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At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 20th Day of December Anno Domini 1757 —

Present

Samuel Ardley Esquire Mayor, George Mackay, Andrew Hope, James Alexander, Edward Burman, Henry Brooke, Claud. Russell, John Davidson, and Charles Turner, Aldermen —

Mr. John Smith, late Clerk of the Market, delivers in a List of Fines levied by him during his acting in that Employ the last Year, Amounting to nineteen Pagodas, thirty two Fanams, & twenty Pence, which he now Pays into Court.

Ordered that the Register do pay the same into the Hands of the President & Council, on account of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, and likewise that he transmit a Copy of the said List to the President & Council, &

It is further Ordered that a Copy thereof be Entered after the Minutes of this day.

Mr. Alderman Alexander, being the next Alderman Who has never acted in the Employ of Clerk of the Market, is now appointed thereto for the ensuing Year, agreeable to the Standing Order made by the Corporation for that purpose.

The Register, as Clerk of the Committee appointed for taking care of the Town Hall, & keeping the same in proper repair &c., lays before the Corporation the Proceedings of the said Committee since their Appointment, which is read, and Ordered to be Entered after the Minutes of this Day.

The Chevriers pays in the Sum of One hundred & fifteen Pagodas, for seven Months and twenty days Rent of the two Godowns underneath the Town Hall, which were Let by the Committee.

Ordered that the said Sum be deposited with the Corporation Stock, at present in the hands of the Register.

Amount of Fines levied by the Clerk of the Market for the Year 1757.

Janry.	Received for a Measure being short from Sheshah Butleeman	Pags. 30.—
March,	Received of Comrah, for two false Weights	" 60.—
April,	Received of Mootah Chetty, for a false Measure	" 20.—
Augt 13th	Received of Saubah Pennaul for a false Weight	" 30.—
	Carried over Ps. 3.17.40.	

Vol. Mayor's Court Records Public Department

Past over Exp.ce 3.19.4d.

Aug.t 19th Received of Timby Hardy, for Bad Bread ... 2.2d.6d.
Sept.r 4th Received of Hotton, for a false Measd ... 5.0.0.
—— Received of Ditto, for a false Measure ... 5.0.0.
—— Received of Mothiah Baker for five loaves short in Weight, under an Ounce each, a fact. 11.2d. & 13½ fact.s p Pagds ... 1.1.6d.
Dec.r 15th Received of Mothiah for bad Bread ... 2.2d.6d.

Recp.t 19.32.2d.

Port S.t George 19th Dec.r 1757.

John Smith
Clerk of the Market

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At a Meeting of the Committee Appointed on the 1st July last, for taking Care of the Town Hall, and keeping the same in proper repair, held the 6th day of October, Anno Domini 1757.

Present

Andrew Reid Esquire Mayor, George Mackay, and John Smith, the two Senior Aldermen.

The Committee having upon examination of the Floor of the Town Hall, found that the same was sunk in the middle about an Inch & three Quarters, which likewise appears by the Beams which support the Roof.

It was thereupon Agreed, that a Message should be sent to Mr. John Ball the Engineer, & Mr. Christopher Mackellar the Master Bricklayer, desiring them to attend the Committee, that their advice might be asked, what would be most proper & expedient to be done, for supporting the Floor.

They accordingly attended, & after a proper examination, they found that the Beams which supported the Floor of the Town Hall were bent near two Inches, occasioned by the great weight of the Stone Pavement thereof, and they also gave it as their opinion, that the Sinking of the Beams will increase daily, by the additional weight of the Bench & Bar, & of the People which attend the Court.

Whereupon they acquainted the Committee, that the most effectual & at the same time most cheap method of supporting the Floor, is by means of a Brick wood Pillar, to stand under each of the four Beams on which the Floor lies, the expence of which would only be about Thirty Pagodas.

The Committee agreeing in the opinion of the Engineer & Bricklayer, they gave orders to the Bricklayer to lay proper foundations for those four Pillars, & to Mr. Sims the Master Carpenter to provide the Pillars with all convenient speed.

The Committee observing that the front part of the Town Hall, especially the Staircase is very Darksome in the Night — It was Agreed that a Lanthorn should be purchased to be hung up at the landing place at the head of the Stairs, and a convenient & cheap Brass Lanthorn being offered to sale for twenty Pagodas, the same was accordingly bought.

The Committee having, upon examination and inquiry, found that the old Bench might with very little alteration be turned into a Bar — for the use of the Court, which would not only save the expence of making a new one, but at the same time keep the Carpenters, who must be employed in making a new Bar, from considerable time from working on the Fortifications, where they are much wanted.

It is therefore Agreed that the old Bench shall be altered & fitted up for a Bar, and Mr. Sims the Master Carpenter is ordered to get it done.

amounting to Three hundred & fifty four Pagodas twenty three fanams & fifty eight Cash.

Ordered that the Register do write a letter to the several Members of the Corporation desiring them to meet at the Mayors Apartments to morrow at ten o Clock in the forenoon to consider of the said Charges made by the Engraver & Master Carpenter.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Wednesday the 26th day of April Anno Domini 1758—

Present

Samuel Ardley Esquire Mayor, James Alexander, Edward Burman, John Davidson, & Charles Turner Esqrs Aldermen—

The above Members having met agreeable to a resolution of Yesterday, proceeded to take into consideration the charge made by John Cline the Master Carpenter, for making a new Bench for the use of the Town Hall, & for altering the old Bench into a Desk for Gold & Silver Lace &c. supplied the Engraver, & for Painting & Repairing the Town Hall. When it was Agreed that the sum of one hundred & three Pagodas twenty five fanams should be paid out of the Cash, belonging to the Corporation, being the Expence of Painting & repairing the Town Hall, together with a Gratuity of Twenty five Pagodas to be made to the said John Cline, for his Care, and Trouble therein; And that the sum of two hundred & forty nine Pagodas, thirty eight fanams, be left to be paid out of the Court Cash, supplied by the Company, being the expence of the Bench, & Desk, & Gold, & Silver Lace, with other makeuals, supplied Frederick Martin for making the Mayors Coat of Arms, to be affixed in the Town Hall—

Agreed also that the sum of Twenty Pagodas, being the ballance remaining due to Frederick Martin be likewise left to be paid out of the Court Cash—

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 9th day of May Anno Domini 1758—

Present

Samuel Ardley Esquire Mayor, James Alexander, Edward Burman, John Davidson, & Charles Turner Aldermen—

The Register laid before the Corporation five Notes from Charles Boucher Esqr Master General of Surveyor, for Deed cost, & Surveyors duty, for the Year 1758, on account of the House lately occupied as a Town Hall, & which did then belong to the Estate of the late Right South Sea Company, Amounting to Six Pagodas, and twelve fanams—

Ordered that the said Sum be paid out of the Money Expended on account of the Estate of Joseph Smith Esqr deceased—

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 17th day of October Anno Domini 1758—

Present

Samuel Ardley Esquire, Mayor, Charles Turner, Walton Stevens, Peter Marriette, and Francis Taylor, Aldermen—

Mr. James Alexander Senior Alderman appears & requainted the Corporation that he is appointed by the President & Council to go to Trinquepatam, one of their Northern Settlements, on the Companys affairs, where he is likely to remain some time, & therefore proposes to resign his Seat of Alderman & Judge to the President & Council, and now desires to have to resign his Office of Clerk of the Market, and delivers in a List of Fines by him Levied from the 20th December 1757 to this day, amounting to Pags 12. 21. 40 which sum he pays into Court.

