

COMMITTEE
FOR
BUILDING.

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A full Committee
except
Mr. Thornton
Mr. Pole.

Wednesday ^{the} 14th May 1834

The Minutes of the
last meeting were read

Superstructure
to the Div. Pay
Office.

Mr. Cockerell having
exhibited a model of a proposed
Superstructure to the Dividend
Pay Office, as suitable for
the increased business of the
Accountant's Drawing Office,
& stated that the expense
of completing the same with
the consequent alterations
in the Dividend Pay Office,
would be about £6400—

The Committee approved
thereof, and

Resolved,

That the proposed Super-
structure be recommended
to the Court of Directors
to be forthwith carried into
effect

Enlargement
of the Lpool
Branch.

Mr. Cockerell having also
laid before the Committee a
plan for the enlargement
of the Liverpool Branch,
by the conversion of the

14 May 1834

adjoining premises purchased by the Bank, & which will afford the increased accommodation so much required, at an expense of about £1200—, the Committee approved thereof, and recommended to the Court of Directors that the same be carried into effect forthwith.

A full Committee
except
Mr Dorrien.

Thursday 22nd May 1834

Letter of the Town Clerk (H. Woodthorpe Esq) relative to the widening of Princes St & the formation of a new street to Moorgate.

Upon reading a letter from Henry Woodthorpe Esq, the Town Clerk, requesting by the direction of the London Bridge Committee, the concurrence of the Bank towards the formation of the new street to Moorgate & the widening of Princes Street, by the removal of the Iron railing at the North West corner, & making good the pavement to the wall of the Bank, —

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The Secretary was directed to acquaint Mr. Woodthorpe, that when the plan of the Committee shall be sufficiently matured to be exhibited to the Governors & Directors, it is probable the request in the said Letter will not be refused, so far as the same can be granted, consistently with the safety & architectural effect of the Bank of England.

Wednesday ^{4th} June 1834.

A full Committee

The Committee's Interview with a Deputation of the London Bridge Committee, on the proposed new Street from Moorgate to the Bank - & their plan referred to Mr. Hockerell.

A Deputation from the London Bridge Committee waited upon the Committee of Building, by appointment, and having exhibited their plan of the proposed new Street from Princes Street to Moorgate, the same was referred to Mr. Hockerell, who is to report thereon.

A full Committee
except
Mr. Cole

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Wednesday 11th June 1835

The Minutes of the last
Meeting were read.

Property offered
for sale at
Manchester by
Mr. Barlow &
declined

A proposal was laid before
the Committee from Mr. Barlow
of Manchester, to sell to the
Bank a certain property in
that Town, or to erect a
Building thereon, which he
would let for the purpose of
a Branch Bank, but the
Committee declined the said
proposal.

Notice to
give up possession
of the Leeds
Branch Bank
premises, recom-
mended
to be sealed

Messrs. Freshfield & Low
having recommended that three
notices be served upon Messrs.
Fields & Greenwood of Leeds,
of the intention of the Bank to
give up possession of their House
occupied as the Branch at
Leeds, on 1st July 1835, and
that the same be passed under
the Bank Seal, - The Committee
recommended to the Court of Directors
to affix the Seal to the said three
Notices accordingly.

The notices were sealed
on 12 June, & delivered
to Mr. Freshfield

11 June 1834

The following Tradesmen's
Bills were referred to the
Committee for the House and Servants
for payment, viz: -

Tradesmen's Bills ex ^d	1	Corri-bolger. Blindmaker..	-	19
	2	Edwin Jones.. Boxmaker..	2	6
	3	Gas Light Company.....	2	15
	4	Thwaites & Reed. Door Spring Makers	6	9
	5	Thos. Plaxland. Upholsterer	6	19
	6	Mrs. Bristol. Engine maker	7	12
	7	Ditto ———— Do ^o —	10	9
	8	Eliz th Milton. Rubbish Cart	30	1
	9	Robson & Estall. Plasterers	39	2
	10	Gas Light Company...	40	7
	11	H ^m Watson. Painter &c.	49	5
	12	H & J Lee. Bricklayers..	56	
	13	Jane Grundy. Mason..	59	1
	14	W ^m Good.. Plumber...	71	2
	15	G. & Rennie. Engineers.	88	10
	16	Geo. Holder.. Smith..	100	10
	17	Thos. Martyn. Carpenter	199	18
	18	H. & M. Feetham. Stove Makers	697	19
			£1469 4	

a full Committee.

Wednesday 18 June 1834.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read. —

The following Tradesmen's Bills for alterations and repairs at the Branches recently established at Portsmouth & Plymouth, were referred to the Committee for the House Servants for payment, viz.

Building Bills	Portsmouth	£
for the Portsmouth	Covent Collyer, Blindmaker	18. 3. —
& Plymouth Branches	Wm Good, Plumber,	27. 2. —
	Thos Martyr, Carpenter,	220. 14. —
	Estimate of J. A. Henry, Builders	593. 10. —
	D. H. Bailey, Ironmonger	86. 1. —
	Thos Carpenter, Clerk of works	30. —. —
		<u>975. 10. —</u>

	Plymouth	
James Heale, Plumber	26. 8. —	
Saml. Medlin, Carpenter,	61. 8. —	
Wm Westcott, Smith,	73. 3. —	
Wm Pascoe, Painter	97. 19. —	
Geo. Single, Mason	98. 18. —	
N. Penhall, Carpenter,	31. 9. —	
D. H. Bailey, Smith,	57. 10. —	
Thos Carpenter, Clerk of works	30. 7. —	
	<u>477. 2. —</u>	

18 June 1834

The following letter from
Mr. Cockerell addressed to
the Governor, was then laid
before the Committee, viz:

" June 18. 1834
" Sir, Bank of England.

" In pursuance of the
" Minute of the Committee of
" Building dated 7th May,
" authorizing me to purchase
" Mr Tennant's House at
" Leeds for the purpose of
" the Branch Bank I beg
" to say that an agreement
" for the purchase of the
" same together with the
" fixtures for the sum of
" £7000 was signed by me
" on the 15 May: since which
" time the Title Deeds have
" been under the examination
" of Mess^{rs} Freshfield's, and
" those Gentlemen are fully
" aware of the necessity of
" giving notice to Mess^{rs}
" Field before the 24th Inst^{ce},
" of the intention of the
" Bank to quit their present
" premises

Mr Cockerell
Reports having
purchased Mr
Tennant's premises
with the fixtures
at Leeds for
£7000.

With

18 June 1834

also
His report
on the proposed
New Street from
Lothbury to
Moorgate.

+
delivered up to
Mr Topple for
Mr Croker
16 June 1835

"With respect to the request
"of the London Bridge Commee
"that the Bank should throw
"open the enclosed space at
"the North West end of
"Lothbury, I beg leave to
"say that tho' notices to
"quit appear to be given
"on the proposed line, no
"very immediate steps or
"active proceeding seem to
"be on foot. as any alteration
"the Bank may deem it
"right to make in the railing
"may be accomplished in a
"month - & as due notice
"will be given of the opening
"of the Street, there is no
"necessity of immediate
"determination on the
"subject.

"It is apparent that the
"part tinted blue in the
"accompanying sketch will
"obstruct the traffic into
"Princes Street, but not the
"part tinted green - The
"North West end of Lothbury
"is already 5. 6 wider than
"the South East End - there
"would be no possible
"advantage therefore to the
"Public by throwing it open,
"and

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"and from the use made
"of the superabundant
"space in Bartholomew
"Lane it is obvious that
"whatever space is not
"necessary to the traffic
"of the Street would be
"occupied by Omnibus's
"Hackers & other nuisances

"The Portion tinted Green
"is a valuable property
"which might be serviceable
"to the Bank at a future
"time for many purposes

" & I have the honor to be

" Sir

" your most obed^t. Serv^t

(Signed) "C A Cockerell"

Quarterly
Report to the
Court of Directors

On Thursday the 10th July,
the following Quarterly Report
was made to the Court of
Directors, viz^t:

That the Quarterly Bills
of the Tradesmen for this House
amounting to £1469.4s. for those
at the Portsmouth Branch amounting
to £975.10s. and the Branch at
Plymouth amounting to £477.2s.
have been referred to the Committee
for the House Servants for payment
Notice

Notice having been given that the Bank will relinquish the Premises at Leeds belonging to Messrs. Fields & Greenwood on the 1st July next, an agreement has been made with Messrs. Tennants for the purchase of their premises for £7000, which will be converted to the purpose of a Branch Bank, when the requisite conveyance thereof shall have been made.

22 July 1834.

The Deputy Governor signed an order to Mr. Bockerell for the payment of £281.9.5, being

Mr. Bockerell's account of Commission to Mid^d: 1834, on London Bills.

His Commission on Bills amounting to £2598.7.9 from Christmas to Mid^d: 1834 @ 5% $\text{£}129.18.-$
 letters &c. 3.1.1/32.19.1
 Clerk of works from 24 Oct. 1833 to Mid^d: 1834. 99.19.9
 extra time incidental expenses as Acc^t. 48.10.7 148.10.4
 £ 281.9.5

a full Commeeⁿ.

Wednesday 23 July
1834

The following Report from
Mr. Cockerell was read, &
the Recommendations therein
were agreed to. Viz^{ly}

" Bank of England
" Sir " 23 July 1834

" In proceeding with the
" Works of the new Dividend
" Warrant Office, I have
" found it necessary wholly
" to take down the Strong
" room belonging to the
" 3 1/2 £ Cts, which was
" proposed by the Model
" to have been reduced in
" size - But before re-
" constructing it I have
" considered whether it
" might not be better to
" adopt for the use of that
" Office, iron strong closets,
" similar to those employed
" in the Consols Offices -

" By an economical
" arrangement of the Drawers
" approved by the Principals
" of

Iron Strong
Closets recommend^d
for the new 3 1/2
£ Cts. I agreed to

23 July 1834

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"of the Councils Offices, I
"find that the 17 iron
"Closets may be reduced
"to 12, leaving 5 disposable
"for the 3 1/2 p^{ts} Offices
"in addition to which 9
"new Closets would be
"required for the 3 1/2 p^{ts},
"occasioning an expence
"of £360—

"Having advised with
"the Principals of those
"Offices, I beg leave to
"recommend the adoption
"of this plan, in preference
"to the re-construction of
"the Strong room, as it
"would give a very valuable
"addition of space (1/15)
"to the new Dividend
"Warrant Office, & would
"remove a defect in the
"appearance of the Office
"— the increase of the
"whole expence would
"not exceed £100—

"I beg further to state
"that Mr. Turner has
"very strongly recommended
"the purchase of a piece of
"ground adjoining the
"Bank premises at Liverpool,
"as

23 July 1834

Some additional
Property to be
purchased at
the Liverpool
Branch

"as a great improvement
"to the Property in case
"of sale at any future
"time; and as a security
"against a nuisance, by
"the building of very
"high warehouses, obstructing
"light & air - which the
"improvement in that
"part of the town renders
"highly probable within
"a short time

"The Ground at his
"yard, which is the
"real value in that part
"of the town, would cost
"about £1000 - if approved
"by yourself & the Comma
"I will ascertain the
"exact number of yards

"I have the honor to be
"Sir

"Your most obedt & ble Servt
(Signed) C R Cockerell

"Rich^d Mee Raikes, Esq
" &c &c &c."

Wednesday 10 Sep 1834

A full Committee
except Mr Thornton
Mr Bowden
Mr Drew &
Mr Ward.

Mr Cockerell reported that Mr Bischoff advised the Sale of some Property adjoining the back of the Premises lately purchased of Messrs Tennants at Leeds - I recommended the purchase of a small portion of the same, in order to obtain access to the Stables from the back, & thus to employ the present carriage gateway the present Carriage gateway in the front, for the new Branch Bank Office - & also because by this purchase one of the Houses already purchased might be released & sold off if thought proper. The price asked was £200.

Some additional Property to be purchased at Leeds.

At the suggestion of Mr Cockerell, the Committee agreed to purchase the above Property, & directions were given to him accordingly.

The followg. Tradesmen's Bills for the current Quarter were laid before the Committee - viz:

Thomas

10 Sep 1884

Quarterly
Building Bills
referred to the
Committee for
the House &
servants for
payment.

1	Thos Martyn. Carpenter	1089	14
2	A & S Lee. Bricklayers.	374	4
3	J Grundy & Son. Masons	620	4
4	W & C Adron. Marble Mason	13	1
5	W ^{rs} Good. Plumber....	160	19
6	Robson & Estall. Plasterers	49	
7	W ^{rs} Watson. Glazier &c	135	18
8	Thos Cutbitt. Paperhanger	34	14
9	Duffa & Co. D ^o	7	3
10	Mrs. Pether. Window cleaner	28	7
11	Geo. Holder. Smith....	126	19
12	James Mackell. D ^o	5	10
13	E & D Dewar... D ^o	126	11
14	W & M Feetham... D ^o	343	17
15	A & E Kepp. Copper Smith	10	1
16	Thwaites & Co. Door Spring Makers &c	4	5
17	J Blackland. Upholsterer	12	6
18	Corn's Collyer. Blind Make	3	11
19	J Aristow. Engine Maker	13	6
20	Gas Light & Coke Co.	40	7
21	Hy Whickelo. Gas Fitter	26	7
22	Eliz Milton. Rubbish Cart	57	14
Plymouth Branch.		2283	18
23	R Penhall. Carpenter....	4	14
24	Cater & Fisher. Ironmong.	-	15
25	Sam ^l Medlin. Carpenter	9	15
26	Jas Hearle.. Plumber..	3	
27	Geo Single. Mason....	6	2
28	Hy Westcott. Smith &c	15	11
29	W ^{rs} Pascoe. Painter....	25	1
30	Mrs Hyatt. Paperhanger.	8	3
31	Thos Russell & Co. Carriers..	10	12
32	J Roberts. Upholsterer.	8	5
33	J Dyer... D ^o	16	7
34	R Hicks... D ^o	10	3
35	A Morris & Diott... ..	-	11
		£3402	17

10 Sep 1834

Resolved

That the same be referred to the Committee for the House & Servants for payment.

