREASURER, SIR HERBERT JENNER FUST, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER AND ARCHER RYLAND

‘The General House Committee reported that in the past long vacation they had found it necessary to remove the Housekeeper from that situation and had appointed Cecil Waller, one of the senior Badge Porters in his stead. Confirmed by Pension.’

‘The Building Committee having made a report concerning an alleged nuisance at 2 South Square and the interference of the Guardians of the Poor of the Holborn Union therein, ordered that the matter be referred to a General House Committee.’

‘Read a letter from Thomas Horncastle Marshall, barrister of this Society, referring to his previously declining the invitation of the Benchers to join the Bench because he thought that his duties as a County Court Judge would prevent his taking any share in the business of the Inn. If still eligible, and if there is likely to be another creation of Benchers soon, it would give him great pleasure to accept the invitation.’

15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PENSION PRESENT HENRY TENNANT TREASURER, SIR HERBERT JENNER FUST, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, WILLIAM JOPE AND THOMAS CHANDLESS

William Tyndall Barnard called to the Bar

Thanks of the Bench to the Rt Hon. Sir Herbert Jenner Fust (late Treasurer) for his liberal present to the Society of a silver pepper castor and two silver soup ladles.

22 NOVEMBER PENSION PRESENT HENRY TENNANT TREASURER, SIR HERBERT JENNER FUST, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURELL, GEORGE LONG,

ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, JOHN ROMILLY AND WILLIAM JOPE

General House Committee reported on the alleged nuisance at no. 2 South Square. 'Advised that a letter should be written to the Guardians of the Holborn Union referring to the alleged nuisance from a Gutter or drain adjoining chambers at No. 2 S Sq, The Benchers request that no further 'interference' ie complaint be made by the Guardians or others acting on the part of the parish of Saint Andrew Holbonrn in any similar case within the District of GI. The Benchers have made due inquiry into the matter and they are lacking all necessary measures for preserving the sanitary state of the Inn.'

26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PENSION PRESENT FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND AND WILLIAM JOPE

On reading a letter from Mr Charles Evans referring to a complaint of Messrs Tennant Harrison respecting a cesspool at No. 2 Gray's Inn Square and a draft letter proposed by the Building Committee, 'ordered that the Steward write and send the letter accordingly; it having been referred to your Committee at the Pension on 7th June to carry into execution the Surveyor's plan marked B for building the new Water Closets, the Committee beg to report that the works were completed by the commencement of the present term, and that in conformity with the plan the closets have been divided into two distinct classes, one for the exclusive accommodation of the occupiers of Chambers in the Inn and the other for that of their clerks and servants. In order to prevent improper persons resorting to the Closets, the committee have caused different locks to be placed upon the entrance door to each class, and to each lock they have had keys numbered progressively which they have issued to the occupiers of chambers under certain restrictions. Register kept of the keys issued and required an engagement from the occupiers that they will not lend their keys to persons not entitled to the use of theme. Notice Boards erected warning unauthorised person from entering. Recommended that in order to keep the closets in a respectable and decent condition a competent person should be appointed to the care of them. Instituted inquiries at the other Inns to determine a salary etc. Appointed William Dobby the senior Badge Porter as fit and proper to carry out the duty, pending the order of Pension on the subject.'

'A complaint had been made about Verulam Buildings and the nuisances committed by Laundresses and others. Considering that the present condition of these buildings was largely driven by the absence of a porter, it was recommended that one be appointed. Recommended that £1 be paid to the person to be appointed, to be called the Warder, and that William Dobby be elected Warder.'

Ordered that a letter of thanks be written to William Hughes for his present of a copy of his work in two volumes entitled 'Hughes's practice of sales of Real Property'.

#### **GRAY'S INN 1849**

17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 1849 PRESENT HENRY TENNANT TREASURER, JOHN PALFREY BURELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, JOHN ROMILLY AND WILLIAM JOPE

Acknowledged receipt of a resolution proposed at Lincoln's Inn to the effect that it should not be deemed compulsory on the students of this Society to attend the lectures delivered by any of the Professors

Application of Mr Hitchcock, less of the GI Coffee House to regrant to Mr Hart

24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 1849 PRESENT HENRY TENNANT TREASURER, JOHN PALFREY BURELL, THOMAS JAMES, HARRY EDGELL, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, JOHN ROMILLY AND THOMAS CHANDLESS

James Fallon called to the Bar

Read a letter from Mr William Bartholomew the tenant of the house NO. 3 GI Place 'on the subject of a Drain now in progress of making to carry off water from the public pathway leading from Raymond buildings to GI Place into a cesspool in the Garden adjacent to his House entreating that such cesspool might be filled up with earth and that the surface drainage might be carried through proper drainage

tiles into a new cesspool to be formed at a considerable distance from his premises'. Referred to the Building Committee.