Ordered that the said List of Fines be entered after the Minutes of this day, and Ordered that the said Mr. Alexander do deliver over all the Weights, Measures &c. under his charge as Clerk of the Market to Mr. Alderman Davidson, who is appointed Clerk of the Market for the remaining part of the Year, being the next residing Alderman in Standing who has not Executed that Employ.

The Mayor acquaints the Corporation that Mr. Alderman Davidson had informed him, that he was going into the Country to stay one Month for the recovery of his Health.

Let a Letter be wrote to him, acquainting him of his being appointed Clerk of the Market, that he may take charge of the Weights, Measures &c. appertaining to that Office—

List of Fines levied by the Clerk of the Market from the 20th Dec. 1757 to 17th October 1758.

1758 April 7th	45 Cash Baker Agalaspah,	Pags. 2. 21. 40.
May 30th	Mr. Parmans Do. Mutchyah,	5. ... ...
July 14th	Capt. Latham Company Baker,	2. ... ...
Sept. 15th	Mr. Fox Baker Verdar	3. ... ...
		Pags. 12. 21. 40.

James Alexander

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At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 25th. day of November Anno Domini 1758.

Present

Samuel Ardley Esquire Mayor, Walton Stevens, Peter Marielle and John Lewen Smith, Aldermen.

Mr. John Davidson lately appointed to succeed Mr. James Alexander in the office of Clerk of the Market, having the 14th. Instant resigned his office of Alderman, whereby that of Clerk of the Market is again become vacant, It is Ordered that Mr. Alderman Turner do take charge thereof for the remaining part of the Year, and Mr. Davidson being present is directed to deliver over to Mr. Turner the several Weights & Measures belonging to that Employ.

The said Mr. Davidson delivers in a List of fines by him levied while Clerk of the Market, the amount whereof he now pays into Court, and it is Ordered that the said List be entered hereafter. The said Mr. Davidson takes his Leave of the Corporation.

Fines Levied by the Clerk of the Market for bad Bread & false Measures.

On Hesthall, for deficiency of nine ounces in Weight of Bread			Pay. 4. 30. 40.
On Tomhanah for £	four	£	2. 4. "
On Nellapah, for a false measure			" 30. "
On Cundah, in part of thirty pounds for a false measure			" 16. "
			Pay. 6. 79. 40

Fort St. George 25th. Nov. 1758.

E E & Jno Davidson
Late Clerk of the Market

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
on Thursday the 28th Day of December Anno Domini 1769 —

Present
Francis Taylor Esquire Mayor
Claud Rybold, Peter Manette
John Lewen Smith, James Jones
George Bratton & John Delmaine
Aldermen

Mr Peter Manette the Clerk of the Market did this day bring into Court a List of Fines Levied by him during his acting in that Capacity amounting to Ten Pounds, viz.

Ordered that the Registor do pay the same together with the Sum of One Pound Fifteen Shillings & Twenty Cents being by Samuel Anthony Esquire during the Time he was Clerk of the Market, into the Hands of the President & Council on Account of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies & Ordered that Mr Manette do pay the Sum of Three Pounds Ten Shillings to the President & Council & Ordered that the List of Fines paid by Mr Peter Manette be entered after the Minutes of this Day.

Mr Alderman Rybold the Senior Alderman who has never acted in the Capacity of Clerk of the Market being about to present to the Court Mr Alderman Smith to be appointed Clerk of the Market, the Latter the next Senior Alderman, who has never acted in that Capacity

Fines Levied by Peter Manette Clerk of the Market viz.

Decr 28 — Fine paid by Godefroi Baker ..... £ 5 — —
1st Fine paid by Agnew Baker ..... 5 — —
10th Fine paid by Agnew Baker ..... — 10 —
Fine paid by Nevan for false weights — 00 —
Amount Pay'd 10 — 00 —

Peter Manette

Recd 28th 1769

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Friday
the 15th Day of January Anno Domini 1760

Present
Francis Taylor Esquire Mayor.
Peter Manette, John Lewen Smith,
James Jones & John Debonnaire
Aldermen.

A Letter from the Secretary of the President & Council by their Order read,
setting forth that they cannot comply with the Request of the Corporation, in
advancing them the Sum of One Thousand Pagodas for defraying the Charges
of Repairing the Court House, nor in procuring the Additional Buildings
applyed for by the Corporation in their Letter of the 19th Ultimo, Unless it shall
be clearly proved to them that the Money laid out in the Purchase of
the Present Court House did entirely appertain to the Court, & by no Means
infringed on the Property of Suitors; in which they likewise give their
Reasons for imagining that part of the Money employed in the
Purchase of the Court House must have belonged to the Suitors of the
former Court; And by the same Letter they likewise lay Claim to the Sum
of Pags. 606-9-10 being the Amount of the Legacy saved from the
Effects of Miss Clare, which they say belongs to the Company as Repre-
sentatives of the Testatrix, as the Corporation was deprived by the Captivity of
Richard Clare Esqr the Testatrix of Pags. 8[illegible]-10 being the Legacy
bequeathed to the Corporation by Mr Jennings, as they assert that the
Corporation cannot be entitled to Inheritances or other Bounties granted
after their Expences are deprived for them: They likewise propose
that if the Corporation will grant a proper Conveyance of the Court House to
the Company, that they are ready not only to discharge the Expences
attending the Repairs and towards the additional Building
undertaken for by the Corporation, but likewise to pay to the Corporation
the Interest of the principal Interest Income on Account of Mr Smith's
Mortgage, on Condition that the Corporation may depute Persons in the
Company's Court for the Benefit of such Estates as which Intestate appear.

Ordered.

Ordered that the said Letter do lie on the Table till Friday the 15th Instant
when a full Meeting of the Corporation is ordered to be summoned to
take the same into Consideration.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Friday
the 18th Day of January Anno Domini 1760

Present
Francis Taylor Esquire Mayor
Peter Manette, John Lewen Smith,
James Jones & George Stratton
Aldermen.

All the Residing Members (except Mr Alderman Debonnaire) having
a previous Appointment to an Order of the 15th Instant, proceeded to take
into Consideration the Letter received from the President & Council
in Answer to a Letter from this Corporation of the 19th Ultimo & there-
upon after a Mature and serious Deliberation had thereon the Corporation
unanimously came to the following Resolutions.

First That by the Charter this Corporation alone are vested with an Authority
of Judging what is & what is not Charter Money, and that they are
only answerable for their Proceedings to that Authority by which
they are incorporated, & that the Money which the President & Council
entertain of this Corporation having infringed on the Property of Suitors
by applying Money belonging to them towards the Purchase of
the present Court House is equally unwarranted in every Sense.