Wednesday 24 Sep. 1834

A full Committee

except
Mr. Pole
Mr. Bowdoin
Mr. Ward
Mr. Drew.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The following letter from Mr. Cockerell was read & approved, and it was agreed that his suggestion for remedying the defect in the draft of the plan of the Chief Cashier's office, be carried into effect.

Mr. Cockerell's Report relative to a defect in the draft of the Chief Cashier's office plan.

also the agreement for the purchase of Property at Liverpool by Mr. Turner

R. M. Raikes Esq Bank
Sir, 24 Sept 34

I beg leave to say that Mr Turner has agreed with Messrs Earle for the purchase of the ground, adjoining the Branch Bank Premises at
Lpool

24 Sept 1834

Spool, according to the resolution of the Committee of Building dated the 23rd July. — the conveyance of the same is now under the consideration of Mess^{rs} Freshfield.

Great complaint having been made by Mr Rippon of the draft of the Flue in the Chief Cashier's Office, I have examined the occasion & have reason to believe it arises from its position, & that it may be remedied at the Expence of about £20 —

I have the honor to
(Signed) C R Bockerell.

Present
Mr. Dep. Gov.
Mr. Mellish
Mr. Palmer

Wednesday 8 Oct. 1834

Mr. Bockerell's having requested permission to open lights thro' the Screen wall at the Back of the Parapet / which is 5 in. thick / as a preferable mode of lighting the new office above the Dividend Pay office, to the lighting the same by sky-lights, as a sketch laid before the Committee, - and having stated that the proposed lights would not be visible from Threadneedle Street, & that the same would be secured by Iron bars,

An alteration in the mode of giving light to the new Div. Pay office, proposed & agreed to

The Committee complied therewith.

A full Committee except Mr. Corriem

Wednesday 15 Oct 1834

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Governor communicated to the Committee that his attention having been called to the injury the walls of the Bank

19
15 Oct 1834.

Report relative
to the Bank walls
being endangered
by the Sewer
now enlarging
in Princes St.
Lothbury.

Mr. Cockerell's
Survey in
conjunction with
Sir Robt. Smirke
Mr. Rennie
thereon.

no immediate
danger to be
apprehended

Bank had sustained, by
the excavations now going
on in Princes Street and
Lothbury by the Commissioners
of Sewers, he had directed
Mr. Cockerell to consult with
Sir Robt. Smirke and Mr.
Rennie thereon, and the
result was the following
letter read to the Commteeth,
viz:

Bank of England
15 Oct: 1834.
Sir,

In conformity with your
permission expressed yesterday,
that I should assist my own
Judgement with that of Sir
Robt. Smirke & Mr. Rennie, in
respect to the fractures which
have appeared in the Buildings
contiguous to the ^{western} external wall
of the Bank in consequence of
the Sewer which has been lately
tunnelled in Princes Street;
I beg to say, that those Gentlemen
have viewed the Buildings this
morning

morning with me, and agree with me in thinking that there is no immediate danger to be apprehended, as affecting the safety of Persons occupying the offices contiguous, or the security of the Bank premises.

On Saturday we shall be prepared to give an opinion on which the necessary steps, legal or otherwise with the Commissioners of Sewers may be proceeded in —

Meanwhile, as the work of the Sewers is suspended and will be for some days, there is no immediate necessity to urge those steps and I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obed^t & able Serv^t

(signed) C. R. Lockesell
 To James Pattison Esq,

The Committee approved thereof, I requested the Governor would report the same to the Court of Directors.

Mr. Governor
 Mr. Dep. Governor
 Mr. Mellish
 Mr. Drew
 Mr. Palmer
 Mr. Ward

D
 Wednesday 22nd Oct
 1834

The Minutes of the last meeting were read. —

The Governor laid before the Council the following Joint Report from Mr. Lockwell, Sir Robt. Smirke and Mr. Rennie, relative to the Sewer now constructing in Princes Street Louthbury, viz: —

Joint Report
 of Mr. Lockwell
 Mr. Rennie
 & Sir Robt. Smirke
 in reference to
 the Sewer in
 Princes St. &
 Louthbury.

Oct 21. 1834

To The Governor and Directors
 of the Bank of England,
 Gentlemen,

According to your desire we have examined the fractures in part of the western wall of the Bank, which have appeared since the constructing of a large sewer under Princes Street, and we have obtained the best information in our power concerning the causes which may have produced them.

We beg leave to report that
 this

this Sewer has been made of very large dimensions, in a direction parallel with the western wall of the Bank, for a length of nearly 290 feet Southward from the West angle of that wall, having been in progress since the early part of June.

That in order to construct the Brickwork of the Sewer, an excavation of nearly 12 feet in height & 10 in width is made; tunnelled at a depth of about 33 feet below the surface of the ground, the side of this excavation being in some parts not more than 13 feet from the foundations of the Bank wall, passing thro very loose ground, & gravel full of water.

The formation of such a Sewer in the manner & situation described was unavoidably attended with some risk, & its progress was carefully watched, but it does not appear that any injurious effect

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continued

22^o Oct: 1834

effect whatever was perceived upon the walls of the Building until recently, when as it advanced Southwards, the ground thro' which it passed became of a much worse nature, and chiefly a black soft mud: and as it is represented to us that no additional precautions for security were adopted in consequence of this very unfavourable change of soil, we cannot doubt that the fractures in the wall nearly opposite to this part have been occasioned by the works in progress.

Report continued

These fractures in their present state do not exhibit any appearance to give cause for apprehension of insecurity, and the Sewer at that part is completed, but should they be found to increase in consequence of the loosened state of the ground below the foundation of the walls, they must receive the most careful attention.

Upon

Upon examining the foundations of the remaining part of the western wall along which it is intended that the Sewer shall be continued, we find that the wall, which is an old one, has no other foundation than a broad surface of Oak planking laid on the same stratum of wet black mud, about 13 feet below the surface of the ground; and we are of opinion that under these circumstances there is great reason to apprehend serious danger to the Building, if the Sewer is continued in the direction proposed, or unless precautions of the most efficacious nature for the security of the walls are adopted in its construction.

(Signed) Chas. Rob. Lockhart
George Rennie
Robt. Smirke.

Report
to be communicated
to the Comrs^s
of Sewers.

W. Freshfield & W. Lockhart
being present, the Comrs^s
requested those gentlemen would

communicate

25th

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communicate with the
Commissioners of Sewers therea.

th
Wednesday 5 Nov 1834

A full Journal
except
Mr. Dorrain
Mr. Brown
Mr. Pole &
Mr. Ward.

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read, viz:

The following Papers relative
to the Sewer constructing in
Princes Street & Loshbury,
having been read, viz:

"New Bank Building"

"23 Oct 34

"Sir,

"We beg to inclose the
"Copy of a Letter we addressed
"to Mr. Kelsey the Surveyor
"to the Commissioners of
"Sewers, after the verbal
"communication made to
"him by Mr. Cockerell &
"Mr. Freshfield, together
"with a copy of his answer
"just received

"We have the honor &c

(signed) "Freshfield & Son"
"The Governor
of the Bank of England"

Letter from Messrs.
Freshfields,
inclosing sundry
Papers connected
with the Sewer
in Princes St.

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Papers
relative to the
sewer constructed
in Princes St.

N^o. 1.

Mrs. Freshfield's
letter to Mr.
Kelby.

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" New Bank Buildings

" 22nd Oct 1834

" Sir,

" We inclose a copy of
" the Report of the 3 eminent
" Individuals consulted by
" the Bank, upon the effects
" exhibited from the Work
" executed under the direction
" of the Commissioners of
" Sewers & the dangers likely
" to arise from the continuation
" of that work along Princes
" Street.

" When our Mr. Freshfield
" & Mr. Cockerell waited
" upon you this morning,
" they explained that their
" instructions from the
" Governors & Directors of
" the Bank were to communicate
" the enclosed Document to
" the Commissioners & at
" the same time to state
" that they would be glad to
" find that the Walls of the
" Bank could be effectually
" secured, consistently with
" the

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Ms. Freshfield's
letter continued

"the object of the Commissioners
" & therefore they were to
" request from that Body
" a statement of the measures
" they might be advised to
" adopt, to meet the mischief
" in question, & if those
" measures should not
" appear to the professional
" Gentlemen consulted by
" the Bank likely to be
" efficacious, the Directors
" would inform the Com-
" missioners.

" It is scarcely necessary
" to add that the Governors
" & Directors rely upon the
" Commissioners to
" furnish them with such
" statement before the
" excavation in Princes St
" is renewed.

" We are, Sir

" your most obed^t Serv^t

(Signed) Freshfield & Son

" To Richard Kelsey, Esq
" 32 Finsbury Sq."

Copy

5 Nov: 1834

Gentlemen

Papers relative
to the Sewer in
Princes St.

Nº 2.

Mr. Kellogg's
Reply to Messrs
Cresfield's

"I will take the earliest
"opportunity of submitting
"to the Commissioners of
"Sewers for the City of
"London, your communication
"of the 22nd Inst, relating
"to the foundation of the
"Bank of England & the
"construction of a new Sewer
"in Princes Street

"For the relief not only
"of the City but the County,
"the Commissioners must
"unavoidably continue the
"Sewer into Mansion House
"It, yet at every step its
"course will gradually be
"more distant from the Bank,
"nevertheless (as contrary
"to all information) the
"unforeseen & unexpected
"discovery that part of the
"foundation of that Building
"has not been piled, & rests
"only on planking & indurated
"mud, mixed with other
"factitious substances, renders
"it

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Continuation
of Mr Kelsey's
Letter

"it necessary to be very
"careful in the execution
"of the Work, & I have no
"doubt the Commissioners
"will direct me to lay
"before the Governors &
"Directors of the Bank of
"England, & their Architect,
"a Statement of the mode
"in which it is proposed
"to execute the remaining
"portion of the Sewer.

"which cannot however
"be proceeded with until
"the house of Sir Charles
"Price & Co. is taken down

"I am

"gent^{ly}

"your very obed^t serv^t

(Signed) "Richard Kelsey"

"Surveyor

"Sewers Office - Guildhall

"Oct 23. 1834"

"Mess^{rs} Freshfield & Son"

(Copy)

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Papers relative
to the Sewer in
Princes St.

Nº3.

Mr. Kelsey's
Report to the
Committee of
Sewers.

" To the Hon. the Commissioners
 " of Sewers of the City of
 " London & the Liberties
 " thereof
 " Gentlemen,
 " Having on Wednesday
 " the 22nd Inst received a
 " Copy of the Report of
 " Mess^{rs} Lockereell Rennie
 " & Sir Robert Smirke
 " accompanied by a Letter
 " from Mess^{rs} Freshfield &
 " Son relative to certain
 " Fractures in the West &
 " other Walls of the Bank
 " of England & having been
 " afforded the opportunity
 " of examining them, in order
 " to expedite the business
 " I have taken the liberty
 " of preparing this Statement
 " to be laid before you at
 " the same time with those
 " Documents.

" Altho' I agree in opinion
 " with the Architects called
 " in by the Governor and
 " Directors of the Bank that
 " those crevices do not afford
 " ground

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Report
continued

"ground to apprehend
 "insecurity, yet they are
 "quite sufficient indications
 "that the greatest care is
 "requisite in the further
 "prosecution of the necessary
 "public Work in which you
 "are engaged, especially
 "when coupled with the
 "discovery that altho' Sir
 "John Soane in his Work
 "has taken the precaution
 "of piling its foundation
 "yet Sir Robert Taylor
 "had not done more for
 "the security of that
 "portion of the Building
 "which was erected under
 "his direction than laying
 "oak sleepers & planking
 "upon the factitious earth
 "which is really little
 "better than indurated mud.
 "So far as your Work
 "has hitherto proceeded
 "southward this ground
 "has stood exceedingly
 "well; yet it has been
 troublesome

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"troublesome in getting out
"owing to its being full
"of piling, cross timbering,
" & planking which were
"sawed off when met with
"or dug out where it was
"practicable. & I should
"have little or no appre-
"hension in continuing to
"work it with the prudent
"caution of driving very
"short lengths. But as
"Mr. Cockerell has upon
"excavation found that altho
"the new Sewer close to Sir
"Chas. Price's House in
"Mansion House It is em-
"bedded in Gravel & almost
"perfectly dry & the Sewer
"in Princes It made so little
"water. that one man with
"scarcely any labor was
"able to keep all that has
"been tunnelled from the
"first shaft quite dry
"yet immediately beneath
"or close to the Western fence
"wall of the Bank so large
"a quantity of Water is
"collected that in 36 Hours
"it

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continued

"it rose 5 feet & to within
 "some 3 feet of the surface
 "of the Street: I can no
 "longer deem it advisable
 "to continue tunnelling less
 "some other & deeper accu-
 "mulation of this Water should
 "be met with in our progress,
 "& that ground which is
 "now sufficiently compacted
 "should be converted into
 "mud, & not only suddenly
 "obstruct the miners but
 "run from some unascertainable
 "distance within the
 "adjoining building.
 "Considering that from the
 "strength of its gush when
 "liberated there must be
 "either a large head of
 "water penned up apparently
 "outside of the wall or that
 "the New River Main or
 "service pipes are leaky.
 "I have written Mr. Glynne
 "apprizing him of the
 "circumstances, in order
 "that should the latter be
 "the case the Waste of
 "Water

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"Water may not only be
 "prevented, but its injurious
 "effects in saturating the
 "earth & sapping the
 "foundation of the Bank,
 "possibly be obviated.

