# … Board of Directors
## …uary 26th 1850

Present Major Genl. Chas Richd. Fox — Chair

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| The Honble A. Kinnaird | Captn. Williams |
| James Alderson M.D. | Fredk. Squire Esqre |
| Thos. Edwd. Dicey Esqre | Sir Richd. D. King Bart |
| Robt Wheeler Esqre | George Wynne Esqre |
| Thos. Hagger Esqre | S. A. Beaumont Esqr |

Read the General Report of the Directors and the Special Report as to the Westhill and Wimbledon Estates, in the latter of which the following paragraph was Ordered to be inserted viz "The Directors think it right to add that they have obtained an assurance from Mr. Beaumont that the interest shall be regularly paid by him in future"

Received a letter from Mr. Charles Smith of Waterloo Place which was read

Read & approved — 1st March 1850.

Charles R Fox

to Mr. Batty -

Ordered that Messrs. Drummonds be requested to sell £5000 Exchequer Bills for the Account of this Office -

Read and approved - 12th April 1850 -

A Kinnaird

# Board of Directors
## April 12th 1850

Present The Honble A. Kinnaird - Chair

The Revd. J. Sherman | Captn. Williams
Geo. Hyme Esqr. | Wm. Hy. Stone Esqr.
Jas. Alderson M.D. | Robt. Wheeler Esqr.
Thos. Hagger Esqr. | H. B. Churchill Esqr.

J. A. Beaumont Esqr.

Read and approved the minutes of the last Board examined the Bankers' Cash and Bill accounts as per their Statements and the Office books which were found to agree and the Cash Balance in the Bankers' hands to be £5425.16.11

Took into consideration the following Claims

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|---|---|---|---|
| Pol. 159047 | Richard Sheppard | £35.3.6 | Ordered at £21.11/6 |
| 221301 | George Mills | £22..8.6 | Ordered to be paid |
| 197992 | John Greaves | 21.9.6 | Ordered to be paid |
| 170178 | Thomas Sharp | 9.14.- | Ordered to be paid |
| 222852 &c. | William Morgan | 5.10 - | Ordered to be paid |
| 97463 | John Leverett | 3.5. - | Ordered to be paid |
| 249653 | Thomas Rainsbury | 3.3. - | Ordered to be paid & a Gratuity of £1 - - |
| 272246 | William Tatam | 700.. - | Ordered at £650 - |

The Managing Director reported that he had

drawn the following cheque [illegible]
Salaries £36.8.3 –

Approved of the Transfer of [illegible]
from the Executrix and Executor of John
Lovell to William Hawksworth Esqre

Mr Payne Reported the following Resolution
of the Committee on the Westhill & Wimbledon
Estates –

Resolved that the Committee in the
prosecution of their duties find it necessary
to adjourn in the absence of any satisfactory
information of the value of the Wimbledon
and Westhill Estates and they recommend
the Board of Directors to employ Mr
Leifchild, with the consent of Mr Beaumont,
to make a careful Survey with an
applotment for the purpose of Sale, & a
detailed valuation of the entire property,
the expences of such Survey to be borne
by the Estate

The Board of Directors having considered
the above recommendation of the Committee.

It was Resolved, Mr Beaumont having
given his consent, that Mr Leifchild be
instructed to make the said Survey,
valuation & applotment, provided the cost
thereof shall not exceed £200 –, the same
to be proceeded on forthwith

Read and Approved the 19th April 1850.

C Fox
Chairman

at 12 o'clock

Read and approved 26th April 1850.

C. R. Fox
Chairman

# Board of Directors
## April 26th 1850.

Present Major Genl. C. R. Fox. Chair

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|---|---|
| Captn. Williams | Frederick Squire Esqre. |
| James Alderson M.D. | The Honble A. Kinnaird |
| The Revd Jas Sherman | John Turner Esqre |
| H. B. Churchill Esqre. | George Pryme Esqre |
| Geo. P. Nash Esqre. | Robert Wheeler Esqre. |
| Thomas Hagger Esqre. | Wm. Henry Stone Esqre. |
| Charles F. Palgrave Esqre. | J. A. Beaumont Esqre. |

Read and approved the Minutes of the last Board examined the Bankers' Cash and Bill accounts as per their Statement and the Office books which were found to agree and the Cash Balance in the Bankers' hands to be £3,343.14.8

Took into consideration the following Claims

| Pol. | | £ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 278062 | T. and J. Frost | 83 | 16 | 4 | Ordered to be paid |
| 184508 | Thomas Bonifant | 82 | 1 | – | Ordered to be paid |
| 279289 | Joseph Eccles | 47 | 8 | 8 | Ordered to be paid |
| 145235 | Joseph Lill | 9 | 15 | – | Ordered to be paid |
| 280654 | Henry Jordan | 9 | 7 | – | Ordered to be paid |
| 258797 | William Weedon | 8 | 5 | – | Ordered to be paid |
| 274218 | John Smith | 8 | 1 | 11 | Ordered to be paid |
| 268575 | John Middle | 6 | 1 | 6 | Ordered to be paid |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Vol 192500 | Benjn. Belcher | £5.10.– | Ordered to be paid |
| 114535 | Thomas Rose | 2.14.– | Ordered to be paid |
| 133008 | The Revd. J. Green | 2.12.– | Ordered to be paid |
| 131725 | John Flavell | 2.–.– | Ordered to be paid |
| 149017 | George Bakewell | 2.–.– | Ordered to be paid |
| 181832 | J. E. Lintott | 1.–.– | Ordered to be paid |
| 154623 | The Trustees of the Bedford Charity | –.4.9 | Ordered to be paid |

The following Bills were reported as approved by the Finance Committee and were Ordered to be paid

