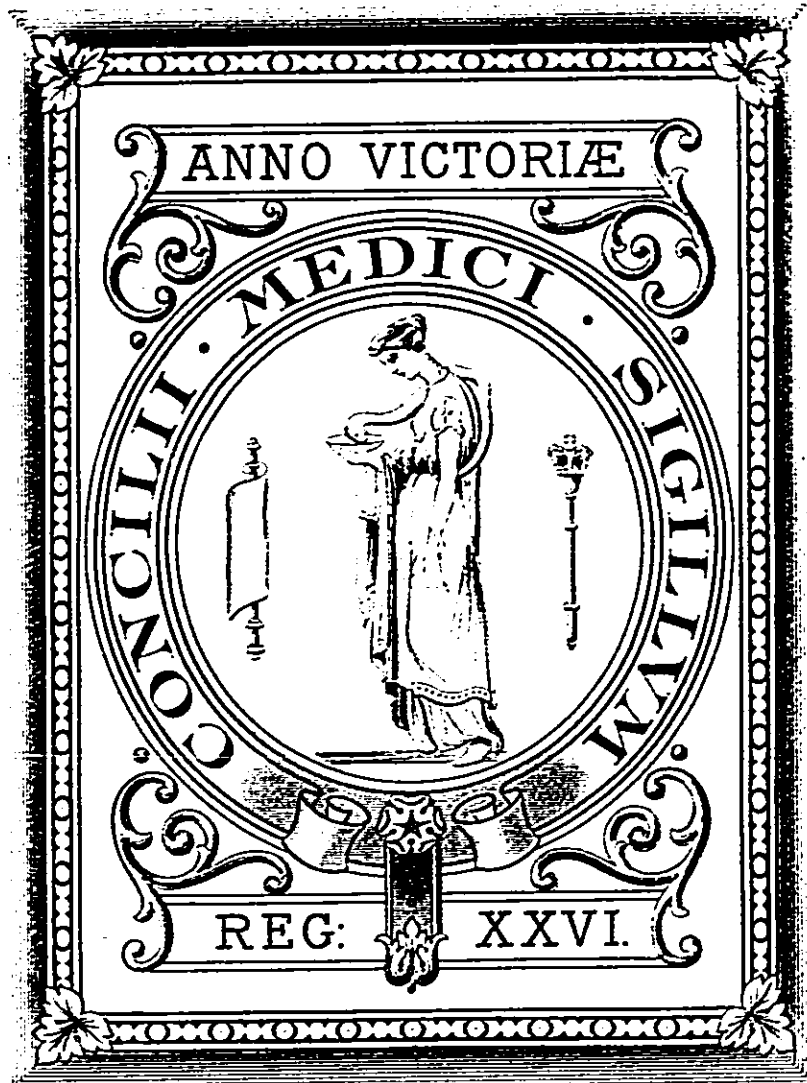


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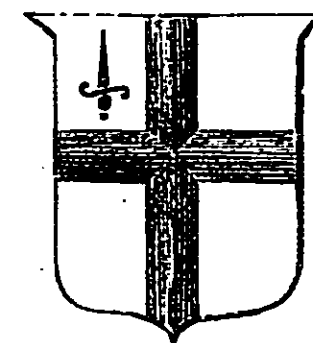
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COMMITTEE IN RELATION TO THE ROYAL HOSPITALS.

SAMUEL WILSON, Esquire, Alderman,

IN THE CHAIR.

A COPY of the Memoranda, References, and Documentary Evidence relative to the Royal Hospitals of this City, as prepared under the direction of this Committee, was delivered in.

ORDERED, that the same be printed, and a copy thereof sent to every Member of the Court of Common Council and the City Officers.

WOODTHORPE.

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WOODTHORPE.

INTRODUCTION.

THE Court of Common Council having appointed a Committee in the year 1834, to inquire and report to what extent and by what means the benefits and control of the Royal Hospitals, originally granted by the Crown to the citizens of *London*, have been alienated from them, and on the best mode of recovering such original rights, or of exercising whatever degree of control is still retained by that court, and empowered the Committee, in the present year, "to print such papers and documents respecting the matters referred to them as they might think proper for the information of the court," the Committee directed an abstract or narrative relative to the foundation of those Hospitals, and the regulations which had been made from time to time for their control and management, to be prepared, to accompany a portion of the documentary evidence which had been originally laid before them, in order that the same might be printed for the information of the court; and in pursuance of these directions the following Memoranda, commencing from the year 1123, and continued down to the present time, together with additional documentary evidence, have been collected from the Close and Patent Rolls and records in the Tower, the Statutes of the Realm, the archives of the City of *London*, and other authentic sources, a reference or authority being given for each statement.

It will appear, from a perusal of these Memoranda and documents, that after the Crown, in the reigns of *Henry* the Eighth and *Edward* the Sixth (a), had by letters patent confirmed their

(a) Memoranda, p. 9, 11.

grants (b) of the Hospitals of *St. Bartholomew* and *Bethlem*, and of *Bridewell*, *Christ's*, and *St. Thomas's*, to "the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London," the control of these Hospitals was wholly in the Corporation of *London*, power being given and granted to the "Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens for the time being, at all times and always thereafter, when and as often as to them it should seem expedient or necessity should so require, to ordain, constitute, and make all such fit, wholesome, and honest ordinances, statutes, and rules for the right government of the Hospitals as to them should seem good;" and also "full power and authority to the said Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens, from time to time, to nominate, appoint, make, create, and ordain such and so many officers, ministers, or governors under them in the aforesaid Hospitals or either of them, as to them should likewise seem good and convenient, without the impeachment of the king, his heirs or successors, any statute, act, law, or ordinance, heretofore made or hereafter to be made, to the contrary notwithstanding" (c); and that their control over *Bethlem* Hospital was further confirmed by the charter of *Charles* the First (d). That the city, its inhabitants and the companies, were assessed and contributory towards their support and maintenance (e); that, from the year 1546 to the present period, the city, under their agreement with King *Henry* the Eighth and a subsequent decree in the Court of Chancery, have made an annual payment to *St. Bartholomew's* Hospital (100*l.* per ann.), which payment is charged upon a portion of their estates for ever (f); that from the year 1582 to the present time they have, by various Acts of Common Council, given to *Christ's* Hospital the benefits and advantages arising from the licensing of carrs, carts, and carrooms, to work for hire within the city (g); that the Corporation have made rules, orders, and regulations for the management and control of the Hospitals generally (h); that they have caused investigations to be

(b) In their Indentures of Covenant these Sovereigns respectively promise to the city, for themselves and their successors, to be ready in all time to come, to give whatever further confirmation may be requisite to secure the city in the full enjoyment of these foundations.—See App. p. 19—58.

(c) App. p. 57—69, 78. (d) Mem. p. 82. (e) Mem. p. 9, 12, 14.  
(f) Mem. p. 6, 51. (g) Mem. p. 81. (h) Mem. p. 13, 14, 18, 47.

made into such management (i)—required and enforced the production of accounts (k)—decided questions arising out of disputed elections by the governors (l)—appointed courts of governors to be held at the Hospitals for elections and the dispatch of their general affairs and business (m)—admitted, allowed, and confirmed the appointments of governors (n)—withheld the Hospital seal upon various occasions, till they were fully satisfied of the propriety of the same being affixed to the deeds and documents presented by the governors for that purpose (o)—denied the seal to presentations of parties elected by the governors to livings (p)—elected others to those livings in lieu of those chosen by the governors (q)—and sealed the presentation of one of those parties so elected by them with the common seal of the city (r).

By the ordinances made by the Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens in the year 1557, under the letters patent, it was ordained that the governors should be sixty-six at the least, citizens and freemen of the city, of whom fourteen should be aldermen and fifty-two commoners, who should remain in office two years only, and that all elections of governors should be ratified and confirmed, or reformed, by the Court of Aldermen (s); but in progress of time, when other than corporate governors were admitted, various disputes and contentions arose between them and the Corporation, which were continued to the year 1782, when an Act of Parliament was passed confirming certain articles of agreement between the Corporation of *London* and the several other persons then acting as governors of the said several Hospitals respectively, on behalf of themselves and others acting as governors; by which articles of agreement, amongst other things, the Court of Common Council were to nominate and appoint forty-eight members of the said court, out of which number the names of twelve should be sent to *St. Bartholomew's* Hospital, twelve to the united Hospitals of *Bridewell* and *Bethlem*, twelve to *Christ's* Hospital, and twelve to *St. Thomas's* Hospital, to be governors thereof respectively (t).

(i) Mem. p. 14, 15, 18, 19, 22, 30, 31, 32, 54. (k) Mem. p. 34. (l) Mem. p. 16. (m) Mem. p. 21, 33, 39, 44, 53. (n) Mem. p. 19, 22, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 44. (o) Mem. p. 28, 42, 47, 48, 56. (p) Mem. p. 58. (q) Mem. p. 57, 59. (r) Mem. p. 59. (s) App. p. 78, 79. (t) App. p. 137.