30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY PRESENT HENRY TENNANT TREASURER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, JOHN ROMILLY AND THOMAS CHANDLESS Frederick James Furnivall called to the Bar.

William Jope elected Treasurer

Report of Thomas James, Master of the Library received and confirmed with the thanks of the Society. Re-elected Master of the Library

Present members of the House Committee Building and Repairing Committee and of the Finance Committee reappointed.

Regarding the letter from Mr Bartholomew, 'ordered that the Steward write to him saying that it is the opinion of the Bench that the quantity of water which will flow into the cesspool referred to in his letter will be very little if at all increased by the new drain into it as a great portion of the water that has usually flowed into it will be taken off by the new cesspool lately made near to Raymond Buildings and if the cesspool complained of by him were removed it would not prevent the dampness complained of which arises from the earth surrounding the external walls of the parts of the House where the dampness exists.'

'Mr William Sharp who with his brother resides in the chambers on the three pair of stairs north side at no.2 VB having complained of an annoyance from the performance of music in the chamber of Mr Sargood ordered to be referred to the General House Committee.'

'Henry Darkin the Hall and Chapel Keeper and Scavenger presented a petition setting for the great depreciation in the fees and emoluments of his situation for the last two or three years and more especially in regard to the disposal of the dust and ashes collected in the Inn for which instead of receiving money as contemplated by the Bench in their estimate for his profits he had for upwards of a year past been obliged to pay to be taken away, praying that the Bench would grant him some addition to his Salary. Ordered to be referred to the GHC.'

Thanks to Henry Tennant for his liberal present of four silver fish knives.

20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 1849 PRESENT HENRY TENNANT TREASURER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURELL, THOMAS JAMES, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER AND THOMAS CHANDLESS

Order by Lincoln's Inn read: regarding call to the Bar ordered that the conditions as to age standing etc for call, qualifications henceforth to be 5 years standing or three years with a degree of MA or BCL of Oxford, Cambridge or Dublin, 12 terms commons, nine exercises, age 21.

GHC reported on Mr Sharp's letter. Steward to inform Mr Sharp and Mr Sargood that 'the Bench are of the opinion that in a place set apart for the study and practice of the law a greater degree of quiet should be preserved than there can be claimed in other places and that residents cannot be at liberty to use their chambers as they may do a lodging or a house in another place, have to intimate to Mr Sargood that they consider he is not at liberty to have music parties in his chambers when the occupiers of other chambers in the Inn are disturbed by it, and that Messrs Sharp have a cause of complaint. In forbearing to make any order on the subject the Bench indulge the hope that after this intimation of their opinion the same cause of complaint will not occur again.'

On reading petition of Mr Alexander Edgell (no 5 RB) 'regarding annoyance from 9 pairs of Rooks having built and bred in a tree opposite to and within a few feet of his bedroom and closely adjoining his private office and setting forth that 8 of the 9 nests built last year still remain, and reason to apprehend the Rooks will very shortly resort to them for breeding purposes, praying that such nests might be removed that and during his occupation of the chambers the rooks may be prevented from building ordered to be referred to GHC.'

GHC referred to petition by Henry Drakin recommended that £15 should be added to his salary for the current year.

Petition of John King formerly Gardener praying for pecuniary assistance; ordered that £3 be given to him as a charitable donation

20<sup>th</sup> MARCH PRESENT HENRY TENNANT TREASURER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND AND THOMAS CHANDLESS  
Letter from Sharp brothers (2 VB) that music still continuing. Adjourned to first pension in Easter Term.

Attendance of a second porter as watchman at the Holborn Gate to be discontinued.

Under Steward to have an allowance of 3 guineas for engrossing the annual audit accounts in the Ledger, and the like to be paid to him for such accounts for 1847

‘Mr Edgell gave notice of a motion for better identification of the several kitchens cellars as respectively belonging to an occupied with chambers, to be considered at first pension in Easter term. Finance Committee presented report but no order made. The committee upon considering the propriety of the charge against the Society for Income Tax paid out of their funds in respect of Bench Chambers are of the opinion that such charge is improper and that the income tax ought to be paid by the Benchers beneficially interested in such chambers.’

*Easter Term 1849*

18<sup>th</sup> APRIL PRESENT: WILLIAM JOPE TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER FUST, GEORGE WAILES, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, THOMAS GREENWOOD AND SAMUEL TURNER

Letters from Mr Sharp and Mr Scargood further adjourned to last pension in this term

Motion of Mr Edgell that in future ‘orders of pension for grants and renewals of terms etc should have identified every kitchen cellar coal vault and water closet belonging thereto and occupied to be clearly identified, and that on the entrance door or similar each kitchen cellar coal vault and water closet be painted the number corresponding with the number to be set forth in the Society’s State of the House book by which the situation of every chamber to which such place may be clearly ascertained.’