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. A. Beaumont | Surveys | | £60.4.10 |
| Mr. Finns | Survey | (Manchester) | 6.6.– |
| Mr. Roworth | Printing | | 25.15.6 |
| Mr. Brettell | Printing | | 43.16.9 |
| Mr. Francis | Printing | | 13.10.6 |
| Mr. Baxter | Stationery | (Lady-Day Quarter) | 50.17.6 |
| Mr. Baxter | Stationery | (Balce. of Xmas a/c) | 12.–.– |
| Mr. Waller | Stationery | | 9.17.– |
| Mr. Bensusan | Engine Hose | (for Bristol) | 8.–.8 |
| Mr. Fitch | Office Repairs | | 22.15.8 |
| Mr. Jackson | Office fittings | | 8.8.3 |
| Messrs. Trewby & Weaver | Coals | | 5.15.5 |

The Managing Director reported that he had drawn the following Cheques No. 393 Income Tax, on Profits £76.11.7 No. 394 Income Tax on Salaries £45.12.8 No. 396. Weekly Salaries £36.8.3

Approved of the Transfer of three Shares from the Executors of James Hill to Miss Frances Hill –

Resolved that Dr. Alexander Henderson and Frederick Squire Esqre. be authorized and they are hereby requested to execute a Conveyance to Edward Moxon Esqre. of the Two acres and an half of Land, part of the Wimbledon Park Estate, comprised in the lease to William Moxon Esq.re and that the receipt of the said Alexander Henderson and Frederick Squire be a good and sufficient discharge for the purchase money £937.10.—

Read a letter from Mr. H. B. Whitworth and Ordered that the same be replied to and that it be referred to the Westhill and Wimbledon Estate Committee

Read and approved. 3d. May 1850.

Charles R. Fox

# Board of Directors
## May 3rd. 1850

Present Major Genl. Chas R. Fox _ Chair

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|---|---|
| The Honble Arthur Kinnaird | Fredk. Squire Esq.re |
| James Alderson M. D. | Captn. Williams |
| George V. Nash Esq.re | Wm. Hd. Stone Esq.re |
| The Revd. Jas. Sherman | Robt Wheeler Esq. |
| Henry B. Churchill Esq.re | J. A. Beaumont Esq.re |

Read and approved the Minutes of the last Board examined the Bankers' Cash and Bill Accounts as per their Statement and the Office books which were found to agree and the Cash Balance in the Bankers' hands to be £3594.10.11

Took into consideration the following claims

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Policy 182134 | J. B & D. Newlett | £98 | 5 | Ordered to be paid |
| 137556 | Henry Edwards | 70 | | Ordered to be paid |
| 229187 | Henry Edwards | 6 | 16 | Ordered to be paid |
| 224583 | Walter Strickland | 20 | - | Ordered to be paid |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pol. 280372 | Walter Strickland | £15. – | | Ordered to be paid |
| 158044 | Thomas Hewett | 19. | 10 | Ordered to be paid |
| 231489 | John Fisher | 6 | | Ordered to be paid |
| 145758 | W. S. Partridge | 5 | | Ordered to be paid |
| 138417 | A. Squire | 2 | | Ordered to be paid |
| 228952 | Samuel Stead | " | 9 | Ordered to be paid |

Read a letter from Mr. H. B. Whitworth in reply to a communication from the Chairman and Ordered that the whole correspondence be referred to the Westhill and Wimbledon Estate Committee.

The Managing Director reported that he had drawn the following Cheques No. 404 Weekly Salaries £36. 8. 3 No. 409 Policy Stamps £50. –

Approved of the Transfer of two Shares from Henry Robinson Esqre. to John Brook Esqre.

Approved of the proposed Insurance of Messrs. Ransom & Co. of Ipswich to the amount of £25,100. – –, not exceeding £10,000 to be insured on the Buildings comprising the Saw Mills –

Ordered payment of Mr. Tims' Bill for Assessments for the months of January, February and March amounting to £112. 5. 8

Read and approved – 10th. May 1850

A Kinnaird

# Board of Directors

## February 7th 1851.

Present Major Genl. Charles Rd. Fox, Chair

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|---|---|
| William Henry Stone Esqre. | Henry B. Churchill Esqre. |
| Captn. Willm. I. Williams | James Alderson MD |
| Revd. James Sherman | Honble. Arthur Kinnaird |
| Robert Wheeler Esqre. | John Turner Esqre. |
| George Pryme Esqre. | I. A. Beaumont Esqre. |

Read and approved the minutes of the last Board.

Examined the Bankers Cash and Bill accounts as per their Statement and the Office books, which were found to agree, and the Cash balance in the Bankers hands to be £4,584..16-4.

Took into Consideration the following Claims,

| | | | £ | s | d | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Policy | 288233 | William Blandy | 180 | " | " | Ordered to be paid |
| " | 271761 | William Harnor | 16 | 10 | " | ditto |
| " | 252733 | Willm. W. Dighton | 10 | 10 | " | ditto |
| " | 268544 | William Sykes | 7 | 10 | " | ditto |
| " | 174191 | James Haswell | 4 | 10 | " | ditto |
| " | 215256 | William Hone | 3 | " | " | ditto |
| " | 285205 | Cathe. Pilkinton | 2 | 10 | " | ditto |
| " | 268273 | Richard Carter | 2 | 2 | 6 | ditto |
| " | 267385 | Ann Hughes | 1 | 16 | " | ditto |
| " | 247789 | John Cale | 1 | 15 | " | ditto |

The Managing Director reported that he had drawn the following Check, No 561. weekly Salaries £37-17-3.