From that time till the year 1808 the Corporation did not take any measures relating to the Hospitals; but a complaint being then made to them respecting the admission of improper objects into *Christ's Hospital*, they, after an ineffectual attempt to get a committee of governors appointed to investigate the subject, instituted proceedings in the Court of Chancery against that Hospital, for a reformation of the abuses complained of, which came on for hearing before Lord *Eldon*, then Chancellor, in the month of *July*, 1811; but in consequence of the children objected to being removed from that establishment, the Corporation did not apply for his lordship's decision (*u*).

Proceedings took place in the years 1827-8 in that Hospital, on a proposition to extend further the admission of unqualified (that is unfree) children; an opinion of counsel was then taken (*x*), and a regulation ultimately adopted, whereby each governor was at liberty to present an unfree child alternately if he thought proper (*y*).

Discussions respecting the management of the Hospitals generally, and the control of the Corporation over them, having arisen in the Court of Common Council, they, in the year 1834, appointed the Committee (*z*) under whose directions and sanction the following Memoranda have been prepared and printed.

JAMES FRANCIS FIRTH.

Town Clerk's Office, Guildhall,  
November, 1836.

(*u*) Mem. p. 60 to 63.      (*x*) The present Lord Chief Justice *Tindal* and Lord *Abinger*, and the late *John Bell*, esq.      (*y*) Mem. p. 67.      (*z*) Mem. p. 68.

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## M E M O R A N D A .

THE Hospital of *St. Bartholomew* in *West Smithfield* is stated to have been founded between the years 1123 and 1133, by *Raherus*<sup>1</sup> the jester or minstrel of King *Henry* I., who becoming serious, obtained of that king a grant of a void space of ground in the west suburbs of *London*, called *Smithfield*, whereupon he built a priory, and on the south side thereof he also built an hospital for a master, brethren, and sisters, and for poor diseased persons till they got well, for women with child until delivered, and for the maintenance of the children born there, until the age of seven, if their mothers died in the hospital<sup>2</sup>.

Neither the grant of King *Henry* I. to *Raherus* of the land in question nor the deed of foundation of the hospital is recorded, yet there is a charter of that monarch dated at *Westminster* in the year 1133, granting divers liberties and privileges not only to the priory but also to the hospital. "Know ye that I have granted, and by this my present charter confirmed, to the church of the Blessed *Bartholomew* of *London*, and to *Raherus* the prior, and the regular canons serving God in the same church, and to the poor of the hospital of the said church, that<sup>3</sup>," &c.

<sup>1</sup> Ex Cod. Cotton. Vesp. B. ix. in Mus. Brit. See also *Newcourt's* Repertorium, i. p. 293; *Mon. Anglic.* ii. p. 166; *Stow's* Survey, ed. 1633, p. 415.

<sup>2</sup> "Ad omnes pauperes infirmos ad idem hospitale confluentes quousque de infirmitatibus suis convaluerint, ac mulieres pregnantes quousque de puerio surrexerint, neonon ad omnes pueros de eisdem mulieribus genitos, usque septennium, si dictæ mulieres infra hospitale prædictum decesserint."—*Rot. Claus.* 26 *Edw.* III., m. 28.

<sup>3</sup> "Sciatis me concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse ecclesiæ Beati *Bartholomæi* de *London*, et *Raherio* priori, et canonibus regularibus in eadem ecclesia Deo servientibus, et pauperibus hospitalis ejusdem ecclesiæ, quod," &c.—*Cart. Antiq.* in *Turr. Lond.* L. n. l.

King *John* in the fifth year of his reign confirms the annexation of the hospital to the priory, as it was in the time of King *Henry I.*, in the following terms<sup>1</sup>:—"But the aforesaid hospital house, and all which to the aforesaid house belongs, shall be in the disposition, ordinance, and subjection of the prior and canons of the aforesaid church, as they were in the time in which *Raherus* the first prior of the aforesaid church founded the same, and as they were in the time of King *Henry*, the grandfather of King *Henry* our father; and if any one will separate the said hospital house from the aforesaid church, and from the subjection of the prior and canons, he and all which to him belongs shall become the right of the king."

The deed endowing the hospital not being recorded, the nature, names, and value of the lands cannot be known.

In the fourteenth year of the reign of *Henry III.*, (1230), the brethren of the Hospital of *St. Bartholomew* without *London* were exempted from the payment of 5s. 6d., assessed as a tallage upon their land in the village of *Hatfield*, in the county of *Essex*<sup>2</sup>.

Various grants were made to the master and brethren of the Hospital of *St. Bartholomew*;—*viz.* of rent, 10th *Edw.* I.<sup>3</sup>; of licence to cut and remove their corn on their manors in *Essex* and *Middlesex*, 9th *Edw.* II.<sup>4</sup>; of a messuage in the suburbs of *London*, 14th *Edw.* II.<sup>5</sup>; of rents issuing from tenements in *Castlebaynard*, 16th *Edw.* II.<sup>6</sup>; of a messuage, shops, and rents in the suburbs of *London*<sup>7</sup>, and of thirty-seven acres of land in *St. Giles* and *St. Botolph* without *Aldgate*<sup>8</sup>, 18th-19th *Edw.* II., in aid of the support of the poor and infirm in the said hospital; of licence to enclose two void plots of ground in *Smithfield* contiguous to their manse, and to hold the same so enclosed for the enlargement of their

<sup>1</sup> "Sed prædicta domus hospitalis et omnia quæ ad prædictam domum pertinent sint in dispositione et ordinacione et subiectione prioris et canonicorum prædictæ ecclesiæ, sicut fuerunt eo tempore quo *Raherus*, primus prior prædictæ ecclesiæ, eam fundavit, sicut fuerunt tempore *Henrici* regis, avi *Henrici* regis patris nostri: si quis vero prædictam domum hospitalis a prædicta ecclesia et subiectione prioris et canonicorum separare voluit, ipse et omnia quæ ad ipsum pertinent in jus regali deveniant," &c.—Cart. 5 Johan.

<sup>2</sup> Rot. Claus. in Turr. Lond. 14 *Hen.* III., m. 15.

<sup>3</sup> Pat. 10 *Edw.* I., m. 22.

<sup>5</sup> Pat. 14 *Edw.* II. p. 2, m. 19.

<sup>7</sup> Pat. 18 *Edw.* II. p. 2, m. 12.

<sup>4</sup> Pat. 9 *Edw.* II. p. 2, m. 8.

<sup>6</sup> Pat. 16 *Edw.* II. p. 1, m. 4.

<sup>8</sup> Pat. 19 *Edw.* II. m. 34.

manse, 19th *Edw.* II.<sup>1</sup>; of the manor of *Statley*, 44th *Edw.* III.<sup>2</sup>; and of rents in *Delham* and *Ramsden Bellhouse* in *Essex*, 16th *Rich.* II.<sup>3</sup>

In the 11th *Hen.* VI. a grant was made by the advice of Parliament to the prior and convent of *St. Bartholomew*, to depute the execution of the repairs of their aqueduct in *Iseldon*, called *Cannonesbury*, (the water of which is conveyed by pipes underground) to the master and brothers of the Hospital of *St. Bartholomew*, to be done at their cost, and one moiety of the water to be conducted by pipes into the hospital, and they to pay the prior and convent an annual rent of 6s. 8d.<sup>4</sup>

An *Inspeximus* was granted, 8th *June*, 2d *Hen.* VI., confirming a charter of the 7th *Hen.* V., confirming divers charters of liberties granted to the priors, canons, and Hospital of *St. Bartholomew* in *Smithfield*, *viz.* three of *Henry I.*, two of *Henry II.*, two of *Richard I.*, one of *John*, and one of *Richard II.*, confirming three previous charters of the 17th *Edw.* II., 18th *Edw.* I., and 37th *Hen.* III., confirming various donations<sup>5</sup>.

Shortly previous to the dissolution of the monasteries by King *Henry VIII.* the rents of assize and other rents and farms in *London* and its suburbs belonging to *St. Bartholomew's* Hospital were worth 292l. 4s. 6d., in *Middlesex* 30l. 11s., in *Essex* 38l. 6s. 8d., in *Berks* 12d., in *Northampton* 6l. 6s. 8d., in *Somerset* 66s. 8d., in *St. Alban's* 6s. 8d.; total, 371l. 3s. 2d., subject to payments amounting to 66l. 6s. 9d., leaving a balance of 304l. 16s. 5d.<sup>6</sup>

Entries respecting tenements in *London* given to *St. Bartholomew's* Hospital for prayers for the souls of several persons, and amongst them those of *Ralph* Count of *Stafford*, *Ralph Basset*, &c., of divers lands in *Hendon*, and of other matters respecting the said hospital, occur in the patent rolls of *Edw.* I., II., and III., *Rich.* II., and *Hen.* VI.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Pat. 19 *Edw.* II. p. 1, m. 5.

<sup>2</sup> Pat. 44 *Edw.* III. p. 1, m. 3.

<sup>3</sup> Pat. 16 *Rich.* II. p. 1, m. 2.

<sup>4</sup> Pat. 11 *Hen.* VI., m. 3.

<sup>5</sup> Rot. Pat. 2 *Hen.* VI. p. 1, m. 4. Another charter of the same reign was granted to this hospital without date.

<sup>6</sup> Valor Ecclesiasticus, temp. *Hen.* VIII.