Referred to Building committee.

Memorial from Public Dispensary n Bishops Court Chancery Lane requesting pecuniary aid; ordered that 20 guineas to be paid

Letter of thanks to William David Lewis Lecturer of this Society for the present of his work entitled ‘A Supplement to a Treatise on the Law of Perpetuity.’

25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 1849 PRESENT WILLIAM JOPE TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER FUST, GEORGE WAILES, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER AND ARCHER RYLAND

Letter from William Mills saying that ‘he had lived 11 years at no. 13 South Sq as clerk to Mr Espinasse and was not out of employment in consequence of Mr Espinasse having been appointed one of the judges of the local court, and having no allowance from him and being in great distress he was obliged to solicit the Bench to grant him a weekly allowance to save himself and wife from actual starvation and further stating that he was 64 and his wife 70 years old, it was ordered that it be referred to the Overseers of the Inn to give him temporary relief if necessary and to enquire and report generally upon the case at the last Pension in this term.’

‘The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland having presented to the Library a volume containing a report of the proceedings under the Treason Felony Act at the Commission Court Green Street Dublin and a volume containing the report of Mr Justice Crampstons charge to the Grand Jury and the summings up of the LCJ in the Queen v O’Brien the Treasurer was requested to communicate by letter to Mr Redington the thanks of the Bench to His Excellency for the present.’

‘Ordered that Messrs Whitmarsh Burrell and Greenwood be the Lessors in the new Lease to be granted to GI coffee House to Mr Hart.’

2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 1849 Present WILLIAM JOPE TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER FUST, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, JOHN ROMILLY AND THOMAS CHANDLESS

William Devoy and John Raymond Grace called to the Bar.

‘Letter from Harry Edgell requesting whitewashing and painting in his Bench Chambers at no. 9 GI Sq referred to Building Committee’.

7<sup>th</sup> MAY 1849 PRESENT WILLIAM JOPE TREASURER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, THOMAS GREEN AND THOMAS CHANDLESS

‘On reading the letters of Mr Sharp and Mr Sargood, ordered that the Steward communicate to each of them that the Bench desire it to be understood that their Order alludes not only to all members and tenants of the Society but to all residents in Chambers in the Inn’.

‘The Overseers of the Inn referred to case of William Mills said they did not find any instance in which the Overseers had given charitable relief to applicants to the Society on account of servitude or otherwise and that the Steward of the Society had advanced to the applicant in small sums £1.7.6 and that they had reason to believe that his settlement was in the parish of Newington Butts in Surrey and that therefore they could only submit to the pension that the Steward should for the present be authorised to allow from time to time to the applicant such sums as might under the circumstances be considered necessary for the immediate subsistence of himself and his wife he evidently appearing to be unable to obtain a livelihood by any exertions of his own, it was ordered that the report be received and that the Steward be instructed to administer relief to the Petitioner not exceeding 40 shillings until the second Pension in next term.’

Turner and Griffith appointed overseers of the Poor of the Inn

Letter of thanks to John Jagoe for his present of a copy of his work on the practice of the county courts, and to Charles Knight Murray for the 6<sup>th</sup> volume of Orders in Council ratifying schemes of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England together with a General index to the first six volumes

*Trinity Term 1849*

23 MAY 1849 PRESENT WILLIAM JOPE TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER FUST, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, HARRY EDGELL, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, JOHN GODFREY TEED, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND AND THOMAS CHANDLESS

Further letters from Mr Sargood read but no order made

30<sup>th</sup> MAY 1849 PRESENT WILLIAM JOPE TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER FUST, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND AND THOMAS CHANDLESS

‘A letter from Mr Serjeant Manning was read proposing to undertake the reprinting of the year books at a remuneration to him of such copies of the work as might remain after the four Societies should have taken as many copies as they might think proper to reserve to themselves, the Bench declined to entertain the proposal.’

‘A letter from Thomas Southgate a barrister of this society alleging misconduct by a Badge Porter on Sunday evening while in execution of his duty as Watchman referred to GHC.’

6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 1849 PRESENT WILLIAM JOPE TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER FUST, GEORGE WAILES, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, HARRY EDGELL, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, JOHN ROMILLY, HENRY TENNANT AND THOMAS CHANDLESS

Sir George Stephen called to the Bar; also Thomas Hughes Greenland.