Approved of the transfer of 4 Shares from the Executors of Mrs. Penelope Box to Henry B. Churchill Esqre., and of 1 Share from Miss Emily Beaumont to Henry Hughes Hallett Esqre.

Ordered payment of the following bills, approved by the Finance Committee, - Mr. Roworth - printing prospectus £42.11.3. Mr. Brettell Cards &c £83.10.9 - Mr. Francis

Renewal Receipts £14.19.6. Mr. Tupper, Vignettes £12.17.6
Mr. Baxter, Stationery £50.13.3 - Mr. A. Beaumont
Surveys £52.1.9; Mr. Tims, Assessments £218.13.10
Mr. Merryweather, Fire Buckets £36.13.0. Mr. Frewby
Coals £6.13.2. Mr. Ridgway, Newspapers £9..0..6
Mr. Newton Advertisements £9.4.0, and Mr. Pryme
Expenses on Committee £24.17.6.

Resolved, that Mr. Batty's bills be referred back to the Finance Committee, with instructions to communicate with him respecting a reduction of charges.

Resolved, that the resolution of the 22nd November last, in reference to the West Hill and Wimbledon Estate be rescinded, and that the Report be now considered.

Resolved, that a Committee of 3 or more Directors be appointed to assume the general Superintendence of the Estate, and that the Solicitor of the Office, be desired to prepare a resolution, defining and setting forth the powers to be delegated to the said Committee, and to submit the same to the Directors at their next Meeting.

The Managing Director gave Notice, that he would at the next Board, propose, that Sir Richard Duckworth King Baronet, and Frederick Squire Esq.re, be elected to fill the vacant Offices of Trustees to this Society, in order to meet the requirement in the deed of Constitution, that all Mortgages shall be vested in the Trustees of the Institution.

Read and approved 14th. February 1851.

Charles W Fox

# Board of Directors

## February 14th 1851

Present, Major Genl Charles R. Fox, Chair

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| Honble Arthur Kinnaird | Revd James Sherman |
| John Turner Esqre | John Kinder Esqre |
| Robert Wheeler Esqre | Henry B. Churchill Esqre |
| Captn Wm I Williams | James Alderson MD |
| Willm Hy Stone Esqre | Thomas Hagger Esqre |
| Charles F. Palgrave Esqre | J A. Beaumont Esqre |

Read and approved the minutes of the last Board.
Examined the Bankers Cash and Bill accounts, as per their Statement and the Office books, which were found to agree, and the Cash balance in the Bankers hands to be £5530.. 7. 8.

Took into consideration the following Claims,

| | | | £ | s | d | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Policy | 140629 | John Newman | 190 | .. | .. | Ordered to be paid |
| " | 246518 | William Bull | 17 | 10 | .. | ditto |
| " | 224329 | Cannon Haslam | 15 | 15 | 11 | ditto |
| " | 169984 | Willm Townsend | 6 | 7 | 4 | ditto |
| " | 280803 | Richard Roden | 3 | 17 | 6 | ditto |
| " | 119865 | Robert Gardner | 2 | 16 | 7 | ditto |
| " | 225144 | William F. Fryer | 2 | 4 | 4 | ditto |
| " | 267622 | Elizabeth A. Ratcliff | 2 | 2 | .. | ditto |
| " | 179265 | Robert Hulls | 1 | 15 | .. | ditto |
| " | 264839 | John J. Brimley | 1 | 13 | .. | ditto |
| " | 252553 | Edwd R. Butler | 1 | 10 | 9 | ditto |
| " | 25942 | Thomas Sanders | 1 | 9 | 2 | ditto |

Reconsidered Joseph Kelly's Claim on policy 268010, and Mr Tims report thereon, and Ordered £320.. – to be paid.

The Managing Director reported that he had drawn the following Checks, No 562 weekly Salaries £37. 17. 3 and No 563 Auditors Allowances £31.. 10.. –

Approved of the transfer of 10 Shares from William Mark Fladgate Esq.re to Thomas Clarke Esq.re

Ordered the Special Board to be summoned for Friday next the 21.st instant, and the Annual General Meeting of Proprietors, the 25.th instant.

Took into consideration the vacancies in the Office of Trustees, and Resolved, that Sir Richard Duckworth King Baronet, and Frederick Squire Esquire, be elected Trustees of the Office.

Captain Williams gave notice that at the next Board he would move a Resolution with reference to the election of Trustees.

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Committee appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders, held on the 26.th February 1850, "for the "purpose of considering the best means of dealing with "the West Hill and Wimbledon Park Estates", and with the concurrence of the Mortgagor

1.st That. The Rev.d James Sherman, Thomas Edward Dicey Esquire, and Frederick Squire Esq.re be appointed a Sub Committee, in whom the future management of the said Estates shall be vested, and who shall be empowered to collect and apply the Rents, prepare the Estates for gradual Sale, and assume the general Superintendence and direction of the property.

2.nd That such Sub Committee be empowered to Employ some Professional Person as Sub Manager of the Estate, and also to appoint a Receiver of the Rents and Profits.

3.rd That in the Superintendence and management of the said Estates, the Sub Committee shall receive and consider all suggestions made to them by the Mortgagor.

4.th That under the direction of the Sub Committee, the Rents and Profits of the said Estates, and also the Proceeds of the Sales thereof, shall be applied as follows;

First, In discharge of the Expenses incurred in preparing for, and incidental to the Sale of the Estates, including the expense of making roads, sewers, drains, and other improvements, made with the consent and approbation of the Sub Committee.

Secondly In payment of the Interest now due, or hereafter to become due on the Mortgage debt.

Thirdly In discharge of the Principal of such debt.