<sup>7</sup> 10 *Edw.* I. p. 1, m. 20.—Pro Hospitale Sancti *Barth'*, *London*.

25 *Edw.* I. p. 1, m. 15.—Pro Hospitale Sancti *Barth'*, *Smythfield*.

19 *Edw.* II. p. 1, m. 23.—Pro Hospitale S. *Barth' mei* de *Smythfield*.

4 *Edw.* III. p. 2, m. 25.—Pro Hospitale S. *Barth' mei*, *Smythfield*.

5 *Edw.* III. p. 1, m. 32.—Pro Hospitale S. *Barth' ei* de *Smythfield*.



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL was founded upon the site of the late Grey Friars. The void plot of ground near to St. Nicholas Shambles, whereon that friary was erected, was purchased by John Erwin, a mercer, for Franciscan friars, who came out of Italy in 1224, and obtained to be placed in Cornhill, London, in a house belonging to John Travers, one of the sheriffs that year<sup>1</sup>.

St. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL was first founded by Richard Prior of Bermondsey, in the sellerer's ground against the wall of the monastery, in the year 1213. He named it the Almery, or house of alms, for converts and poor children; for which ground the prior ordained that the almoner should pay 10s. 4d. yearly to the sellerer at Michaelmas. In 1215, Peter de Rupibus, Bishop of Winchester, founded the same more fully for canons regular, in place of the first hospital, and increased the rents to 344l. yearly. The hospital was thus held of the prior and abbot of Bermondsey till 1428, when a composition was made between the abbot and the master of the hospital for all the lands and tenements which were held of the abbot in Southwark or elsewhere, for the old rent<sup>2</sup>. It was valued at 266l. 17s. 6d. by the visitors in the year 1538, and was surrendered to Henry VIII. in the thirtieth year of his reign<sup>3</sup>.

Entries of the grant to St. Thomas's Hospital of three shops and twenty cottages in Birchin lane, in exchange for one messuage, thirty-eight acres and a half of land, an acre of meadow land, seventy-eight acres of marsh land, and 23s. 5d. rent in East Greenwich in the county of Kent; of the manor of Freres, a water-mill, and two gardens in Beddington, Croydon, Mitcham, and Carshalton, in exchange for certain tenements and lands in South-

<sup>14</sup> Edw. III. p. 3, m. 22.—Pro Priore S. Barth' mei, Smythfield.

<sup>48</sup> Edw. III. p. 1, m. 28.—"Joh'nes de Tamworth c'licus amortizavit diversa tenementa in London, Hospitali S. Barth' mei de Smythfield, London, ad orandum pro animabus diversorum, et præ cæteris pro animabus Rad'i Comit' Staff., Rad'i Basset, Rob'ti de Kildesby, Emerici Cokett avunculi Joh'is et Joh'nis de Harlaston, consanguinei sui, ac Aliciæ quondam uxoris suæ," &c.

<sup>16</sup> Rich. II. p. 2, m. 2.—Pro Hospitale S. Barth' de Smithfield.

<sup>24</sup> Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 5.—Pro Hospitale Sancti Bartholomei de West Smithfield, London, de diversis terris in Hendon.

<sup>1</sup> Stow's Survey of London, ed. 1633, p. 340.

<sup>2</sup> Stow, p. 456.

<sup>3</sup> Stow, p. 457.

wark, and of other matters respecting that hospital, are in the patent rolls of Edw. II., Edw. III., and Rich. II.<sup>1</sup>

BETHLEM HOSPITAL, or the Hospital of St. Mary of Bethlem, was founded in the year 1247 by Simon Fitzmary, sheriff, near the church of St. Botolph without Bishopsgate. He founded it to have been a priory of canons, with brethren and sisters; and Edward III., in the fourteenth year of his reign, granted a protection for the brethren "militiæ Beatæ Mariæ de Bethlem," within the City of London. It was an hospital for distracted people<sup>2</sup>.

BRIDEWELL. King Edward VI., 10th April, 1553, gave to the mayor, commonalty, and citizens of London his house of Bridewell, to be a workhouse for the poor and idle persons of the city, and 700 marks, lands of the Savoy rents (which hospital he had suppressed), with all the beds, bedding, and other furniture belonging to the same, towards the maintenance of the said workhouse of Bridewell and of St. Thomas's Hospital, Southwark<sup>3</sup>. The value of the above lands is stated to have been 600l. per annum<sup>4</sup>.

King Henry VIII. having suppressed the religious houses, the sick, lame, and impotent poor within the city were reduced to

<sup>1</sup> 2 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 3, 4.—Pro Hosp. Thomæ de Southwerk, bis.

<sup>4</sup> Edw. II. p. 1, m. 22.—Pro Hospitale Thomæ de Southwerke.

<sup>4</sup> Edw. II. p. 2, m. 18.—Pro Hospitale Thomæ de Southwerk.

<sup>6</sup> Edw. II. p. 1, m. 4.—Pro Hospitale Thomæ de Southwerke.

<sup>8</sup> Edw. II. p. 2, m. 13.—Pro Hospitale Thomæ de Southwerke.

<sup>3</sup> Edw. III. p. 2, m. 28.—Confirm' pro Hospitale Thomæ Martyr, de Southwerke.

<sup>23</sup> Edw. III. p. 1, m. 8.—Pro magistro Hospitalis S. Thomæ de Southwerke, London.

<sup>23</sup> Edw. III. p. 2, m. 19.—Pro magistro Hospitalis S. Thomæ de Southwerke.

<sup>26</sup> Edw. III. p. 1, m. 17.—Pro magistro Hospitalis Sancti Thomæ de Southwerke.

<sup>42</sup> Edw. III. p. 2, m. 2.—"Adam de Bury, aldermannus London, concessit Hospitali Thomæ de Southwerk tres shopas et vigintia cotagia in Burcher lane, London, in escambio pro uno messuagio, triginta et octo acris terr' et dimid', una acra prati, 78 acris marisci, et 23s. 5d. redd' in East Greenwich in com' Kancie."

<sup>2</sup> Rich. II. p. 1, m. 19.—"Rex confirm' Nich'o de Carreu in feodo, maner' vocat' Freres manor, unum molendinum aquaticum, ac duos gardinos in Bedington, Croidon, Micheam, et Karshalton, in escamb' pro certis tenementis et terris in Southwarke et Lambeth, dat' Hospitali Thomæ de Southwarke."

<sup>2</sup> Stow's Survey, ed. 1633, p. 173. For the grant of Simon Fitzmary see Stow, loc. cit. In the patent rolls, 3 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 19, is an entry "Pro Hospitale de Bethleem extra Bishopsgate, London."

<sup>3</sup> Stow, p. 456.

<sup>4</sup> Stow, p. 344.

great distress, so much so that, in the thirtieth year of his reign (1538), the mayor, aldermen, and commonalty of the City of *London* addressed a petition to his Highness, praying that the mayor and his brethren, or such other as should stand most in his gracious favour, should and might from thenceforth have the order, rule, disposition, and governance of the hospitals or spitals commonly called *St. Mary's Spital*, *St. Bartholomew's Spital*, and *St. Thomas's Spital*, and the New Abbey at *Tower-hill*, with the rents and revenues appertaining to the same, for the only relief of the poor, sick, and needy persons<sup>1</sup>.—See Appendix, No. I.

The same king, on the 23d *June*, in the thirty-sixth year of his reign (1544), in order that there might be comfort to the prisoners, visitation to the sick, food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, clothes to the naked, and sepulture to the dead, established upon the late hospital of *St. Bartholomew* in *West Smithfield*, a new hospital, to consist of one Master, a priest, and four chaplains, the first to be called Vice-master, the second Curate, the third Hospitaller, and the fourth Visitor of prisoners in *Newgate*, and gave them the site of the late hospital, and all the lands, privileges, liberties, and customs, &c. appertaining thereto<sup>2</sup>.—See Appendix, No. II.

In contemplation of the king granting the city "certain convenient places for the receipt, comfort, and lodging of the poor people of the said city," which he was willing to endow with lands and tenements to the clear yearly value of 500 marks, on condition that the citizens would be bounden yearly for ever to give other 500 marks to the said use and intent, the Common Council, on the 13th of *April* in the 37th *Hen. VIII.* (1546), enacted that the citizens and their successors, by their writing sufficient in law under their common seal, should be bound for the yearly payment of 500 marks accordingly<sup>3</sup>.—See Appendix, No. III.

By an indenture made the 27th of *December*, 38th *Henry VIII.* (1546), between the king and the mayor, commonalty, and citizens of *London*, it was agreed that his Majesty would by letters patent give and grant to the said mayor and commonalty and citizens, and their successors for ever, the church and house of the late

<sup>1</sup> Jor. 4, fo. 129.

<sup>3</sup> Jor. 15, fo. 245.

<sup>2</sup> Rot. Pat. 36 *Hen. VIII.* p. 2, m. 41.