Report of the General House Committee on Mr Southgate’s letter stating that Mr Southgate and John Comley had attended their meeting and upon an explanation the complaint was satisfactorily disposed of.

‘Petition of Thomas Tagg saying that he had been for over 30 years employed as Assistant Scavenger in the Inn and that the salary of 5s per week which he received was very inadequate to the labor he had to perform and praying relief from the Bench: no Order was made.’

11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 1849 PRESENT WILLIAM JOPE TREASURER, GEORGE WAILES, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND , THOMAS GREEN AND HENRY TENANT

Letter from Mary Waite stating that ‘she was in arrear of Rent and had been for some years afflicted with disease of the heart and soliciting pecuniary relief it was ordered that the Steward should pay the arrears of her Rent (24s) and give her a further sum on £1.’

On reading a letter from William Miles stating he had ‘applied to the Parish of Newington where he had been refused relief and had applied to Mr Espinasse for assistance without success and soliciting a further grant of a weekly allowance from the Bench it was ordered that it be referred to the GHC with full powers to communicate with Mr Espinasse and to act as they may be advised.’

25<sup>th</sup> JULY PRESENT WILLIAM JOPE TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER FUST, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, JOHN GODFREY TEED, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND , THOMAS GREENE AND HENRY TENNANT

‘The Bench having been informed that a serious Nuisance is experienced by Messrs Rolfe and Edmunds at No. 12 South Sq arising from two privies in the yard of a house in Fullwood Rents immediately under the back windows of their chambers, ordered that the solicitors of the Society do take proper steps for causing the nuisance to be obviated in the name and on behalf of Messrs Rolfe and Edmunds unless they will at the instance of the Society take fit and proper steps for such purpose.’

Sir Francis Waskett-Myers presented 5 volumes of mss precedents of pleadings and writs collected by the late J. Atkinson Esq, - letter of thanks.

Memorial on behalf of the Parochial Schools of Saint Andrew Holborn read: ‘very large outlay a few years since in rebuilding the schools, and a debt of £500 was incurred which your memorialists are most anxious to discharge, added to which the current expenses of the present year have exceeded the receipts by £70 in consequence of either the death or removal of many old subscribers. Obligated to appeal for help not only to the Parishoners but also to others. Ordered that 20 guineas be subscribed to the said Parochial School.’

No order made on further petition from William Mills.

#### *Michaelmas Term 1849*

7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1849 PRESENT WILLIAM JOPE TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER FUST, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, THOMAS GREENE, JOHN ROMILLY AND HENRY TENNANT

John Deverell called to Bar.

Letter of thanks to the Hon. And Revd Samuel Best for his present of several of his works.

£5 to be given to Mary Field Gray one of the Foundlings of this Society to learn the business of dress making.

Letter of thanks from the Treasurer of the Committee of the Parochial Schools

Read with feelings of deep regret letter announcing the decease of the Revd Dr George Shepherd the Preacher declared the office to be vacant and fixed day of election. Alphabetical list of the names of the several candidates to be printed and copies sent to each member of the Bench. Dean to be requested to take the necessary steps for procuring the services of a preacher during the vacancy. Consideration to be given to mode of electing new Preacher.

14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT WILLIAM JOPE TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER FUST, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, JOHN GODFREY TEED, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, THOMAS GREENE, JOHN ROMILLY AND HENRY TENNANT

‘The Solicitor General proposed the mode of election of the Preacher:

1. Benchers vote for those whom they desire to retain for further consideration each Bencher to hand to the Junior Bencher a list of names, who will examine the lists and state the number of

votes that each candidate has received. All those who do not receive at least two to be excluded.

2. Benchers then to proceed in like manner to select from the list the names of those to be retained for further consider; all those who do not have at least four votes excluded.
3. Next election similar but exclude those who do not have at least six votes.
4. To proceed to four and if necessary fifth election – seven and eight votes respectively, until the number of candidates is reduced to two, of whom the Benchers shall appoint that one to be preacher who on last election obtains majority.’

21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER PRESENT WILLIAM JOPE TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER FUST, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, JOHN ROMILLY AND HENRY TENANT

William Harrison called to Bar, also Richard Reader Harris. William Haworth Special Pleader.

### **GRAY’S INN 1850**

16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 1850 PRESENT WILLIAM JOPE TREASURER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, ROBERT GREEN BRADLEY, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, THOMAS GREENE, JOHN ROMILLY, HENRY TENNANT AND THOMAS CHANDLESS

Saint George Kerr called to Bar, also George Frances

‘Ordered that the Revd James August Hessey be elected Morning Preacher in the room of the Revd George Shepherd DD and that he be allowed the yearly stipend of 200 guineas and Commons as usual, to be paid quarterly.’