Secondly With Regard to the Claim made by the President & Council to the Sum of
Pags. 606-9-10 being the Amount of that part of the Legacy which
was saved from the Effects of Christian, & which they say of Right
appertains to the Company as Successors of the Testatrix as the former
Corporation was deprived by the Captivity of the Testatrix. The Corporation
do unanimously agree that it is at most but a Matter of Opinion
that the former Corporation was not deprived, but that the Contrary
is clearly proved from the Grant of the Present Charter
being so framed as the former without depriving that the
Corporation

Corporation had been dissolved, this Corporation are unanimously of Opinion that Mr Pigeon could not be heard, but must by Law devolve to the Succeeding Corporation; And this Corporation do likewise observe that the President & Council must have formerly been of the same Opinion; For soon after the Reestablishment of the Corporation when the two Sums which made up the said Sum of Pags 606-9-4 were paid into the Hands of this Corporation by Mrs Powney and Sleper as part of the Property of the former Corporation which had been saved from the French Captors, this Corporation did deposite & the President & Council did receive the same into the Company's Cash as the Property of this Corporation, where it remained under the Head of the Mayor's Court from that time till April 1757, when this Corporation drew for the same to be applyed towards the Purchase of the present Court House; and the President & Council readily complied with their Draught; nor was any Claim or Demand then or at any time before that the Right of this Corporation to this Money could any ways be called in Question.

Thirdly. With regard to the Sum of Pags 811-18-8 being the Legacy bequeathed to the Corporation by Mrs Jennings which the President & Council are pleased likewise to lay Claim to; as the Expences of the Corporation are disproportioned to them; The Corporation cannot but observe that either the Company or the Publick must defray such Expences; But whether they are disproportioned by the Company or the Publick, it can by no means debar the Corporation from their inherent Right to Inheritances Lands, or other Revenue Grants whatever; And they do therefore agree that the Claim made by the President & Council for that Sum is entirely without Foundation.

Fourthly. The Corporation thinking it highly incumbent on them to preserve inviolably to themselves & their Successors their Property in the present Court House, and also such other Immunities, Rights, Privileges and Immunities as they do, shall, or may from Time to Time derive from the Royal Charter, their Privileges or other Grants whatsoever, do unanimously Agree and Resolve that the Proposal made by the President & Council for the Corporation to make over the present Court House to the Company be not complied with.

Fifthly

Fifthly. As this Corporation in Order to avoid putting the Company to any Expence or Inconvenience in procuring for them a proper and Commodious House for the holding of Courts in, a grant to the Corporation from the Court of Directors by the President & Council, did make Use of their own Money for the Purchase of the present Court House, & have likewise through the same Desire of Economy denied themselves several Necessary Conveniencies which are allowed to the Members of each of the Corporations at the Company's other Settlements: Notwithstanding which the President & Council have thought proper to oppose this Corporation the Loan of Pags 1000 now to enable them to repair the Damages the Court House has sustained by the late Siege, and are likewise not willing to procure the additional Building proposed by the Corporation in their Letter of the 12th Instant, altho' the Corporation could have no other View than that of the Publick Good by such Application; The Corporation are therefore unanimously of Opinion that it would by no means be consistent with their Duty of preserving unalienably the Estate of the Corporation, to take upon it the Risque hence the same is liable to by procuring such Goods Cards, without an Advantage equivalent to the Cargoes; And therefore resolve that the Company to provide a House sufficient to defray the Charges of repairing the Court House, this unanimously agreed that the Rent for the House shall be demanded from the Company from the 1st May 1757 to the 31st December 1759 being two Years and Eight Months at the Rate of 25 Pags pr Month makes the Sum of Pags 800 — And it is Ordered that the Register do draw on the President & Council for that Sum. And it is further Ordered that a Letter be wrote to the President & Council containing the Purport of the aforesaid Resolutions.

Mr Cruttenden, Mr Mackett, Mr Bradleyer & Mr Page then proposed that the Corporation would dispose of their Share of the Sum of Pags 800 — to the Company for the Court House.

Grand Consulting Room

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on
Tuesday the 4th Day of March Anno Domini 1760.

Present

Francis Taylor Esquire Mayor
Peter Manette, John Lovens Smith,
James Jones, John Calland,
John Debonaire & Henry Eustace Johnson,
Aldermen.

A Letter from the Secretary of the President & Council by their Order read acknowledging the receipt of a Letter from the Corporation of the 28th January last, & setting forth that the President and Council are exceedingly surprized to find that the Corporation do not appear to have sufficiently Exposed to their Materials, which they think extraordinary that the Corporation would omit turning to, as the President and Council would think it strange if the Corporation should after a Perusal of their Answer such a Conclusion to them, as the aforesaid Letter from the Corporation imported. The President & Council further set forth that the Records of the former Court in the Year 1746 of what then passed between the President & Council and that Court on the Court relinquishing to the Company the Revenues of the Corporation in Consideration of its Expences being discharged by the Company, shew that the President & Council did then on behalf of the Company accept the said Surrender, and agree to allow the Court three Monthly Sums of Fifty Pagodas to defray all its Charges, as well as those of the Corporation; but that the President & Council at the same time Expected to be discharged the Sum of Rupees 3357. 27. 20 which the Court had thought proper to borrow from the Custom House on their Bonds, but without any Authority for so doing, otherwise they would not have been so solicitous to have it Expected, yet that they did not pretend to urge the President & Council to a Compliance under any Notion of the Court being to Judge of the Propriety of the Request; and that the President and Council are of Opinion that the Act of the Former Court in employing the Money arising from the Mortgage of the late Mr Joseph Smith's House in the Purchase of the Prince Frederick is a Step of the like Nature can admit of no doubt of the Company's

the Records of Court of the 28th/29th August 1758 and after being acquainted with the Purport of a Letter received last Year by the Corporation from Mr Cornelius Goodwin, Relative to the Moneys remaining with the former Court, a Copy of which has been long expected by the Hon'ble President & Council in Order that the same might be transmitted to the Court of Directors to whom the Letter from the Corporation and Extracts of the Minutes of the Court on the Subject of purchasing the Court House have been forwarded. The President & Council further set forth, that they observe that the Company have not as yet signified their Opinion in that Matter tho' it was Expected to them since the Arrival of Sentence; but that the Reasons given to the Corporation by the President & Council why they are of Opinion that part of the Money appropriated by the Mayor's Court to the Purchase of the Company's Garden House by the 19th & 20th Consultations of Council of the 11th February 1757 (Copys of which are in the Possession of the Court, which serve that the former Mayor's Court & Corporation were duly advised by the Gentlemen of Madras, that the bond Surrender which the Corporation had so recently sought at whatever the Courts of Directors & Proprietors of the Corporation must be considered that all Books of Law which treat of Corporations declare that an Embezzlement is the necessary Consequence of a Dissolution; Under these Circumstances the President & Council desire of the Company are willing to support the President & Corporation in their immediate necessary Expences & to provide a Stock for them, which they are willing to do on Condition that the Company should Enjoy all Estates whatsoever as may hereafter belong to the Corporation, which being at an Expence how one must of a Company must that by the Corporation can not be at least being one & how its own Expences, & therefore Prince must on the Judgment of the President & Council be just allowed, and which the Court do not doubt will prove sufficient. The President & Council further set forth, that when the Court of Directors have Leisure to take the Affairs of Bengal into Consideration they presume on Ejecting the Disposal of the President & Council, they are desired only to order the monthly Allowance of Fifty Pagodas to defray the Ordinary Expences of the Court & Corporation, which may from Time to Time be wanted, as they will then be able to judge the Company's Accounts on that Head are known.