*Grey Friars* within the city, and all the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging; also that he would grant to the said mayor, commonalty, and citizens, and their successors for ever, the church and late Hospital of *St. Bartholomew* in *West Smithfield*, otherwise called the Hospital of *Little St. Bartholomew*, with all mansions, parsonages, lands, tenements, rents, &c., as well spiritual as temporal, thereunto of late belonging, saving so much thereof as were reserved to the king; also that he would assure to the said mayor, commonalty, and citizens and their successors for ever, the parish churches of *St. Nicholas* and *St. Ewin* within *Newgate*, and all messuages, lands, tenements, &c., thereunto belonging; and that he would grant to the said mayor, commonalty, and citizens and their successors, that the church of the late *Grey Friars* should be a parish church, to be named and called *Christchurch* within *Newgate*, which should be the parish church as well for the inhabitants within the precincts of the site of the house of the late *Grey Friars* as for the inhabitants of the parishes of *St. Nicholas* and *St. Ewin*, and that all the houses and buildings of the said parishes, and the inhabitants thereof, should be part and parcel of the parish of *Christchurch*; also that the king would be further content that the late Hospital of *St. Bartholomew* should be a place and house for the relief and sustentation of poor people, and be called "the House of the Poor in *West Smithfield* in the suburbs of the City of *London*, of King *Henry* the Eighth's foundation;" that there should be one priest in the parish of *Christchurch* which should be called Vicar, and one other priest who should be called the Visitor of *Newgate*, who should attend to visit the prisoners in *Newgate* from time to time, as necessity should require, and five other priests to help the vicar; and that at the parish of *Little St. Bartholomew* there should be one priest to be called the Vicar, and one other priest to be called the Hospitaller, to visit and minister to the poor; and that the said mayor, commonalty, and citizens, and their successors, should have and enjoy in proper use for ever the parsonages and church of *Christchurch* and *Little St. Bartholomew*; and that they should from time to time have the nomination and appointment of the visitor of *Newgate*, the five other priests of *Christchurch*, and of the hospitaller, and of all other officers and ministers, with power of amoval of any of them for any notable crime or offence, and of

appointing others in their stead; also that he would make an incorporation of a vicarage and vicar perpetual in *Christchurch*, and a vicarage and vicar perpetual in *Little St. Bartholomew's*; and further, that the said mayor, commonalty, and citizens, and their successors for ever, should have and enjoy the advowsons, gifts, presentations, and parsonages of the said vicarages.

In consideration of which the said mayor, commonalty, and citizens agreed and granted that, within three months after the licence to be made to them for the endowment of the aforesaid vicarages and vicars, they would make grants under their common seal to the vicars respectively, of a mansion-house and annual pension to each; and that they would sustain a priest to be called visitor of *Newgate*, and five other priests for *Christchurch*, and also two clerks and a sexton; and that they would make and provide, at the site of the late *St. Bartholomew's Hospital*, sufficient lodging for one hundred poor men and women, and for one matron and twelve women under her, to make the beds and wash and attend on the said men and women, finding to all of them perpetually sufficient meat, drink, bedding, clothing, wood, coals, and all other things meet, convenient, and necessary for them; and also one priest to visit and minister to the poor folks there; and also a parish clerk and a sexton at *Little St. Bartholomew's*, and one steward for the provision of the poor at *St. Bartholomew's Hospital*, one receiver and collector, one porter, one butler, and one cook; and also eight persons to be beadles, to bring to the said hospital such poor, sick, aged, and impotent people as should be found going abroad in the city and suburbs, not having wherewith to be sustained, and to expulse and avoid such valiant and sturdy vagabonds and beggars as they should find daily within the said city and suburbs; also that they would find one physician, one surgeon, and provide all manner of apothecary ware and other things meet, necessary, and convenient for the help or healing of the poor, sick, and impotent people: in consideration of which, and of the charges the mayor, commonalty, and citizens would sustain, the king agreed to grant to them and their successors for ever, a power to take and receive lands, tenements, revenues, &c., by purchase, gift, or otherwise, to the yearly value of 1000 marks over and above the premises, lands, tenements, &c., already granted; they covenanting that the whole yearly profits, after

finding the vicars, priests, ministers, and other officers, should be wholly bestowed and go to the relief and sustentation of the poor, &c.

And the king further granted that the said mayor, commonalty, and citizens and their successors should be masters, rulers, and governors of the hospital or house called *Bethlem*, without and nigh the gate called *Bishopsgate*, and should have the order, rule, and government of the same hospital and of the people there; and should have full power and authority to sue and cause the rents, revenues, and profits of the lands and possessions of the same hospital to be employed and bestowed to the relief of the poor people there, according to the true meaning of the foundation of the same or otherwise, as it should please the king.—See Appendix, No. IV. And for the letters patent, dated 13th *January*, 38th *Henry VIII.* (1547), confirming this agreement, see Appendix, No. V.

1548, 26 *Apr.* 1 *Edw.* VI.—The above letters patent were delivered in to the Court of Aldermen, who directed them to be delivered to the chamberlain; and on the 6th *May* following the same were referred to certain aldermen and commoners theretofore appointed to take pains to abridge the yearly revenues and profits of the said house and hospital, and the yearly charges to be borne out of the same, and to report<sup>1</sup>.

When the Corporation had entered into these engagements with the Crown, they heartily endeavoured to raise and collect money to perform their part of the contract; for the Common Council, on the 29th *September*, in the first year of the reign of *Edward VI.* (1547), made a grant of the half of a fifteenth, to be assessed on the citizens and inhabitants, towards sustaining, maintaining, and finding the poor personages in the house or hospital lately erected and founded by King *Henry VIII.*<sup>2</sup>—See Appendix, No. VI. And on the 20th *December*, in the 2nd of *Edward VI.* (1548), they passed an Act applying the profits of the great beam, the beam of the steel-yard, the iron beam, package, gauging of wine and fish, and sundry other offices, towards the relief and sustentation of the said poor<sup>3</sup>. And they further passed an Act at the same time for

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 11, fo. 346, 349.

<sup>2</sup> Jor. 15, fo. 325.

<sup>3</sup> Jor. 15, fo. 398.

assessing the several Companies to pay the annual sum of 500 marks<sup>1</sup>.—See Appendix, No. VII.

1549, 17 *Apr.* 2 *Edw.* VI.—The Court of Aldermen directed all leases of hospital lands to be signed by four governors<sup>2</sup>.

1549, 25 *Sept.* 2 *Edw.* VI.—The Court of Aldermen agreed to obtain an Act of Common Council, whereby the lord mayor and aldermen should have the power of yearly nominating two aldermen and four commoners, to be governors and surveyors of the House of the Poor, to be associated with two other aldermen and four commoners who had already stood in the office one year, and two other aldermen and four commoners who had stood two years, to be removed; and two aldermen and four commoners who had been continued governors one year and more, were, for certain causes, continued another year, and four aldermen and four commoners appointed to join with them<sup>3</sup>.

1549, 29 *Sept.* 2 *Edw.* VI.—The Court of Common Council passed an Act, that four aldermen for the time being, and eight of the head commoners of the city, should always, from thenceforth, have the survey, rule, order, and governance of the House of the Poor in *West Smithfield*, and of all lands and tenements, rents, revenues, goods, and chattels thereunto belonging; that the lord mayor and aldermen for the time being should have full power and authority to nominate, elect, and appoint the said four aldermen and eight commoners from time to time, as often as to them should seem meet and expedient, and that the aldermen and commoners so nominated should continue in office two whole years, and that the lord mayor and aldermen should yearly, at the feast of *St. Michael*, or within fourteen days before it, remove and discharge those aldermen and commoners who had continued in their office two years, and in their stead and place newly to elect and appoint other two aldermen and four commoners to be associated with the remainder, and the nominations accordingly made by the lord mayor and aldermen ratified and confirmed<sup>4</sup>.

1552, 10 *Sept.* 5 *Edw.* VI.—The Court of Aldermen passed an order to add the late lord mayor for the time being to the four aldermen and eight commoners directed to be appointed by the

<sup>1</sup> *Jor.* 15, fo. 399 b.

<sup>3</sup> *Rep.* 11, fo. 494.

<sup>2</sup> *Rep.* 11, fo. 450.

<sup>4</sup> *Lib. Legum*, fo. 215.

Act of Common Council for the House of the Poor in *West Smithfield*<sup>1</sup>.

In 1552, Sir *Richard Dobbes*, mayor, orders were devised for the relief of the poor; the inhabitants were called to their parish churches, where, by the lord mayor, the aldermen, or other grave citizens, they were by eloquent orations persuaded how great and how many commodities would ensue unto them and their city if the poor of divers sorts, which they named, were taken from out their streets, lanes, and alleys, and were bestowed and provided for in hospitals abroad, &c.; therefore was every man moved liberally to grant, what they would impart, towards the preparing and furnishing of such hospitals, and also what they would contribute weekly towards their maintenance for a time, which (they said) should not be past one year or twain until they were better furnished of endowment. To make short, every man granted liberally according to his ability: books were drawn of the relief in every ward of the city towards the new hospitals, and were delivered by the mayor to the king's commissioners on the 17th of *February*, and order was taken therein so as the 26th *July*, 1552, the repairing of the Grey Friars house, for poor fatherless children, was taken in hand; and also, in the latter end of the same month, began the repairing of the Hospital of *St. Bartholomew*, and was of new endowed, and furnished at the charges of the citizens<sup>2</sup>.