5.th That the said Sub Committee shall meet at the County Fire Office, or such other place as they may from time to time appoint, and that five days previous notice in writing shall be given by the Chief Clerk of the Office, to each member of the Sub Committee of the time and place of meeting.

6.th That any two Members of the Sub Committee, shall form a Quorum, and in the absence of the 3.rd Member may exercise all the powers hereby delegated to such Sub Committee.

7.th That such Sub Committee shall record all their proceedings in a book to be kept for the purpose, to be open to the Board of Directors at their weekly meeting, and further make a special report of their proceedings to the Board every three months.

The following Report to the Shareholders was read and approved, and ordered to be issued forthwith.

"County Fire Office"

"Report of the Board of Directors

for

"The Annual General Meeting 25.th February 1851.

"In meeting the Shareholders, the Directors rejoice to be "able to report that the business of the County Fire Office, "during the last twelve months has been greater than for "several preceding years, the amount of Duty being an increase of

" no less a sum than £1182.12.4 above that of 1849,
" The amounts for the two years stand thus, – for

1849 . . . . . £51,064..19..9
1850 . . . . . . . 52247.12.1

" This improvement of the business is to be attributed
" to the increased exertions of the Shareholders throughout
" the Country, and the active steps which have been taken
" during the last year to improve our Agencies, where they
" were inefficiently conducted, and by appointing new ones
" in those places where the Office was unrepresented."
" The Directors have to lament the decease of Mr
" Thomas White of Peterborough, whose extensive
" influence and indefatigable exertions, as an Agent of
" this Office for a period of thirty eight years, entitle his
" memory to great respect; but they hope the respectable
" Agents who have been appointed as his Successors, will
" eventually secure the Office from any serious loss by his death."
"The Losses during the Year amount to £35,680.14.0,
" and exceed the amount paid last Year by £4878.8.4.
" Of this amount £15,000 arises from fires upon Farming
" Stock, a sum, which though large, is believed to be
" much less than the Losses which many Offices of Equal
" Standing with our own, have sustained. The Losses upon
" this item are a few hundred pounds more than the
" Premiums received for that branch of our business, con-
" sequently Farming Stock has not yielded a profit this Year
" but an addition of 25 per Cent, which has recently been
" made to the Premiums hitherto charged upon Farming
" Stock, will secure us from loss in future."
"The Committee established at Manchester continue to
" increase our business in that City, but the progress made
" is small, owing to the caution which they exercise in
" taking risks, and which has been particularly manifested
" in the fact, that we have not suffered one loss through that

" Agency, exceeding £20 - and that the Losses at Manchester
" for the whole year, amount to the trifling sum of £46 -
" although many extensive Conflagrations have taken
" place in that City."

"The Directors have also to congratulate the Shareholders
" and themselves, that a few years back, the Directors
" ordered a Survey to be made of the town of Gravesend,
" by which they were enabled to avoid taking Insurances
" in that part of the town, where, in August last, upwards
" of Twenty Houses were burnt down."

"The Expenses under the supervision of the Finance
" Committee, have been kept as low as the interests
" of the Office will admit, and are in amount £1000 -
" less than last year".

"The Directors consider that the business is now such
" that they can expect improvement only in its Extension;
" and they earnestly call upon the Shareholders throughout
" the Country, to continue those efforts which they have so
" successfully used during the past year, and which become
" constantly more necessary as new Offices arise, and both
" new and old are stimulated by competition to increased
" exertions for the acquisition of business."

"The Committee of Shareholders appointed at the last
" Annual Meeting, "for the purpose of considering the best
" means of dealing with the West Hill and Wimbledon
" Park Estates", have made their Report to the Directors,
" in which they express their confidence in the Soundness
" of the Security, and have suggested the appointment
" of a Committee of three of the Directors to undertake
" the management of the Estates, which suggestion will
" be immediately acted upon."

"Mr. Henry Beaumont having resigned the Office
" of Secretary, the Directors do not recommend any
" new appointment."

"The Directors have the pleasure to inform the
" Shareholders, that, notwithstanding the heavy losses
" of the past year, they are enabled to pay a Dividend
" of £4. per Share, and to apply a Surplus of £2000 –
" to the Reserve Fund, which therefore they recommend".

Read and approved 21st February 1851.

Charles R Fox Chairman

## Special Board of Directors

February 21st 1851.

Present Major Genl. Charles Rd. Fox, Chair

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|---|---|
| Thomas Hagger Esqre. | Henry B. Churchill Esqr. |
| John Turner Esqr. | James Alderson M.D. |
| John Kinder Esqre. | Captn. Wm. Jno. Williams |
| Robert Wheeler Esqre. | George P. Nash Esqr. |
| Willm. Henry Stone Esqr. | Honble. Arthur Kinnaird. |

J. A. Beaumont Esqre.

Read and approved the minutes of the last Board.
Examined the Bankers Cash and Bill accounts as per their Statement and the Office books; which were found to agree, and the Cash balance in the Bankers hands to be £5831.11.2

Took into Consideration the following Claims,

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Policy | 237727 | Benjn. Caunt | £580 | 3 | . | Ordered at £489.11.0 |
| " | 157418 | Ann Carter | 35 | 19 | . | Ordered to be paid |
| " | 287274 | John Wright | 25 | 17 | . | ditto |
| " | 144397 | Robert Hickson | 5 | 15 | . | ditto |
| " | 214364 | Fanny Mason | 5 | . | " | ditto |
| " | 137039 | James Sandford | 4 | 14 | 3 | ditto |
| " | 282514 | George Shew | 3 | 10 | . | ditto |
| " | 263508 | Joseph Richards | 1 | 10 | . | ditto |
| " | 287928 | John Barford | .. | 12 | . | ditto |