Letter of thanks to Samuel Miller, Barrister, for his present of a copy of his work on land tax.

Thanks to Wiliam Jope for his liberal present of four lamps and two scagliola pedestals and also for the use of the Bar 2 dozen silver dessert forks and one dozen silver desert spoons.

‘Mr Teed gave notice that he would call attention of the Bench to the state of the Bench with a view to adding to their number.’

23 JANUARY 1850 PRESENT WILLIAM JOPE TREASURER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, ROBERT GREEN BRADLEY, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, THOMAS GREENE, JOHN ROMILLY AND HENRY TENNANT

Thanks of Bench to Revd Edward Chaplin the Reader and afternoon Lecturer for discharging the duties of Morning Preacher during the recent vacancy and that 40 guineas be presented to him as remuneration for his services (two guineas for each Sunday and the day of Thanksgiving.

‘John Wright one of Badge Porters whilst on duty seen in state of intoxication and incapable of performing his duties, having been reprimanded on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1848, now ordered that he be dismissed. Referred to GHC to appoint a Porter in place of Thomas Norton incapacitated and another porter in place of John Wright dismissed.’

‘Referred to GHC to enquire whether any and what improvements can be adopted in the performance of the Psalmody and other Musical Services in the Chapel and report generally upon the same.’

‘Mr Long gave notice that he would move that in future no money be paid from the funds of the society to benchers holding Bench chambers on account of property or income tax paid by the tenants of such chambers and deducted from the rents thereof.’

30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 1850 PRESENT WILLIAM JOPE TREASURER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, THOMAS GREENE, JOHN ROMILLY AND HENRY TENNANT

GHC reported they had appointed William Sparkes and James Fortune Badge Porters, subject to confirmation of Bench, which was given.



‘Petition of Henry Darkin Hall and Chapel Keeper and Scavenger. Bench pleased to grant him £15 for the current year, and ref to GHC to enquire into the whole matter.’

Letter from John Manley Wood a barrister of the society alleging misconduct on the part of the cook but no order made.

Richard Bolton Barton called to Bar, also John Morgan.

Ordered that the following be called to the Bench:

William John Broderip (called to Bar 13<sup>th</sup> May 1817 at Lincoln’s Inn), Thomas Horncastle Marshall called to Bar 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 1821 (GI).

‘Ordered that in future no money be paid from the funds of this Society to Benchers holding Bench Chambers on account of Property Tax paid by the Tenants of such chambers and deducted from the rents thereof.’

Reference to Finance Committee to inquire and report on what sum by way of Gratuity might in their opinion be given to the Under Steward on account of his claim for percentage on commons and absent commons.

Burrell, James and Bradley to the House Committee for the year. Whitmarsh, Teed, Turner and Jope to Building and Repairing Committee.

Long, Edgell Greenwood and Tennant to the Finance Committee.

Thomas James made annual report and re-elected Mater of the Library

Thomas Chandless elected Treasurer for the year ensuing.

22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 1850 PRESENT FRANCIS WHITMARSH IN LOCO TREASURER, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, HENRY TENNANT AND THOMAS CHANDLESS

GHC report on petition of Henry Darkin and having consulted Mr Wigg the Surveyor ‘who confirmed the difficulty of disposing of the dust throughout the Metropolis and that parish authorities instead of selling it were obliged to pay for its being carted away, were of the opinion and recommended that the sum of £20 should be allowed the Petitioner in addition to his salary for the current year.’

GHC reported that ‘William Jope had intimated to them his intention to present the Society with a Clock which he desired to have placed in South Square and the Treasurer having requested the Committee to consider of a fit situation in that Square for the purpose recommended that such clock should be placed above the window over the Arch leading from South Sq to GI Sq and facing the former and requested surveyor to make an estimate of the expense of placing the clock.’

‘On reading and considering the Memorial of the Barristers and Students at a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February respectfully call the attention of the Benchers to the annexed statement and resolution to express their hope that they will give favourable consideration

1<sup>st</sup> Resolution that it is the feeling of this meeting that any rules of this Hon. Soc. tending to put the members of it on a different footing with regard to their precedence in the Hall of this Society from those of other Societies should receive the immediate consideration of the Benchers carried unanimously

2<sup>nd</sup> Resolution that with this view the meeting respectfully requests the Benchers will at an early period take into consideration the existing rules of this and the other societies in ref to the admission and privileges of barristers coming from one society to the other carried unanimously

3<sup>rd</sup> Resolution that the statement of the rules of the different societies made to this meeting and a copy of this resolution be respectfully submitted to the Benchers of this society. Carried unanimously

4<sup>th</sup> Resolution that the thanks of this meeting be presented to the Benchers for the use of the hall. Carried unanimously.’