In the year 1552, the citizens of *London* having purchased the void suppressed Hospital of *St. Thomas* in *Southwark*, in the month of *July* began the reparations thereof for poor, impotent, lame, and diseased people<sup>3</sup>.

1553, 26 *Apr.* 6 *Edw.* VI.—The Court of Aldermen appointed three aldermen and three commoners to survey and govern *St. Thomas's Hospital*<sup>4</sup>.

On the 12th *June*, 1553, an indenture of covenants was made between the king of one part, and the mayor, commonalty, and citizens of *London* of the other part, respecting *Bridewell*, *Christ's* and *St. Thomas's Hospitals*.—See Appendix, No. VIII.

The same king, by his letters patent dated 26th *June* in the seventh year of his reign (1553), granted and confirmed the

<sup>1</sup> *Rep.* 12, fo. 373 b.

<sup>3</sup> *Stow*, p. 457.

<sup>2</sup> *Stow*, p. 418.

<sup>4</sup> *Rep.* 12, fo. 476.

Hospitals of *Christ*, *Bridewell*, and *St Thomas the Apostle* to the mayor, commonalty, and citizens of *London*, with all their possessions, &c.<sup>1</sup>—See Appendix, No. IX.

1556, 12 *Nov.* 3 and 4 *Ph.* and *Mar.*—The Court of Aldermen appointed sundry aldermen to join with other aldermen and the rest of the governors of *Christchurch* and *Bridewell* in the travail and pains to be taken for the benefit of those houses; and the wardens of the Companies who had not paid the sums taxed for the charges at *Bridewell* to be committed till paid<sup>2</sup>.—See Appendix, No. X.

1556, 26 *Nov.* 3 and 4 *Ph.* and *Mar.*—The Court of Aldermen ordered that the devise and order lately made and taken by Sir *Martin Bowes* and other aldermen, appointed to travail for the politic governance of *Christ's*, *St. Thomas's*, and *Bridewell* Hospitals should be entered of record, to the intent that the same might be observed, &c.<sup>3</sup>—See Appendix, No. XI. *Note.*—These orders do not appear to be entered of record.

1557, 5 *Aug.* 4 and 5 *Ph.* and *Mar.*—The Court of Common Council passed an Act alluding to a former Act passed 20th *December*, 2d *Edw.* VI., respecting the profits of the great beam and sundry other offices, (sec. 30) whereby they enacted (amongst other things) that from thenceforth “the lord mayor of the said city for the time being, and such of the aldermen, commonalty, and citizens of the said City of *London* as shall be appointed by the Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the same city for the time being to be governors of the possessions, revenues, and goods of the Hospitals of King *Edward* VI., of *Christ*, *Bridewell*, and *St. Thomas the Apostle*, and their successors for evermore, shall not only have, receive,” &c.

And it was thereby further enacted, “That if at any time or times hereafter any manner of question, scruple, doubt, or ambiguity shall fortune to be made, grow, or arise of or upon any word, clause, or sentence mentioned or contained within this present Act of Common Council, that then every such doubt, scruple, or question shall always be interpreted, expounded, and declared by the lord mayor and aldermen of the said city for the

<sup>1</sup> Pat. 7 *Edw.* VI. p. 13.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. 13, fo. 454.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 13, fo. 448 b.

time being, or the more part of them, according to the true meaning and intent of every such word, clause, and sentence, and of the makers of the said Act, as near as they can; and that the same their interpretation, declaration, and exposition of every such doubt, question, or ambiguity, shall be taken and adjudged from time to time of like effect, force, and authority as if it had been contained within this present Act<sup>1</sup>.—See Appendix, No. XII.

1557, 28th *Sept.* 4 and 5 *Ph.* and *Mar.*—The Court of Aldermen agreed that all the articles and ordinances then read concerning the government and ordering of the House of the Poor in *West Smithfield*, and the hospitals of the city, lately devised by Sir *Martin Bowes* and Sir *Rowland Hill*, knights, and divers other aldermen and commoners of this city being governors and surveyors at that present of the said houses, should be entered of record and from thenceforth put in due execution<sup>2</sup>. *Note.*—These articles and ordinances do not appear to be entered of record, but were printed in 1557, under the title of “The Order of the Hospitalls of K. *Henry* the VIIIth and K. *Edward* the VIth, *vis.* *St. Bartholomew's*, *Christ's*, *Bridewell*, *St. Thomas's*.”—See Appendix, No. XIII.

1558, 16 *June*, 4 and 5 *Ph.* and *Mar.*—The common seal for *Christ's*, *Bridewell*, and *St. Thomas's* Hospitals was brought into the Court of Aldermen and delivered to the chamberlain<sup>4</sup>. That court, on the 9th *September*, 3d *Eliz.* (1561), ordered a new common seal to be made<sup>5</sup>, and on the 4th *November*, 3d *Eliz.* (1561), a new seal was made for sealing the writings of any of the hospitals, or *Bridewell*, the House of the Poor, or *Bethlem*, to be kept by the chamberlain in a purse sealed with the seal of the lord mayor and such of the aldermen of the grey cloak as should be present when used, and all writings to pass under the seal to be first examined by three aldermen and four commoners, and subscribed by them<sup>6</sup>.

1561, 2 *Sept.* 3 *Eliz.*—The Court of Aldermen ordered that Mr. *Bowes* and Mr. *Offley*, aldermen, *Lawrence Wyther*, salter, — *Foulkes*, clothworker, *Anthony Gage*, salter, and *Robert Offley*,

<sup>1</sup> Lib. Legum, fo. 253.

<sup>3</sup> Printed copy in City Library.

<sup>5</sup> Rep. 14, fo. 532.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 13, fo. 545.

<sup>4</sup> Rep. 14, fo. 39.

<sup>6</sup> Rep. 15, fo. 1.

haberdasher, should have the survey, ordering, and letting to farm the house of *Bethlem* and the lands and possessions of the same, at their discretions, for the profit of the city<sup>1</sup>.

1561, 24 *Apr.* 3 *Eliz.*—A precept was issued by the lord mayor to the aldermen of all the wards, for continuing the weekly contributions of the citizens for the support of the hospitals<sup>2</sup>.—See Appendix, No. XIV.

1565, 19 *July*, 7 *Eliz.*—The Court of Aldermen confirmed sundry orders made by the governors of *Bridewell* Hospital for punishment of offenders<sup>3</sup>: and on the 6th *December* following they confirmed an order made by the masters of *Christ's* Hospital, for going yearly to the Spital sermons<sup>4</sup>.

1566, 29 *Sept.* 8 *Eliz.*—The Court of Aldermen directed the governors of *St. Thomas's* Hospital, at the charge of the hospital, to provide a physician, to look diligently at all times to the poor sick there<sup>5</sup>.

1567, 29 *July*, 9 *Eliz.*—The Court of Aldermen appointed seven aldermen to peruse, view, and understand perfectly the state and condition of all the city's hospitals, and to reform such misdoers as they should find in any of them, either in respect of maintaining more poverty or children in any of them than ought to be, and to take order for the custody of the money or treasure of any of the houses, and for the reformation of all such things as they should find amiss<sup>6</sup>.

1567, 30 *Sept.* 9 *Eliz.*—A precept was issued by the mayor to the governors of *Christ's* Hospital and to the governors of every other hospital, to provide a strong sure chest to be their treasure chest, having three locks and keys, one to be kept by the president, another by the treasurer, and the third by the ancient governor, being a commoner, with various other directions in respect of keeping books and auditing of accounts, &c.<sup>7</sup>—See Appendix, No. XV.

1588, 12 *Nov.* 30 *Eliz.*—The general auditors of the three hospitals were to audit the accounts of *Bridewell*, consider the state of that house, and to report thereon to the Court of Aldermen<sup>8</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 14, fo. 524.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. 15, fo. 454.

<sup>5</sup> Rep. 16, fo. 115.

<sup>7</sup> Jor. 19, fo. 67.

<sup>2</sup> Jor. 17, fo. 310.

<sup>4</sup> Rep. 15, fo. 506.

<sup>6</sup> Rep. 16, fo. 261.

<sup>8</sup> Rep. 322, fo. 3.

1588, 14 *Jan.* 31 *Eliz.*—The auditors of the four hospitals, with two aldermen, were to audit the accounts of *Christ's* Hospital, and devise the best means of paying the debts thereof<sup>1</sup>.

1589, 22 *Mar.* 32 *Eliz.*—The Court of Aldermen referred it to several aldermen, the treasurers of the four hospitals, with three haberdashers, one ironmonger, one barber-surgeon, one goldsmith, one salter, and one grocer, to devise means how *Bridewell* might be maintained<sup>2</sup>; and on the 24th of the same month they appointed a committee to consider in what state *Bridewell* was when Mr. *Warfield* left the place of treasurer, and by what means the debts and charges had arisen<sup>3</sup>, who reported thereon on the 27th *April*<sup>4</sup>.