Ordered that this said Letter do Lie on the Table till Friday the 7th Instant when a full Meeting of the Corporation is ordered to be summoned, to take the same together with other Corporation Business into Consideration

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Friday the 7th Day of March Anno Domini 1760.

Present

Francis Taylor Esquire Mayor.
Peter Manwaring, James Jones
John Calland, John Debonnaire and
Henry Eustace Johnson Aldermen.

The several Members of the Corporation having met agreeable to a Resolution of the 4th Instant Agreed to Defer taking the Letter received from the President & Council & the other Corporation Business into Consideration 'till another Opportunity

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Friday the 21st Day of March Anno Domini 1760.

Present

Francis Taylor Esquire Mayor.
Peter Manwaring, John Lewen Smith
James Jones, John Calland
John Debonnaire & Henry Eustace Johnson
Aldermen

All the Resident Members having again read the Letter from the Secretary of the President & Council twice read & several times and after some time spent in Deliberating thereon, the Corporation unanimously came to the following Resolutions.

That the Corporation have referred to all the Materials that are in their Office which can give them any light into the Affair relating to the Corporation having advanced to the Company the Sum of Money from the Merchants Laughing & other Duties, on the Company's standing the Sum of fifty Pagodas Monthly for defraying the Expences of the Court House but that after a Perusal of all the

Books relating to that Subject in their Office it does not appear that any such Agreement was ever actually entered into by & between the President & Council & Corporation; but that on the Contrary instead of the Monthly Sum of fifty Pagodas the Corporation have from time to time drawn on the Company for such Sums as were found necessary to defray the Extraordinary Charges of the Court & Corporation and that in the Year 1757 the Corporation came to a Resolution of drawing on the Company for Sixteen of Seventy Pagodas per Month for defraying the Current Expences of the Court Corporation, & that in Case any further Sum should at any time be wanted for the Use & Service of the Court Corporation that the same should be drawn for as Required; & that it does appear that the President and Council did always readily comply with whatever Demands were made on the Company by the Corporation

That as the Letter received by the Corporation from Mr Cornelius Goodwin to become a part of the Records of this Court, a Copy thereof with the Resolutions thereon be transmitted to the Court of Directors by Order of the President & Council together with the Minutes of this Days Proceedings.

That the President & Council may have no Grounds to suspect the Integrity of the Corporation by their Suspending the Affair relating to the Payment of the Court Money to the Court of Directors as also a Desire of the Corporation that Government may Refer it to the Opinion of the Court of Directors, whether or not they should be entitled to any and what Sum or Sums of Money in this Dispute towards the Expences of the Present Court House, as the Corporation are of Opinion that they had an undoubted Right to employ any Money which belonged to them in any Manner they should think proper; that only as Soon the Corporation had found it necessary to have taken up on the Mortgage of the present Court House any part of the Money which is in the Hands of the President & Council belonging to the Estate of the former Court, towards the Expences of the present Court House, that the Court of Directors might then have Orders to have the Sum so taken up to be replaced, and the Mortgage to be redeemed.

That notwithstanding the Suspension of the Court the Sum of Dg[illegible] Pagodas ordered to be allowed to Mr Cornelius Goodwin to the Company on the 25th Ult. by the Corporation remain in the Hands of the Corporation &

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the President & Council under Date of the 28th Day of January last, that the Company can have no Manner of Right to enjoy any Estate that now do or which may hereafter belong to the Corporation; and it is their Inherent Right of every Corporation to have & enjoy Estate in it therefore Certainly very Extraordinary that the President & Council should be of Opinion that a particular Grant for that Purpose is necessary; & it is more strange that they should suppose that if such a particular Grant was obtained that the same might partially prove ineffectual.

That altho' the President & Council may be of Opinion that the Argument made use of by them do amount to a Demonstration, Yet the Corporation do think that the same are not sufficient to induce them to agree to the Proposals made by the President & Council for the Corporation to give up to the Company the Present Court House or whatever other Estate now do or may hereafter belong to the Corporation; but on the Contrary they still think themselves entitled to the Rent of the Court House which they demanded in their Letter to the President & Council of the 28th January last, and shall always look upon the Company as accountable for whatever Rent that may arise by any Lease they have made, or shall make of the same or shall be obliged to pay for the Use of the Court House; And also to the Proposal made on behalf of the President & Council that the Corporation should Charge Rent for their own House, yet for the Reasons above mentioned, & by the Proposal made by the President & Council to defray from the Current Expences of the Court Corporation, they must make a Majority of applying for the same hereafter being at present unable to defray the Ordinary Charges of Repairing the House as the Court House has sustained by the late Siege.

The President & Council having desired that they are resolved only to allow the Sum of Seventy Pounds p Month for defraying the Expences of the Court Corporation, & have offered either to lend the Corporation the Sum of One Thousand Pounds towards defraying the Repairs of the Court House, or to make any further Advance for the extraordinary Charges of the Corporation, upon Security by the Corporation Bills to be drawn on & by the Corporation with the Approbation of Peter Manning Esqr to be answered by the Opinion of the Court

[illegible] the Sum of Pay[illegible] ordered upon the Corporation Court Book it appears that there is no more than a Ballance of Pags 163-13-7½ remaining; the Corporation then proceeded to take into Consideration what Methods should be taken upon to raise the Sum required for the above Expences, when after some time spent in Debating thereon it was unanimously Agreed that the Sum of One Thousand Pounds shall be taken up on the Mortgage of the Present Court House; & that Captain Hall be employed from whom the Corporation can procure the same on the most reasonable Terms.

A Plan of the Old Court House being laid before the Corporation, & it appearing that the Materials of the Old House belonging thereto have been pretty much destroyed & carried away by different Persons, & that of Property there remaining would be the Private Property of such Persons as have taken away the same, It was the Opinion of the Corporation that the Committee appointed for the Repair of the Court House do make Enquiry concerning the same; and that they do make a Report thereof to the Corporation

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 8th day of February Anno Domini 1780

Present

Francis Taylor Esquire Mayor
Peter Manning, John Brownscombe,
John Cotland, John Prentice
Richd Richardson & John Hatchett
Aldermen

The Agents have before the Corporation a Bill of Pags 0-4-0 being for a Chest bought by Mr Brownscombe during his time he was Clerk of the Market.

Ordered that the same be discharged.

