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Regulations
of the
Special Vestry
appointed for conducting the distribution of Charity
at
Madras
Instituted February the 25th 1812

Object

The Object of this Institution, is to administer Relief to Europeans and others suffering from poverty in this Settlement, to assist with some pecuniary aid those who may be thrown into Jail for small debts, to support those who may be naturally reluctant under a reverse of fortune to make their distresses publicly known, and to relieve the Public from those numerous applications for Charity and Subscriptions which are constantly circulated through Madras, and which are but seldom impositions on the humanity of the Public.

Names of the Parish Officers and Members of the Special Vestry chosen for the Year 1813.

Revd. Charles Ball }
Revd. James Elrouch Atwood } Ministers
John Chinnery Esqr. Senior Church-warden
Alexander Cockburn Esqr. Junior Do.
Henry Burnaby Esqr. Senior Sidesman
William D. Brodie Esqr. Junior Do.

Members chosen

Members chosen

John Chamier
John Kenworthey
John Mitford
William Webb
William Harington
Cecil Smith

William Jones
Alexander Falconar
Benjamin Roebuck
Walter Balfour
Joseph Baker
Henry Hale, Esquires -

Regulations -

The following Regulations have been determined upon for the Establishment of this Institution, the Vestry however reserving to themselves the power of making such alterations as may hereafter be judged Expedient -

1st Twelve Gentlemen of the Settlement shall be annually appointed Members of a Special Vestry, who, with the Ministers, Church-wardens, and Sidemen of Saint Mary's Parish, are to meet, at the Church Lodgings, at Eleven o'Clock in the forenoon, of the first Monday of every Month, for appropriating to charitable purposes the contributions of the Public received from the four Church collections of the Year, & any surplus monies arising from the interest of the Church Funds -

2nd All questions relative to Charity shall be determined by a majority of the Members present at the Vestry; and all applications for Charity shall be made thro' the Vestry Clerk -

3d. Five Members shall be competent to transact business, one of them being a Chaplain of the Residency -

4th No money to be issued but under the Signature of the Members present at the Monthly Meeting -

5th The Public to be informed by Advertisement in the Gazette of the existence of this Committee and its objects -

6th This Committee shall not countenance or by any means encourage unemployed Persons to continue in the Country; and persons of this description, shall not receive any succour, except to enable such as are in real distress, to subsist till they can remove -

7th Any European Man or Woman who from sickness, or other incapacity, cannot earn a subsistence and who has

has no certain means of support, shall Receive Three Star Pagodas per Month till otherwise provided for—

8th. One Pagoda and a Half per Month to be allowed for the Maintenance of Every European Child of the distressed, provided they cannot be placed on the foundation of one of the Asylums—

9th. One Pagoda per Month for every legitimate Child of an European by a Native Mother, if they cannot be placed on the foundation of the Madras Asylums—

10th. The same Allowance viz. One Pagoda ⅌ Month is to be granted to illegitimate Children of Europeans unprovided for while with their Mothers—

11th. (1st) The Widows of Europeans, being Natives and conducting themselves with propriety and decency and who have no certain means of provision, shall Receive two Pagodas ⅌ Month—

12th. The Mothers of illegitimate Children, while entrusted with the care of them by the Vestry, shall Receive an Allowance

(1st) The Vestry taking into Consideration the Allowance of two Pagodas which is allowed by this Regulation to Native Women, Conceive that it is more than sufficient to procure them a maintenance especially those of the Pariah Cast:— It is therefore Resolved that not more than one Pagoda be allowed them in future, e in such particular instances as the Vestry may think proper to deviate from this Resolution—

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Allowance of One Pagoda & a half ⅌ Month on their own Account, independent of the Allowance allotted for their Children

13th. It is to be considered as an unalterable Regulation of the Institution, invariably to be observed that should any Pensioner on the Church ask Charity either by writing or in Person from another quarter, they shall in the first instance be punished by withdrawing a part of their Allowance. Should this Rule be again transgressed, their names shall be struck off the list of Pensioners altogether—

14th. (1st) It shall be the duty of every Pensioner on the Charitable list of the Church to attend at the Vestry Room in Fort St. George on the first Monday of Every Month unless prevented by Sickness from so doing, & there to Receive his Allowance from the Vestry—

15th. Should it appear that any Pensioner is addicted to drunkenness or other immoral practices his pension

(1st) If any Pensioner neglects to conform to this Regulation for two Successive Meetings, unless his Nonattendance shall appear to be occasioned by Indisposition, his Pension shall be withdrawn And it is further directed, that the Church Clerk do attend while the Pensioners Receive their Respective Allowances, and make a Report at the next Meeting of such Persons as may be absent, & of any other Circumstance which it may be proper to Communicate.

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Pension shall be withdrawn, & if he be an European it will be recommended to Government by the Vestry to send him Home by the first opportunity -

16th. It is expected that all Christian Protestant Pensioners shall appear regularly at Church & sit in seats which shall be appointed for that purpose, very young Children & the Sick only excepted -

17th. Pensioners shall receive twice a year suitable Clothes from the Vestry in order that they may appear decently upon all occasions -

18th. Correct Registers of the Names, Ages, Places of abode, Condition & other Circumstances of the several Pensioners, shall be kept by the Vestry Clerk -

19th. The above Regulations to be considered applicable to monthly Pensioners, but as no fixed Rule for granting casual Charity to Strangers of the better Classes of Society when in distress, can be adopted Relief in these Cases must be afforded

at

at the discretion of the Vestry. The same discretion must be allowed in administering Relief to people in Jail & to those who may be in want of immediate assistance to provide common necessaries -

20th. It is Resolved that three of the twelve chosen Members of the Special Vestry be appointed monthly & in Rotation to give their particular attendance at the Meeting - The Gentlemen whose particular turn of duty it shall be as also the other Members, shall be duly apprised of the day the Vestry is to assemble by a Notification from the Clerk -

21st. In order that the Members may have time for deliberation & for enquiring into the Cases of those who apply for Relief, all applications for Charity which have been received during each month shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the Vestry to the several Members previous to the day appointed for the meeting of the Special Vestry -

22d -

22. Every Pensioner on the Vestry shall be provided with a Pension Certificate which shall be numbered, & on which shall be stated the Name, [illegible] Age, Family, place of abode condition &c. &c. of the Pensioner, together with an Extract from the 13th Regulation, prohibiting those who are upon the Charitable list of the Church under certain punishments, from asking Charity either indirectly or indirectly from any other quarter. — This Certificate is to be signed by the Clerk —

At a Special Vestry
held at Saint Mary's Church Lodgings on Monday May 2d 1803 —

Present

Reverend Charles Ball James Stuart Atwood	Ministers	William Jones Esq Cecil Smith Esq Benjn Roebuck Esq

The Proceedings of the last Special Vestry are read & are approved of.

Nancy, a Poor Woman in a bad state of health, will be presented with one Pagoda, and the same will be continued to her Monthly if she produces a Character.