"Looking then at the
 "nature of the ground, at
 "the nature of the very
 "uncertain but justly
 "apprehended obstacle, at
 "the weight of the Building
 " & at the circumstance that
 "the external inclosure is
 "not one solid body, but
 "two Walls skilfully yet
 "not integrally united: I
 "am quite of opinion that
 "you can now do no other
 "than open cut the whole
 "remaining line, & visibly
 " & resolutely meet the
 "difficulties which do or
 "may present themselves.
 "This must however be
 "done with the greatest care
 " & circumspection & I have
 "prepared sketches shewing
 "two modes of effecting the
 "work. The proposition
 "which

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continued

"which is marked **A.** provides
 "that sheet planking
 "shall be driven on both
 "sides of the trench &
 "across it at the ends of
 "each Section which Sections
 "must be so set out &
 "worked, that at no one
 "time shall more than
 "12 feet ^{in length} be wholly excavated

"This Sheet planking
 "must have stout wale
 "pieces with horizontal
 "oblique stretchers
 "securely wedged up, &
 "if found needful the
 "work may be slung up
 "to whole timbers laid
 "across the Trench.

"The Sketch which is
 "marked **B.** provides that
 "after having dug out &
 "removed all the earth old
 "foundations & so forth
 "nearly down to the bottom
 "of the Bank wall and
 "securely struttled up the
 "ground, the earth should
 "be taken up for only
 "nine

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"nine inches in thickness
"at any one time & the sides
"be immediately secured
"by stout ledgers with the
"needful coupling blocks
" & stretchers tightly wedged
"up & that so proceeding
"nine inches & nine inches
"at a time the whole depth
"should be progressively
"attained - Thus every
"Section of 12 feet will be in
"effect a caisson or chest
"with a cross partition in
"its centre: & this may be
"further secured by any
"requisite iron work, as well
"as by slinging it up to
"whole timbers on the surface
"In both cases the lower
"unless when in the blue
"clay, & upper haunchings
"or spandrels should be
"filled up with solid
"brickwork, the side timbering
"must be left in the earth
"& the cross timbering should
"not be struck but only
"as the brickwork rises to
"secure the sides.

"Above

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continued

" Above the Sewer I propose
" that the whole space up
" to some two or three feet
" above the bottom of the
" Bank Wall should be
" filled with gravel, puddled
" in at regular heights so
" that the whole would in
" effect form one solid wall
" of thoroughly compacted
" material

" Intersected & Interwoven
" as the ground is with
" materials of all kinds
" it is impracticable to
" say beforehand what
" must be provided against
" all emergencies, but as
" a general measure I
" should say that no timbering
" should be drawn but all
" sawn off - that the
" utmost care should be
" taken in the first place
" gently to lead off whatever
" water may be met with
" (and I quite expect that
" notwithstanding present
" appearances it will be
" but

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"but comparatively little)
 " & that then step by step
 " & without suffering any
 " motion to take place the
 " whole earth should be
 " removed & the brickwork
 " inserted in its stead.

" Having, as I hope, carefully
 " & attentively examined the
 " obstacle in its various
 " bearings, I think it right
 " to say that I consider the
 " second proposition much
 " more eligible than the
 " first inasmuch as there
 " need be no violent jarring
 " of the earth; & also as the
 " slight depth of each
 " progressive excavation renders
 " it capable of almost
 " instantaneous security;
 " while in the first the very
 " act of driving the sheet
 " planking while it compresses
 " must also to some extent
 " shake the adjoining ground;
 " & the certainty of some new
 " or other meeting with old
 " Walling & timbering likewise
 " must

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M. Kelsey's
Report continued

"must impede their downward
"course. I should therefore
"recommend the project
"B. in preference to that
"marked A.

"It may possibly be
"necessary at some points
"to shore up the Bank Wall,
"in which case the co-operation
"of the Bank Directors
"would be needful to secure
"it inside as well as out.

"but there are many
"reasons why it should
"not be resorted to except
"in such great emergencies
"as I trust may not arise,
"but if they should they
"must be met unflinchingly.

"I do not shut my eyes to
"the patient perseverance
"necessary to effect both;
"nor to their tediousness
" & consequent expence, but
"I do quite hope that with
"care & attention the work
"may be safely executed.

"I have the honor to be &c

"Richard Kelsey
"Surveyor
"Sewer Office - Oct 18. 1834"

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Papers relative
to the sewer in
Princes Street

N^o 4.

Resolution
of the Commrs
of Sewers

"At a Public Meeting of
"the Commissioners of Sewers
"of the City of London &
"Liberties thereof at
"Guildhall the 28th of
"Oct. 1834

"It was Resolved,
"That a copy of the Report
"now read be forwarded to
"Messrs Freshfield & Son,
"inasmuch as this Court
"apprehend that the present
"insecure state of the ground
"under the Foundation of
"the West Wall of the Bank
"in Princes St, may have
"been caused by the escape
"of water supplied to
"Cisterns & Tanks within the
"Bank by the New River
"Company, it be requested
"that such fact may be
"enquired into & effectually
"remedied by the Governor
" & Directors of the Bank
" of England

(Signed) H. Donne
" O. H. H. "

"The Governor
"and Directors
" of the Bank of England"

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The safety &c of the
Bank, committed
to the care of Mr.
Cockerell - assisted
by Sir Rob. Smirke
&
Mr. Rennie.

That the safety and
preservation of this Building
in reference to the excavations
now going on in Princes St. &
Lothbury by The Commissioners
of Sewers, be committed
to the care & superintendance
of Mr. Cockerell assisted
by Sir Robert Smirke &
Mr. Rennie

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Payment ordered
of the Ground
purchased at
Liverpool.

In consequence of a letter
from Messrs. Freshfield & Son,
recommending the purchase
money for the Ground bought
of Messrs. Barber of Liverpool
at the back of the Branch Bank
premises, to be paid thro'
the Liverpool Branch, the
Governor signed an Order
for the Payment thereof. for
£1015. 12s. 6d. as under, which
was

was delivered to Mr. Elsey for transmission to Mr. Turner the Agent at Liverpool. Pursuant to a minute of this Committee on the 23rd July last.

£1000. the purchase money.
7.14.6 Interest from 6 Sep. to 15 Nov. @ 4 1/2%

£1015.14.6

The Committee approved thereof Wednesday 19 Nov. 1834.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Governor
Mr. Dep. Secy.
Mr. Mellish
Mr. Drew
Mr. Palmer
& Mr. Ward.

On reading a Report from Mr. Bockerell, recommending certain necessary repairs at the Gloucester Branch Bank, the estimated expense of which is about £185, The Committee agreed thereto, and Mr. Bockerell was directed to effect the same.

Repairs at the Gloucester Branch ordered

W. Governor
 W. Dep^y Gov^r
 W. Thornton
 W. Mellish
 W. Bowden
 W. Drew
 W. Palmer &
 W. Ward.

W. Wright's
 Premises in the
 old Jewry offered
 to the Bank by
 W. Hoggart,
 referred to Mr.
 Cockerell

th
 Wednesday 26th Nov: 1834

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

On reading a Letter from
 W. Hoggart of Broad Street
 stating that he is authorised
 by the Exors of W. Wright to
 offer to the Bank, the forepolo
 Premises in the old Jewry
 for the sum of £6000,

Ordered That the Secretary
 write to W. Hoggart, stating
 the Bank's willingness to
 purchase W. Wright's premises
 upon fair terms, & that the
 matter is referred to their
 Surveyor Mr. Cockerell.

The following Joint Report
 from Mess^{rs} Cockerell, Sir
 Robt. Smirke & W. Rennie
 being read, vis^t:

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"To the Governor & Directors
"of the Bank of England

21st Nov. 1834

"Gentlemen

"Agreeably to your
"resolution of the 5th Inst
"communicated to us with
"a copy of a Report from
"Mr Kelsey to the Commissioners
"of Sewers, & a resolution of
"the said Commissioners
"dated the 28th ult^o, - we
"have proceeded to give our
"attention to the subject of
"the excavations making in
"Princes Street next the
"West Wall of the Bank.

Another
Joint Report
of Messrs Kendall
Sir Rob. Fenwick
Mr. Dennis
in reference
to the Sewers
in Princes St.

"With reference to the
"apprehension expressed by
"the Commissioners, in their
"resolution that the increase
"state of the ground under
"the West Wall of the Bank
"may have been caused by
"the escape of the Water supplied
"by the New River Company
"to the Tanks & Cisterns within
"the

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Report cont.

"the Building, We beg to
 "state that we can perceive
 "no reason for this opinion
 "for there are no tanks
 "supplied with Water by
 "the New River Company,
 "Or the Mains or Service
 "pipes belonging to that
 "Company conveying water
 "to the Cisterns in the
 "Building, & also those
 "passing through it for
 "service in case of fire,
 "are all in perfect condition

"The accumulation of
 "Water noticed by Dr.
 "Kelsey on opening the
 "ground is that only of
 "the natural surface
 "springs which rise
 "throughout the premises
 "to an average level of
 "about 13 feet below the
 "pavement; - these springs
 "supply many wells within
 "the Banks, & the Water
 "preserves a level nearly
 "the

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" the same in all except where
 " on the side next Princes
 " At the operations of the
 " Commissioners have
 " drained off the Water;—
 " in that part one large
 " Well nearest to the Works
 " of the Sewer has remained
 " dry since the Sewer was
 " made.

" With regard to the two
 " Modes proposed by Dr^r
 " Kelsey for carrying on
 " the Sewer through Princes
 " St into Threadneedle Street,
 " we beg to say that we
 " very much prefer that
 " marked **B.** but we are of
 " opinion that the timber
 " proposed to be left in the
 " ground should all be
 " removed as the Work advances
 " & the Concrete is filled in

" We have the honor to be
 " &c &c

(Signed) E R Bockerell
 " Rob. Smirke
 " George Rennie

Ordered

Copy of Report
taken sent to Mr
Kelsey.

Ordered,
That a copy of the
said report be sent to Mr
Kelsey, by Mess^{rs} Cocherell
and Freshfield.

Wednesday 10th Dec
1834

Present
Mr. Governor
Mr. Depy Gov^r
Mr. Pole
Mr. Druce

The following Tradesmen's
Bills were laid before
the Commee - viz:

Quarterly Buildg Bills referred to the Commee for the House & servants for payment.	1	Thos Inartyr. Carpenter	1583.	14
	2	H & J Lee. Bricklayers.	338	5
	3	J Grundy. Mason...	665	8
	4	W Good. Plumber...	121	16
	5	Robson & Co. Plasterer	17	10
	6	W Watson. Painter &c..	156	10
	7	Duppa & Co. Paper Hanger	8	9
	8	G Holder. Smith.	194	5
	9	D & E Bailey. Smiths...	430	-
	10	Mess ^{rs} Dewers. Ironfounder	200	3
	11	Wm Feetham. Stove maker	5	19
	12	Thwaites & Co. Spring Machinery	2	18
	13	Jam Ridley. Flour & Cloth Manufactory	17	6
	14	W & H Smith (late Blasland) Uptoteter	17	10
	15	W & C Pugh. Do.	11	19
	16	Corn Collyer Blindg Maker	20	5
	17	John Bristow. Engine Maker	16	16
18	Gaslight & Coke Co.	40	7	
19	Eliz th Mitton. Rubbish Carter	45	17	
Barr ^d forw ^d			£ 3940	17

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	Bro ^t forw ^d	£3940 17
20	W & J Sharp. Slater.....	99 10
21	W Townsend. Gardener.....	1 17
22	E Jones. Box Maker.....	10 13
23	J Pether. Window Clean ^r	37 10
		£4090 7

The following Building Bills for the Branches were also laid before the Commee^y v^{er}t

Liverpool.