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| Policy 244848 | Lord Berners | £200 | " | " | Ordered to be paid |
| " 285061 | Robert Allwood | 190 | 9 | " | Ditto |
| " 194666 | Saml. E. Kimbell | 126 | 2 | " | ditto |
| " 244849 | Lord Berners | 55 | 17 | 6 | ditto |
| " 267727 | Trus. of Build. Socty. | 5 | 14 | 10 | ditto |
| " 241858 | Hanh. Hopkins | 4 | " | 6 | ditto |
| " 264040 | Chas. Bradfield | " | 10 | " | ditto |

The Managing Director reported that he had drawn the following checks - No 607 weekly Salaries £36.6.6, and No 608 Rent of City Office 1 quarter £72.16 -

Approved of the transfer of 5 Shares from William Palmer Tatham Esq. to Timothy Chouler Esq -
of 1 Share from Jonathan S. Pidgeon Esq to James Ballard Junr. Esq., and of 1 Share from Robert Wheeler Esq. to John Percival Esq.

Read and approved 25th April 1851.

A Kinnaird

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# Board of Directors

April 25th 1851.

Present The Honble. Arthur Kinnaird Chair

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|---|---|
| Frederick Squire Esqr. | John Callis Esqr. |
| John Kinder Esq | James Alderson MD. |
| Robert Wheeler Esq. | Henry B. Churchill Esq. |
| Revd. James Sherman | Thomas E. Dicey Esq |

L. A. Beaumont Esqr.

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Read and approved the minutes of the last Board.
Examined the Bankers Cash and Bill accounts, as per their Statement and the Office books, which were found to agree, and the Cash balance in the Bankers hands to be £5429..5..2

Took into Consideration the following Claims

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Policy 286069 | Thomas Gulliver | £356 | 14 | " | Ordered to be paid |
| " 250110 | Joseph Hare | 153 | 18 | " | ditto |
| " 279238 | Willm. Denton & others | 17 | 2 | " | ditto |
| " 100940 | Willm. Imrie | 7 | 18 | 6 | ditto |
| " 253725 | James Potter | 7 | 5 | " | ditto |
| " 187878 | Sir Edwd. C Desbrowe | 7 | " | " | ditto |
| " 141799 | Willm. Bingham | 2 | 11 | " | ditto |

The Managing Director reported that he had drawn the following Checks, No 609 weekly Salaries £36..6..6 and No 610 Tariff Expenses £9..11..0.

Approved of the transfer of 5 Shares from the Executors of the late Theed Pearse Esqr., to the Revd. Henry Pearse

Resolved that Dr Alexander Henderson, and Frederick Squire Esqr. be authorized, and they are hereby requested to execute a conveyance to Robert Graham Esqr.; of 5. 2. 3 (A. R. P.) of land, part of the Wimbledon Park Estate, sold to him by private contract and that their receipt be a good and sufficient discharge for the purchase money of £1655..12..0.

Read and approved 2nd May 1851.

R B King

# Board of Directors

## May 2d. 1851.

Present, Sir Richard D. King Bart. Chair

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|---|---|
| Thomas E. Dicey Esq. | William M. Nash Esqr. |
| Captn. Wm. J. Williams | James Alderson M.D. |
| John Coupland Esqr. | Henry B. Churchill Esqr. |
| Robert Wheeler Esqr. | Revd. James Sherman |
| Hon. Arthur Kinnaird | Frederick Squire Esqr. |

J. A. Beaumont Esqr.

Read and approved the minutes of the last Board.

Examined the Bankers Cash and Bill accounts, as per their Statement and the Office books, which were found to agree, and the Cash balance in the Bankers hands to be £4,342 " 17 " 6

Took into consideration the following Claims.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Policy 50776 | Anthony Davis | £450 | " | " | Ordered to be paid |
| " 261651 | John Greaves | 71 | 4 | " | deferred |
| " 284054 | Peter Cremonini | 45 | 11 | 6 | Ordered at £21.11 |
| " 290607 | Thomas Thornton | 40 | " | " | Ordered to be paid |
| " 28528 | Henry North | 35 | 10 | " | ditto |
| " 178613 | John Mysom | 10 | 5 | " | ditto |
| " 171363 | Jn.o & Wm. Haddon | 6 | 10 | " | ditto |
| " 244777 | Joseph Living | 4 | 15 | " | ditto |
| " 262442 | Joseph George | 4 | 13 | 6 | ditto |
| " 101313 | John Brown | 1 | 16 | " | ditto |
| " 282331 | John Mysom | 1 | 14 | " | ditto |
| " 275986 | Thomas Young | 1 | 5 | " | ditto |
| " 279289 | Jos.h Eccles | " | 15 | " | ditto |

The Managing Director reported that he had drawn the following Checks, No 611. weekly Salaries £36. 6. 6 and No 612 Policy Stamps £50. —

Approved of the transfer of 2 Shares from George Baker to Henry Billington Whitworth Esq.re —

Resolved that Dr. Alexander Henderson and Frederick Squire Esq.re be authorized, and they are hereby requested to execute conveyances to Dr. Frederick Cotton Finch, of 3 Acres, and to Dr. Charles Denyer Finch of 2 Acres and 6 Perches of Land (portions of the West Hill Estate) sold to them respectively by private contract, and that the receipts of the said Alexander Henderson, and Frederick Squire, be good and sufficient discharges for the respective purchase monies.

Read and approved 9th May 1851.

R D King

Sale by auction during the year 1851, the number so disposed of, with the amounts received - also the same, of any lots that may have been disposed of by private contract.

It was moved by Captn. Williams, Seconded by Major Genl. Fox and

Resolved, that a communication be made to the West Hill and Wimbledon Estate Committee, requesting them to communicate the minutes of their proceedings to the Board of Directors.