Chs Ball

The Vestry adjourned, sine die —

At a Special Vestry held on Monday June 6th 1803 —

Present

Revd Mr Ball	William Jones Esq
Mr Atwood	Walter Balfour Esq
William Webb Esq	Henry Hale Esq

The Clerk lays before the Vestry the following Letter which he proposes sending to the Adjutant General's Office —

To the Acting Depy Adjutant General

Sir

I am directed by the Special Vestry of Saint Mary's Church

to

to transmit to you the accompanying marriage Certificates of nine poor Widows, who have produced respectable testimonials of their good Characters, and whose Husbands died in the Honorable Company's Military Service, – as also to request, that you will cause their claims to the Pension arising from Lord Clive's Fund to be submitted to the consideration of the Commander in Chief – in order that they may become partakers of the Charity should his Excellency be pleased to recommend them to Government for that indulgence –

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(signed) R.B. Sherwood –
Clerk to the Vestry

Fort St George
June 6th 1803 –

List of Widows whose Marriage Certificates are sent by the Special Vestry to the Commander in Chief for the purpose of obtaining Lord Clive's Charity –

Mary Goddard
Clarinda Scott
Mary Donaldson
Catrina Pettus
Sophia Ritter

Penelope Peebles
Lucrecia Thomas
Elizabeth Gammas
Elizabeth Miller –

A Petition is read from John Jennings late a Sergeant in the Service of His Highness the Nabob, but as the Petitioner is not present, it will lie over for future consideration –

Mary

Mary Mills a pensioner on the Church, who has long been extremely ill, wishes to try the effects of change of air on her disorder, and for that purpose begs that the Vestry will advance her four or five months pay towards defraying the expenses of her journey, and maintaining her whilst at Conjeveram, whither she purposes going –

From the miserable state in which this poor Woman is in, the Vestry consent to advance her 10 Pags; which is equal to five months pay; – they think it proper however, to remark that this indulgence is not to be admitted as a precedent, for similar instances in future; the more regular mode would be for the Gentleman that recommended any poor person to the Vestry, to advance the money in such cases, himself, and afterwards to be reimbursed by drawing the Allowance of the Pensioner, as it became due, from the Vestry –

Ann Kelly being in the Receipt of the Pension arising from Lord Clive's Fund, her Allowance of one Pagoda from the Church will be discontinued –

The Vestry adjourned – E. J. Ball

Chinnery

NB. On Monday the 4th July the Ministers being the only Gentlemen assembled at the Church Lodgings they adjourned as not being competent to form a Special Vestry –

At a Special Vestry
held at the Church Lodgings on Monday August 1st 1803

Present

Revd Charles Ball Revd James E. Atwood John Mitford Esqr	} Ministers	Wm Jones Esqr Joseph Hahn Esqr Henry Hale Esqr

The Minutes of the last Special Vestry are read and approved.

The Clerk then reads the following Letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, in reply to one inserted in the proceedings of the last Meeting —

"To R. C. Sherwood Esqr
Clerk to the Vestry of St Mary's Parish
Madras —

"Sir,

The Acting Assistant Adjutant General has forwarded to me your Letter of the 8th June, — with its enclosures, which I have submitted to the Commander in Chief —

"Of the claimants to a participation in the Bounty of Lord Clive as the Widows of Soldiers, two only appear from the official Register in the Adjutant General's Office to have been married to men who died in the service. — These are Richard Sutton, — and Jas. Goddard. — Henry Davidson, Richd. Scott, Wm. Peebles are not on the Register. — John Thom Peter Miller, Jacob Gunne, Geo. Peters, and Richard Jenn are entered on the Register as Soldiers, but no record appears of the

their death in that capacity. — The Certificates of these [illegible] and, together with that of Sanders, I return to you.

"The numerous applications of this nature recently made, then after a lapse of many years since the death of the supposed husband, — unsupported by any proof that a subsequent marriage has taken place (which invalidates the claim) and chiefly by Native Women of this Country have induced the Commander in Chief to decline recommending these Cases to the approbation of Government. — His Excellency is of opinion that the Bounty of Lord Clive was not meant to extend to any but the Widows, European born, or of European Parents, of European Soldiers, and he desires to receive proof to this effect, from all claimants accompanied by Certificates that no subsequent marriage has been contracted by the claimant, and that her Husband died in the Military Service of the Company, before he can recommend her claim to the Consideration of Government.

"This Request you will communicate to the Special Vestry."

I am Sir
Your very obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) P. A. Agne
Adjt Genl of

Camp 26th June
1803

The Vestry is concerned to find that the Commander in Chief has framed the Resolution expressed in the foregoing letter which excludes any Widow of a Soldier from participation in the Bounty of Lord Clive, whose Father was not born in Europe, or not of European Parents — As the number

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number of [illegible] Women married to Soldiers in the Company's Service is extremely [illegible] the Vestry apprehend if the Charity be Confined to Such, that [illegible] rendered in a great measure useless. As his Excellency is expe[illegible] to arrive at the Presidency in the Course of a few days, it may be [illegible] that by a proper Representation of these circumstances, he will be in[illegible] to relax somewhat in the restrictions abovementioned –

The Revd. Mr. Bale informs the Vestry that the Roof of the Poor's Choultry is in want of immediate repair – Als[illegible] that the Allowance of Pags. 3 p Month granted to a Native Doctor for visiting the Sick & administering Medicines to them is a useless & superfluous Expence, as he never attends at the Choultry, besides the Subscription of Pags. 600 p annum paid from the Poor's Fund towards the Support of the Native Hospital & Dispensary, gives the poor in the Choultry a particular claim to the benefits of the Hospital, & renders any additional medical aid unnecessary –

Resolved that the Allowance to the Native Doctor be discontinued and that enquiries be made respecting the most eligible mode in which the Roof of the Poor's Choultry can be repaired, in order that it may be effected as speedily as possible –

Frances Ward a Pensioner on the Church being lately dead, [illegible] her Mother (the Widow of a Lieut. Colonel in the Company's Service) [illegible]ng in very straitened circumstances, & having a Daughter to [illegible] in her support, Mr. Chamier has recommended that the [illegible] of Pags. 6 p Month be continued to Louisa Ward the Daughter [illegible] Mrs. Ward, & Sister of the deceased –

The Vestry acquiesce in Mr. Chamier's recommendation

A recommendatory Letter is read from Mr. Tulloh in favor of Mary Macpherson, widow of a Lieut. in the Service of the Nabob –

Has

August 1st 1813 –

[illegible] who formerly supported her, but he is at pres[illegible]

[illegible] that she be allowed Pag. 1½ Monthly, till her [illegible] support her, & the Vestry direct, that her Son [illegible] Meeting –

[illegible] from Ann Gardner, Widow of a Sergt. Major [illegible] Company's Service [illegible] self, with three Children –

She will be allowed Pag. 2 p for the present Month, & this to be continued on producing from the Commanding Officer of her late Husband, a Cer[illegible] of the truth of her Statement, & that she is a deserving Object

A Petition is read from Jane Butchambers widow of a [illegible] but as she is not present, it will lie over for future Consideration –

Letters are read recommending Le Sieur & the family of Lafousiel a French Emigrant, to the charitable consideration [illegible] Vestry, but as they are not attending, their claims must lie over [illegible] investigation –

At a Special V

ld at the Church Lodgings on M

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Reverend Richd Leslie } Ministers
Charles Ball
John Hefford Esqr

Read the Minutes of the last Special Vestry –

Resolved that the Clerk do draw up a letter to his Excellency Commander in Chief stating that in the agreement between the Lord Clive & the East India Company with respect to the bution of the Military Fund it is not specified that the ty be confined to Widows of Soldiers who are of European traction, and as it has hitherto been usual to admit en of all denominations who were able to produce their riage Certificates & some other requisite documents; it is hed that his Excellency will be induced to recommend ch to the notice of Government – should he however eason to decline doing so, that it be requested the letter may warded to the Right Hon. the Governor in Council for his cision on the Subject.

As Ann Gardner has produced the Certificate which was uired – her Pension of Pag: 2½ will be continued so long as 3 Children shall remain unprovided for –

Thomas Fey being pensioned for Six Months only & that iod having expired, his allowance is directed to be ntinued –

a Bacon cannot be relieved as he does not appear to be a deserving Obj

Petition

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for pecuniary Relief are read from the undermentioned en who are pensioned as follows –

Marianna Gray ——	Pag: 1	Monthly
Mary Fraser ——	1½	Do.
Margaret Thompson ——	1½	Do.