1	Hosier & Stewart. Carpenter & Joiner	559 12
2	D ^o Mason.....	126 13
3	D ^o Bricklayer.....	154 17
4	D ^o Plasterer &c.....	154 3
5	D ^o Plumber &c.....	149 9
6	D ^o Smith.....	120 1
7	D ^o Ground Labourers	56 19
8	D ^o Painter.....	13 1
9	Th ^o Switzer. Clerk of Works	81 10
10	J Handl ^g . Upholsterer	22 19
11	P. E. Weber ^g . Stone maker	15 15

Portsmouth £454 19

1	James Hendy. Carpenter &c	278 12
2	B Bascomb. Plumber.....	71 18
3	Jno Bascomb. Painter.....	108 1
4	W Watson... Glazier..	13 15

Car^r forw^d..... £472 6

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	Bro ^r for ^d	£ 472 6
5	Dan ^l Wise. Smith.....	45 9
6	C Chubb & Co. Ironmong ^r	30 13
7	W ^r Lemon. D ^r	6 1
8	Duffa & Co. Paperhanger	89 11
9	Jno. Simmons. Upholsterer	14 10
10	Edmund Stetworthy Cabinet Maker	29 19
11	Prestcott & Co. Carriers	25 2
12	Hislop & Co. D ^r	3 2
		£ 716 13
Plymouth		
1	J ^r Hearle, Plumber.....	3 4
2	M ^r Neale, Paper Hanger.....	9 17
	Resolved,	£ 13 1

That the same be referred to the Committee for the House & Servants for payment.

15 Dec^r. 1834.

The Governor signed an order to Mr. Rippon to pay £6,900, in consequence of the undermen-
tioned letter from Miss. Freshfield

The purchase money of the Leeds Premises ordered to be paid, except £100 retained

Hon. vis^t:

"Sir,

"New Bank Buildings
"15 Dec^r. 1834.

We beg leave, to acquaint you that the conveyance from the

the Devises in Trust of Tho:
 Tennant Esq, to the Bank of
 England of two Houses & Premises
 in Albion Street, Leeds, which
 were in May last contracted to
 be purchased by Mr. Cocherell
 on behalf of the Bank for £7000
 has been duly executed by all
 proper parties: and the Devises
 have signed an order for
 payment of £6000 by the Bank
 to their agents, Mess^{rs} John
 Plowes & Co of No. 38 Gracechurch
 Street, in part of the purchase
 money - £100 the residue of the
 Purchase money is to be retained
 by the Bank until a Deed of
 Covenants for production of
 certain Title Deeds, and an
 attested copy of a Deed shall be
 delivered to us on behalf of the
 Bank. We beg to recommend
 that the £6000 may be immediately
 paid to Mess^{rs} John Plowes & Co. the
 Conveyance to the Bank and the
 Title Deeds relating to the Estate
 with

57. 15 Dec^r 1834

(with the exception of the Deed of Covenants and Copy of Deed) having been already delivered to us -

There is a question of a claim for Interest on the purchase money from the 1st October last, which awaits further discussion.

We have the honor to be
(signed) Freshfield Esq

The Governor of
The Bank of England.

23 Dec^r 1834

The following Quarterly Report to the Court of Directors, was agreed upon, viz:-

Quarterly
Report to the
Court

The Committee of Building have to Report to the Court of Directors, that the Quarterly Bills of the Traders for this House amounting to £4090.7¹ - 1 & for those at the Branches, at Portsmouth to £716.3¹ - at Plymouth to £13.1¹ - and

rd
23 Dec 1834 and at Liverpool to £1454.19.
were referred to the Committee
for the House & Servants
for payment.

In reference to the Sewer
Constructing in Princes
St, & from which danger
was apprehended to the
Western Wall of the Bank,
The Committee report that
Mr. Cockerell was desired,
with Mr. Freshfield, to
confer with the Commissioners
of Sewers thereon, the result
of which is, that Mr. Kelsey
their Surveyor has suggested
a mode of carrying on the
Work, which has been
approved by Mr. Cockerell,
Sir Robert Smirke & Mr.
Rennie, & it is hoped
will ensure the perfect
safety of this Building, but
the vigilant attention of
Mr. Cockerell will not be
relaxed during the progress
thereof

Bank of England
23rd Dec. 1834

Present
 W. Kov.
 " Dep. Kov.
 " Thorston
 " Mellish
 " Bowden
 " Drew
 " Ward

estimate of
 the fittings up
 of the accountants
 Drawing Office.
 postponed

A full Committee

amended
 estimate agreed to

Wednesday ²¹ Jan: 1835.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read. —

A Report was read from Mr. Cockerell on the estimated fittings up of the New Building in the Garden, intended for the accountants Drawing Office, amounting to about £1015, when Mr. Cockerell was directed to make further enquiry into the probable charge for the Desks to be fixed therein. —

th
 28. Jan: 1835.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

On reading an amended Estimate from Mr. Cockerell, accompanied with his plan for the fittings up of the New

New Building intended for
 the Drawing Office (accountants),
 and which for the accommodation
 of 56 Clerks, would amount to
 about £748 (with wainscot
 Partitions)
 and 260 for 2 strong closets,
 making £1008 -

The Committee approved
 thereof, and Mr. Cockerell
 received the necessary directions
 for completing the same -

Wednesday 4 Feb 1835

A full Committee
 except
 Mr. Palmer.

The Minutes of the last
 meeting were read.

Report relative
 to the Leeds
 property, &
 consideration
 postponed

A Report was read from
 Mr. Cockerell ^{necessity for the} as to the ^{immediate}
 conversion of the Premises
 purchased at Leeds, to the
 purpose of a Branch Bank, &
 the consideration thereof was
 postponed for a week, when Mr.
 Cockerell was desired to be prepared
 with

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with an Estimate of the
expense to be incurred in
so doing.

a full Committee^d
except
Mr. Bowden
& Mr. Palmer

Wednesday 11 Feb^{ry}
1835

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read -

The following letter
from Mr. Crokerell, been
read, and the Plan therein
mentioned inspected, viz:

Bank of England
Sir 11 Feb^y 1835

An amended
Estimate of the
expense to be
incurred at Leeds
agreed to

In obedience to the desire
of the Committee of Building last
Wednesday that I should reconsider
the plans for the adaptation of the
Albion St. property at Leeds to the
purposes of the Branch Bank & two
residences, with a view to the utmost
economy,

I beg leave to say that I
have carefully reviewed the whole
subject and recommend the purchase
of the right of way at the back &
the Conversion of the front as per
Plan

And I find that the cost of the conversion together with that of the rights of way at the back, will not exceed the sum of £3000, as stated in my report of the 21st April last -

I beg further to observe that the subsequent grant by the Committee (10 Sept last) of £200 for the purchase of that right of way will not now be required.

And I have the honor to be

Your most obedient humble

James Pattison Esq

Secretary
C. R. Cokerell

The Committee agreed thereto, and Mr. Cokerell was directed accordingly. —

A full Committee
except
The Dep. Gov.

Wednesday 25th Feb 1835.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Letters were read from Messrs. Freshfield & Son, in reference to the Draft of an Agreement by Mr. Geo. Nicholls late Agent at the Birmingham Branch, for the sale of some property not required

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Letter from Messrs:

Freshfield & Son

in reference to the

Property agreed to

be sold to the

Library Proprietors

at Birmingham

required for the Branch premises,
to the Committee of the old Library,
pursuant to a Resolution of
this Committee 19 Feb. 1834. but,
previously to the preparation
of the Deed of conveyance, Messrs
Freshfield & Son were to be
desired to inform the Governor
the amount the Bank is
to receive for the said Property.

Upon reading the
following Report from Mr.
Cockerell, viz:

"Bank of England
"Sir "25 Feb. 1835

"I beg leave to say that
"the fixing of the Stoves in
"the upper & lower Offices
"of the new Building would
"in the present stage of the
"work materially advance
"the drying of the Plastering
"I have therefore received
"Tenders for proper Stoves,
"which I have carefully
"considered, for those Offices,
"from respectable Tradesmen
employed

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" employed by the Bank on
 " other occasions
 " These tenders have been
 " offered in competition from
 " Mess^{rs} Sheetham, Bailey,
 " Holder, & Summers; the
 " lowest of which are
 " R^o 2 large Stoves for the L 50.
 " upper office by Mess^{rs}
 " Sheetham..... 120—
 " R^o 2 Small Register Stoves
 " for Dr. Mr. Holder 12.17.6
 " R^o 2 large Stoves for Div^d
 " Warrant & Silver Office,
 " together with iron
 " sliding Gates to divide
 " those offices.
 " W. Summers..... 225—
 " Making Total..... L 357.17.6

New Stoves
to be erected
in the New Office
in the Garden

" I regret to add that the
 " former Stove of the Dividend
 " Warrant Office could not be
 " applied, but it is in Store
 " & will be found useful on
 " some occasion — that of the
 " Silver Office was ruinous
 " Having carefully considered
 " the above described Stoves &
 " the Tenders for the same, I
 " beg to recommend them
 " accordingly. I have the honor to be
 " (Signed) C R Cockerell
 " James Pattison Esq
 " Governor of the Bank of England

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The Committee agreed thereto,
and Mr. Bockerell was directed
accordingly.

Friday 27 Feb. 1835

The Governor signed an
order for the payment of £157.10.8
to the devisees of Mr. Tennant,
being the remainder of the
purchase money with interest
thereon, for the Premises at
Leeds, and the same was
delivered to Mr. Eldsey for
transmission to the Branch

an order
signed for payment
of the remainder
of the purchase
money, for the
Premises at
Leeds

Bank at Leeds, agreeably
to the recommendation in
the following letter from
Messrs. Freshfield Son, & Co.

" New Bank Buildings

" 26th Feb. 1835

" Sir,

" On the completion of the
" purchase from the devisees
" of Mr. Thomas Tennant, of
" the House intended for
" the

" the new Branch Bank at
 " Leeds, - £100 was retained
 " from the £7000 purchase
 " money until several
 " Documents, then not
 " delivered over, should be
 " furnished - By our Report
 " of the 20th January last,
 " we recommended that
 " Interest at 4-¹/₂ Cent on
 " the £7000 from the 1st
 " October to the 15th December
 " last, amounting to £57. 10. 0
 " should be paid

" The Devises have fur-
 " nished all the Documents
 " required, & have requested
 " that the £100 Deposit, &
 " the £57. 10. 0 Interest money
 " may be paid to them in
 " Leeds.

" We subjoin the names
 " of the Devises entitled to
 " receive the same.

" We have the honor to be
 (Signed) Freshfield & Son.

" Robert Hall, Esq	} all of Leeds
" Jos ^{ph} Mason Tennant	
" Thomas Kirkby Inerott	
" Thomas Tennant. Inerott	
To the Governor of the Bank of England	

A full minute
except
Mr. Pole.

th
Wednesday 11 March
1835.

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read.

In reference to the
Minutes of this Committee of
^{23rd Oct.}
relative to the sale of some
property at Birmingham,

Letter from
Messrs. Tredwell
Hon stating
the sum to be
recd for the
property sold at
Birmingham

the following letter was read
viz.

New Bank Buildings
27 Feb. 1835.

Sir,

From the extract of the
Letter from Mr. Nicholls of
the 7 Feb. 1834 communicating
his treaty with the Committee
of management of the Old
Birmingham Library, as well
as from a Letter we have
recd from Mr. Spurrer of
Birmingham, it appears
that the Trustees of the Library
were to pay to the Bank of
England the entire cost of
the Freehold of the Library, the
Lease of the adjoining premises
occupied by Mr. Keeley & the
freehold (purchased of the
Earl

Carl Howe) of the same premises, and that the Bank of England should retain, without paying or allowing for the same, all the back part of the premises for the use of the Branch Bank. The Trustees are also to pay all the costs and charges of the present arrangement.

We beg to enclose a statement of the sums paid by the Bank on the purchase of the Premises

* Amounting to £2288. 16. 9

We have the honor to be Sir &c

(Signed) Freshfield Son
to the Governor of the Bank of England.

Conveyance to be prepared

The foregoing appearing to give the desired explanation, Messrs. Freshfield Son, were directed to proceed with the Deed for conveying the said property, to the Committee of Management of the Birmingham Library.

Another letter from Messrs. Freshfield Son was also read, as follows, Sir

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4, March 1835.

Letter from
Messrs. Freshfield
Son in reference
to Premises
underlet by
Messrs. Manning
& Anderson. &
a Licence to
be granted them
suggested.

" New Bank Buildings

" th 26 Feb. 1835

" Sir,

" In November 1832 the
" Bank of England granted a
" Lease to Mess^{rs} Manning &
" Anderson of the House No. 3
" in New Bank Buildings
" with the Room or Counting
" House &c at the back of No. 2
" in the same Buildings for a
" Term of 21 years from Lady
" Day determinable at the end
" of the first 7 or 14 years.

" We understand that Mess^{rs}
" Manning & Anderson obtained
" the late Governor's permission
" to let on lease the Ground
" Story of their House & the
" Room or Counting House &c
" to Mr. Alexander Milne as
" an Office for distributing
" Policy Stamps; & the second
" Floor to Mr. John Dingwall
" a Solicitor; both parties being
" considered as unexceptionable
" Tenants, & who will hold
" under the same Terms and
" Conditions as Mess^{rs} Manning
" & Anderson do by the Lease
" granted to them

" Y^{rs}

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"It will be right that a
"Licence should be granted by
"the Bank to Mess^{rs} Manning &
"Anderdon for the purposes
"referred to, as otherwise the
"permission may be extended
"beyond what would be desired,
"but before doing this we beg to
"bring the matter under your
"consideration

"We have the honor &c
(Signed) "Freshfield & Son"

"The Governor of
"The Bank of England."

agreed to
The Committee agreed
that the licence should
be granted, as suggested
in the foregoing letter.

Wednesday 11 March 1835.

A full committee
except
Mr Thornton.

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read.