Ordered that a full Meeting of the Corporation be summoned for Friday the 18th Instant in order to take into Consideration Matters relative to the Corporation affairs

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
On Friday the 20th Day of June Anno Domini 1760

Present
Francis Taylor Esquire Mayor
Claud Russell, Peter Manette,
John Lewin Smith, John Calland,
John Debonaire, Richd. Brickenden
Henry Eustace Johnson, Thos. Penney
& John Whitehill, Aldermen

All the Members of the Corporation having assembled agreeable to the Resolution of the 18th Instant & finding that no Person had offered to lend the Corporation the Money agreed to be taken up on the Mortgage of the present Court House, the following Members agreed to advance the Sum of One Thousand Pagodas on a Mortgage of the present Court House at the Rate of Ten P Cent P Annum in the following Proportions, The Mayor Two Hundred Pagodas, Mr Alderman Russell Two Hundred Pagodas, Mr Alderman [illegible] Two Hundred Pagodas, Mr Alderman Calland One Hundred Pagodas, Mr Alderman [illegible] [illegible] Hundred Pagodas [illegible] Mortgage Deed of the present Court House be executed in favor of the abovementioned Members.

The Committee appointed to make Enquiry concerning the Old Court House Report to the Corporation that there is one large Godown belonging to it called the [illegible] for some time past & is now occupied by the Storekeeper for the Honble Company, & for which the Corporation has received no Rent. It is therefore Ordered that the Register do write to the Storekeeper desiring to know whether He is willing to allow the Corporation Rent for the same, And in Case He should not, that the Corporation may let it to some other Person.

Ordered that a Letter be wrote to the President & Council agreeable to the Minutes of the Corporation of the 18th of March last.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
On Wednesday the 2nd Day of July Anno Domini 1760

Present
Francis Taylor Esquire Mayor
John Lewin Smith, John Calland,
John Debonaire, Richd. Brickenden
Henry Eustace Johnson, & John Whitehill
Aldermen

Read the Letter from the Secretary of the President & Council by their Order dated the 26th Ultimo setting forth that notwithstanding what the Corporation have offered in their Letter to the President & Council of the 20th Ultimo concerning the Necessity of the Act of the Corporation in the Purchase of the present Town Hall, & their Incapacity the Company are under to support the Expences of the Court & Corporation, the President and Council are still of Opinion that the Allowance of 70 Pagodas p Month is full sufficient, and that they do not intend to increase it, until such time as the Honble Company's Commands on that point are known.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
On Tuesday the 8th Instant Anno Domini 1760

Present
Francis Taylor Esquire Mayor
Peter Manette, John Lewin Smith,
John Debonaire, & Richd. Brickenden
Aldermen

Mr Alderman Russell the present Clerk of the Market being about to depart for Bengal, Mr Alderman Calland being the next Senior Alderman who has never acted in that Employ is appointed to act for the Remainder of the Year.

The said Mr Alderman Russell delivered into Court a List of Fines levied by him as Clerk of the Market amounting to Pags. 20..11..70 which is paid into Court.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
on Tuesday the 28th Day of August Anno Domini 1760

Present

Francis Taylor Esquire Mayor
[illegible]
Aldermen

At this Meeting [illegible] the Day in the Writ mentioned appointed for the
Mayor for the Remainder of the Year being in the County upon the Company
Service, Mr Alderman Johnson being the next senior Alderman
who has not served in that Capacity is appointed to act for the
Remainder of the Year

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
on Monday the 15th Day of November Anno Domini 1760

Present

Francis Taylor Esquire Mayor
John Cotterell & John Johnson
Aldermen

Mr Recorder laid before the Corporation the Bill of Exchange the
Amount of which is £300 drawn by
and ordered that it be entered at the Foot of Page 300

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
on Monday the 15th Day of December Anno Domini 1760

Present

Francis Taylor Esquire Mayor
Peter Goldsmith & John Johnson
Aldermen

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Session House in the
Castle Yard this 20th Day of December Anno Domini 1760

Present

Peter Manwaring Esquire Mayor
Francis Taylor, John Calland, &
John Debonnaire, Aldermen.

Mr John Debonnaire late Clerk of the Market appeared & delivered into
a List of Sums levied by him during his acting as that Office
amounting to £13. 11. 11
Ordered that Mr Taylor do pay the same into the Hands of the
President & Council on Account of the United Company of Merch
of England trading to the East Indies, & likewise that he do
Cause the same to be entered in the Books of Council, & that he do
attend after the Business of this Day.
Mr Francis Taylor is appointed Clerk of the Market, he having
first been sworn into the Execution of that Employ.

An Account of Sums received from sundry Persons for Fish Stalls
Boothes &c for the Year 1760

1760
Oct 21 S. Cromwell — for Fish Stalls — £ 0 0
2 Do Crowley — for 2 Do Block — 0 0
Do Marsh — for 2 Do Stalls — 0 0
Do Cornfish — for 2 Do & Block — 0 0
13 Jerry Brand — for 1 Cheesing Basket — 0 0
22 Anthony Read — for 1 Stall & Board — 0 0
23 Mrs Hughes — for 2 Do 2 Blocks & 2 Do — 0 0
24 Do Cornfish — for Fish Stalls — 0 0
Nov 13 Billingham — for Fish & Oyster Stalls — 0 0
Dec 3 Mr Bass Smithy for Cheesing Basket & Fish Stalls — 0 0
Amount £ 0 0
Rec'd £ 0 0

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
on Wednesday the 4th Day of February Anno Domini 1761

Present

Peter Manwaring Esquire Mayor
Francis Taylor, John Collard,
John Debonnaire & Henry Eustace Johnson
Aldermen.

The Mayor acquainted the several Members that a Vacant
Ground belonging to St Mary's Church situated behind the
Court house is advertized to be sold by public Auction on
Monday the 9th Instant, & as the said Ground lying
contiguous to the Court house is very well situated for the
Corporation to build either Gaol rooms or Prison Rooms for the
Convenience of the Court, & he therefore represents to the
Corporation that if any other Person should buy the same they
might buy building upon Rooms that can greatly prejudice
the Court House; that he had therefore called them together in
order to consider whether it was not proper for the
Corporation to purchase the same.
Agreed unanimously that the said House & Ground be purchased
for the Use of the Corporation, & the Mayor is desired to bid
for the same as much as he shall think proper.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
on Thursday the 15th Day of January Anno Domini 1761

Present

Peter Manwaring Esquire Mayor
Francis Taylor, John Collard,
John Debonnaire & Henry Eustace Johnson
Aldermen

The Mayor represented to the Corporation that agreable to the Resolution
of the 4th Instant he had purchased the House & Ground

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
on Tuesday the 3d Day of March in the Year of our Lord 1761

Present

Peter Manwaring Esquire Mayor
Francis Taylor, John Debonnaire,
John Collard, John Debonnaire
Richd Ed Meredith & Henry Eustace Johnson,
& Thomas Bagley Aldermen.

The Mayor acquainting the Board that the House & Ground
adjoining the Court House purchased of the Corporation for the Sum
of Pds 1020 - which Sum the Corporation Cash at that time was insufficient to
pay, & that he had borrowed the same of Mr Debonnaire having
undertaken that the Corporation should pay him back again,
& that the said House & Ground should be delivered
up to them.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
on Tuesday the 12th Day of May Anno Domini 1761.