Statement made about the rank and precedence in other Inns.

Directed that further consideration of the memorial be adjourned to the first pension in Easter Term Letter to be written to the Senate of the London University thanking them for present of a copy of the Calendar for the year 1850

20<sup>th</sup> MARCH PRESENT WILLIAM JOPE TREASURER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, HENRY TENNANT AND THOMAS CHANDLESS

Thanks to John Archibald Russell for his present of his edition of Chitty and to Samuel Francis Bilton for his present of a copy of his Chart of practice of the Court of Chancery, and to Mr Serjt Merweather for his present of a copy of his speech upon the claim of the Commissioners of Woods and Forests to the Sea shore.

17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 1850 PRESENT: THOMAS CHANDLESS TREASURER, GEORGE WILES, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, THOMAS GREENE, HENRY TENNANT, WILLIAM JOPE, WILLIAM JOHN BRODERIP AND THOMAS HORNCastle MARSHALL  
'Ordered that William John Broderip have a vote in Pension and take his place according to his seniority of acceptance of his said call. Ditto Thomas Horncastle Marshall.'

Ordered that Thomas Trevetham Spicer be called to the Bar.

Memorial of the Barristers and Students considered and referred to a committee.

Petition of Richard Bolton Barton stating that 'on his Call he was fined £20 in lieu of chambers and that he humbly considered that the practice of fining gentlemen on their call to the bar a hardship towards those who were unable to obtain a nominal assignment of chambers and praying that the Bench would be pleased to release him the whole of some part of the said fine: read but no order made.'

GHC regarding improvements in Psalmody and other musical services: letter from Mr Helmore 'suggesting that there might be a musical exhibition of £25 pa to St Marks to be called the Gray's Inn Scholarship and that in consideration of such benefit the College should from time to time send to your Sunday morning service two of the students to assist in the singing. In addition five or six boys selected from St Marks practising School who shall be brought under the care of the students for whom a gratuity of not less than one shilling each per time of attendance should be paid to the College.' Also necessary to undertake to defray the omnibus fare for the young men and boys This would be under £40 supposing you only had 4 boys. Some outlay would be necessary for music On consideration it was found that the expense would be under £55.

'Under all the circumstances, committee beg to recommend that the psalmody in the chapel be altered by obtaining the services of two students and four boys as suggested.'

Ordered that suggestion be carried out.

Letter from Mary Waite soliciting further pecuniary assistance: £3 granted.

John King had been a gardener from 1815 to 1820 'and had the misfortune through falling in of gravel in the Gardens to suffer the fracture and amputation of one of his legs whereby he was disabled from following his business. Praying that the Bench would be pleased to award him a small annual pension it was ordered that the sum of five shillings a week be allowed him.'

Thanks to William Barter, barrister for his Poems including translating the first Iliad of Homer  
'The Bench having received an intimation from the Senior Barrister dining in Hall this day that a change of Dinner hour to 5.30 would in their opinion meet general convenience, ordered that on and from Monday next Dinner hour shall be half past 5 o'clock precisely.'

'The Lecturer having requested the continued use of Hall for his lecturers until the close of the present course in the month of July next although his office would as he believed expire at an earlier period and having stated that the importance of the subject of the present course made him desirous to carry it on to a proper conclusion which the extent of it would not admit of his doing so until the period above mentioned being the season the year's lectures have generally terminated, it is ordered that the application be granted.'

24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 1850

Present, GEORGE WILES IN LOCO TREASURER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, HENRY TENNANT, WILLIAM JOPE, WILLIAM JOHN BRODERIP AND THOMAS HORNCastle MARSHALL

Memorial of Barristers and Students: Report of Committee. Ordered that barristers coming from other Inns of Court shall be allowed precedence from the date of their calls but they shall not be eligible to become Benchers till they have been ten years members and kept terms

William Broderip appointed to the Garden Committee

1 MAY 1850

Present THOMAS CHANDLESS TREASURER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, JOHN GODFREY TEED, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, THOMAS GREENE, HENRY TENNANT AND WILLIAM JOHN BRODERIP.

Henry William Vincent called to the Bar

7<sup>th</sup> MAY 1850

Present JOHN PALFREY BURRELL IN LOCO TREASURER, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, HENRY TENNANT AND WILLIAM JOHN BRODERIP

Turner and Griffith appointed Overseers of the Poor of GI

Finance Committee recommended that £1.14.2 be given to the Under Steward on account of his claim for percentage on Commons and absent Commons

Mr Long gave notice that at the next Pension he would move that it be referred to the Finance Committee to report on whether the Order of 29.2.1833 be abrogated (requiring that Students not having Chambers in their names for at least two years prior to the Call should pay a fine of £20.)