On reading a letter from
Mess^{rs} Freshfield & Son, transmitting
the licence, agreed to be given
at the last meeting, to Mess^{rs}
Manning & Anderdon, the
said licence being endorsed
on

11 March 1835.

on the original lease to Mess^{rs} Manning & Anderson, and recommending that the seal of the Bank be affixed thereto, The Committee passed the same to the use of Directors.

Quarterly Bills referred to the Committee for the House Servants for payment.

The following Tradesmen Bills for the Quarter were laid before the Committee

Vis:

1	W. Whittle. Gas Fitter.	4	14
2	W. & S. Sharp. Staters.	4	13
3	Mrs. Bristow. Engine maker	6	10
4	R. & E. Kepp. Copper Smiths.	7	4
5	Our Bidge & Co. Smiths.	7	14
6	Cor ⁿ Collyer. Blind maker	12	17
7	E. Jones. Box maker.	14	7
8	W. H. Smith. Upholsterer.	14	8
9	Eliz th Milton. Rubbish Cart	33	1
10	Mrs. Pether. Window Cleaner.	37	10
11	Thwaites & Reed. Door Springs makers	39	5
12	Gas Light Company.	40	7
13	W. & G. Good. Plumber.	112	13
14	W. & L. Lee. Bricklayers.	114	2
15	Wm. Watson. Painter & Co.	121	1
16	Geo. Holder. Smith.	145	5
17	D. & E. Bailey. Dr.	241	4
18	Robson & Estall. Plasterers	299	4
19	Almudy & Son. Masons.	557	12
20	Thos. Martyn. Carpenter & Co.	886	8

£2710 4

4 Mar: 1835

Ordered,

That the said Bills be referred to the Committee for the House & Servants for payment

a full committee

Tuesday 31st March 1835.

Reports of Mr. Cockerell & the Clerk of the works, as to the progress of the Sewer Constructing in Princes St.

The following letters in reference to the progress in the Sewer constructing in Princes St. so far as the safety of this House is concerned, were read to the Committee viz:

26th March 1835

"Dear Sir,

"I have observed the slight movement which has shewn itself in the 3 1/2 ft bent office, which is nothing more than might have been expected, & indeed I have been constantly on the watch & in the apprehension of such an appearance

"I have announced it to Mr. Kelsey the Surveyor of the Commissioners, & have left instructions to receive him

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Reports on the
progress of the
Sewer in Princes
St. continues

"him when he comes to
"visit us.

"I have been careful not
"to commit the Bank by
"sanctioning their proceeding
"further than the Comtee
"have already done, but
"have overlooked them from
"above, & it has appeared
"that they have taken the
"expensive precautions which
"they had designed to do.

"I have declined visiting
"the Works at their invitation,
"stating to them, our reliance
"on their fulfilment of the
"engaged mode of carrying
"on the Work.

"I regret that my place
"is taken for Leeds, or
"would defer it, & I remain

"Dear Sir, &c

"(Signed) G R Cockerell."

"Bank of England
"Sir,
"31st Mar: 1835

"In compliance with your
"request, I beg to inform you,
"that I have daily visited
"since

Thursday last the Western
 External Wall of the S^W of Centre
 Office, & especially that part
 where the working of the
 New Tower in Prince's Street
 has affected its stability—
 and having had the opening
 occasioned by the operation
 above alluded to, closely
 stopped up, I am enabled to
 state that the utmost the
 Wall has moved since the
 26th Inst, is 1/24th part of an
 inch — I remain &c

(Signed) Geo. Topples
 Clerk of Works.

J. Pattison Esq.
 Governor.

On Thursday the 2^d April 1835
 the following Quarterly Report was
 made to the Court, viz:—

Quarterly
 Report

"The Committee of Building
 have to report to the Court of
 Directors, that the Quarterly
 Bills of the Tradesmen for this House
 amounting to £2710.4. have been
 referred to the Committee for the
 House Servants for payment.

Profession

19. 15 April 1835.

possession having been obtained of the premises purchased at Leeds, the same are undergoing the necessary alterations, to fit them for the purpose of the Branch Bank thereat.

A full Court met
except
Mr Bowden

Wednesday th 15 April
1835.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Licence
to Messrs Manning
to be re-sealed

On reading a letter from Messrs Freshfield's Son, recommending the Licence granted to Messrs Manning & Anderson on the ¹² 12th Oct^r to be re-sealed, an alteration having been made therein by the substitution of the name of George Cornell Esq, as Secretary to the Comrs of Woods, Forests &c. in lieu of Alex. Milne Esq, the

The Comtee recommended the same to the Court of Directors to be sealed accordingly -

The Comtee took into consideration Mr. Cockerell's accounts of Commission on the London Bills, & also at the Branches, as under,

Mr Cockerell's accounts for Commission ordered to be paid:

and the Governor signed an order for the payment thereof, respectively, the former amounting to

£ 514.7.10 and the latter to £ 392.17.1. Vis:

London From Midsummer to Decr 1834.

Commission on Bills amount, to £ 8,088.0.2 1/4 @ 5% = £ 404.8/ Letters, Parcels &c. 2.13.2 407.1.2

Clerk of Works 1/2 year's Salary £ 75-

Extra time & whole nights @ 15/- 8-

5⁰ 93 evenings @ 5/- 23.5-

5⁰ 2 Sundays @ 20/- 2.-

Travelling expenses to Tombridge Back Ford &c. of the Governor's 19.8

Car to Chequer Office. 2.- 107.6.8

£ 514.7.10

15 April 1835.

The Bank
Parlours to be
cleaned.

Refusal of the
Comtee of the
Birmingham Old
Library, to comply
with the stipulation
agreed on, as to
the sale of certain
property to them.

Branches

from Nov: 1833 to Oct 1834

Liverpool Branch	£ 144.4.7
Plymouth	82.1.6
Portsmouth	63.9.-
Leeds	99.8.-
Manchester	3.14.-
	<u>£ 392.17.1</u>

Ordered,

that the Parlours of
the Bank be washed & cleaned.

Thursday 23rd April 1835.

On reading a letter from
Mess^{rs} Freshfield Son, communicating
the refusal of the Committee of
the Old Birmingham Library
to carry into effect their
agreement with M^r Nicholls,
in reference to the property
sold to them, so far as the
restriction not to convert
it to any use but a Library
Reading Room, in conformity
with the Resolution of the
Comtee on the 19 Feb: 1834, the

the same was left to the discretion of the Governor, to make enquiries thro' the agent at Birmingham, and report to his Committee thereon.

4th
Wednesday 13, May
1835

A full Committee
except
W. Michellish.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Committee resumed the consideration of the Treaty with the Birmingham Library Committee, and on being acquainted by the agent at Birmingham on the authority of Mr. Spurrier the Solicitor, that the clause now objected to, was placed fully before the said Committee as the basis upon which the Bank would treat for the sale of the Premises, it was agreed not to proceed with the Treaty, without the insertion of the clauses as agreed upon with Mr. Micholls, and

The Treaty with the Committee of the Birmingham old library not to be proceeded in
all the Papers, Hatters, with Plan of the Birmingham Premises delivered to Mr. Turner
P. B. O. - 14 May
1835

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and Messrs. Freshfield Son
reited the necessary directions
to that effect.

^{tho}
Tuesday 26 May 1835.

In consequence of the
unmentioned letter from
Messrs. Freshfield Son, and
Mr. Bischoff's statement as
to the correctness of the amount,
The Governor signed an
order for the payment of
£315 to Mr. Elsey, for transmission
to the Agent at the Leeds
Branch with the necessary
directions thereon, viz:

Payment orders
for purchase of the
rights of way, in
the rear of the
Branch Premises
at Leeds.

New Bank Buildings
26 May 1835.

Sir,

We beg to report that
the purchases of the rights
of way bought in the rear
of the Leeds Branch Bank are
now ready for completion, and
if

if the agent there has not already
 had any instructions as to the
 payment of the purchase moneys,
 we would beg to suggest that
 directions should be given to
 him to pay them on our
 Correspondents Mess^{rs} Hemmingway
 and Nelson intimating to him
 that the conveyances are executed
 and in their possession. The
 purchase money payable is to
 Mr. Jeremiah Nettleton Balme 250
 and to Mr. John Ellershaw is 65
£ 315

We have the Honor to remain
 (Signed) Freshfield & Son.

To the Governor
 of the Bank of England.

The foregoing is in conformity
 with the Minute of the 11th Feb:
 last. —

Wednesday

A full Committee
 except
 Mr. Pole
 Mr. Palmer
 & Mr. Thornton

Inadequacy of
 the Iron Safe at
 Liverpool

Wednesday 10 June
 1835.

The following extract of
 a Letter from the agent at
 Liverpool having been referred
 by the Deputy Governor, viz:

"Liverpool 27 May
 1835.

"I have long wanted more
 "room in the Iron Safe, we
 "have nothing but the one
 "tall safe sent from London
 "with two doors, in this we
 "have to pack all our Gold
 "all our notes, & to leave
 "room for the Tellers Box with
 "O. B. N. - and small sums,
 "Bill case &c. &c. &c. and we
 "have now to keep separate
 "old Gold from new Gold, 1/2
 "Sovereigns, Guineas and
 "the gold which has been rec'd
 "from Bankers, but which have
 "not been examined piece by
 "piece, of which last we had
 "17 Bags brought up this
 "morning.

The

"The Silver we are obliged to
 "keep in a large wooden Box,
 "and for our 7 Days Sight Notes,
 "I have had a tin Box made
 "which is merely put into the
 "Vault at night, but at present
 "the new gold you sent from
 "London remains unopened in
 "the original packages (for
 "there is no room to show it
 "away separately) except the
 "10 Bags put into the Note
 "Boxes"

Ordered,

That Mr. Turner the
 Agent at Liverpool be instructed
 to procure an Estimate of the
 expense of such an Iron Safe
 as would answer the purpose
 of the Branch, and report the
 same to the Governor.

an Estimate of
 an Iron Safe to
 be procured by Mr.
 Turner, reported
 to the Governor

a full committee
except
Mr. Palmer

Wednesday 17th June 1835.

The Minutes of the
last meeting were read.

The following letter
from Mr. Hockerell was then
read, viz:

17th
June 1835.

Letter from Mr.
Hockerell in
reference to the
Improvements in
Princes St. & the
New Street to
Moorgate

Sir, I beg leave to say that
the Commissioners of the New
Street being urgent as to the
removal of the iron railing
at the end of Tothbury, I
have reconsidered the report
offered to your Committee
18th June 1834 & still recommend
"That the part tinted blue
"in the accompanying sketch
"be removed, as it will
obstruct the traffic into
Princes Street, but the
portion now inclosed tinted
green, will in no degree be
liable to that remark, & if
given up will be an omnibus
stand

and nuisance, not being necessary for the traffic along Lothbury, this end being already 5 ft 6 in wider than the opening into Bartholomew Lane. It is also to be considered that the part tinted green has been lately very useful to the Bank in the new Building operation. There are many other uses to which it may in future be applied.



requested that
The Iron Railing
at the North West
Corner of the
Bank in Lothbury
be removed
near to the Bank

The Commissioners being further desirous of knowing the determination of the Bank as to the improvement in the old Jewry by the proposed purchase of the houses of Messrs Wright, Dewe & Anderson, Treater, & Co and throwing back the fronts of those houses to widen the north end of the old Jewry, I beg leave to submit the remark that

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The purchase of the
House in the Old
Jewry not recom^d?
by Mr. Cockerell

Various Offices
recom^d? to be
cleaned, by Mr.
Cockerell -

that the North end of the
Old Jewry being already
3 ft 6 in. wider than the
South end, no possible ad-
vantage to the publick can
arise by the proposed operation
until the South end is
widened. and I apprehend
that the purchases, new
Fronts & other expences
would not be less than
£10,000.

I beg leave to state that
I have carefully examined
the £5 notes Office, the
Consols Transfer & Dividend
Offices & also the Interior
Office & the Bank Stock Office,
with a view to the washing,
stopping & colouring the same,
and am of opinion that they
may be done for the sum of
£380 to £400. and I have the
honor to be Sir &c.

James Pattison Esq
Governor of the Bank of England.

C. R. Cockerell

The above having been duly considered, it was agreed that Mr. Cockerell be desired to acquaint the Commissioners, that directions will be given for the immediate removal of the Iron railing in Lothbury at the North West + + + corner of the Bank, to the distance pointed out by the Commission^r in the plan now presented; in the full expectation, that the City authorities will take strong and necessary steps to prevent a stand for Omnibus & Hackney coaches on the said spot. — And further to acquaint the Commission^r, that the Bank decline to purchase the Houses in the Old Jewry.

The Iron railing
at the Corner
of Lothbury to
be removed —

Purchase of House
in Old Jewry
declined.

The Commission^r on Mr. Cockerell's statement, also agreed that
the

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Sundry Offices
to be cleared.

the offices mentioned in
the foregoing Letter be
cleared forthwith.