Vincateramanadoo a blind man will be allowed 2 Fanams nthly, as also permission to eat his Rice at the Poor's Choultry

Petition from Willey the Native "Doctor" at the Poor's Choultry dismissed from that employment agreeably to the the last Special Vestry. – He entreats, on account of rvices, and his great age, that the Vestry will be allow him a Pension for the remainder of his life d that he be allowed half his Salary (1/2 Pag n –

Right of sending Paupers who may require Medical rom the Poor's Choultry to the Native Hospital has knowledged – Resolved that the Clerk draw up the Superintendent Surgeon requesting to be hether such persons will be relieved on being sent e Hospital by the Sergeant or Conicopoly of the

The Vestry adjourned.

Richd Leslie } Ministers
Chs Ball
J Chinnery. CW

onday Octr 3d The Revd Mr Leslie, Revd Mr Ball, & Mr Jones entlemen who assembled, they adjourned for want of a suffi of Members to form a Special Vestry –

At a Special Vestry held at the Church Lo
Monday November 7th 1803 —

Present —

Reverend Richard Leslie } Ministers
Charles Ball
John Chinnery Esqr Church Warden

William Webb Esqr
William Jones E
Wm Harington
Henry Hale Esqr

Read the Minutes of the last Special Vestry —

Read also the following Letters —

To John Underwood Esqr.
Superintendent of the Native Ho

Sir

I am directed by the Special Vestry of Saint Mar
acquaint you that the Native Doctor who for several
employed at the Poor's Charity for the purpose of affo
relief to that Establishment is now from his great
from fulfilling the duties required of him, and it h
been thought proper to dispense with his services a
him. — In consequence of this the Special Vestry
to be informed whether such Paupers as stand in
Medical assistance may meet with that relief at the
on being sent thither by the Sergeant or Conicopoly who a
of the Poor's house —

I am &c
Your most obedient S
(signed) R C Sherwo
Clerk t

Fort St George
Septr 8th 1803 —

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C. Sherwood Esqr —
Clerk of the Vestry &c &c —

the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter the
and to acquaint you that all Paupers requiring
istance shall be relieved at the Native Infirmary
t there by the Sergeant or Conicopoly of the Poor

I am &c
Your most obedient Hble Servant
(signed) John Underwood —
Superintendent of the
Native Infirmary

Octr 7th 1803 —

Baron who was refused assistance at the last Special Vestry
ommended by Mr Chinnery who states that he thinks
e & deserving Object, & that he is in very indigent
ces — On these considerations the Vestry consents to
llowed 2 Pags. Monthly for two Months, or till he can
Employment.
apman with children be allowed 2½ Pags. Monthly
the same limitations. —
a Peters Pags. 1½ Monthly, to be discontinued should
ed Clive's Bounty
e dejection is recommended by General Stuart, but as
eal yet she has not stated her condition & circumstances
er Memorial, her case will come under the consideration
estry.
nden & Hannah Agnes are directed to procure Certificates
ge & Some good Conduct.
Ward being married & J. Bear having obtained Relief
chutery Continued to be discontinued

J Chinnery C.W.

Richard Leslie } Ministers
Ch. S. Ball

At a Special Vestry
held at the Church Lodgings on Monday Decem

Present

Revd. Richard Leslie }
Revd. Charles Bell } Ministers
John Kinworthy Esq.

William
Wm. Gear
Henry Ha

The Proceedings of the last Vestry are read & approv

The Clerk informs the Vestry that he has drawn
to the Adjutant General the following Letter

To the Adjutant General of the Army

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt
dated Camp, June 20th 1813 – which I have communicated
Vestry

I am directed to express to you for the informa
Commander in Chief – the concern which the Vestry fe
acquainted with the opinion & consequent Resolution
respecting the exclusion of Native Women, the Widow
the Service of the Company, from a participation in th
Late Lord Clive

After a careful perusal of the Agreement be
and the Hon. East India Company concerning the
Military Fund the limitation abovementioned is ha
far as the Vestry can gather from the general tenor
expressions in the agreement, that such was the orig

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the contracting parties, – and this opinion is corroborated not only
the constant usage of admitting Women of all denominations to
tation of the benefits of the Charity who produced the requisite documents
more particularly by the following Paragraphs which are extracted
n a book printed at Calcutta in 1791 and intitled "The Code of
litary Standing Regulations of the Bengal Establishment" Page
"G. O. 5th Oct. 1774. The Court of Directors being sensible of the
dships it may be to the Widows of European Officers who (either
n being Natives of India or from other causes) cannot conveniently
ir to England to receive the benefit of the Military Fund" have come
the following Resolutions, viz.

"That upon proper proofs of their husbands deaths & the other
dentials specified in the deed being transmitted by our Governor
uncil such persons as are or shall be entitled to a Pension but
not leave India be admitted by this Court.

"That upon the admission of any such Pensioner a Commission
be sent out by the first dispatches to the Governor & Council where
reside with orders to pay such persons the amount of their pensions
the times of payment mentioned in the printed deed & regulations.

"That the Governor & Council do keep a distinct account
the money so paid & regularly transmit the same home upon a separate
in the said Packet, & that in the mean time they do grant such
sons as may already have appeared, or shall hereafter appear to
to have a just claim to the Pension, but cannot repair to Europe
allowance equal to but not exceeding the sum they will be respectively
titled to (according to the rank of their husbands as prescribed
ed) until the proper vouchers be received by the Court of Direc
final determination shall be had thereupon." –

It can scarcely be necessary to observe how very few are the
Women

December 5th 1803

Women descended of European Parents, who are married to Soldie
in the Service of the Company: - and the Vestry are inclined to hope
the circumstances already stated together with the humane cond
that the extensive Charity of Lord Clive will be very consistently
held of his Excellency's determination should be eagerly enfo
will induce him as heretofore to recommend [illegible] [illegible]
the approbation of Government.

I am, &c.
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) R. Sherwood
Clerk to the Vestry

Fort St George
Nov. 9th 1803.

It having been represented to the Vestry that Amelia Baxter
receives 5 Pag. Monthly from the Church, is not in distressed Cir
stances, but on the contrary is possessed of property sufficient f
maintenance, her Allowance in consequence will be discontinue

Sarah Goode will be allowed 4 Pag. Monthly for 6 Mo
Hannah Epey to be allowed 2 Pag. Monthly for her
own Child -

The Vestry approve of the immediate Relief of 5 Pag. wh
was afforded by Mr. Leslie to Madam Delacour but the cann
allow any further assistance as she does not appear to be
proper Object for this Charity.

Richard Leslie

At a Special Vestry held on Monday January 2d 1804

Present

Revd Archdeacon R. Leslie } Ministers
Revd Doctor Kerr }
Alexr Cockburn Esq - Senr Ch Warden
John Lemmon Esq
Henry Hall Esq

The Minutes of the last Meeting are read & approved.

Petitions are read from the following Persons who are pensioned as under

Mary Benson - for herself & 3 Children - Pag. 2 1/2 Monthly
Catherine Beech - for herself an aged Mother & 2 Child. 4 - Do.

The Vestry approve of the relief afforded by Mr. Leslie to a distressed Mussulman a Native of Bagdad & request that he will continue to advance to him Pag. 1 1/2 Monthly till an opportunity shall offer of sending him to Bombay whether he wishes to proceed on his way to his Native Country.

At a Special Vestry held on the 5th April 1802 the Revd Dr. Kerr on account of particular Circumstances thought proper to turn over to the General Charity the Money arising from the Sacrament Collections, which had always prior to that period remained in the hands & under the particular appropriation of the Senior Clergyman, in all Regular Parishes such appropriation is reserved to his sole management. - The circumstances which induced Doctor Kerr whilst acting Senior Chaplain to make that alteration no longer existing, he now proposes that the so Established Regulation should be revoked & the Revd. Mr Leslie be requested to resume the dispensing power of such money -

The Vestry acquiesce in Dr. Kerr's proposal -

Richard Leslie
R. H. Kerr

Cr. Abstract of Receipts & Disbursements on account of the Native Poor Fund December 31st 1803 Dr.