*Trinity Term 1850*

Present THOMAS CHANDLESS TREASURER, GEORGE WAILES, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, SAMUEL TURNER, THOMAS GREENE, JOHN ROMILLY, HENRY TENNANT AND WILLIAM JOHN BRODERIP

George Horsey called to the Bar and also Alfred Mackinnon Attree

Communication from the Middle Temple read: Call of Augustus Newton to be vacated, and that he should be disbarred and expelled

Motion of Mr Long: referred to Finance Committee

On motion of Mr Long, resolved that William David Lewis, Lecturer to the Society be requested to continue for three years at £000 pa

Letter of thanks to Mr William Holden Spilsbury for the present of a copy of his work entitled 'Lincoln's Inn and its Library'.

Letter from Mr Augustine Thwaites formerly a member of this Society soliciting pecuniary assistance read but no order made.

29<sup>th</sup> MAY 1850

Present THOMAS CHANDLESS TREASURER, GEORGE WAILES, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, HENRY TENNANT AND WILLIAM JOHN BRODERIP

Finance Committee report. Order of 29<sup>th</sup> March 1833 abrogated, and in future no fine to be charged to students on their call to the Bar for not having chambers in their names, and in future the amount of Caution Money payable by Students on Call be raised from £4 to £8 and the amount so payable to the Library Funds raised from £3 .3 to £6.6. No such increase to be payable by students who obtained assignment of chambers into their names to save the fine of £20.

Lecturer's letter read: 'Gratified to find he continues to enjoy the confidence of the Bench and approval in the discharge of his duty. At times led to fear that he could not continue without personal and professional imprudence in the office. He has always considered it his duty to furnish to the students original commentaries on the Law and not mere transcripts from existing text books, which has undoubtedly called for the unremitting application of the Lecturer to the preparation and composition of his lectures, besides the exercises provided for the personal competition of the students. But so entirely satisfied with the progress made and the growing attachment of the students to the system of Examinations which the Lecturer instituted in 1848 and so thoroughly convinced that the system ought to be continued that he considers he will not be doing right if he relinquishes at this

juncture his position. He will therefore beg to be allowed to accept the proposal of the Masters of the Bench but subject to the qualification that he shall be perfectly at liberty at the close of any one current year to resign it into the hands of the Masters of the Bench should he then find that he can no longer with advantage or reasonable convenience of prudence continue to hold the Lectureship. Masters of Bench accepted his proposal with the expression of their high satisfaction at the manner in which he has fulfilled his Duties.'

'On reading the Petition of the Students praying that they might be supplied with Dessert Spoons at Dinner in the Hall, it is ordered that they be supplied with such Spoons as far as the Stock of the Society will permit.'

'Ordered that £20 be paid by the Steward out of the Funds of the Society to the Treasurer of King's College Hospital as a Donation.'

'Upon the Motion of the Treasurer, ordered that the subject of letting parts of Chambers to paupers be referred to the General House Committee.'

Letter of thanks to Beriah Bolfield for his present of a copy of his work entitled 'Notes on Cathedral Libraries of England.'

Letter of thanks to John Bill Barrister for his present of a copy of his work 'The English Party's Excursion to Paris'.

5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 1850

PRESENT: FRANCIS WHITMARSH, IN LOCO TREASURER, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, WILLIAM JOPE AND WILLIAM JOHN BRODERIP

Samuel Wing to be allowed to practise as a Special Pleader.

Thanks from King's College Hospital for the Donation.

Letter from William Francis Brammall alleging misconduct on the part of Benjamin Darkin, Badge Porter, referred to GHC

Letter from Mary Waite soliciting further pecuniary assistance read but no order made

11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 1850

PRESENT THOMAS CHANDLESS TREASURER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, WILLIAM JOPE AND WILLIAM JOHN BRODERIP

Felix Charles Frederick Gallet called to the Bar

Memorial from the Barristers' Clerks' Society praying for pecuniary assistance from this Society in aid of its Funds was read but no Order made

Further letter from Mary Waite: ordered that she be allowed 2s.6d pw during the pleasure of the Bench

26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 1850

PRESENT THOMAS CHANDLESS TREASURER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, SAMUEL TURNER, ARCHER RYLAND, THOMAS GREENE, WILLIAM JOPE AND WILLIAM JOHN BRODERIP

'Considering the long services of the Revd Edward Chaplin and their high esteem for him, the Benchers excused the further performance of his duties of Reader and Afternoon Preacher in the Chapel and ordered that the salary of £150 pa and Commons as Reader and Afternoon Preacher continue to be paid and enjoyed by him until further order.'