1590, 29 *May*, 32 *Eliz.*—The Court of Common Council passed an Act appointing two aldermen and fifteen citizens, or any eight, to devise means how *Bridewell* should be maintained and the arrears repaid<sup>5</sup>.—See Appendix, No. XVI. Their report, addressed "To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Right Worshipful the Aldermen of the City of *London*, and the Common Council of the said City," was made to the Court of Aldermen on the 25th *June*, 32d *Elizabeth*, in which they stated the arrears due from the hospital were 376*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.*; that the whole revenues given by the king to the three hospitals had of long time been wholly received by *St. Thomas's* Hospital, and that at the foot of the account ending *Lady Day*, 1590, remained a balance of 188*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*, and that 100*l.*, part thereof, should be paid to *Bridewell* within fourteen days, without any retribution to be made, and 100*l.* more at the feast of *St. Bartholomew* towards the present supply, and 200*l.* a-year afterwards, by quarterly payments, as they had of a long time received the whole revenue<sup>6</sup>. This report was ordered to be entered into the Repertory.

There is not any entry of this report of the proceedings of the Court of Common Council on the Journal, but at a Common Council held on the 1st of *August*, 32d *Elizabeth* (1590), an Act was passed for the payment of the above-mentioned sums by the governors of *St. Thomas's* Hospital accordingly<sup>7</sup>.—See Appendix, No. XVII.

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 22, fo. 18.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. 22, fo. 155.

<sup>5</sup> Jor. 22, fo. 389.

<sup>7</sup> Jor. 22, fo. 438 b.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 22, fo. 151. b.

<sup>4</sup> Rep. 22, fo. 163.

<sup>6</sup> Rep. 22, fo. 184.

1592, 11 Apr. 34 Eliz.—A doubt and question having arisen in the Court of Aldermen touching the election of a clerk for *Bridewell* Hospital between two parties, whether was lawfully elected, for appeasing the same they ordered the governors to be called together on a day fixed by the court, and proceed to a new election, and two aldermen were directed to be present at the election, to see the same well and orderly done<sup>1</sup>.

1604, 25 Sept. 2 Jas. I.—It was ordered by the Court of Aldermen that from thenceforth none of the governors of *Christ's*, *Bridewell*, *St. Thomas's*, and *St. Bartholomew's* Hospitals, belonging to the city, should be chosen at any other time or places, but only at *Christ's* Hospital yearly, on *St. Matthew's* day, and not elsewhere or otherwise<sup>2</sup>.

1610, 27 Sept. 8 Jas. I.—*John Pollard*, the treasurer of *Bridewell*, with several of the governors of the hospital, attended the Court of Aldermen, when the governors much commended the pains and service of *Pollard* as treasurer for many years, and therefore thought him worthy to be gratified in such manner as the court should think fit by other means, and not by grant of hospital lands, on which he relinquished his suit for a lease of some of those lands; and the court delivered their general opinion, that they did not hold it fit that lands given to the hospital for charitable uses should be granted to the governors for their service, but be granted for valuable considerations and at the best improvement, and be employed according to the meaning of the donors; nevertheless, on the motion of the governors, and in regard of *Mr. Pollard's* good service, the court have a purpose to gratify him with some such consideration as they shall be persuaded his service has deserved; and they resolved to let the tenements to the best profit of the hospital; and also agreed, when the leases of the wharfs belonging to the hospital should be expired, that the same should not be let, but kept in the hands of the governors and employed for the general good of the house<sup>3</sup>.

And on the 16th *October* following a question was put in the said court whether any gratification should be given to *Mr. Pollard*; and albeit the court were of opinion that his service

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 22, fo. 367 b.  
<sup>2</sup> Rep. 29, fo. 289.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. 26, fo. 439.

deserved much commendation, yet after deliberate consideration they resolved that it was not fit to make any such precedent, that men that serve in such places of rule and government should be rewarded for their services out of the revenues of the hospitals, which are given to be employed for charitable and good uses, or other gratifications whatsoever, but that, according to ancient custom of the city, a treasurer should continue but two years in any such place and then be removed, and a new treasurer elected, and for those two years to perform his service gratis<sup>1</sup>.

1614, 30 Apr. 12 Jas. I.—On hearing and debating a matter in controversy between divers of the committees, governors of *Bridewell*, and *Wm. Luson*, who was recently suspended by them from being a governor of that hospital, the Court of Aldermen conceived the same to be rather unadvisedly done than of just cause, and ordered him to be continued a governor; and also ordered that the grant of a lease of a house and wharf should be stayed till further heard by them, and all the entries made by the committees in both cases to be made void, and as the court should find cause they would grant a lease<sup>2</sup>.

1614, 11 May, 12 Jas. I.—The matter respecting the said lease was further considered, and nineteen governors of *Bridewell* attending, it was declared to them by the court that they had supreme authority to examine the orders and proceedings of the governors of all the hospitals in all matters and causes concerning the government thereof, and to approve, ratify, or otherwise alter or annihilate such their proceedings as cause should require; and the governors being asked whether they would submit to the power of the court, being advertised, if they should resist, those resisting would be displaced from being governors, seventeen freely conformed and submitted and two dissented, and maintained that the court had no power to alter or make void what the governors had once passed; for which it was ordered that they should no longer be or continue governors, nor intermeddle with any business concerning the hospital, and the beadles were commanded not to summon them for the future<sup>3</sup>.

1615, 18 Apr. 13 Jas. I.—The Court of Aldermen gave 50*l.* out

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 29, fo. 303 b.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 31, fo. 311 b.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 31, fo. 299 b.

of the Bridge-house, as their free gift to Mr. *Pollard*, for his services<sup>1</sup>.

1624, 5 Aug. 22 Jas. I.—They appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the hospitals, with instructions to peruse the rentals, and report<sup>2</sup>.

1644, 26 Mar. 19 Chas. I.—A report from the president, three treasurers, and eleven governors of *Christ's*, *Bridewell*, and *St. Thomas's* Hospitals, addressed to the lord mayor and aldermen, is entered. This report alludes to an Act of Common Council made the 11th *October*, 1587, touching the regulating those hospitals; but on reference to the Journal it appears, although there was a Common Council on that day, there is not any entry of an Act or order respecting the hospitals. The report recommends the lord mayor for the time being to order the constables and beadles of the wards to search from time to time for all sorts of rogues, vagrants, idle women, and children, which beg, wander, and lie idle in the streets, and bring them to *Bridewell*, to be seen and examined by the governors thereof, assisted by two governors of each of the other hospitals, and to dispose and sort the sick poor, and lame who are curable, to *St. Bartholomew's* and *St. Thomas's*; the small children, not able to work and born in the city, in *Christ's* Hospital, to be brought up and taught, and when twelve years old to send them back to *Bridewell* to be employed in some good occupation; and the stout and sturdy rogues and vagabonds, and the women and others of small strength, to be employed in *Bridewell*. The report is dated the 29th of *April*, 1643, and is signed by the president, three treasurers, and eleven governors, and the following note made thereto: "We, whose names are subscribed, have perused this report, and conceive it to be according to law, and may produce good to the city.

PET. PHEASAUNT<sup>3</sup>. JOHN GREENE<sup>4</sup>."

The report being openly read in the Court of Aldermen was allowed of and ordered to be entered on the Repertory, and to be performed in all things<sup>5</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 32, fo. 94.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 38, fo. 204.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. *Pheasaunt* was a serjeant-at-law and common pleader, 1643, and recorder for a short time in that year.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. *Greene* was a serjeant-at-law and judge of the Sheriff's Court.

<sup>5</sup> Rep. 57, fo. 98.

1677, 21 Feb. and 1678, 16 Apr., 29 and 30 Chas. II.—Committees of aldermen were appointed to consider the ancient constitution and practice of admitting governors, and other matters respecting the hospitals<sup>1</sup>.

1677, 5 Mar. 29 Chas. II.—Several governors of *Christ's* Hospital attending, acquainted the Court of Aldermen with the contents of an order made by the president and governors in *February*, 1676, respecting the admission of children into that hospital, with their grounds and reasons for the same, which the court approved, and assented that the order should be observed for that year, intending to take the same into further consideration<sup>2</sup>.—See Appendix, No. XVIII.

1678, 3 Sept. 30 Chas. II.—The Court of Aldermen ordered the treasurers of all the hospitals to deliver an account of the names of all the governors, with a particular mark upon those who are tenants of any of the lands or revenues of the hospitals<sup>3</sup>.

1680, 19 Oct. 32 Chas. II.—The matter in controversy between the president and governors of *Christ's* Hospital and the president and governors of *St. Bartholomew's* Hospital, then represented to the Court of Aldermen, respecting precedence, was referred to a committee<sup>4</sup>.

1681, 15 Nov. 33 Chas. II.—The president, treasurer, and governors of *St. Bartholomew's* Hospital presented a petition concerning arrears due to them from *Christ's* Hospital, and also the allowance of 500 marks *per annum*, agreed to be made by the city at the foundation thereof, which was referred to the four presidents to certify how they found the same, and their opinions thereon<sup>5</sup>.

1681, 9 Feb. 33 Chas. II.—An order was passed that no person should thereafter be appointed or admitted a governor of any of the hospitals, unless approved and allowed of by the court in the manner anciently accustomed<sup>6</sup>.

1681, 14 Feb. 33 Chas. II.—A governor for *Bridewell*, and two for *St. Bartholomew's* Hospital admitted, and a reference made to the presidents of the four hospitals and four aldermen, to inquire

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 83, fo. 117, 164 b.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. 83, fo. 280 b.