The following Tradesmens
Quarterly Bills Bills for the current Quarter
were laid before the Committee:

No.			House			New Building			Total		
1	Tho. Martyr	Carpenter	1041	4	9	233	14	11	1274	19	8
2	Geo. Rennie	Sculptor				304	"	"	304	"	"
3	W. G. Nicholl	Modeller				609	19	"	609	19	"
4	Grundy Son	Mason	62	12	2	35	5	8	97	17	10
5	H. J. Lee	Bricklayer	57	1	4	7	6	10	64	8	2
6	Robson & Co.	Plasterers	95	5	8	932	13	9	1027	19	5
7	Wm. Good	Plumber	68	13	2				68	13	2
8	Wm. Watson	Glaazier & Painter	41	4	1	85	9	11	126	14	"
9	Geo. Holder	Smith	116	9	8				116	9	8
10	D. H. Bailey	D	239	16					239	16	"
11	W. S. M. Fresham	House maker	147	3	1				147	3	1
12	Thwaites Reed	Door Spring maker	27	9	6				27	9	6
13	John Bristow	Enginemaker	11	8	"				11	8	"
14	C. Colyer	Blind maker	19	17	"				19	17	"
15	W. Whickelo	Gas fitter	5	2	"				5	2	"
16	Gas Light Hook Company		40	7	6				40	7	6
17	W. H. Smith	Upholsterer	24	15	2				24	15	2
18	John Pether	Window Cleaner	37	10	"				37	10	"
19	Edw. Jones	Box maker	2	6	4				2	6	4
20	Eliz. Milton	Rubbish taker	28	17	3	6	15	"	35	12	3
			£ 2067	2	8	2215	5	1	4282	7	9
Portsmouth Branch									36	"	"
21	John Barrow	House maker							36	"	"

Ordered, that the foregoing Bills
be referred to the Committee for the
House & Servants for payment. —

Wednesday 24th June
1835.

A full Committee
except
Mr. Thoroton
Mr. Pole &
Mr. Palmer

The Minutes of the last
meeting were read. —

The following Letter from
Mr. Hockerell was also read

"Bank of England
"Sir, 17 June 1835

Letter from
Mr. Hockerell
in explanation
of the expense
of the New Building,
exceeding the
estimate.

"The new Building being
"now completed & the Bills
"duly presented, I beg leave
"to offer some explanations
"of those additional works &
"of those unforeseen circum-
"stances which have occasioned
"the excess in time & cost on my
"calculations reported 14th
"May 1834.

"First - as to the excess of Time
"The increased depth of the
"foundations & the infirm state
"of

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Mr. Lockenill's
 explanation
 continued

' of the Old Building (explained
 " below) made the execution
 " painful & tedious — The
 " refractory temper of the
 " artificers during the most
 " pressing period of the work,
 " presented the full employment
 " of the hands contemplated
 " I was not either fully
 " aware of the practical
 " inconvenience & delay of
 " conducting a work of this
 " nature during the best
 " hours of the day in the crowded
 " passages of the Bank of
 " England. — In consequence
 " of these circumstances the
 " plastering was retarded
 " by the damp & darkness
 " of winter — Meanwhile
 " the business of the pay
 " office was carried on with
 " so much comfort & convenience
 " in the temporary room,
 " that the completion of the
 " work has never been urged,
 " & thus many of the evils,
 " if damp & rot be, experienced
 " in the Bank in consequence
 " of hasty finishing, it is
 " hoped have been thereby
 " avoided

" Secondly,

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" Secondly - The increase of
" Cost, may be considered
" under nine heads.

^{1st} The foundations of the
" Columns sustaining the
" greater weight of the
" building are 18 feet &
" upwards to the old roman
" level, instead of 12 ft
" contemplated (see section)
" amidst partial foundations
" often exceedingly hard,
" sometimes thro mud, loose
" ground, & graves with much
" water, attended with a good
" deal of underpinning, diversion
" of drains, cess pools, removal
" of old rubbish &c; all which
" was done by candle light,
" the floor not having been
" wholly removed, & pumping
" all the while.

^{2nd} The five Piers towards the
" garden front were so unbound
" that the removal of the Piers
" & roof in a length of 94 ft
" until the new roof was on
" would have been dangerous
" both to the Piers & the Public
" passing thro' the garden -
" this occasioned some expence
" & waste of material, which
" however

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M. Cockfield's
 explanation
 continued

"however I considered well
 "deprayed not only for the
 "above essential reasons, but
 "also that the old roof
 "served as a scaffold, as
 "well as to keep the building
 "quite dry. — The old material
 "of Timber was found much
 "less available than expected
 "the plates laid in loom
 "were rotten & the ends of
 "the Tie beams in several
 "instances, so that their
 "continuance was dangerous
 " & their removal very timely
 "rd
 "3" The Stack Pipes originally
 "concealed in the masonry
 "were decayed as well as
 "the cisterns, occasioning
 "the nuisance of bad smells
 "long complained of — these,
 "as well as the drains
 "connected with them require
 "to be wholly new throughout
 "th
 "4" The Strongroom at the
 "west end proposed by the
 "first design to have been
 "curtailed was subsequently
 "removed by order of the
 "Committee dated 23 July,
 "affording

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"affording $\frac{1}{10}^{\text{th}}$ more accommodation
 "of space in the lower office
 " & occasioning a proportionate
 "addition of cost, in the new
 "materials & finish as well
 "as in the removal of the
 "old, which being built &
 "vaulted in Portland Stone
 "strongly cramped with iron
 "& requiring to be carried away
 "in trucks to the Lethbury
 "side thro' the crowded &
 "intricate passages of the
 "Bank consumed much time
 "& labor

5^{th}
 "The south light from the
 "Parapet in Threadneedle St
 "to the upper office was
 "recommended & adopted by
 "the Committee the Paving of
 "the Parapet in the whole
 "length (94 ft.) required to
 "be taken up & relaid for
 "the proper discharge of the
 "water.

6^{th}
 "The cornice & balustrade
 "towards the Garden Co. required
 "to be removed & at most wholly
 "renewed.

7^{th}
 "A close boarded scaffold over
 "the passage in the garden as a
 "security to the Public from
 "the

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Mr. Lockwood's
 explanation
 continued

"the falling of tools & material
 "was found absolutely
 "necessary - & it may justly
 "be considered a matter of
 "congratulation that except
 "to one of your Committee, &
 "a boy who fell from carelessness,
 "no accident has occurred,
 "in a building 45 ft. from
 "the level amongst so many
 "workmen & in a crowded
 "space
 "8th Finding that the party
 "wall of the Chief Bachelor's
 "House was sound and
 "sufficient & that the very
 "cumbersome wall carried
 "up by Sir R. Taylor might
 "be removed without danger
 " & with very great advantage
 "of space, below & above,
 "especially to the stair case,
 " & that light & ventilation
 "could be obtained North &
 "South (see plan F 194) I did
 "not scruple to remove it in
 "carrying up the work
 "9th My attention having been
 "drawn during the progress
 "of the work to the importance
 "of space & ventilation in the
 "upper

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"upper Offices I adopted a
"Coved ceiling & gained 5000
"Cubical feet of space - & by
"reducing the external walls
"above desk high, which was
"done without weakening
"the work, I obtained room
"for 4 rows of desks instead
"of 3, giving the means of a
"future addition of at least
"1/3^d of the present number
"of desks - I also took the
"liberty to alter the centre of
"the lantern & to make other
"modifications of the original
"design which during this
"anxious & responsible
"proceeding I felt were for
"the real advantage of the
"work.

" At the same time I beg.
"to explain that I was really
"not aware, nor could I be,
"during the expeditious progress
"of the work, of the extent
"of the cost in these additions,
"or I should have felt it
"my duty to report the same
"to the Committee or to have
"curtailed those parts which
"were not essential to the
"design

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" The estimate was £6400.
" & the actual cost £7937. 18.
" making an extra of £1537. 18.
" but which I consider well
" spent in the increased
" advantages above described

" & I have the honor to
(Signed) C R Cockerell

" James Pattison, Esq;
" &c. &c. &c."

Mr Cockerell's
explanation
continued

Mem^o
of Extra work
in building
New Div^d Office

Copy of Memorandum of
Extra works performed at
the New Dividend Office,
Bank of England.

Foundation.

Estimate	Cost Extra
Estimated as common digging 12 ft. deep & carting away the rubbish	Digging 18. 6 deep, ripping up old stone & chalk foundations & walls, turning the course of several sewers, underpinning filling cess pools &c -carting away all the ground & rubbish & forming a complete artificial foundation of concrete £254
£50.---	

Shoring

24 June 1835

Shoring up the old roof

Not contemplated in the Estimate

Shoring up, in consequence of division wall removed & the necessity of maintaining the ties to Garden front - also to keep the work dry & also as a Scaffolding - labor & waste in cutting away & in rotten Timber
£290-

Plumbers work

Not contemplated

Extra new lead cesspools in Sewers to receive the rain water from roof, for the purpose of forming air traps - taking down & replacing large lead stack pipes, old being decayed, & renewing the drains connected with them. £129-

Party wall removed

Not Estimated

Cutting down & removing the wall - making good - preparing for window North & South. Shoring &c connected with this. £36-

Removal

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Removal of part of
Strong room.

Estimated to
remain

Pulling down stone
work cramped
with iron - removing
thro' the Bank -
Building foundation
& all new work to
correspond with
the order of interior
- re-forming & setting
up door way at the
end. . . . £268 -

W. Juckerell's
explanation
continued

Windows towards Breadneedle St
& one window towards the
Garden.

Not Estimated
Skylights in
fact intended

Cutting new windows
thro' parapet secured
with iron frames
- new wash towards
Garden &c &c -
lowering paving on
Parapet - credit
being given for
skylight - £86 -

Boarded Scaffolding
in Garden Front.

Not Estimated

To secure Public
from falling off
materials - kept
up nearly six
months. £10 -

Repair

24 June 1835

Repairs to Cornice & Balustrade

Not estimated	Most of it removed & re-instated with sound Portland
	£38—

Increase of room in Upper Office.

Not estimated	By a more expensive construction of roof & by removing the side walls 5000 cubic feet of space was gained & room for 4 rows of desks if required - the walls cut down for this purpose & made good - the centre of lantern made wider & more extent of skylight
	£460—

Concluded

Abstract.

Foundation	£284—
Old roof	290—
Plumbers work	129—
Party wall	36—
Strong room	268—
Windows	56—
Scaffold	10—
Cornice &c	38—
Increase of room	460—
	8
	£1601

In

The Governor was authorized to use his own discretion as to the disposal or otherwise of the said Room.

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A full Committee
except Mr Thornton

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Estimate
of repairs for the
Branch Bank Premises
at Spool.

The Agent at Liverpool having transmitted an estimate of certain repairs considered to be necessary for the Branch Bank Premises
viz:

Branch Bank	£205
House adjoining	55
	<u>£260</u>

referred to Mr
Cockerell.

the same was referred to Mr
Cockerell.

Interview
between the Governor
& a Deputation from
Coleman St Ward.

The Governor reported that he had an interview with a Deputation from the Coleman Street Ward relative to the improvement
in

A full Committee

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The following letter from
Mr. Cockerell having been read,
viz:

"Dear Sir,

"It will be necessary to
"get rid of our temporary
"room - I have an offer of
"£40 from a jobber, & £80 -
"from Mr. Martyn our
"Carpenter, & he to remove
"it.

"It has occurred to me
"that as a temporary room or
"work-shop it might suit
"many persons to put up again,
"I would be worth their while
"to give a larger sum for such
"a purpose, & if you think proper
"I would advertise it & see
"if we can get more - if indeed
"you do not think it infra-dig:
"or possibly troublesome and
"unproductive.

"Tople will receive your
"commands in my absence

"Ever your obliged
" & faithful Servant

"(Signed) C. R. Cockerell.

"James Pattison, Esq:
"M.P.

a proposal to
purchase the
temporary Room
in the Garden,
& the same
refer to the
Governor.

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Opinion of the
Committee on
the foregoing
explanation, to
be communicated
to Mr. Lockyer
by the Governor

Quarterly
Report to the
Court

In reference to the foregoing
explanation, the Governor
was requested to express to
Mr. Lockyer, the Regent of
the Committee that his expendi-
ture for the New Buildings
should have so much
exceeded his estimate:
also their earnest hope,
that in ^{executing} any future works
for the Bank he will
strictly confine himself
within his estimate if
possible. — The following

Quarterly Report was made viz:
The Committee of Building have to
report to the Court of Directors, that the
Quarterly Bills of the Tradesmen for
this House amounting to £4282. 3/
done for the Portsmouth Branch
amounting to £36 have been referred
to the Committee for the House & Servants.

The New Buildings in the
Garden are completed, & occupied
for business as the accountants
Drawing office and the Dividend
Pay & warrant Offices.

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in the Old Jewry, & in which they requested the concurrence of the Bank, by the purchase of certain premises between the National Debt Office, & Messrs Freshfield & Fone's House, & that they had promised to lay before the Governor an estimate of the expence attending the same

The following Letter from Mr Cockerell was read - viz:

Letter from Mr Cockerell relative to the removal of the Chancery & Genl Cash Book Office

inclosing a Letter from Mr Montague respecting the improvements in Lottbury

" Bank of England
" July 22. 1835
" Sir,
" In obedience to your desire
" that I should consider the
" most convenient mode of
" transferring the present
" Chancery & General Cash
" Book Office, to the apartments
" lately occupied by the
" Accountants Drawing Office
" - and that I should consult
" Mr Rippon & Mr Ince and
" the Principals of the Office
" mentioned; - I beg leave to
" say

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" say that I have done
 " accordingly, & that in
 " our joint opinion the
 " accompanying plan would
 " well suit the convenience
 " of those Offices & the Public,
 " & would leave the North
 " end of the late Accountants
 " Drawing Office disposable
 " for any future purposes
 " & accessible by the passage
 " reserved for the Public

" These Offices requiring
 " increased space will be
 " amply accommodated, the
 " General Cash Book Office,
 " tinted yellow, contains 154
 " feet superficial or $2\frac{1}{5}$ ^{the}

" more than the present Office
 " & the Chancery Office, tinted blue will contain
 " 118 ^{ft} superficial or $1\frac{1}{4}$ ^{the} more than the present Office
 " This arrangement contemplates
 " the removal of the partitions
 " enclosing the book room
 " used by the Ex- Accountants
 " Office northward as shown
 " in the plan.