'Ordered that an assistant Clergyman be appointed at the second Pension in Michaelmas Term to perform the duties of Reader and afternoon preacher and that the sum of £25 be paid to him quarterly and Commons in the Hall assigned to him for performing such duties and as desirable that he should reside in the Inn for the purpose of rendering spiritual assistance to the Inhabitants when required, further ordered that Chambers shall be assigned to him.'

‘Ordered that the Dean of the Chapel in his discretion should appoint some assistant Clergyman to perform the duties of Reader and Afternoon Preacher until the second Pension in Michaelmas, and remuneration be paid to him at the rate of £100 pa.’

Report of GHC on the subject of Mr Bramall’s letter: held two meetings to which Mr Bramall and Darkin had been summoned but Darkin alone attended and assured that Mr Bramall was unknown to him and that as he had refused to give his name he (Darkin) had considered it his duty to refuse him admittance. The Committee had no reason to disbelieve the statement proceeded no further in the matter than admonishing him to act with civility on all occasions in the performance of his duties.

*Michaelmas Term 1850*

6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1850 PRESENT HERBERT JENNER FUST IN LOCO TREASURER, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, ARCHER RYLAND, HENRY TENNANT, WILLIAM JOPE AND WILLIAM JOHN BRODERIP

Edmund Tonks called to the Bar

Thanks to John Robert Taylor for his present to the Library of a copy of his Pamphlet entitled ‘Correspondence on the contemplated improvement of widening the north end of Chancery Lane’

Thanks to Senate of the London University for the present of the second edition of the Calendar for that University for the present year.

Letter from Edward Chaplin ‘I cannot allow your first Pension to pass without offering you my most sincere acknowledgement and heartfelt Thanks for your very kind and liberal consideration of my long Services as your Chaplain – ‘Laudari a laudatis’ is most gratifying to my feelings. Once more accept my unfeigned Gratitude and believe me with the highest Esteem and respect for your Honorable Bench individually and collectively to remain, Gentlemen, your obedient and grateful Servant Edward Chaplin’.

13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1850 PRESENT THOMAS CHANDLESS TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER FUST, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, ARCHER RYLAND, JOHN ROMILLY (ATTORNEY GENERAL), HENRY TENNANT WILLIAM JOPE AND WILLIAM JOHN BRODERIP

Letter from the University of Cambridge: ‘The University and several Colleges having received Notice that it is intended to rate their Property for the support of the Poor, I have been commissioned to enquire whether the Society of GI, whose right of exemption from such rating was some years ago the subject of a Trial would allow an inspection of the Transcripts of the Shorthand writers notes of that Trial. If such an inspection could be granted the University would gladly abide by such regulations as to the Agents to be employed and as the Society of GI might judge desirable to have observed’. Ordered that leave be given to inspect the Notes at the Steward’s Office.

Application from the Hon. Secretaries of the Finsbury Committee soliciting a subscription from this Society in aid of the Great Exhibition 1851 read but no order made.

The Revd Thomas Huntley Greene of Balliol College Oxford MA elected assistant Clergyman to this Society.

Thanks to the Revd Dr Hessey for his excellent Sermon preached in the Chapel on Sunday last and that he be requested to allow the Society to print the same.

20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1850 PRESENT THOMAS CHANDLESS TREASURER, HERBERT JENNER FUST, FRANCIS WHITMARSH, THOMAS PARKER, JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, ARCHER RYLAND, HENRY TENNANT, WILLIAM JOPE AND WILLIAM JOHN BRODERIP

Montague Mordaunt Ainslie called to the Bar and also William Arnold Bainbrigge

Thanks to James Francillon for his present of a copy of his Pamphlet entitled ‘Judgments in causes reserved for consideration in the County Courts of Gloucestershire and Wiltshire comprised in Circuit 54’.

23 NOVEMBER 1850 PRESENT, FRANCIS WHITMARSH IN LOCO TREASURER., JOHN PALFREY BURRELL, THOMAS JAMES, GEORGE LONG, HARRY EDGELL, ROBERT GREENE BRADLEY, JOHN GODFREY TEED, THOMAS GREENWOOD, ARCHER RYLAND, WILLIAM JOPE AND WILLIAM JOHN BRODERIP

Letter from Charlotte Jury the widow of John H Jury formerly Glazier to the Society soliciting Pecuniary assistance, ordered that the sum of 40s be given to her as a charitable donation

Further application soliciting subscription for General Exhibition read but no order made.

Letter from Mr John Robert Taylor soliciting a contribution from this Society in aid of the contemplated improvement of widening the north end of Chancery Lane read but no order made.