1803 Jan^y	By Cash received Interest on Company's Bonds dated April 16th 1799 at 8 p Cent					
	No. 1458 for Star Pagodas	2000				
	No. 1459 D^o	2000	4000	320		
	By Cash rec^d Interest on Comp^y's Certificate dated April 30 1799 at 10 p Cent					
	No. 464 for Pagodas		4612.22.36	461	10	51
	By Cash rec^d Interest on Comp^y's Bond					
	No. 1340 for Pagodas		5000	400		
	No. 1695 D^o	3203.24				
	No. 1697 D^o	3203.24	6407.6	512	24	
	By Cash rec^d a Donation from St. Mary's Church			1700		
	Star Pagodas			3393	34	51

Fort St George

December 31st 1803

1803	To Balance		1469	18	65
	To Cash paid Moonsgar Choultry Expenses for 12 Months from Jan^y 1 to Dec^r 31 1803		843	37	20
	To Cash paid Sergeant Burzelt's annual Pension		10		
	D^o 22 pieces of Cloth at 1.22.40	33			
	18 D^o 1.22.40	27	60		
	To Cash paid 1 Garce of Rice & Cooly	72.12.			
	D^o D^o	80.12			
	D^o D^o	86.36.40			
	D^o D^o	96.12			
	D^o D^o	96.18			
	D^o D^o	101.28.40	533	21	
	To Cash paid for Repairing Choultry	54.20			
	D^o D^o 82	10.2	64	22	
	To Cash paid Mr. Smith for Registering Bonds for the principal Sum of Pag	2009.25.36	20	-	70
			3001	11	59
	To Balance		392	22	72
	Star Pagodas		3393	34	51

(Signed) J Chinnery

Sen^r Church Warden

Statement of the Native Poor Fund Decr 31st 1813

Company's Bond bearing Interest at 10 p Cent			
No. 707 dated April 30th 1799 renewed March 30th 1813	4612	22	36
Company's Bonds bearing 8 p Cent Interest			
No. 2105 dated Aug 16th 1799 renewed March 30 1813	5000		
No. 2106 — April 16 1800 — Do — Do	4000		
No. 2107 — Novr 11. 1800 — Do — Do	6407	3	
	20019	25	36
Interest for Pags 4612.22.36 for Mos 6 – Days – 301.25			
Do — 5000 — 4 – 20 — 156.21			
Do — 4000 — 8 – 15 — 221.11			
Do — 6407 – 3 — 1 – 19 — 67.22	749	36	
	20769	19	36
Balance of Cash in hand	392	22	72
Star Pagodas	21161	42	28
Disbursements from Jany 1st to Decr 31 1813	1525	37	10

Fort St George
Decr 31st 1813.

(Signed)
[illegible]
Junr Ch. Warden

At a Special Vestry held on Monday February 6th 1814

Present

Revd Archdeacon Richd Leslie — Wm Jones Esqr
Revd R. H. Kerr D.D. — Walter Balfour Esqr
Alexr Cockburn Esqr Junr Ch. Warden

The Proceedings of the last Special Vestry are read & approved

Read a Petition from Amelia Casty whose Pension was discontinued agreeably to the Resolution of the Vestry of the 5th December. She sets forth that the property of which the Vestry had been informed she was possessed is mortgaged to Mr De Mello for nearly if not entirely its value — she likewise transmits Letters & other papers from Mr de Mello in confirmation of these circumstances.

Resolved as Mrs Casty has proved these facts to the satisfaction of the Vestry that she be readmitted a Pensioner on her former Allowance & that the two Months arrears be likewise paid to her.

Resolved that Pensions be granted to the following Persons

Mary Goddard — Pags 1 22.40 Monthly
Mary Scudder — 1 — Do
Ramnodoo a Blind Man 1 (to be pd from the Native Poor Fund)

As Mrs Casimere receives a Pension of Pags 10 p Month from Government – her Allowance from the Church to be discontinued

The Pension of the Mussulman mentioned in the minutes of the last Vestry is likewise directed to be discontinued.

Richd Leslie
R. H. Kerr

NB A Special Vestry was to be held in March
as no Members assembled

At a Special Vestry held at the Church Lodgings on Monday
April 2d. 1804 -

Present

Revd. Archdeacon W. Leslie }
Revd. Doctor Kerr } Ministers
Alexr. Cockburn Esqr. - Senr. C. Warden

[illegible] Esqr.

The Proceedings of the last Meeting were read & approved

Resolved that the undermentioned Persons be pensioned as follows -

Lucy Panter	— Pag.	1½	Monthly
Manuel Mayer	—	1½	Do.
Rebecah Viver & 2 Childn.		2	Do.
Mary Pegeon	—	1	Do.

The Vestry adjourned Sine die

At a Special Vestry held on Monday May 7th 1804 -

Present

Revd. Archdeacon W. Leslie }
Revd. Doctor Kerr } Ministers
Alexr. Cockburn Esqr. Senr. C. Warden

John Mitford Esqr. -

Read the Proceedings of the last Meeting which were approved of

In consequence of a Representation from Dr. Kerr of the distress of a poor but respectable family the Vestry agree that a donation

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of twenty Pagodas be made them for their assistance, & that Dr. Kerr be requested to present them with it -

Resolved that Jane Hirsch who has been left by her deceased Husband with three female Children be allowed two Pagodas Monthly till her Children can be provided for.

Resolved also that the Clerk be desired to draw up a Letter to the [illegible] recommending the abovementioned Children & any others belonging to Pensioners on the Church for admission into the Female Asylum -

Resolved that Dominga Cross Widow of a Serjeant in the Company's Service be allowed One Pagoda p Month.

Read a Letter from Emelia Bossplet formerly Carley informing the Vestry that she has married again, & returning thanks for the Relief which had been afforded her.

E. Carley's	Pension of Pag.		5	to be discontinued	
Wm. Powell's	Do.	—	4	Do.	being allowed it for 6 Mo. only
Mootoomah	Do.	—	2	Do. —	to Removal [illegible]
Anna Tyl	Do.	—	1	Do.	Dead

At a Special Vestry held on Monday June 4th 1804

Present

Revd Archdeacon Rd Leslie } Ministers
Revd Doctor Kerr
Alexr Cockburn Esq } Church Warden
Wm D Brodie Esq
Wm Jones Esq } Members
Walter Balfour Esq

The Proceedings of the last Meeting were read & approved.

In consequence of a Petition from Sarah Search solliciting that her former Pension might be continued to her & a strong recommendation to the Vestry in her favour it is determined that she be allowed 4 Pag. Monthly for six Months longer.

Catharine Cain to be allowed 1 Pag. p Month.

Fanny Blackmore to be allowed 3 Pag. Monthly for herself her Mother & two Children till the latter can be admitted into the Female Asylum

Eliz. Hope being dead her Pension will be discontinued

At a Special Vestry held on Monday July 2d 1804

Present

Revd Doctor Kerr Senior Minister
Revd Jas Edward Atwood Acting Junior Minister
Alexr Cockburn Esq Senior Church Warden
John Mitford Esq } Members
Henry Hale Esq

Read the Minutes of the last Special Vestry.

Jane Brown & the Widow of Serjt Griffin are directed to bring the requisite recommendations & Certificates before their Petitions can be attended to.

Resolved that Mary a Woman who has been left by Lieut. Lindsay of the Artillery in a destitute State with three Children & who has been recommended to the notice of the Vestry by Mr Ricketts be allowed five Pagodas for the present month & directed to attend at the next Meeting.

Lieut. Laughlin of His Majestys Ceylon Corps having died lately at this place & left a Widow totally unprovided for & without any means of procuring a passage to her friends in Europe it is resolved as Mrs Laughlin's situation appears to be singularly unfortunate that the sum of 50 Pag. be subscribed towards enabling her to proceed to England by the earliest opportunity — & that the Vestry do recommend her Case to the benevolent attention of the Gentlemen of the Settlement

J Kerr
Sen. Min.