Read and approved 15th August 1851.

A Kinnaird

# Board of Directors

August 15th 1851.

Present The Honble. Arthur Kinnaird, Chair

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|---|---|
| James Alderson MD | John Callis Esqe |
| Thomas E. Dicey Esqe. | John Kinder Esqe |
| Sir Richard D. King Bt. | Robert Wheeler Esqe |
| George P. Nash Esqe | Henry B. Churchill Esqe |
| Frederick Squire Esqe | J. A. Beaumont Esqe |

Read and approved the minutes of the last Board.

Examined the Bankers Cash and Bill accounts, as per their Statement and the Office books, which were found to agree, and the Cash balance in the Bankers hands to be £5268.8.3

Took into consideration the following Claims.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Policy 146172 | Josh. S. Burgess | £233 | 18 | 0 | Ordered to be paid |
| " 266238 | William Day | 170 | 9 | . | Ordered at £160. |
| " 285074 | William Howell | 28 | . | . | Ordered at £17.10 - |
| " 212119 | William Woodyer | 26 | 10 | . | Ordered to be paid |

| | | £ | s | d | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Policy 267644 | John Taylor | 13 | 5 | " | Ordered to be paid |
| " 141644 | Henry Child | 10 | " | " | ditto |
| " 244437 | Charl^tte^ Longford | 7 | 10 | " | ditto |
| " 254766 | Will^m^ Lovelock | 2 | 10 | " | ditto |
| " 283906 | Rebecca Tirrell | 1 | 10 | " | ditto |
| " 284694 | John Young | " | 15 | " | ditto |

The Managing Director reported that he had drawn the following checks. No 662 Weekly Salaries £36.6.6 and No 663 Policy Stamps £50..–

Approved of the transfer of one Share from Mr Charles Choppin to Mr. James Ballard Junior

Received an application from Mess^rs^ Morgan for an advance of £22,000 at 4 per Cent Interest upon Mortgage of their Brewery Estates at Norwich, and referred the same to Mr. Batty the Solicitor.

Resolved that Dr. Alexander Henderson and Frederick Squire Esq^re^ be authorized, and they are hereby requested to execute Conveyances to the undermentioned parties, of the several portions of Land hereinafter described, being parts of the Wimbledon Park Estate, and that the receipts of the said Alexander Henderson and Frederick Squire, be valid discharges for the respective purchase monies –

| | | A | R | P | £ | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Alfred Hiscocks | | 1 | 0 | 13 | 330 | " | " |
| Mr. Will^m^ Harding | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 365 | " | " |
| Mr. Faulkner | | 1 | 1 | 4 | 370 | " | " |
| Mr. Will^m^ Harding | 0.1.33 / 0.1.24 / 0.2.1 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 366 | " | " |
| Mess^rs^ Wood & Harding | 0.1.6 / 0.1.14 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 215 | " | " |
| Mr Will^m^ Harding | | 0 | 1 | 7 | 105 | " | " |
| Mr. Wood | 0.1.18 / 0.3.5 | 1 | 0 | 23 | 300 | " | " |
| Mess^rs^ Wood & Harding | | 0 | 1 | 26 | 100 | " | " |
| Mr Palmer | | 0 | 1 | 24 | 95 | " | " |
| Mr. Eldrid | 0.1.10 / 0.1.7 | 0 | 2 | 17 | 230 | " | " |

Read and approved 22^nd^ August 1851.

C Kinnaird

Mr. Eversfield being a party to the Mortgage, for the repayment of the said sum of £2500 & Interest
Ordered payment of the Duty for Midsummer quarter £11511.3.7, and draw a check for the same
Ordered £5000 Exchequer Bills to be Sold.

Read and approved 26th September 1851.

A Kinnaird

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# Board of Directors

Septr. 26th 1851.

Present The Honble. Arthur Kinnaird, Chair

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| Captn. Wm. J Williams | Robert Wheeler Esqe. |
| Major Genl. Chas. R Fox | Sir Richard D. King Bt. |
| John Kinder Esqe. | Frederick Squire Esqe. |
| Revd. James Sherman | Henry B. Churchill Esqe. |

J. A. Beaumont Esqe.

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Read and approved the minutes of the last Board.
Examined the Bankers Cash and Bill accounts, as per their Statement and the Office books, which were found to agree, and the Cash balance in the Bankers hands to be £6148.9.2

Took into consideration the following Claims –

| | | | £ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Policy | 190230 } 259213 | John Hodson | 1141 | 5 | 0 | Ordered to be paid |
| " | 274492 | George Staniland | 57 | 10 | " | ditto |
| " | 286249 | John Way | 4 | 13 | " | ditto |
| " | 160256 | John Dowden | 2 | 10 | " | ditto |
| " | 200405 | John Packer | 1 | 4 | " | ditto |
| " | 281867 | Thomas Cox | " | 10 | 6 | ditto |

The Managing Director reported that he had drawn the following Checks. No 674 Weekly Salaries £36.6.6 and No 675 Policy Stamps £50. –
Reconsidered the Claim of James Edmunds,

P.L.

policy 253865 which was rejected on the 8th August and ordered payment of a Gratuity of £15. for Expenses.

Received a Letter from the Committee of Shareholders at the City Office, and deferred the consideration thereof.

Received the following Letter from the Chairman of the Wimbledon Estate Committee.

"To the Chairman of
"The Board of Directors of
"The County Fire Office"

"Wimbledon Estate Committee
" 50 Regent Street
" 26th Septr. 1851."

"Sir, "I have the honor to subjoin a reply to the
" communication from the Board of Directors of the
" County Fire Office, dated 9th August."