" I beg to inclose Mr
 " Montague's letter in reply
 " to my communication of
 " the

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"the willingness of the
 "Directors to remove a
 "portion of the iron railing
 " & give up a portion of
 "ground for the improvement
 "of the new Street at the
 "North end of the Bank in
 "Lothbury - I do not
 "however perceive any sound
 "reasons for altering the
 "determination the Comtee
 "have already come to, &
 "should experience shew the
 "necessity of giving up the
 "rest of the ground as
 "requested, it can always be
 "effected in a few days
 "and, I have the honor, &c
 "(Signed) C R Cockerell
 "James Pattison, Esq:
 " &c. &c. &c."

Letter from Mr
 Montague to Mr
 Cockerell relative
 to the improvements
 in Lothbury

Wm Montague Esq to C R Cockerell
 Esq:

"Office of works
 Guildhall
 7th July 1835
 "Dear Sir,
 "I laid before the Comtee
 "appointed by the Corporation
 "of

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"of the City of London (for
"carrying into effect the Act
"of Parliament for rebuilding
"London Bridge) your Letter
"of the 14th Inst, with the
"accompanying Plan describing
"that portion of the enclosure
"fronting the Bank in Lothbury
"which the Directors were
"willing to give up in aid
"of the great Improvement
"now forming by the Commee
"from Moorgate to Cannonhill,
"I am directed by them to
"express their great regret
"that the Court should have
"come to such a determination
"I then hope that they will
"reconsider the subject—
"The Commee cannot but
"express their belief that the
"Public will feel great
"disappointment if the whole
"space is not given up and
"they are induced to consider
"that the enclosure has
"only been made for the
"preservation of their rights
"I

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" & constructed by your
" Predecessor Sir John Soane
" without any expectation of
" its being permanent but
" upon the principle of making
" it available to the Public
" convenience whenever the
" Improvements in the
" neighbourhood shall justify
" the expectation of its being
" done - That period has
" certainly now arrived and
" looking to the great convenience
" the Comtee are affording
" to the approachers to the
" Bank they cannot but
" anticipate that the Court
" will upon reflection not
" allow itself to be placed in
" a situation which may
" justify public censure.
" With respect to your remark
" of the possible inconvenience
" which may be occasioned
" by that situation being made
" the resort of omnibuses
" Stage Coaches &c I have their
" authority to state that
" although the power is not
" with them they will use their
" best

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"best interest with the Court
 "of Alderman to prevent such
 "a nuisance which there can
 "be little doubt will be
 "effectual.

"As there will be a
 "Committee on Monday next
 "it will be a matter of
 "considerable convenience to
 "be favored with an Answer
 "by that time

I remain

Dear Sir

Very truly yours

(Signed) Wm. Montague

C. R. Bockerell, Esq.

Removal of the
 Chancery & Gen.
 Cash Book Offices

agreed to

The Committee agreed
 to the removal of the Chancery
 and General Cash Book
 Offices, to the Room lately
 occupied as the Accountants
 Drawing Office, as suggested
 by Mr. Bockerell in the
 foregoing Letter. & he received the Gov.^r's
 directions to fit up the same forthwith
 making use of the partitions & materials
 of both Offices to the utmost practicable extent.

Tuesday 28 July 1835.

- M^r. Governor
- M^r. Dep^t. Secy.
- M^r. Bowden
- M^r. Drew
- M^r. Palmer

The Governor laid before
 the Committee the following
 Letter from W^m. Mountague
 Esq, Clerk of the City's Works
 at Guildhall, N^o 13.

" Office of works
 " Guildhall
 " 27th July 1835

" Gent^l

" The Committee for conducting
 " the Improvements connected with
 " the Rebuilding London Bridge
 " have directed me to forward
 " you a copy of a Letter received
 " by me, from Sir John Poore on
 " the subject of the proposed
 " Improvements in Lottbury & the
 " Old Jewry, accompanied with a
 " copy of the Letter which I wrote
 " to him & to which he refers, the
 " Committee have been induced to
 " direct me to make this communication
 " from the circumstance of their
 " Chairmen having informed them
 " that in a conference he had the
 " honor of holding with the
 " Governor & Mr. Cockerell, your
 " Architect, considerable doubt
 " was

Letter
 from W^m. Mountague
 Esq. relative to the
 Improvements in
 Lottbury

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"was entertained whether any
 "pledge was given by the Bank
 "for the completion of the
 "Improvement, & the Committee
 "submit that the Question of
 "doubt is completely set at
 "rest by the plain & unequivocal
 "statement of Sir John Lane.

"The Committee have further
 "directed me to state that as
 "the Houses in the Old Jewry
 "were Scheduled in the Act at
 "your request, it was a
 "natural inference that you
 "intended to proceed with that
 "portion of the Improvements,
 "they have therefore felt no
 "small degree of regret, in
 "hearing it even suggested that
 "there is a probability of its
 "being abandoned by you. - The
 "Committee now feel it an imperative
 "duty on their part to request
 "your re-consideration of the
 "subject & they also feel a
 "well grounded confidence
 "that when the subject is
 "reviewed under all the
 "circumstances which the above
 "stated correspondence has set
 "forth that they shall receive
 "your instructions to carry into
 "effect the provisions of the
 "Act on your Account.

I have the honor &c
 To the Governor (Signed) Wm Mountague
 Dep^y Governor & Clerk of the City's Works
 Court of Directors of the Bank of England

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Correspondence referred to in
the foregoing Letter

Letter

From Mr Mountague
Esq to Sir J Soane

Mr Mountague Esq to Sir J Soane

" Office of Works

" Guildhall

" Dear Sir, 21st July 1835

" I very much regret the
 " necessity of intruding on your
 " retirement from your professional
 " labors, but a recollection of
 " circumstances which took place
 " many years since, in conjunction
 " with my predecessors Mess^{rs}
 " Dance & Peacock, in relation to
 " the then proposed improvements
 " of the Bank, & its Avenues, by
 " the City & the Directors of the
 " Bank of England, & which was
 " the foundation of the improvement
 " now partially, but not wholly
 " effected; a recollection of what
 " passed between us some few
 " years since when the Directors
 " of the Bank were requested to
 " extend their improvements by
 " the widening of the North end
 " of the Old Sewy (which in its
 " original suggestion was only
 " defeated by the exorbitant
 " demands of the Freeholder &
 " occupier) a recollection also
 " that in my last interview
 " with

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"with you as the Accredited
 "Agent of the Bank, you stated
 "that as far as you had effected
 "the improvements you had
 "religiously kept your faith
 "with the City, & that when
 "they had widened Princes St
 "according to the Original Plan
 "the Bank would be ready
 "to fulfil their portion of the
 "Improvement, a belief that is
 "your anxious wish, (& pardon
 "me for saying that I think you
 "in some degree stand pledged)
 "to see these Improvements
 "completed; has induced me
 "to trouble you on this occasion
 "It has become my duty
 "officially to request of the
 "Bank Directors to lay into
 "the Public Street the enclosed
 "ground fronting the Bank
 "in Lottbury, & to request
 "also their determination with
 "respect to the purchase of the
 "property for the improvement
 "at the corner of the Old
 "Jewry, in consequence of
 "which I have received from
 "Mr. Cocherell a Plan of the
 "alteration intended by them
 "in Lottbury, & an intimation
 "that it is not their intention
 "to do anything with respect to
 "the

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"the property in the Old Jewry,
"I have therefore written to
"Mr. Coakerell on the subject
" & I forward with this a
"copy of my letter to him, &
"a copy of the Plan of the
"proposed alterations in
"Lothbury - Now as these
"Plans are totally at variance
"with the original design of
"Improvement, as the City
"have widened Princes Street
"as was contemplated, & are
"making a new Street from
"Moorgate which was never
"expected, as great Improvements
"have been, & are, making in
"the vicinity of the Bank by
"them, & as they have, I respectfully
"submit, a right to expect the
"completion of that which was
"contemplated by you. It has
"therefore occurred to me that
"upon a representation of these
"circumstances you will feel
"such a personal interest in the
"Improvement, such an anxiety
"for the Public convenience,
" & such a regard for their
"Honor & yours, as to induce
"you to recommend to the Court
"of Directors the execution of the
"Plan as intended - Apologizing
"for giving so you so much trouble
"allow me to subscribe myself,
"Dear Sir &c &c
"Sir John Bane (Signed) W Mountague"

27 July 1835 Sir John Soane to W^m Mountague, Esq

Letter
from Sir J Soane
to
W^m Mountague Esq

Lincoln Inn Fields
Dear Sir, 23rd July 1835
I am favored with your
Letter of the 21st Inst relative
to the Improvements now in
progress in the vicinity of
the Bank of England, together
with a Copy of a Plan shewing
the alterations intended by
the Bank in Sothbury.
With respect to the Improvements
of the North end of the Old Square
from the National Debt
Redemption Office to new
Bank Buildings, I beg leave
to say that Plans for that
purpose were made by me, &
approved by the Building
Committee at the Bank some
years since, & the execution
thereof was only delayed in
consequence of the extravagant
demands of Mr Wright which
could not be overcome, & I
must further observe that
this small portion is all
that remains unfinished of
the several Improvements
projected by the Bank during
the period I had the honor to
be their Architect

As

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" As to the temporary Railing
 " in Lottbury, I always understood
 " it to be the wish & intention
 " of the Bank that it should
 " be removed, & the space thrown
 " into the Street, as soon as the
 " end of Princes St next Cornhill
 " was widened by the City as
 " shewn in the Engraved Plan
 " made by Mr. Dance in the
 " year 1800.

" Had these Improvements
 " been carried into effect during
 " the time I was the Architect
 " to the Bank, I should certainly
 " have considered it to have
 " been my duty to have immediately
 " recommended to the Committee
 " of Building the entire removal
 " of the Iron Railing in Lottbury,
 " considering that I was thereby
 " fulfilling the original engagement
 " made with Mr. Dance on the
 " part of the City, affording an
 " accommodation to the Public
 " which they had been led to
 " expect, & likewise doing justice
 " to myself as the Architect of
 " the Building, by removing
 " an exerecense which had
 " always been greatly injurious
 " to its effect, & which would
 " be still increased by any partial
 " alteration of the Railing such
 " as is contemplated by the Plan
 " which accompanies your Letter
 " you

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" you say in your Letter " a
 " belief that it is your anxious
 " wish (& pardon me for saying
 " that I think you in some
 " degree stand pledged) to see
 " these Improvements completed,
 " has induced me to trouble
 " you on this occasion "-

" You are perfectly correct
 " as respects my feeling on the
 " subject, & the best proof I
 " can give of the fact is that I
 " am ready to subscribe Five
 " Thousand Pounds in order
 " to carry into effect the
 " connecting New Bank Building
 " with the National Debt
 " Redemption Office, & the
 " continuing the line of
 " Prince Street into Coleman
 " Street agreeably to the Plan
 " made by me in 1825, which
 " has been already before you
 " & a copy of which is subjoined

" I am Dear Sir &c
 " (Signed) John Loane
 " Archt^r

"
 " William Mountague, Esq
 " &c &c &c "

Thursday 13 Aug. 1835.

- Mr Gov.
- Mr Dep Gov.
- Mr Mellish
- Mr Bowden
- Mr Grove

The Minutes of the last meeting were read. -

Upon reading the following Report from Mr. Cockerell, viz.

Report from Mr. Cockerell relative to the Improvements in Lottbury

"Bank of England
 "Sir, 5th Aug. 1835
 "Mr. Montague's letter of
 "the 27th ult. addressed to
 "the Governor & Directors of
 "the Bank, enclosing the
 "copy of one from Sir John
 "Soane on the projected
 "improvements in the Old Sewer
 "& Princes Street, having been
 "put into my hands together
 "with your instructions to
 "enquire with the Secretary
 "into the Minutes relating
 "thereto during the last few
 "years - I beg to say
 "That several plans by Sir
 "John Soane, Mr. Carter, &
 "Mr. Montague were submitted
 "& discussed in January 1831
 "on

13 Aug: 1835

on which the Governor &
Directors Resolved,

" To consider the propriety
of contributing a Sum to
widen the approach into
Coleman Street.

" Again, by a Minute 18th
Jan^y 1832. - it was Resolved,

" To take into consideration
the improvement in Colburn
on Estimates given by Sir
John Soane.

" Again by a Minute 27th
Dec: 1833 it was Resolved

" That the Deputation be
authorized to include Mr.
Grosvenor & Dr. Wright's
Houses in the Act for the
improvements in the City.