N.B. A suffct number of Members did not assemble on Mony to form a Competent Vestry.

At a Special Vestry held on Monday September 3d 180

Present

Revd Doctor Kerr } Ministers
Revd J. E. Atwood
Wm Harrington Esq } Members
Cecil Smith Esq

The Minutes of the last Meeting are read & agreed to.

Petitions are read from the undermentioned Persons who are ordered to be pensioned as follows

Eleanor Griffin Pag.s 1½ for 6 Months to commence Aug.t 1.
Jane Brown — 1½ D.o D.o
The Child of Jos. Neymayer till he can be admitted into the Male Asylum to be paid to his Mother Manachay & to commence Sept. 1st } Pag.s 1 p Mo

Mary the Woman left by Lieut. Lindsay to be continued to be allowed four Pagodas a Month till her two Eldest Children can be provided for.

The Clerk acquaints the Vestry that a few days ago he paid a poor European named Fleetwood who appeared to be in great distress one Pagoda to support him till the Vestry should determine what was proper to be done for his assistance.

Resolved that he be allowed Six fanams a day till he be taken under the charge of the Town Major and the Clerk is desired to communicate with the T. Major concerning him.

Resolved that Hind Sisters be allowed each 2 pa a Month from the 1st Ultimo.

The names of Mrs. Michael & Nell Mackenzie to be

struck out of the list of Pensioners — as the former is married & the latter dead. —

It is resolved with a view of increasing the Funds to the greatest possible extent that a circular Letter be written to the Gentlemen in the civil & Military Services at the Subordinate Stations, forwarding Copies of the Plan of this Institution with an Abstract of the Charity it has afforded, & soliciting them to subscribe at the rate of one Pagoda per Month as is done by Gentlemen at the Presidency. —

Also that a postscript be added, requesting those who subscribe to appoint some person at the Presidency to pay the subscription.

The Clerk acquaints the Vestry that agreeably to their directions Certificates of recommendation for such Children as are eligible to the Asylums are now ready for transmission & he has drawn out the following Letters to be sent with them.

To the Secretary to the Female Asylum &c

Sir

The Special Vestry of Saint Mary's Parish have directed me to transmit to you the accompanying Certificates of the names, ages, &c of several Children whom they beg leave to recommend as proper objects for the Female Asylum, & when they reflect on the amiable & benevolent Characters of the Directresses they conceive that it is only requisite to make them acquainted with the deplorable & destitute condition of these poor Children in order to insure their admission to the benefits of that excellent Institution.

I am

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All these Children are deprived of their Fathers, — some of whom fell at the memorable battle of Assaye. Their Mothers so far from being able to maintain them are at present receiving a Monthly Stipend from the Church for the Subsistence of themselves & their Children, & many are precluded from providing for their own Support in consequence of the attention which must necessarily be bestowed on a numerous or a helpless offspring. — The benefits immediate & remote which will result from admitting these Children into the Asylum are very extensive. — The surviving Parent no longer encumbered by a helpless infant may maintain herself by her own industry, and the Vestry thus relieved of the obligation of supporting her will be enabled to extend their benefactions to other Objects equally destitute & deserving —

I have the honour to be Sir &c.
(Signed) A. Sherwood
Clerk to the Vestry

Fort St. George
Septr 1st 1804.

To the Secretary to the Male Asylum.

Sir

I am directed by the Special Vestry of St. Mary's Parish to transmit to you the accompanying List of the names ages &c of 4 poor Children, & to recommend them as proper objects for admission into the Male Asylum.

I have the honour to be Sir &c.
(Signed) A. Sherwood
Clerk to the Vestry

Fort St. George
Septr 1st 1804.

Ordered that these Letters with their enclosures be forwarded without delay.

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List of Girls recommended for admission into the Female Asylum.

Martha Roberts	Aged	13	years
Mary Wortenbaugh		8	
Amelia Beck		7	
Jenny Montron		5	
Emelia Wolfe		4	
Maria Henrietta Brazier		3	
Edmine Christian		7	
Charlotte Christian		5	
Ester Blackmore		4	
Martha Blackmore		1	

Boys recommended for the Male Asylum

Abraham Montron	Aged	2	years
James Fitzgerald		3	
Richard Gardner		2	
William Beck		5	

At a Vestry held on Monday October 1st 1804

Present

Revd Dr Kerr — Wm Jones Esqr
Revd Mr Atwood

The Minutes of the last Meeting are read

A Letter is read from Mr Boyle a person who represents himself to have been reduced by misfortunes to a state of the greatest distress & who wishes to proceed to Bengal, but has

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no means to procure a passage thither & is besides indebted to a considerable amount to several persons at Madras — he begs assistance from the Vestry to relieve him from his difficulties

The Gentlemen present do not consider themselves competent to decide on the relief which it will be proper to afford Mr Boyle — & it is therefore resolved that enquiries be made concerning him & the result together with Mr Boyle's application be forwarded to all the Gentlemen of the Special Vestry for their opinions on the subject.

Resolved that Johanna Goostalow be allowed 2½ Pag per Mensem for herself & her Children till the latter can be admitted into the Asylums

A Kerr [illegible]

At a Special Vestry held on Monday November 5th 1804

Present

Revd Mr Atwood Actg Jr Minister   C. Mastine Esq.
Wm D. Brodie Esq. Junr Warden   Henry Hale Esq.

Read the Proceedings of the last Meeting

In consequence of the resolution of the last Special Vestry regarding the application of Mr Boyle the following Letters & were sent in circulation to the Gentlemen of the Vestry & their respective opinions are annexed.

To R. C. Sherwood Esq.
Clerk to the Vestry

Sir,

Be so good to send the enclosed Letter in circulation to the Gentlemen of the Special Vestry. Mr Boyle the person who writes it I have been conversed with and I learn that he was formerly employed in the Accountant General's Office Bengal afterwards he became a Merchant & lost his property, & then went to Bombay in search of employment at which place I saw him in Mr Burrows's house who endeavoured to serve him but in vain. He came to Madras about four or five Months ago in the Margaret, & he reports that he has been sick almost ever since his arrival.

How far Mr Boyle comes under the description of people to be assisted by the Vestry is now to be decided & whether the funds are adequate to pay so large a sum as 108 Pag. being the amount of Mr B's debts & to maintain Mr Boyle & procure a passage for him to Bengal is also to be considered. Be so good to state these circumstances to the Gentlemen of the Vestry & forward Mr B's

Letter

The sum required for Mr Boyle's relief is extremely large but I believe our funds are also in a prosperous state. If the facts stated in his letter be true he appears an object particularly coming under the protection of the present Charity. By the Revd Mr Kerr's Letter it appears Mr Boyle is anxious to return to Bengal. I propose therefore that Mr Kerr upon being satisfied as to his character be empowered to advance him from the Charity Funds the sum of St Pag. 200 (Two Hundred) upon his receipt, repayable upon his return there if he is able — & that he be given to understand that this sum being intended not only for the payment of his debts but as an assistance to enable him to return to Bengal, he is not to expect any further assistance from the fund here

(Signed) C. Smith

I agree with Mr Smith

C. Mastine
W.D.B.
A.J.
H.H.

Mr Boyle appears to be in distress

&

for objects that deserve some relief from the Vestry. If the funds are adequate to afford the relief to the extent recommended by Mr. Smith, I should concur in his proposal

(Signed) W. Jones
J. Wenworthey
Wm. Harrington

I think we ought not to advance the large Sum proposed by Mr. Smith

(Signed) W. Webb

I think the sum large but as I believe it is necessary to be given in order to afford complete Relief & the Funds can afford it, I think it should be given as a loan to Mr. Boyle, as Mr. Smith has pointed out, & as it appears that the majority of the Members are of the same opinion, I will order the Treasurer to make the payments