"The suspension of the sittings of the Committee
" on account of the absence of a majority of the Members,
" will account for the apparent delay."

"I have the honor to be, Sir,
"Your Obedt. Servant
"Fredk. Squire - Chairman"

"The Committee for the management and sale of
" the West Hill & Wimbledon Park Estates, appointed at
" the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the
" County Fire Office, on the 25th February last, having
" fully discussed the minute of the Board of Directors
" of the 8th August, requesting that the Committee will
" communicate the minutes of their proceedings to the
" Board of Directors, in reply, have to state, that they
" must respectfully decline acceding to the request."

"September 19th 1851." "Fredk. Squire, Chairman"

Captn. Williams gave notice, he should bring the subject of the above Letter before the Board on Friday next.

Read and approved 3rd October 1851.

A Kinnaird

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Policy 278231 | John Bryant | £2 | 1 | 5 | Ordered to be paid |
| " 292148 | Elizabeth Carter | 1 | " | " | . ditto . |
| " 137166 | Saml. G. Edkins | " | 12 | 4 | . ditto . |

The Managing Director reported that he had drawn the following Check No 712 Weekly Salaries £36-6-6.
Approved of the transfer of 5 Shares from Captain Williams to Major General Fox.

Read and approved 12th. December 1851.

R D King

# Board of Directors

December 12th. 1851

Present, Sir Richard D. King Bart. Chair

Frederick Squire Esqe.
Robert Wheeler Esqe.
James Alderson MD
Honble. Arthur Kinnaird
Thomas E. Dicey Esqe.
John Kinder Esqe.
Henry B. Churchill Esqe.
Revd. James Sherman
Captn. W. I. Williams
I A. Beaumont Esqe.

Read and approved the minutes of the last Board.
Examined the Bankers Cash and Bill accounts as per their Statement and the Office books, which were found to agree, and the Cash balance in the Bankers hands to be £19420.13.11
Took into Consideration the following Claims,

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Policy 145457 | Thomas Hailey | £127 | 15 | 6 | Ordered to be paid. |
| " 270502 | Thos. N. Allen | 102 | 2 | " | ordered at £95- |
| " 293746 | ditto | 24 | 15 | 1 | Ordered to be paid |
| " 170560 | Thomas Penno | 21 | 19 | 5 | . ditto . |
| " 286845 | Thomas Walker | 15 | " | " | . ditto . |
| " 292430 | Lawrence Mc. Court | 7 | 10 | 2 | . ditto . |
| " 170561 | Thomas Pinno | 5 | 19 | 6 | . ditto . |
| " 128346 | Josh. Gillatt | 5 | 5 | " | . ditto . |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Policy 296241 | John Pope Cox | £2 | 5 | " | Ordered to be paid |
| " 159948 | Willm. Foster | 2 | 5 | " | . ditto |
| " 27933 | Susannah Woodward | 3 | 7 | 9 | . ditto |
| " 191790 | William Oliver | 1 | 10 | . | . ditto |
| " 241186 | John Hallamore | 1 | 4 | 6 | . ditto |
| " 51456 | Alexander Clarke | 1 | 2 | " | . ditto |

The Managing Director reported that he had drawn the following Check, No 715. Weekly Salaries £36.6.6

Approved of the transfer of 7 Shares from John P. Biavan Esqr. to Frederick Squire Esqr.

Resolved, that Dr. Alexander Henderson and Frederick Squire Esqr be authorized, and they are hereby requested, to execute conveyances to the under-mentioned parties, of the several portions of Land hereinafter described, being parts of the Wimbledon Park Estate, and that the receipts of the said Alexander Henderson and Frederick Squire be valid discharges for the respective purchase monies.

| | A | R | P | £ | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. William Moxon | 1 | 1 | 25 | 492 | " | " |
| " William Harding | 0 | 2 | 20 | 244 | " | " |
| " Richard J. Strachan | 0 | 3 | 9 | 263 | 10 | " |
| " James Childs | 1 | 2 | 0 | 422 | 10 | " |
| " John Holmes | 1 | 3 | 0 | 400 | " | " |
| " John Murray | 4 | 0 | 17 | 1200 | " | " |
| " Thomas Morris | 0 | 1 | 26 | 130 | " | " |
| " William Sharpe | 2 | 0 | 14 | 628 | " | " |
| " William Vaughan | 1 | 0 | 34 | 360 | " | " |

Ordered payment of the Michaelmas quarters Duty £9721.19.3, and drew a check for the amount.

Received a Letter from Mr. Alfred Beaumont and ordered that the same be acknowledged.

Ordered £5000. be invested in Exchequer Bills.

Read and approved 19th December 1851.

# Board of Directors

February 5th 1858

Present, The Hon. A. Kinnaird M.P. Chair

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|---|---|
| Dr Richard Woodhouse | John Kinder Esq |
| Talbot Barnard Esq. | Thomas Maugham Esq |
| Samuel Veasey Esq. | Henry B. Churchill Esq |
| Revd. Saml. H Knapp | Revd. James Sherenan |
| Richard Dawson Esq | J A. Beaumont Esq. |

Read and approved the minutes of the last Board

Examined the Bankers Cash and Bill accounts as per their Statement and the Office books, which were found to agree, and the Cash balance in the Bankers hands to be £4242 . 12 . 3