<sup>5</sup> Rep. 87, fo. 12.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 83, fo. 134.

<sup>4</sup> Rep. 85, fo. 237.

<sup>6</sup> Rep. 87, fo. 86 b.



into and examine the ancient method of managing the hospitals, and appointing governors<sup>1</sup>.

1681, 17 Mar. 33 Chas. II.—The lord mayor acquainted the court he had received a letter from Sir *John Nicholas*, one of the clerks of the council, whereby it is signified that his Majesty having by letters patent appointed commissioners for visiting *St. Thomas's Hospital*, the said commissioners had appointed to meet at the council chamber, and expected some persons on behalf of the city to attend them with the original charters, statutes, and ordinances, and true transcripts thereof, to be compared by and kept with them. The court ordered the charter, which they understood was lodged at *Christ's Hospital*, to be brought to them on Monday morning next, and the president was desired to cause the same to be brought accordingly, and the town clerk directed to inform himself if such visitation has been formerly made, and how the three hospitals of *Christ's*, *Bridewell*, and *St. Thomas's*, being all of one foundation, came to be divided<sup>2</sup>.

1681, 20 Mar. 33 Chas. II.—On reading a letter from the lords commissioners for visiting *St. Thomas's Hospital*, directed to the lord mayor, wherein it is mentioned that their lordships expected some persons on behalf of the city to attend on Wednesday next with the original charters, statutes, and ordinances of that hospital, the court ordered three aldermen to attend their lordships on Wednesday next, and humbly to represent to them, that the said charter being granted to the mayor and commonalty and citizens of the city, the lord mayor and aldermen cannot deliver the same without the consent of the commons in Common Council assembled; and if their lordships please to signify such their commands to be communicated to the Common Council, it is not doubted but that they would be answered with all ready obedience<sup>3</sup>.

1682, 10 Oct. 34 Chas. II.—On debate touching the practice sometime used in *Christ's Hospital*, of deciding questions by a balloting box, it was ordered that the court appointed to be held there to-morrow for the election of a physician should be put off, and that there be no proceeding in the said election till the governors be first heard before the court touching the use of a balloting box<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 87, fo. 93.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 87, fo. 126 b.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 87, fo. 125.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 87, fo. 236.

1682, 17 Oct. 34 Chas. II.—The court being informed that divers governors had been admitted since their order of 9th *February* last, without their approbation, ordered the clerks of the hospitals to bring into court on Thursday next the names of the governors admitted since making that order; and also ordered the clerk of *Christ's Hospital* to bring the minutes of the two last courts held at the hospital, that the court might receive satisfaction in a matter debated touching the election of a physician for the hospital<sup>1</sup>.

1682, 19 Oct. 34 Chas. II.—Order for a general court to be held at *Christ's Hospital* on Wednesday next three weeks, for the election of a physician; the same to be made without the use of a balloting box, unless the governors appear on that day sevensnight and show good reasons to the satisfaction of the court to the contrary<sup>2</sup>.

1682, 22 Oct. 34 Chas. II.—On a request made to the court for a further day to be allowed the governors of *Christ's Hospital*, to offer their reasons for the use of a balloting box, the court appointed that day fortnight for the governors to attend and be heard<sup>3</sup>.

1682, 7 Nov. 34 Chas. II.—On debate in the court touching the ancient constitution for the governors of *Christ's Hospital*, some particulars thereof having been suggested in an address now presented from the governors of that hospital, the court referred it to the presidents of the hospitals and five aldermen to examine and consider the original constitutions for the government of the said hospitals, and what establishments have been made therein by Common Council or otherwise, and to report that day sevensnight how they find the same<sup>4</sup>.

1682, 14 Nov. 34 Chas. II.—On a motion by the president of *Christ's Hospital*, in his place as a member of the Court of Aldermen, the order for a general court at *Christ's Hospital*, to be held to-morrow for the new election of a physician, was deferred to the 29th inst., that the governors of the hospital, or the committee who lately attended the court by order of the governors touching that matter, may in the mean time have and peruse a copy of the

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 87, fo. 248 b.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 87, fo. 259.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 87, fo. 252 b.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 88, fo. 1.

abstracts now presented to the court out of the city's books touching the ancient institution and government of the hospitals<sup>1</sup>.

1682, 23 Nov. 34 Chas. II.—The president and governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital were allowed to have a copy of the paper brought in, being the draft of a report on the controversy between that and Christ's Hospital; and the Court of Aldermen resolved that hereafter, when the names of persons elected governors are presented to the court for their approbation, the court do not declare their approbation until the next court after such presentment made, to the end the court may be duly informed of the persons so presented<sup>2</sup>.

1682, 22 Mar. 34 Chas. II.—The case of St. Bartholomew's Hospital against Christ's Hospital, touching monies due from them, appointed to be heard before the court on the 24th April next, by counsel, if they please<sup>3</sup>.

1683, 24 Apr. 35 Chas. II.—The time extended to the Monday after Whitsuntide. when a court is to be specially summoned, and the governors of the hospitals then to come prepared<sup>4</sup>.

1688, 7 Jan. 3 Jas. II.—The Court of Aldermen ordered that all persons who had been at any time before, as well before the judgment upon the *Quo warranto* as since, appointed governors of St. Thomas's Hospital, should be summoned as governors to the courts thereafter to be held for the affairs of that house<sup>5</sup>.

1690, 23 Oct. 2 Wm. and Mar.—The clerk of St. Thomas's Hospital ordered on the next Thursday to give an account of the names of all the governors at the time of entering judgement on the *Quo warranto*—what governors have been since appointed—when—and by whom<sup>6</sup>? And the court referred it to a committee of aldermen to search into the original constitution of nominating and appointing governors of the several hospitals, and of the qualifications of such as are to be appointed, and to report on the following Thursday<sup>7</sup>.

1690, 28 Oct. 2 Wm. and Mar.—The clerk of Christ's Hospital ordered, by that day sevensnight, to deliver an account in writing, how and in what manner the governors of that hospital were

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 88, fo. 9 b.  
<sup>2</sup> Rep. 88, fo. 115.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 94, fo. 81.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 95, fo. 181 b.

<sup>5</sup> Rep. 88, fo. 20 b.  
<sup>6</sup> Rep. 88, fo. 124.  
<sup>7</sup> Rep. 95, fo. 181.

anciently nominated and appointed, and when and how the same came to be altered, and the names of the governors at the entering judgement upon the *Quo warranto*, who have been since appointed governors, and by whom<sup>1</sup>.

1690, 25 Nov. 2 Wm. and Mar.—The clerk of Christ's Hospital directed to bring to the committee for the hospitals a true copy of letters patent of Edward VI., touching the foundation of that and other hospitals<sup>2</sup>.

1690, 13 Jan. 2 Wm. and Mar.—The court desired the president of St. Bartholomew's to order their clerk to deliver in a true copy of the letters patent of Henry VIII., for settling that hospital in the city; the president of Christ's Hospital to order their clerk to deliver in a copy of the letters patent of Edward VI., for founding that and Bridewell and St. Thomas's Hospitals; and the presidents of all the hospitals to order the clerks to return the names of all the present governors which are freemen, and who were governors at the judgement upon the *Quo warranto*, who have been since admitted, and when<sup>3</sup>.

1690, 10 Mar. 3 Wm. and Mar.—The committee appointed on the 23d of October last reported that they had examined the grant of Edward VI., and found he thereby granted that the mayor, commonalty, and citizens, and their successors, should be named and called the Governors of the possessions, revenues, and goods of Christ's, Bridewell, and St. Thomas's Hospitals; be a body corporate and politic for ever; have perpetual succession, a common seal, &c.: and gave authority to the mayor, commonalty, and citizens to make statutes and ordinances for well governing the hospitals, and to nominate, appoint, make, create, and ordain such and so many officers, ministers, and governors under them in the said hospitals as shall be thought meet by their discretions, to the intent the poor therein may be well and honestly provided for.

That by an Act of Common Council, 5th August, 4th and 5th Ph. and Mar.<sup>4</sup>, it was ordained that the lord mayor for the time being, and such of the aldermen, commonalty, and citizens as should be appointed by the Mayor and Court of Aldermen for the

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 95, fo. 181 b.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 95, fo. 208 b.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 95, fo. 196.  
<sup>4</sup> Appendix, No. XII.

time being to be governors of the possessions, &c., and their successors for evermore [shall not only, &c.] That, pursuant to that Act, certain ordinances were made by the Court of Aldermen for the government of the hospitals, and how the governors should be chosen<sup>1</sup>, amongst which is one for a general court to be held at *Christ's Hospital* on *St. Matthew's day*, to elect and choose governors for the four hospitals; and according to which order the new governors were presented to and approved by the Court of Aldermen till the year 1615. That although the entry of confirmation of new governors by the Court of Aldermen was omitted for many years, *St. Matthew's day* was observed for election of governors, and the mayor and aldermen summoned to that court, till the judgement in the *Quo warranto*; and forms of admissions of governors are annexed. [There is a memorandum in the margin to the following effect: "The forms of admission of governors mentioned to be annexed were never delivered in, but there was a printed charge, which is given to the governors upon their first admission, annexed thereunto."] That there are two orders of the court, of 9th *February*, 1681, and 17th *October*, 1682, requiring none to be admitted governors but such as are approved by the court. That they did not find any authority for altering the way of election, or for electing other than citizens for president and governors of the hospitals, or any or either of them. And in regard that they had not received nor seen the letters patent of *Henry VIII.*, for founding *Bartholomew's Hospital*, nor any copy thereof, they could not make any report concerning the same. The report was well liked, approved, and ordered to be entered on the *Repertory*<sup>2</sup>.