(S.) R.H. Kerr

letter without delay, as if any thing can be done it should be done soon

I am Sir &c &c
R.H. Kerr
Minister

8th Oct. 1804

P.S. I forgot to mention that Mr. Boyle has been recommended to the Vestry by Lord Wm. Bentinck, however his Lordship desires that enquiries may be made about him as to the propriety of his character

To the Revd. Doctor Kerr

Sir,

In consequence of my having been referred to you respecting my present predicament, I beg leave to send you the particulars of the demands made to proceed on me [illegible] being at this [illegible] to be put to expense by [illegible] pay them. Some Debash 50 Pags. & 30 to Mr. [illegible] these sums as having been advanced [illegible] in my late illness, nearly being [illegible] attacked with a Dysentery on the [illegible] [illegible] These sums [illegible] [illegible] now press on me [illegible] of 96 Pags. for which you have [illegible] Summons, having been fixed by [illegible] person in order to prevent any [illegible] to me. This very demand [illegible] discharge. & these three demands [illegible] Pags. 96 [illegible] which amount [illegible] Required amount to 12 altogether [illegible]

and which precludes the sums I owe & which would relieve me much in a place where I am a Stranger. I can faithfully promise with the help of God, if I can & so soon as I can, I shall return any sum favored me with profound thanks because the Stock one lost the half of less than worth of Books & [illegible] in the late War taken by Debut on the 17th June 1800 (which ensued) however the distressed I am now, I am not in all Bengal indebted to any man. There are many in my debt but they have nothing, having met with misfortunes.

I remain, Sir &c &c
William Boyle

Madras
7 Oct. 1804

The undermentioned Persons petition the Vestry for Relief & to receive the following Pensions

Ruth Hinks & 3 Children, the Children are provided for 2 ½
Mary Hanly —— 1 ½

Ordered that Venkatammah a Native Woman who with six Children is left destitute by the recent death of her Husband be presented with ten Pagodas & herself & her family permitted to eat Rice at the Monegar Choultry

Read the following Letter from the Governess of the Female Asylum

To Mr. Sherwood
Clerk to the Vestry

Sir,

Sir,

On Friday last the Certificates which you sent to the Female Asylum were laid before the Vice Patroness & Ladies Directresses of the Institution. they were sorry to observe two Children inadmissible the one three years of age the other only one year old. I have therefore been desired to put these Children's names on the list of Candidates & when they shall have attained their 4th year they will be received. — The Ladies have likewise directed me to see a girl of the name of Martha Roberts aged 13 — before they give their sanction to her admission. May I request you will give orders for her being sent hither — & after she has been here & I have communicated with the Vice Patroness &c. I shall inform you of the result — the other Children whose Certificates are signed by Lt. Col. Agnew are all admitted & will be received whenever convenient to their friends to bring & send them to the Asylum.

I am Sir &c. &c.

J. Irving

Tuesday Morning
October 6th

In consequence of Mrs. Irving's Letter the Vestry direct that the following Women take their Daughters to the Female Asylum, & the Allowance annexed to their names respectively will accordingly be discontinued as it was given on account of their Children

		Rds
Jacoba Roberts for her Daugr. Martha		1
Jan: Westenburgh — Do. Mary —		1

Catharine Bartt for her Daught. Amelia ——		Jan 6 22 Ap
Catharine Minton Do. — Anne to be taken into the Fort School	} 1 —	
Emelia Wolfe for her Daughter ——		22 Ap
Maria Christiana for two Daugr. admitted	1	
Frances Blackmore for 1 Do. Do. —		22 Ap

M Kerr

A Cockburn C.W.

At a Special Vestry held on Monday Decr. 3d. 1804

Present

Revd. Doctor Kerr Col. Minister
Revd. Mr. Vaughan Asst. Jr. Do.
Alexr. Cockburn Esqr. Senr. C. Warden
John Kenworthy Esqr.
Benj. Roebuck Esqr.

Read the Proceedings of the last Meeting which are approved of. —

Read a Petition from Mrs. Simons the Widow of an Assistant Surgeon formerly in the Dutch Service & afterwards employed at the Naval Hospital — Mrs. Simons sets forth that she is descended from a very respectable Dutch family her Father Mr. Hindenghty being Governor of Coromandel — she was first married to a Mr. Franck Surg. in the Dutch Civil Service — secondly to ~~Mr. F.~~ Captain Fabines late of the Hon. Compy's Military Service & thirdly to the above mentioned Mr. Simons — She is now in the greatest distress & being nearly sixty years of age is totally unable to support herself.

Resolved that she be allowed 5 Pag. Monthly

Mariam Gabriel to be allowed Pag. 1½ for herself & one Child.

Clara Aubert to be presented with two Pagodas & it to be ascertained whether she can obtain Lord Clive's Charity.

An application in favour of Mrs Benton of Cuddalore is ordered to lie over for further consideration

The Vestry request that Dr Kerr will have the goodness to communicate with the Revd Mr Brown of Calcutta in order to ascertain whether the Widows of Soldiers being Natives are allowed the pension arising from Lord Clive's fund on the Bengal Establishment

The Vestry adjourned.

E. Vaughan

At a Special Vestry held at the Church Lodgings
Monday January 7th 1805.

Present

Revd Mr Vaughan Actg Junior Minister
Wm D. Brodie Esq. Senior Church Warden
William Webb Esq.
Edward Watts Esq.
Cecil Smith Esq.
B. Roebuck Esq.

Read the Minutes of the last Vestry.

The Meeting proceed, in conformity to the directions of the General Vestry of the 12th December 1804, to take into consideration the demand made by Pattisty for the Moneyar Choultry. The sum due to that person according to the account which he laid before the Vestry, amounts to Pag. 2192, viz for house rent from January 1st 1782 to October 31st 1804, at Pag. 8 p Month.

Resolved that Mr Brodie, the Senior Church Warden be requested to use his endeavours to come to as advantageous a settlement with Pattisty on the subject of his claim as possible.

The Special Vestry direct that a Statement of the Native Poor Fund, together with the Abstract of Receipts & Disbursements to the 1st instant, be transmitted to the Members of the Committee appointed for the management of the Native Poor Fund, agreeably to the promise of the Vestry communicated in the Vestry Clerk's Letter of the 25th Feby 1802.

Mr E. Roebuck's reply to the Vestry Clerk's Letter having been referred to the consideration of the Special Vestry, the Gentlemen present, tho' perfectly satisfied with Mr Roebuck's explanations, & of the bad conduct & disposition of his Apprentice Geo. Terry, are unanimously of opinion that the Boy must return to his present Master, unless Mr E. Roebuck can discover any person, approved of by the Vestry, who is willing to have the Boy's indentures made over to him till the term of his Apprenticeship shall be expired

The day & hour on which the Special Vestry assemble having been complained of as inconvenient by several Gentlemen, it is resolved that the Meetings in future shall be held on the first Wednesday of the Month at twelve o'clock

Sarah Crisp & 3 Children to be allowed three Pagodas Monthly

As there have lately been few petitions for relief presented to the Special Vestry, it is deemed unnecessary that regular monthly Meetings should be held in future.

Adjourned to the first Wednesday in March

Statement of the Native Poor Fund 31st December 1804.

Madras Government 8 pr. Cent Obligation to the Ministers and Church Wardens for the time being of St. Marys Parish Fort Saint George in trust for the Native Poor Fund. No. 2105 dated 10th August 1799 for Pagodas		5000	"	"
Do. No. 2106 Do. 16th April 1800 for		4000	"	"
Do. No. 2107 Do. 11th Novr. Do. for		6407	3.	"
Do. 10 pr. Cent Decennial No. 787 dated 30th April 1799		4612	22	36
Principal Star Pagodas		20019	25	36
Interest				
On Pagodas 6407. 3. " from 11th Novr. 1804 at 8 pr.	70. 0. 70			
Ditto — 4000 " " from 16th April Do. Do.	227. 2. 70			
Ditto — 4612. 22. 36 from 30th Do. at 10 pr.	309. 24. 3			
Ditto — 5000 " " from 10th August 1804 at 8 pr.	156. 29. 73	763	22	64
		20,783	6	20
Balance		525	20	57
Star Pagodas		21,300.	34	77
Disbursements from 1st January to 31st December 1804 Star Pagodas		1,590	20	40

Fort St George
31st December 1804.