Present

Peter Manwaring Esquire Mayor
Francis Taylor & John Collard &
Henry Eustace Johnson, Aldermen.

Mr Alderman Taylor (Chairman of the Market Laws) for the Corporation
made Oath & the Jurors to the following
Presentments as not being properly taught, viz.
Abigail Hutchinson, Ezekiel Hutchinson, Ranyard Hutchinson, Fabian Hutchinson,
Corbin Russell, Nimrod Ragsdale, Sarah Ragsdale, Thos Hutchinson
Marshal, Thomas Ragsdale, & Jno Martin Ragsdale against the
Court Act which he had Leave the said Jurors to be urged, that
the above mentioned Persons & Families should be Exempted
of Money.
The above mentioned Persons & Families being now present they were
told by the Corporation that they must make Oath of one of the
Jurors that he received no Profit against the Resolution
of the Corporation.

the Orders of the Corporation, and each of them fined [illegible] and the Meeting on the [illegible] of [illegible] Pagodas, & are committed to Prison and a discretionary Power is given to the Mayor to release them, & to mitigate or take off their Fines upon their making a proper acknowledgment.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 19th Day of May Anno Domini 1761

Present

Mr. Francis Tayler, Senr. Alderman
John Lewin Smith & John Debonaire
Aldermen.

The Register acquaints the Corporation that the Mayor had released the [illegible] fined the last Court Day, & had taken off their Fines upon their having promised to get proper [illegible] within one Month.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Monday the 25th Day of May Anno Domini 1761

Present

Mr. Francis Tayler Senr. Alderman,
John Lewin Smith, John Calland,
John Debonaire & Henry Eustace Johnson,
Aldermen.

News having arrived last Night by the [illegible] that his most Sacred Majesty George the Second of Blessed Memory had departed this Life, & that his Royal Highness George Prince of Wales had happily succeeded to the Crown, the [illegible] Aldermen (the Mayor being much indisposed) together with all the other residing Aldermen (except Mr. Alderman Brickenden who was [illegible]) attended by the usual Officers of the Court went in the usual State & Ceremony from the Town Hall to the Fort [illegible] where [illegible] by the President & Council, the Aldermen [illegible]

[illegible] under Arms, went to the most Public Places of the Town, & did with joyful Acclamations Proclaim the High & Mighty Prince George the Third King of Great Britain France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. &c.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 16th Day of June Anno Domini 1761

Present

Peter Marriette Esquire Mayor,
Francis Tayler, John Lewin Smith,
John Calland, John Debonaire, &
Thomas Pomney, Aldermen.

The Register acquaints the Corporation that Carpenter Lewis had applied to him for Payment of the Balance of his Bill due for the Repairs &c. done to the Court House.
Ordered that the Register do lay the said Bill before Mr. John Call the Engineer, for his Opinion with regard to the reasonableness of the same.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 4th Day of August Anno Domini 1761

Present

Peter Marriette Esquire Mayor
Claud Russell, Francis Tayler
John Lewin Smith, John Calland,
John Debonaire, & Richd. Brickenden
Aldermen

The Register lays before the Corporation the Bill of Carpenter Lewis with the Engineer's Remarks on the same.
Ordered that the same be discharged.

and Orders of the Corporation, and each of them fined [illegible] and the Shilling in the Town of [illegible] & are committed to Prison
and a discretionary Power is given to the Mayor to release them, &
to mitigate or take off their Fines upon their making a proper
acknowledgment.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
on Tuesday the 19th Day of May Anno Domini 1761
Present
Mr. Francis Taylor, Senr. Alderman
John Lewin Smith & John Debonnaire
Aldermen.

The Register acquaints the Corporation that the Mayor had released the [illegible] mentioned the last Court Day, & had taken off their Fines upon their having promised to get proper [illegible] within one Month.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
on Monday the 25th Day of May Anno Domini 1761
Present
Mr. Francis Taylor Senr. Alderman,
John Lewin Smith, John Call and
John Debonnaire & Henry Eustace Johnson,
Aldermen.

News having arrived last Night by the Hardwicke Indiaman that his most Sacred Majesty George the Second of blessed Memory had departed this Life, & that his Royal Highness George Prince of Wales had happily succeeded to the Crown, the Corporation [illegible] (the Mayor being much indisposed) together with all the other [illegible] Aldermen (except Mr. Alderman Brickenden who was [illegible]) attended by the usual Officers [illegible] the Court went in the usual State & Ceremony from the Town Hall to the [illegible], where [illegible] by the President & Council, the Aldermen [illegible]

[illegible] under Arms, went to the most Public Parts of this Town & did with joyful Acclamations Proclaim the High & Mighty Prince George the Third King of Great Britain France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. &c.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
on Tuesday the 16th Day of June Anno Domini 1761
Present
Peter Marriott Esquire Mayor,
Francis Taylor, John Lewin Smith
John Calland, John Debonnaire, &
Thomas Powney, Aldermen.

The Register acquaints the Corporation that Carpenter Lewis had applied to him for Payment of the Ballance of his Bill due for the Repairs &c. done to the Court House.
Ordered that the Register do lay the said Bill before Mr. John Call the Engineer, for his Opinion with regard to the reasonableness of the same.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
on Tuesday the 11th Day of August Anno Domini 1761
Present
Peter Marriott Esquire Mayor
Claud Russell, Francis Taylor
John Lewin Smith, John Calland,
John Debonnaire, & Richd. Brickenden
Aldermen

The Register lays before the Corporation the Bill of Carpenter Lewis with the Engineer's Remarks on the same.
Ordered that the same be discharged.

the Orders of the Corporation, are each of them fined ... & are committed to Prison ... the Fees of ... and a discretionary Power is given to the Mayor to release them, & to mitigate or take off their Fines upon their making a proper acknowledgment.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Saturday the 19th Day of May Anno Domini 1761

Present

Mr. Francis Taylor Senr. Alderman
John Lewis Smith & John Debonaire
Aldermen.

The Register acquaints the Corporation that the Mayor had released the Stragglers [illegible] fined the last Court Day, & had taken off their Fines upon their having promised to get proper weights within one Month.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Monday the 25th Day of May Anno Domini 1761

Present

Mr. Francis Taylor Senr. Alderman,
John Lewis Smith, John Calland,
John Debonaire, & Henry Eustace Johnson,
Aldermen.

News having arrived last Night by the Hook Indiaman that his most Sacred Majesty George the Second of blessed Memory had departed this Life, & that his Royal Highness George Prince of Wales had happily succeeded to the Crown, the Senior sitting Alderman (the Mayor being much indisposed) together with the other sitting Aldermen (except Mr. Alderman Brickenden who was likewise indisposed) attended by the usual Officers [illegible] went in the usual State & Ceremony from the Town Hall to the Fort Square, where [illegible] by the President & Council, the Aldermen [illegible]

Sleeper under Arms, went to the most Public Places of this Town & did with joyful Acclamations Proclaim the High & Mighty Prince George the Third King of Great Britain France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. &c.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 16th Day of June Anno Domini 1761

Present

Peter Marielle Esquire Mayor,
Francis Taylor, John Lewis Smith
John Calland, John Debonaire, &
Thomas Penny, Aldermen.