Took into consideration the following Claims,

| | | £ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 356555 | Herbert Short | 500 | . | . | Ordered to be paid |
| 345550 | John Holdam | 200 | . | . | do |
| 344963 | Edmund Jay | 142 | . | . | do |
| 260179 | Ann Butlin | 59 | 10 | 6 | do |
| 365378 | Smith, Suttie & Co | 53 | 6 | 5 | do |
| 365377 | Ditto | 5 | . | . | do |
| 127420 | William Carter | 22 | 15 | . | do |
| 309064 | Cornelius O Brien | 21 | 11 | . | do |
| 363615 | Paton & Leveritt | 8 | 8 | 11 | do |
| 363379 | John Talbutt | 6 | 10 | 6 | Deferred |
| 180745 | John Brookes | 5 | 16 | 6 | Ordered to be paid |
| 208504 | Wm. Abbott & Son | 5 | 12 | . | do |
| 332505 | Willm. Smyth & Co | 3 | 5 | .. | do |
| 3916 | Elizabeth Day | 2 | 2 | . | do |
| 345217 | Edwd. P. Phillips | 1 | 18 | . | do |
| 184281 | Croft Sharpley | . | 15 | . | do |

The Managing Director reported that he had drawn the following Check, No 114 weekly Salaries £44.10.11

Resolved, that Alexander Henderson, and

Frederick Squire Esquire, the Trustees in whom is vested the Mortgage of the West Hill and Wimbledon Park Estates, and John Augustus Beaumont Esquire, be authorized, and they are hereby requested to Execute the conveyance to George Robert Stephenson Esquire, of a small piece of Land at Wimbledon, in compensation for all loss sustained by him, by reason of another small piece of Land at Wimbledon, part of the Premises expressed to be comprized in the conveyance to the Trustees of the will of the late John Thomas Barber Beaumont Esquire, dated the 29th December 1854, and in the Conveyance from the said last mentioned Trustees, to the said George Robert Stephenson, dated 31st December 1856, having been previously sold and conveyed to Mr Hymen Alberga, And that they do Execute such conveyance without payment of any consideration money, although a consideration of £200. is expressed to be paid in such Conveyance but which sum is intended, on the execution thereof, to be repaid to the said George Robert Stephenson.

Reconsidered the Claim of George Gregory, under policy 365107, and ordered payment of £45. as a Gratuity.

Read and approved 12th February 1858.

Jas. Sheeman

# Board of Directors

February 18th 1859

Present, The Revd. James Sherman Chair

Dr Richard Woodhouse | George P. Nash Esq
Richard Dawson Esq | Henry Hatten Esq
Samuel Veasey Esq | Talbot Barnard Esq
Morris Pryor Esq | Thomas Maugham Esq
Willm H. Stone Esq | Henry B. Churchill Esq
John Kinder Esq | Thomas Hagger Esq

J. A. Beaumont Esq.

Read and approved the minutes of the last Board. Examined the Bankers Cash and Bill accounts as per their Statement and the Office books, which were found to agree, and the Cash balance in the Bankers hands to be £2404. 17. 8

Took into consideration the following Claims,

| | | £ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 111142 | William Gaskell | 1200 | " | " | Ordered to be paid |
| 268471 | Sir Theopl. Biddulph | 476 | 13 | " | do |
| 345850 | John Sullivan | 383 | " | . | do |
| 236558 | Henry Hawes | 217 | 15 | " | do |
| 377426 | James Mc. Meeking | 70 | " | . | Deferred |
| 147053 | John Furnivall | 66 | 3 | . | Ordered to be paid |
| 298471 | Richd. K. Rotherham | 50 | . | . | do |
| 364756 | Geo. Skillaker | 46 | 12 | 1 | do |
| 364671 | Samuel Gilbert | 10 | 5 | " | do |
| 278992 | Barnes Austin | 1 | 19 | 9 | do |
| 318818 | Edinburgh Rail Compy. | 1 | 9 | . | do |
| 334839 | William Batts | , | 18 | 6 | do |
| 313314 | George H W Young | . | 15 | , | do |
| 375416 | Hugh Cameron | . | 15 | " | do |

The Managing Director reported that he had drawn the following Checks No 332 Tims, assessments & Losses, one quarter, £113. 0. 3 No 333 A Beaumont Surveys £54-4-5. No 334 Weekly Salaries £46.7.0 and

and No 336 Allowance to Auditors £31.10.0.

The following Letter was received and read.

"To the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the County Fire Office — 26 Charles Street, St. James Square, 18th Febry 1859.

"Sir

"For the satisfaction of the Board, we beg "to report, that the business connected with the "transfers of the Mortgages of the West Hill and "Wimbledon Park Estates, is being proceeded with "as expeditiously as possible. The Abstracts of "Title have all been delivered and compared with the "Deeds by the Agents of the intended Transferee, and "we have no doubt the Mortgages will be paid off, "and the business completed, within 2 months from "this time. We remain Sir

Yours most obediently

Batty & Whitehouse".

Read and approved 25th February 1859

Jas. Sherman

## Special Board of Directors

February 25th 1859

Present The Revd. James Sherman, Chair

| | |
|---|---|
| Dr. Richard Woodhouse | John Kinder Esq. |
| Willm Henry Stone Esq. | Geo. P. Nash Esq. |
| Talbot Barnard Esq. | Thomas Maugham Esq. |
| Henry B. Churchill Esq. | Thomas Hagger Esq. |
| Morris Pryor Esq. | William Williams Esq. |
| Revd. Isaac Spencer | Richard Dawson Esq. |

J. A. Beaumont Esq.

Read and approved the minutes of the last Board.

Examined the Bankers Cash and Bill accounts, as per their statement and the Office books, which were found to agree, and the Cash balance in the Bankers and re...

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" Deeds by the Agents of the intended Transferee, and
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" and the business completed, within 2 Months from
" this time. We remain Sir

Yours most obediently

Batty & Whitehouse".

Read and approved 25th February 1859.

Jas Sherman