Errors Excepted.

(Signed) Alexander Cockburn
Treasurer

Dr. Abstract of Receipts & Disbursements on Account of the Native Poor Fund of Madras in 1804 — Cr.

Receipts		P	F	C
Balance		392	22	72
Interest on Company's Obligations to the Minister and Church Wardens for the time being of St. Mary's Parish Fort St. George in trust for the Native Poor fund.				
No. 707 dated 30th April 1799 for Pags. 4812.22.36 at 10 pr. Cent.	481.10.31			
No. 2105 dated 10th of August 1799 for Pags. 5000 at 8 pr. Cent	400			
No. 2106 dated 16th April 1800 for Pags. 4000 at 8 pr. Cent	320			
No. 2107 dated 18th Novr. 1800 for Pags. 64875 at 8 pr. Cent	582.23.68			
	1693.34.31			
Interest on the Treasurers Account at 8 pr. Cent	29.33.74	1723	26	25
Star Pagodas		2116	7	17

Fort St. George

Disbursements	24	P	F	C
Sundries for feeding about 75 Paupers pr. day for January	71.3.70			
February	67.1.30			
March	70 .. 30			
April	80.33.30			
May	79.19.60			
June	70.38 ..			
July	85.7 —			
August	75.7.40			
September	77.8.10			
October	74.20.60			
November	72.13.10			
December	72.1.60	891	37	..
Rice for Do. one Garce with Cooley in January	75.10.60			
March	70.12 —			
May	75.3.60			
June	88.40 —			
August	91.10 —			
October	95			
November	100			
		603	34	40
Clothes for Do. 38½ Pieces at 1½		57	33	..
Firewood, Advance		20	..	..
Tubs, 2 With iron handles		3	..	..
Annasawmy for Stationary		4	..	..
Annual Donation to Serjeant Burghall		10	..	..
		1590	20	40
Balance		525	28	57
Star Pagodas		2116	7	17

31st December 1804.
Errors Excepted

(Signed) Alexander Cockburn
Treasurer

At a Special Vestry held on Wednesday
March 13th 1805.
Present
Revd. Doctor Kerr Senior Minister
Revd. Mr. Vaughan Acting Junr. Do.
Jos: Baker Esq. Junr. Sidesman
Benjn. Roebuck Esq.
Thos. Bowyer Hardis Esq.

The Pension of Six Pagodas per Mensem granted to Louisa Ward of Negapatam having been discontinued on account of her marriage (See Procd. of Sp. Vestry Augt. 1 & Novr. 7th 1803) — Mrs Ward, in consequence of the unfortunate circumstances which attended the marriage of her Daughter, as shewn in the following Extract of a Letter from Doctor Spalding to Mr. Chamier has applied for the same Pension as was formerly bestowed on her Daughter. — And Mr. Chamier has recommended Mrs Ward to the benevolent consideration of the Special Vestry.

Extract of a letter to John Chamier Esq.

"The occasion of this address is by a solicitation of the Widow of the late Captn. Ward praying me to lay before you her most distressed situation. The marriage of her Daughter with Mr. Horne (Commander of a Country Ship) in September 1803 has proved the source of her

misfortunes by the abuse of the confidence the poor Woman reposed in him, in giving him her Daughter. When he left this October 1803, about a Month after his Nuptials he promised to return in three Months & should any unforeseen accident prevent him from so doing, he would in that case send a remittance for her maintenance, neither of which has he performed. I have a letter lately from a friend of mine Captn. Waldrake of the Mary at Penang who informs me that Mr. Horne has wickedly misbehaved himself & is now perfectly insane lingering in the most wretched condition at that place."

The Vestry Resolve that Mrs Ward be allowed a Pension of Pag: 6 per Month from the 1st Jany 1805.

Mrs Mary Vigors, the Wife of Major Barthw. Vigors, is also represented by Mr. Chamier as being in great distress & he recommends her to the Vestry as a person deserving of charitable Notice.

Ordered that Mrs Vigors be allowed (3) Three Pagodas Monthly, the payments to commence from the 1st January.

Mrs Deborah Conton, the Widow of a

Merchant at Cuddalore, being in indigent circumstances it is Resolved that she be allowed five Pagodas per month from the 1st Instant.

Paulina Shaw to be allowed 1 Pag: Monthly
Johanna Williams & 2 Child 2 Do
Mary Lindsay in future to be allowed only 2½ Pag: Mly

The Widow of Mr. Wm Marshal formerly Master Attendant at Coringa who is said to have been left with four Children unprovided for is ordered to be presented with ten Pagodas & enquiries to be made into her circumstances & character.

A blind Man to be sent to the Monegar Choultry & relieved as other poor people in his condition.

Doctor Kerr informs the Meeting that agreeably to the request of the Vestry he wrote to the Revd Mr Brown of Calcutta to enquire whether Native Women, the Widows of European Soldiers in the Company's Service were allowed by the Supreme Government the Pensions arising from Lord Clive's Fund. In his reply to Dr Kerr Mr Brown observes that the Pension accruing from that Fund to the Widows of Soldiers is so trifling that the Vestry have not hitherto considered it an object for an application to Government.

As no answer has been received to the Letter addressed by the Vestry Clerk to the Adjutant General under date the 9th November 1813 the Special Vestry order that the Clerk do write to the Right Honble the Governor in Council on the subject of the claims of Native Women to the Bounty of Lord Clive, at the same time intimating that should the Government entertain any doubt regarding the justice of the claims of such Women the question may be satisfactorily determined by a reference to the Adjutant General.

Adjourned to Wednesday the 3d April

R. H. Kerr
E. Vaughan

A Special Vestry held on Wednesday April 3d 1815.

Present

Revd Doctor Kerr } Ministers
Revd Mr Vaughan }
Wm D. Brodie Esq. Senr. C.W.
Joseph Baker Esq. Senr. Alderman
B. Roebuck Esq
T. B. Hardis Esq
Edwd Watts Esq

Read the Minutes of the last Meeting.

It having been reported to the Meeting that some Pensioners have refused to comply with the orders of the Vestry with respect to sending their Children to the Asylums, notwithstanding permission has been obtained for that purpose. It is directed that such Parents as do not send their Children thither within one Month from this date shall have their Allowances discontinued.

It is to be understood that the same Regulation will be extended to such Persons as refuse to allow their Children to be bound Apprentices.

The Wife of John George Dosegn & one Child to be allowed three Pagodas Monthly till her Character & that of her Husband can be ascertained.

The family of the late Mr. Wm Marshall of Coringa appears to be highly deserving the attention of the Special Vestry. Resolved therefore that Mrs Marshall & the youngest Child be allowed Six Pagodas pr Month with permission to draw this Allowance at Coringa.

Mrs Marshall's eldest Child is at present at School at Calcutta. With respect to the remaining two the Clerk is directed to address a Letter to the Secretary to the Female Asylum requesting that they be immediately received into that Institution, & intimating that until vacancies occur for their

admission on the foundation the Special Vestry are willing to allow Six Pagodas monthly for their maintenance.

A Letter of thanks is read from Mrs Ward of Vizagapatam. who at the same time requests that the Paymaster at [illegible] be requested to advance the Allowance which has been granted her.

Mr Roebuck Military Paymaster General having intimated that his situation will enable him to make arrangements for the regular payments of the Pensions to Mrs Marshall & Mrs Ward the Clerk is desired to furnish Mr Roebuck with Memoranda for that purpose.