The Register acquaints the Corporation that Carpenter Louis had applied to him for Payment of the Balance of his Bill due for the Repairs &c. done to the Court House.
Ordered that the Register do lay the said Bill before Mr. John Call the Engineer, for his Opinion with regard to the reasonableness of the same.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 4th Day of August Anno Domini 1761

Present

Peter Marielle Esquire Mayor
Claud Russell, Francis Taylor
John Lewis Smith, John Calland,
John Debonaire, & Richd. Brickenden
Aldermen

The Register lays before the Corporation the Bill of Carpenter Louis with the Engineer's Remarks on the same.
Ordered that the same be discharged.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
on Saturday the 19th Day of December Anno Domini 1761

Present

John Lewen Smith Esquire Mayor

Peter Manalle, Francis Taylor

John Cortlandt, John Delancey

Henry Cruger, Johnson, Tho.s Penney &

John Roosevelt Aldermen.

Mr Alderman Cruger late Clerk of the Market appears & delivers into Court a List of Fines levied by him during his acting in that Employ and making it

Ordered that the Chamberlain do pay the same with the Monies of the President & Council on Account of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, & likewise that he transmit a Copy of the same to the President & Council, & that the same be entered after the Minutes of this Day.

Mr Alderman Cuyler is appointed Clerk of the Market, he being the next Senior Alderman, who hath never acted in that Employ

Amount of Fines Levied by Me as Clerk of the Market from sundry Persons for short Weight & Measures & Bad Bread ——— Pds 39.00.00

Faith Geary

Mark.t December 1761. Jno. Taylor Clerk of Market

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall
on Tuesday the 12th day of January Anno Domini 1762.

Present

John Lewen Smith Esquire Mayor

Peter Manalle, Francis Taylor, &

Thomas Penney Aldermen.

The Corporation ordered that the Seal in the Hands of Alderman Taylor for the Mayor & Aldermen in matters pertaining to their Office, for the Months to set in, & shall expire, & that the Seal for Collecting the Rents of the Books is not ranged all round the Edge, & to procure the engraved Seal for the Books upon the Charter ordered that the Register

to write a Letter to the Ministers of Charles Town to signify that a Proper Chair, & Proper Conveniency be provided for Said Court to the Satisfaction of Council, & that the Levy be made in a proper manner.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 9th day of January Anno Domini 1762

Present

Mr Peter Manigault Senr Presiding Alderman

Francis Taylor, John Colland,

John Debonnaire & Thos Powney

Aldermen.

Mr Alderman Colland the Clerk of the Market being about to proceed to Europe, on the Ensuing Packet, Mr Alderman Johnson is appointed Clerk of the Market in his stead he being the next Junior Alderman, who hath been Elected in that Employ.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 16th day of January Anno Domini 1762

Present

John Lewen Smith Esqr Mayor

Peter Manigault, Francis Taylor &

John Whitehill, Aldermen

The Recorder being Sworn the Board Chose Mr Alderman Taylor to Act as Recorder, with the Usual Salary

Ordered that the same be Sticking Rushes

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 23d day of January Anno Domini 1762.

Present

John Lewen Smith Esquire Mayor

Peter Manigault, John Debonnaire, &

Thomas Powney Aldermen

Office of Clerk of the Market being vacant by the Appointment

It is ordered that this Board, do being the next Senr residing Alderman

with Both Senr & Junr Aldermen

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 27th day of January Anno Domini 1762

Present

John Lewen Smith Esq. Mayor

Peter Manigault John Colland

John Debonnaire Thomas Powney

John Whitehill James Hay

Aldermen

Mr Alderman Powney Clerk of the Market reporting the Assize Wine to have been tasted & found by Several Merchants who made use of weights & Stamps sent by Mr Alderman Powney Deputy Clerk of the Market to have been deficient in Weight - Many of the said Merchants being in Court & they as well as the Board desiring that Mr Alderman Powney Deputy Clerk of the Market would send for the Weights & Stamps sent by him to the Merchants & that the Merchants should be present when the Assize Wine should be tasted & weighed

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 17th day of August Anno Domini 1762

Present

Peter Manigault Esqr Mayor

John Colland John Debonnaire

Thomas Powney John Whitehill

James Hay Aldermen

[illegible] as well the Assize as for the Borough
both in Church and Private Pews and to that end to cause the first party and if
[illegible] the Offender shewing to the Sides and Poles kept there for that purpose
[illegible] upon their Shoulders as well as Persons hindering from
doing. Ordered by the Standard weights Ordered

Mr Rayner dissent from the Resolution of Court for the following Reasons ——
As it is of opinion that the Business of the Clerk of the Market by Law is to
prove into all publick places, Shops and Stalls, and there to Examine all
weights and Measures that are used by the Standard weights of England
And not to allow them to prove the private Pewes belonging to the Liege
Freemen Merchants as he is of Opinion that Pewter weights are not Regulated
by the Standard of England ——

Mr Rayner Attorney at Law dissent from the Resolution of Court as he is of Opinion that
Pewter weights are not Regulated by the Standard of England and therefore
Liable to the Inspection of the Clerk of the Market

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Saturday the
21st Day of August Anno Domini 1762 ——

Present
Peter Maxwell Esqr Mayor
John Gatford Thomas Barney
Peter Whitehill Benjamin Bowyer
[illegible]

The Mayor Commands the Court to Consider the Resolution passed the 9th
Instant relating to the Office of the Market Keepers and Constables
to appoint and prevent the said two Officers may be removed with
[illegible] of the Resolution [illegible] the Court
Parties may be heard at the Next Court of the Market on Saturday after
[illegible] Mayor Constables [illegible] Court
a Week [illegible] Market [illegible] Weights is Considered the Opinion
[illegible] Court [illegible] the Resolution of last Court by Majority
[illegible]

Borough

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Minutes of the Corporation

Section 1.

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Thursday
the 22d day of January Anno Domini 1795

Present

Edward Burgess Esqr. Mayor

Peter Mantle — John Ottaway Esqr.

Thomas Penney — Edward Baston

Anthony Sadler — Benjamin Adams

Aldermen

At this Meeting Edward Burgess Esqr. the Mayor elect was sworn into his Office of Mayor and took the Chair accordingly

Ordered that the sum of Ten pounds be paid to Mr. Benjamin Adams Alderman for his Attendance as Deputy Mayor during the Mayoralty of Edward Burgess Esqr. and that the Chamberlain do pay the same accordingly

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Thursday the 22d day of January Anno Domini 1795

Present

Edward Burgess Esquire Mayor

Peter Mantle — John Ottaway Esqr.

