

# PRESERVATION OF WANDSWORTH COMMON.

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SIR,

THE Committee are glad to be able to announce to the subscribers to Mr. Peek's Fund for the Preservation of Wandsworth Common, that they have succeeded in effecting an amicable arrangement with Earl Spencer which will secure the Common for the public enjoyment, in perpetuity, under a popular and efficient management.

It is a subject of much congratulation to the Committee, and doubtless to the whole neighbourhood also, that, instead of incurring a protracted and costly litigation, an amicable and satisfactory settlement should have been achieved.

The heads of the arrangement are, for the information of Subscribers, given below.

To confirm and carry into effect such an arrangement, an Act of Parliament is necessary, and the Fund already collected, though not amounting to the full sum of £5000 originally mentioned, being considered sufficient to obtain an Act, the Committee propose so to use as much of it as may be necessary for the purpose. Mr. Peek has sanctioned the application of his proportionate contribution to the above purpose, and the Committee assume that you will not object to your subscription's being devoted to so desirable a consummation.

We are, SIR,

Yours faithfully,

A. P. BOYSON,

J. C. BUCKMASTER.

*Secretaries to the Committee.*

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## HEADS OF ARRANGEMENT.

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- (1) Lord Spencer to convey his estate and interest in Wandsworth Common, as at present uninclosed (except part of the Black Sea), to a body of Conservators, to be appointed partly by Government but chiefly by the ratepayers of the two parishes of Battersea and Wandsworth, who are to keep the Common open and uninclosed, and to preserve it for local and public use for purposes of exercise and recreation.
- (2) The consideration for the Conveyance to be an Annuity to Lord Spencer, his heirs and assigns, of £250 a year, being *one half* the amount which he at present derives from the digging of gravel and other manorial rights.
- (3) Lord Spencer to be at liberty to inclose part of the Black Sea in consideration of his having reduced the Annuity above mentioned from £500 to £250.

(N.B. Earl Spencer insisted that, in any case, the Black Sea should be filled up; and the Committee were advised that they could not prevent this.)

- (4) Such Annuity and the expense of managing the Common to be raised by subscriptions and donations, and by a rate (which it is proposed shall not exceed one halfpenny in the pound) levied upon all property rated to the poor rate in the parishes of Battersea and Wandsworth.



THE BATTERSEA AND WANDSWORTH COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF  
WANDSWORTH COMMON.

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*The Committees for the two Parishes were combined at a joint meeting on the 22nd October last.*

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30th December, 1870.