Read a Letter from Mr Macdaniel requesting permission to resign the employment of enquiring into the character of Paupers & viewing the conduct of the Church Pensioners, as it interferes with his duty in the School.

Mr Macdaniel's resignation will be accepted, & an offer of the situation is directed to be made to Serjeant Burgess in charge of the Monegar Choultry.

The Special Vestry approves of the following letter which the Clerk has drawn up for transmission to Government.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

The Special Vestry of Saint Mary's Parish have desired me to address you in behalf of several Native Women, the widows of European Soldiers who died in the service of the Hon. Company.

The Pensioners on Lord Clive's Fund, agreeably to the contract between his Lordship & the Company, were to receive the amount of their respective Pensions in London. The inconveniences necessarily attendant on this arrangement, particularly to Natives of India became an object of consideration with the Court of Directors. Actuated by a laudable desire of rendering the Charity arising from the rapidly increasing fund of Lord Clive as extensively beneficial as possible the Court dispensed with a residence in England & authorized their Governments in India to pay the Pension to such Persons, entitled to receive it, as were desirous of remaining in this Country. In Consequence of these Instructions all persons, Natives as well as European, were admitted Pensioners on the Fund on producing the requisite documents.

Lately, however, many Widows of Soldiers whose Husbands were equally distinguished for having length of service, have been disappointed in their

xpectations of obtaining the Bounty. Some thro' ge & infirmity unable to provide for their own ubsistence have been rescued by the Vestry from e state of beggary. The failure of their applications for relief from the Military fund arose from e circumstance of being Native Christians, under supposition that the Pension of Lord Clive was intended exclusively for Persons descended from European Parents.

Without enquiring to what extent one f the principal objects of the Charity would be frustrated were the distinction abovementioned to be bserved, which remark that the number of European Women married to Soldiers in the Company's service s extremely small. The limitation with respect to ative Women is not specified in the original contract s the subsequent Regulations of the Court of Directors nd unequivocally to demonstrate that Widows Officers & Soldiers of whatever denomination are n producing the requisite Certificates entitled to the ension, the Special Vestry trust that the Rt. Hon. the overnor in Council will be induced to revert to the ormer usage, & admit Native Claimants to a participation of the Charity.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

(Signed) R. Sherwood
Clerk to the Vestry

t St. George
13th April 1805.

E Vaughan

At a Special Vestry held Wednesday June 5th 1805

Present

Revd Doctor Kerr Senior Minister
Revd Mr Vaughan Actg Junior Minister
Joseph Baker Esqr Junior Church Warden
John Tulloh Esqr Senior Sidesman
Benjamin Roebuck Esqr

Read the Proceedings of the last Meeting

Read Petitions from the undermentioned Persons who are ordered to be pensioned as follows.

Jane Briscow ——	Pags 1 1/2 Monthly
Ann Schooler & 2 Children	2 1/2
(Till her Childn can be recd into the Asylum)	
Ann Turner & one Child ——	2
(Her other two Children will be recommended) recd into the Free School)	
Jane Turner & 3 Children ——	3
(Till her Children can be otherwise provided for)	

Ordered that the Clerk do address a Letter to the Secretary to the Female Asylum & recommend in the name of the Special Vestry that the Children of the abovementioned Persons be recd into the Asylum on the occurrence of vacancies.

Mrs Marshall's youngest Child being dead, one Pagoda pr Month granted to Mrs M— on account of the Child will in consequence be discontinued

Mrs Weller an Armenian Woman who was formerly employed as Governess to a School for Female Orphans at Calicut, appearing to be in great distress & being a Woman of good character, the Vestry direct that she be presented with ten Pagodas.

A Native Woman, a Cripple recommended by Mr Baker to be provided for at the Monegar Choultry

A Kerr
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At a Special Vestry held on Wednesday November the 6th 1805.

Present

Revd Doctor Kerr Senr Minister
Revd Mr Vaughan Acting Jr Minister
Joseph Baker Esqr Junior Church Warden
John Tulloh Esqr Senior Sidesman
Geo. Arbuthnot Esqr Junior Sidesman
B. Roebuck Esqr

The Clerk states to the Vestry that a Competent Meeting not having assembled since June, Mr Vaughan & Lt Col. Walley who were the only Gentlemen present at the Special Vestry on the 7th August determined for the purpose of avoiding the inconveniences resulting to Petitioners from their claims remaining so long undecided on, that the undermentioned Persons be granted the Allowances annexed to their names respectively until an adequate Meeting should assemble to determine finally regarding them.

Ann Collins —— 1 1/2 Pas

Mary Luxman	1½ Pags
Mary Cottle	1½
Mary Pearsey	2

The Clerk further states to the Meeting that on the 4th September Mr. Vaughan & Mr. Kenworthy being the only Gentlemen present at the Vestry a Note was read from Mr. Harington recommending to the charitable notice of the Meeting a poor woman a Native of Bengal whose husba died here sometime ago. Mr. Vaughan & Mr. Kenworthy, tho' deeming this Woman of the description of persons that is not entitled to relief from the Special Vestry, agreed for the purpose of relieving her immediate wants to present her with two Pagodas, & to defer the consid of her Case to the decision of a competent Meeting.

Resolved that this Meeting do approve the Proceedings of the Gentlemen who attended the Vestry on the 7th August & 4th September & that the four Persons who have received Pensions since the 7th August be considered as permanent Pensioners on the Charity.

The Meeting agree in opinion with Mr. Vaughan & Mr. Kenworthy that the poor woman recommended by Mr. Harington is not a proper Object to receive permanent supp from the Special Vestry, the Mosque Choultry being the only place where paupers of her denomination are maintained. Or should she ~~poor woman~~ be desirous of returning to Bengal the Vestry would willingly advance some Money to en able her to proceed thither.

Resolved that all other petitions for pensionary assistance do lie over for future consideration as there is great reason to believe that the state of the funds will not admit of the number of Pensioners being increased.

Sarah Crisp having been detected begging half of her present allowance of 3 Pag. viz. agreeably to the Regulations be withdrawn, & the remainder will be withheld on a repetition of the offence.

Penelope Fury being dead her Pension ceased on the 1st July — as did that of Catherine Cain on the 1st September.

The sum of six Pagodas a Month which has been paid to the Female Asylum on account of two Children belonging to Mrs. Marshall will be discontinued as the Children were admitted on the foundation of that Institution on the 26th October.

A Statement of the Church funds is directed to be prepared & laid before the next Meeting.

Adjourned till the 1st Wednesday in December.

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At a Special Vestry held at the Church Lodgings
on Wednesday, December 7th 1815

Present

Revd. Doctor Kerr Senior Minister
Revd. Wm. Vaughan Actg. Junior Do.
Joseph Baker Esqr. Junior Ch. Warden
John Tulloh Esqr. Senior Sidesman

Read the Proceedings of the last Special Vestry.

Hannah Hepburn Wife of a Boatswain of a Man of War, being left here without any means of subsistence the Special Vestry agree to allow her 3 Pags. pr Month till her Husband shall return from Sea, provided it shall appear on Enquiry that she is a person deserv of the charitable consideration of the Vestry.

Betty Collins, a poor Woman very ill of a dropsy will also be allowed two Pags. pr Month

Henceforth the Meetings of the Special Vestry will be discontinued on account of the recent determination of the General Vestry that the whole of the Church Stock be placed under the direction & control of the Supreme

Court of Judicature.

In consequence of this Resolution it also becomes necessary that the management of the Native Poor Fund do revert to the original Committee. For purposes of expediency that Committee was induced in the year 1812 to entrust the ~~management &~~ appropriation of the interest arising from the Fund with the Special Vestry. — Resolved therefore, that the Members of the Committee be solicited to attend at the Church Lodgings on Friday next in order to resume the trust which was deposited by them in the Special Vestry.

Adjourned sine die

R. H. Kerr
W. Vaughan

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