Thomas Penney — Edward Baston

Anthony Sadler — Benjamin Adams

Aldermen

At this Meeting Thomas Penney Esqr. upon the Board as Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Southampton did tender to this Court the Oaths appointed by Law to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and Abjuration and also the Test which were accordingly administered to him in open Court

Ordered that the Chamberlain do pay unto Mr. Thomas Penney Alderman the sum of Ten pounds for his Attendance as Deputy Mayor during the Mayoralty of Edward Burgess Esqr. and that the Chamberlain do pay the same accordingly

At a Meeting of the Corporation held at the Town Hall on Thursday the

The Employ of Clerk of the Market being become vacant by the appointment of
David Barclay Esq^r as Mayor — Mr. Alderman Bridon was appointed
Clerk to the Same the next Senior Alderman who has never acted without
Office

At a Meeting of the Corporation Held at the Town Hall
on Thursday the 26th day of September Anno Domini 1765

Present

David Barclay Esquire Mayor

The Honble ——— Thomas Lindsey
Edward Bridon ——— Anthony Calvert
Reynold Adams ——— Arthur Cuthbert

Aldermen ———

A Letter from the Secretary to the President and Council by their Order Read
accompanying) an Extract of a General Letter from the Honble the Court
of Directors dated the 15th February last Regarding the Money
employed in the purchase of the Town Hall, with an Act of Parliament
passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George
the second to Enforce the Disposition of Lands &c whereby the
same become inalienable

Ordered that they do Lay on the Table

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At a Meeting of the Corporation Held at the Town Hall on
Saturday the 26th. day of December Anno Domini 1766.

Present

Arthur Cuthbert Esquire Mayor
Peter Marrette — John Debonaire
Thomas Powney — Anthony Sadlier
Reynold Adams — Charles Smith
Edward Stracey — Francis Sourdaire
John Holland — Aldermen.

Mr. Alderman Adams Clerk of the Market, delivers in to Court a List of Sums collected by him
on that Office, amounting to Pagodas 11. 16. 0.
Ordered that the said Sum be paid into the Company's Cash
The Office of Clerk of the market being Vacant — Mr. Cuthbert being the next Senior Alderman
who has never acted in that Employ, is appointed thereto.

At a Meeting of the Corporation Held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 13th.
day of January Anno Domini 1767.

Present

Anthony Sadlier Esquire Mayor
John Debonaire — Thomas Powney
Reynold Adams — Aldermen.

Mr. Alderman Cuthbert lays before the Court a Bill for setting up the Mayor's Palankeen,
&c. Charges, during his Mayoralty, amounting to Pagodas 206. 20. 35. which is
Ordered to be Discharged.

At a Meeting of the Corporation Held at the Town Hall on Tuesday
the 15th. day of September Anno Domini 1767.

Present

Mr. Peter Marrette Senior Alderman
Charles Smith — Edward Stracey &
John Holland — Aldermen.

A Letter from the Secretary to the Governor and Council Read, accompanying one
Extract from a General Letter from the Court of Directors dated 26th. March last

together with a Case laid before Charles Sayer Esqr. and his opinion thereon, regarding in whom the Property of the Town House, Mr Jennings Legacy, and the Regalia of the former Court is vested —

Ordered that they do lie on the Table till next Court Day when a full Meeting of the Corporation is to be Summoned, to take the same into Consideration —

At a Meeting of the Corporation Held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 22d. day of September Anno Domini 1767

Present

Anthony Sadlier Esquire Mayor
Peter Marriette — John Debonaire
Thomas Powney — Arthur Cuthbert
Charles Smith — Edward Stracey
Francis Sourdan & John Holland
Aldermen

Agreed that Saturday the 3d. day of October next be appointed for the Consideration of the Extract from the Letter received from the South Sea Court of Directors, with a Case and opinion of Counsil thereon, till next Court Day, when a full meeting of the Corporation is ordered to be Summoned, and in the mean time that all Letters which have passed Relative thereto be sent round for the perusal of the Members —

At a Meeting of the Corporation Held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 6th. day of October Anno Domini 1767

Present

Anthony Sadlier Esquire Mayor
Peter Marriette — John Debonaire
Thomas Powney — Arthur Cuthbert
Charles Smith — Edward Stracey &
John Holland — Aldermen

Agreed to Defer the Consideration of the Extract from the Letter received from the South Sea Court of Directors, with a Case and opinion of Counsil thereon, till next Court Day, when a full meeting of the Corporation is Ordered to be Summoned &c.

At a Meeting of the Corporation Held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 13th. day of October Anno Domini 1767

Present

Anthony Sadlier Esquire Mayor
Peter Marriette — John Debonaire
Thomas Powney — Reynold Adams
Arthur Cuthbert — Charles Smith
Edward Stracey — Francis Sourdan &c
John Holland — Aldermen

all the Members of the Corporation having assembled to take into Consideration the Extract of the Company's General Letter of the 24th. March 1767, with the opinion of Mr. Sayer accompanying it, regarding the Property of the Court House &c. They observe that the opinion given by Mr. Sayer, is by no means an answer to the Questions proposed by the Corporation in their Letter of the 15th. Decr. 1766 to be laid before Counsil, and particularly to the first Question, whether the Corporation have, or have not a right of Possession and Inheritance? and therefore they do not think themselves obliged implicitly to abide by such opinion any further than is consistent with their own Judgment — The Corporation are of opinion that the money which appears to have been the Property of the Suitors of the former Court should be deposited with the Cash and Effects of the Company under the Head of Suitors unknown, That the Legacy bequeathed by Mr. Jennings should also be deposited with the Company, under the Head of Legacy bequeathed by Mr. Jennings to the Mayor's Court, as the Corporation are of opinion that the Company can have no right to it, but that they must be answerable to the Heirs of Mr. Jennings for the same — as to the Regalia, it being uncertain by whom they were provided, as not the Company having exerted they were bought by them, and as the Regalia now Possessed by the Court were provided by the Company, it is agreed that this Point be given up — The Corporation do therefore Agree to pass a Deed of Conveyance of the Court House to the Company, on their making the above mentioned Deposite in the name of the Accomptant General, under the respective Heads, and on their paying off the Mortgage with all other incumbrances on the said House —

Resolved to signify to that part of the Company's Letter complaining of the Disobedience of the Court to their orders — The Court can only observe that they

they know of no orders the Court of Directors have a right to give them; and
therefore Resolv'd that this part of their Letter requires no further Reply, and ordered
that a Letter be wrote to the President and Council to the above Effect—

At a Meeting of the Corporation Held at the Town Hall on
Tuesday the 15th. day of December Anno Domini 1767.

Present

Mr. Peter Marsille Senior Alderman
John Debonaire — Reynold Adams
Charles Smith — Francis Gordan
John Holland — Aldermen

A Letter from the Secretary to the President and Council, by their order read,—
setting forth that they are willing that the Deposits proposed by the Court be
made with the accomptant General under their respective Hands, and to pay
off the Mortgage Bonds, on the Court House, and other Incumbrances, provided
such Incumbrances are not too large, on the Court passing a Deed of Conveyance
of the said House to the Company—

Ordered that the Deed of Conveyance of the Court House be made out to the
Company, and that the President and Council be acquainted, that We know
of no other Incumbrances on the Court House, exclusive of the Mortgage above
mentioned.—