" I beg to observe that
Sir John Soane's Estimate
for the purchase of Mess^{rs}
Wright & Grosvenor's Houses,
& the improvement of the
Frontage in correspondence
with the Bank Buildings
was £12000. - & I have no
reason to doubt the accuracy
of this opinion, all contingencies
taken into account, &

" I have the honor &c
(Signed) C R Cockerell
James Pattison Esq. &c &c &c

The Governor was empowered to effect an arrangement with the City Authorities, by contributing on the part of the Bank, a sum of money towards improving the old Jewry and Coleman Street, in lieu of purchasing the Houses of Mess^{rs} Norris & Wright, as requested by Mr. Mountague the Surveyor to the City of London —

Sum of money to be contributed in aid of the improvement of the old Jewry Coleman St.

Present
 Mr Gov^r
 Mr Thornton
 Mr Pole
 Mr Bouverie
 Mr Grewe.

Wednesday 26 Aug 1835

The Minutes of the last meeting were read. —

A letter having been laid before the committee from Mr. Cocherell, recommending certain alterations at the Gloucester Branch Bank premises with a view to remedy the inconveniences complained of, arising from

26 Aug: 1835

Walter Branch
certain alterations
ordered thereat

from Dampneffs, want of
Water, &c. and to effect which
he estimates the expense
would be about £100, it was
Ordered

That M. Mochesell be
directed to carry the same into
effect, forthwith.

th
Tuesday 15 Sep: 1835.

a full Committee

except

Mr. Drew

Mr. Palmer

The following Tradesmen's
Bills for the current Quarter
were laid before the Committee
viz:

24 Bills
referred for
payment

1	Tho. Martyn B ^o . Carpenter	616	5
2	J. Grundy & Son, Mason	48	19
3	H. & J. Lee, Bricklayer	49	12
4	W ^m . Good, Plumber	52	5
5	Robson B ^o . Plasterer	780	8
6	W. Watson, Glazier & Painter	402	12
7	In ^o . Pether, Window Glass	37	10
8	Geo. Holder, Locksmith &c.	129	11
9	D. & C. Bailey, Smiths	1	7
10	W ^m . Summers, Stovermaker	231	"
11	Thwaites & Reed, Clockmaker	107	7
	[£] Carried over	2456	16

Brought forward 2456..16.-

- 12 Colyer, Blindmaker... 32.19.-
 - 13 R. E. Kepp, Copper Smiths... 1..9.-
 - 14 John Bristol, Engine maker 4.14.-
 - 15 Henry whichelo, Gas fitter... 3..18.-
 - 16 Gas Light Company... 40..7.-
 - 17 Duppa B: Paper hanger... 10.4.-
 - 18 W. H. Smith, Upholsterer, 30.12.-
 - 19 Kent Luck W: Carpet manu-
-facturer } 35.15.-
 - 20 Edward Jones, Box maker... 11.-
 - 21 Eliz: Milton, Rubbish carting 33.-
- £ 2650.5.-

Gloster Branch
Bills, referred

Gloucester Branch

Thomas Carpenter, sundry
repairs, as estimate } 155.-

£ 2815.5.-

The same were referred
to the Committee for the House
Servants for payment.

W: Cockerill's
Account for
Commission

The Governor signed an order
for the payment of Mr. Cockerill's
account of Commission, Clerk
of the works &c. as under. viz

From Christmas 1834 to
Midsummer 1835, Commission

on

15 Sep. 1835.

on the Tradesmen's Bills as
 Abstract, amounting to £7052.2.9

@ 5% $\frac{1}{2}$ £352.12.-

Letters, parcels &c. 1. 8. 8

Clerk of the Works

Salary £75

Do. extra time

89 evenings @ 5/ 22.5.-

Do. 26 whole nights } @ 15/ } 19.10.-

Do. 1 Sunday until } 11 o'clock } 1.5.-

Do. Good Friday. 1. - - - 119. - - -

£473. - - - 8

Deduct 5% $\frac{1}{2}$ Commⁿ.

on £940 excess over estimated

cost of new building, (Divⁿ

Pay, Warr^t & Acct^s Draw^g

Offices) 47. - - -

£426. - - - 8

Mr. Bokerell's
 acct^s for
 Commission

The following letter from
 Mr. Bokerell, having been
 read, viz^t:

Sir, 18 Aug. 1835

I beg leave to state that
 the washing, stopping & coloring
 of the £5 Note Office, Bank of England
 Bank of Scotland & Interior Offices,
 have

have been completed, but the
consols dividend office remains
undone, because the sum £400
allowed by a Resolution of the
Building Committee of the 17th June,
has been expended, & a further
sum of £100, to £120, will be
necessary for the completion
of the consols dividend office.

M^r. Cockerell's
on the progress
in cleaning
certain offices

These works consisting
of labor in scaffolding & washing
a surface soiled by nearly 30
years of smoke from oil &
candle light, with no material
except soap & soda, & being done
wholly by night were very difficult
to estimate - but I am happy
to be able to assure you of the
careful expenditure of the money,
the clerk of works having
superintended the consumption
of every pound of soap & every
hour's labor during 33 nights
and I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) C. R. Cockerell

J. Curtis Esq
Esq. - Esq. - Esq.

Overser

The Consol. Divⁿ:
Office to be cleaned

Ordered,

That the Consol^d Divⁿ:
Office be cleaned forthwith

Wednesday 23rd Sep 1835

Present
Mr Gov.
Mr Dep^y Sec^y:
Mr Mellish
& Mr Bowden

The Minutes of the
last meeting were read

The following Tradesmen's
Bills for the erection of the
Leeds Branch Bank were
laid before the Comtee, viz:

The Tradesmen's
Bills for the
Leeds Branch
referred to the
Comteeⁿ for
the House &
Lords.

Tho ^s Martyr, Carpenter	£0 28. 1.
Wood L ^d : Mason	466. 7.
Woolley L ^d : Bricklayer	285. 17.
J. Rainden, Plumber	119. 14.
J. Preston, Slater	56. 9.
T. Tilney, Marble Mason	31. 11.
B. Russell, Joiner	15. 13.
C. Blanchard, Plasterer	219. 16.
D. H. Bailey, Smith,	120. 13.
Nelson Hons, Ironmongers	211. 4.
Standley L ^d : D ^r	34. 1.
W. G. Nicholl, Modeller	13. 5.
J. Wood, Painter	167. 5.
J. H. Wales D ^r	61. 10.
G. Herbert, Paper hanger,	17. 4.
Murray H ^o . Ironfounders	9. 9.
	£ 2957. 19.

the same were referred
to the Comm^{tee} for the House
Servants for payment.

Wednesday th 7th Oct 1835.

A full Comm^{tee}

On reading a proposal from
the Secretary to the London &
Broydon Railway Company to
occupy the House in Castle
Alley, lately in possession of
M^r. Murphy, it was
Resolved,

House in castle
Alley, late
Murphy) to be
let to the London
& Broydon Rail-
way Company,
at £110 p^a ann:
as Tenants at
will.

That the same be
let to the London & Broydon Rail-
way Company at £110 p^a ann:
clear of all Taxes; & including
the fixtures, as Tenants at
will, determinable at Lady
Day 1840. - at which time M^r.
Grubb's term in the Bank Office
House will expire, when it will
be desirable to form a Junction
of the said Houses for the purpose
of being let as a Banking House,
or for some other large Establishment:
and

7 Oct. 1835.

and Mr. Jockerell received the Governor's Directions to communicate with Mr. Gray the Secretary to the London & Croydon Railway Company, thereon —

The following Quarterly Report was presented to the Court of Directors, viz:
 Quarterly Report to the Court.

The Committee of Building report to the Court of Directors, that the Quarterly Bills of the Tradesmen, as under, amounting to £5673.4ⁿ — were referred to the Committee for the House Servants for payment, viz:

For this House	£ 2650.5 ⁿ —
For the conversion of the Premises purchased at Leeds, to the purpose of a Branch Bank	2857.19 ⁿ —
For repairs at the Gloucester Branch	165. —
	<u>£ 5673.4ⁿ —</u>
	The

The Room formerly occupied as the Accountant's Drawing office, has been converted to an office for the business of the General Cash Book office, and the Chancery & Exchequer offices; the former room having been found insufficient for their increased business.

Wednesday 21st Oct. 1835

A Deputation from the Ward of Coleman Street, at the Head of which ^{were} Sir Wm. Heygate Ald. & W. Deputy Corpn, attended the Commtee, and a discussion ensued on the improvement of the old Jewry and the Southern entrance to Coleman Street, by rounding the corner between the National Debt office and the House of Messrs. Freshfield's Son, but no determination was come to thereon.

conference with a Deputation from Coleman St. Ward

11 Nov. 1835

Present
A full Committee
excepting
Mr. Pole &
Mr. Bowden.

Letter
from Sir John Soane

relative
to the effects produced
by the Sewer in
Princes St.

th
Wednesday 11 Nov. 1835

The following Letter from
Sir John Soane having
been read - viz:

Lincoln Inn Fields

10th Nov. 1835

"Dear Sir,

"I am favored with yours
"of the 29th Oct. & in answer
"thereto, can only refer you
"to my Letter of the 22nd ult^o,
"I request that you will
"inform the Governor & Deputy
"Governor of the Bank that
"should any information
"relative to the construction
"of the Building be required,
"I shall be at all times
"ready to give it upon
"application being made to me,

"I avail myself of this
"opportunity to notice a circumstance
"which has recently come to
"my knowledge, & to which
"I think it of the utmost
"importance that the attention
"of Governors & Directors of
"the Bank should be drawn,
"the stability & durability
"of the Building being intimately
"connected therewith.

"From

11 Nov. 1835

" From the peculiarly bad &
" squaggy nature of the ground
" forming the site of a large
" portion of the edifice, it became
" necessary to resort to every
" practicable precaution in
" forming the Foundations, &
" Piles of Timber with Planking
" laid thereon were employed to
" a considerable extent, both to
" the boundary & internal walls
" of the Structure.

" I have the satisfaction to
" know that the precaution
" adopted in the construction of
" the Foundations & of the
" Superstructure, proved perfectly
" efficacious, so that up to the
" period of my resignation of the
" appointment of Architect to the
" Bank, no fissure, or settlement,
" other than of the most trifling
" nature, was visible in any
" part of the Edifice

" Since that period however
" a Sewer of enormous dimensions
" has been carried through Prince's
" Street, at a great depth below
" the Carriage road, & serious &
" alarming cracks & settlements
" have, I am informed since
" appeared, particularly in the
" Plinth of the Boundary Wall &
" the Stone curb under the Iron
" Railing in Prince's St. - in the
" Trunk Arch in the Vestibule from
" Prince's St. - the Wall next the
" Barrack

Letter

from Sir Isaac
contin^d

11 Nov. 1835

Letter
from Sir Isaac
Continued.

Sir Isaac's letter
delivered to Mr.
Cockfield 25 Jan 1837

To John Knight, Esq
"Bank of England"

"Barrack Court of the new & 1/2
"of the Dis^d Office, - the wall at
"the South West Angle of the
"Waiting room Court, & in the
"Staircase to the Cheque Office
"When I first heard of the
"construction of this Sewer I
"was somewhat apprehensive
"of the effect it would (even
"if carefully executed,) ultimately
"produce in draining the water
"from the Foundations of the
"Bank & other buildings in
"the vicinity, but within these
"few days I have heard of the
"circumstances of the failure in
"the supply of water in a well
"at the Mansion House, which,
"together with the information
"I have obtained of the manner
"in which the Sewer has been
"constructed, has, not a little,
"increased my apprehensions,
"as in the event of the water
"being drained from the Foundations
"of the Bank & the Timbers which have
"hitherto been always kept in a wet
"state, being left dry decay will in
"all probability rapidly take place,
"occasioning ultimately, numerous
"cracks & settlements in the
"different parts of the Building;
"nor will the evil be confined to
"the Bank, - the Foundations of
"the Houses forming new Bank
"Buildings" having been necessarily
"constructed on the same principle,
"will, it is to be apprehended
"suffer in like manner

I am &c
(Signed) John Soane

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Mr. Cockerell attended the
Committee thereon, & the
consideration of the same
was deferred to a future
opportunity

Wednesday 25 Nov. 1835

Mr. Gov
Mr. Dep Gov
Mr. Thornto
Mr. Mellish
Mr. Drow
& Mr. Palmer

The Governor communicated
to the Committee he had had
an interview with Mr Montague
the City Surveyor, on the subject
of the proposed improvements
in Lothbury and the corner of
the Old Seury, when, after much
discussion, they came to the
following conclusion, with
the understanding that it should
not be binding on either side,
till confirmed by the City
Authorities & this Committee
viz:

Result of an
interview with
Mr Montague
the City Surveyor,
in reference to
the Improvement
of Lothbury &c

The City of London to
recommence their Improvement
in Lothbury by setting back
the line so as to range with
the Church, and continue the
same

25 Nov: 1835.

Proposed improve-
ment of Lottbury
The Old Jewry.

same to the corner of
Coleman Street.

In that case The Bank
will give up the inclosure
fronting the Bank to the
Public, & round off the
corner of the Old Jewry.

The City to undertake
to do all in their power to
remove the Omnibuses—

A. B. this was a copy of the
Memorandum written
by Mr. Montague.

The Committee approved
thereof, and the Governor
was requested to conclude
the foregoing arrangement
with Mr. Montague