For the charge which every governor of *Christ's Hospital, London*, is to take in the presence of the president or treasurer, and other governors assembled in court, at his admittance into the said society<sup>3</sup>, see *Appendix*, No. XIX.

1690, 12 *Mar.* 3 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—Mr. *Tindall* appeared before the Court of Aldermen, and proposed to discover several sums of money due by gifts, legacies, and other ways to several of the hospitals of the city, which had been long concealed, to the

<sup>1</sup> *Appendix*, No. XIV.  
<sup>3</sup> *Rep.* 95, fo. 235.

<sup>2</sup> *Rep.* 95, fo. 235.

prejudice of the hospitals; and he was desired to attend Sir *William Turner*, knight and alderman, with his proposals in writing, and confer with him touching the probability of his said discovery, who was desired to report his opinion thereon to the court<sup>1</sup>.

1691, 9 *June*, 3 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—The debate in the Court of Aldermen touching the writing the history of the charities of the hospitals was adjourned<sup>2</sup>.

1691, 14 *July*, 3 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—The Court of Aldermen ordered the president and governors of *St Bartholomew's Hospital* to lay before them, on that day sevensnight, their charter, or a copy thereof, and a list of all the governors<sup>3</sup>.

1691, 21 *July*, 3 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—Sir *John Lawrence*, knight and alderman, president of *St Thomas's Hospital*, acquainted the Court of Aldermen that some persons formerly employed as surgeons in that hospital being lately, for several good causes, dismissed from their employments by a general court of governors, had made their complaint to her Majesty in council, whereupon the governors were ordered to attend her Majesty. The court recommended the president and governors to attend accordingly, and vindicate the city's right to the regulation and government of the said hospital; and the court deferred the consideration of Mr. *Fraser's* request to see the constitutions of the hospitals, the better to enable him to write a history of them<sup>4</sup>.

1691, 28 *July*, 3 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—The Court of Aldermen ordered the clerks of the hospitals, when they brought leases to the court to be sealed, to bring a note of the particulars of the things leased, the fines and improvements, and the former and present rent<sup>5</sup>.

1691, 30 *July*, 3 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—A further order passed the court for a copy of the charter, and a list of the governors of *Bartholomew's Hospital*, to be delivered in<sup>6</sup>.

1691, 6 *Aug.* 3 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—Three *Bartholomew Hospital* leases were sealed, and the Court of Aldermen ordered the chamberlain to detain the same in his hands till the clerk of the

<sup>1</sup> *Rep.* 95, fo. 236.

<sup>3</sup> *Rep.* 95, fo. 305.

<sup>5</sup> *Rep.* 95, fo. 312 b.

<sup>2</sup> *Rep.* 95, fo. 285.

<sup>4</sup> *Rep.* 95, fo. 311 b.

<sup>6</sup> *Rep.* 95, fo. 318 b.

hospital brought him an exact abstract, containing a particular of the houses and lands leased, of the former and present value, the fines, and how they are improved, according to the order of the 28th July. The particulars of the said three leases are entered separately<sup>1</sup>. They further resolved that this court, at the second court to be holden after St. *Bartholomew's* tide, will assert and maintain their right and jurisdiction to the government and regulation of the said hospital, and to that end peremptorily ordered the president, treasurer, and governors to bring a copy of their charter and a list of their governors<sup>2</sup>.

1691, 8 Sept. 3 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—The Court of Aldermen ordered the city solicitor to take out a copy of the commission lately granted for the visitation of the hospitals of the city, and the town clerk to attend Mr. Serjeant *Pemberton* for his advice concerning the entering of a caveat against the commission intended for the regulation of the hospitals of the city<sup>3</sup>.

1691, 22 Sept. 3 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—The Court of Aldermen referred it to a committee to consider how far the commission directed by Her Majesty on the 18th August last, to be issued for the visitation of the several hospitals of royal foundation within this city and the liberties thereof, may affect the rights and interests of this city in their power of governing and regulating the said hospitals, and also to take such speedy and effectual care and means, that no prejudice may accrue to this city therein<sup>4</sup>.

1691, 8 Dec. 3 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—A petition from *John Brown*, late senior surgeon of St. *Thomas's* Hospital, was read in the Court of Aldermen, setting forth that some time since, upon false suggestions, and without any just and reasonable cause, he was wrongfully removed from his employment, and therefore praying to be restored by the court. They referred it to the president, treasurer, and governors of that hospital to consider the petition, and lay before the court the reasons why they removed the said *Brown* from his employment<sup>5</sup>.

1691, 19 Jan. 3 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—The hearing of the complaint of *John Brown* was, at his desire, deferred<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Rep 95, fo. 324 b.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 95, fo. 331 b, 332.  
<sup>5</sup> Rep. 96, fo. 63.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 95, fo. 326.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 95, fo. 341.  
<sup>6</sup> Rep. 96, fo. 118.

1691, 12 Jan. 3 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—The solicitor was ordered to take out copies of all the proceedings, as well before the king and council as before the commissioners of the great seal, concerning the visitation of the hospitals<sup>1</sup>.

1692, 28 Apr. 4 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—The president, treasurer, and governors of St. *Thomas's* Hospital complained to the Court of Aldermen against the farmers of the markets for prosecuting two of their tenants; which was referred to a committee to hear, mediate, and determine the matter in difference if they could, or otherwise to report thereon<sup>2</sup>.

1692, 24 May, 4 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—The Court of Aldermen referred it to a committee to peruse an answer prepared by the governors of *Christ's* Hospital, to a bill in Chancery, preferred by the attorney-general against the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of *Reading*, and other defendants, for the gift of Mr. *John Kendrick*, late of *London*, deceased, to the poor children in the said hospital, and to report their opinion thereon<sup>3</sup>.

1692, 26 May, 4 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—An alderman was added to the committee; but before they proceeded in the examination of the said answer, it was ordered that the answer be brought into the court for their better information thereon<sup>4</sup>.

1692, 2 June, 4 *Wm.* and *Mary.*—The Court of Aldermen directed Mr. *Parrey*, the clerk of *Christ's* Hospital, to attend the committee appointed to peruse the said answer, with all books, papers, and proceedings relating to that matter, for their better information<sup>5</sup>.

1692, 12 July, 4 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—The Court of Aldermen referred it to a committee to peruse the answer to a bill in Chancery preferred by *Leonard Cunditt* against the governors of *Christ's* Hospital, then brought by the said governors to be sealed; and also to examine the bill, and consider whether it would be convenient for the court to seal the said answer, and to report<sup>6</sup>.

1692, 27 Sept. 4 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—On reading the report of the committee, that they found nothing prejudicial to the city in the said answer, the court ordered it to be sealed, and it was sealed

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 96, fo. 96.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 96, fo. 272.  
<sup>5</sup> Rep. 96, fo. 298.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 96, fo. 262 b.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 96, fo. 279.  
<sup>6</sup> Rep. 96, fo. 365.

with the hospital seal accordingly<sup>1</sup>. And on the same day the court deferred sealing two leases granted by the governors of St. *Bartholomew's* Hospital till three aldermen, appointed by the court, had viewed the premises, and informed themselves of the rent and value thereof<sup>2</sup>.

1692, 10 *Nov.* 4 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—They reported they had viewed the premises, and found the house in *Well yard* newly repaired, but not let, and conceived the old rent of 10*l.* sufficient. They had likewise viewed the three tenements, and found they were let for 110*l. per annum*, and are likely to hold the rent, and conceived 10*l. per annum*, increase of rent above 8*l.*, the old rent, might be immediately advanced by the tenant. The court agreed with the report, sealed the lease of the house in *Well yard*, and resolved that the lease of the tenements, when altered according to the report, should be sealed<sup>3</sup>.

1692, 24 *Nov.* 4 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—The place of one of the surgeons of St. *Thomas's* Hospital being vacant, and the Court of Aldermen having received an ample account of the qualifications of Mr. *John Brown*, who had been formerly the eldest surgeon of that hospital, and omitted only in the last election, recommended him to the president and governors to be chosen<sup>4</sup>.

1693, 2 *May*, 5 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—Complaint being made by the treasurer of *Christ's* Hospital of great rudeness and disorders lately committed by the boys of *Christ's* and *Bridewell* Hospitals in time of service at Easter, the court referred it to the presidents of those hospitals to inquire into the disorders, and do as they should see fit; and if they cannot settle and adjust, to report the fact to the court<sup>5</sup>.

1693, 11 *May*, 5 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—The court appointed a day for hearing the said complaint<sup>6</sup>.

1693, 18 *May*, 5 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—The court, upon hearing the complaint touching the places of the boys of *Christ's* and *Bridewell* Hospitals at St. *Bride's* church, ordered, for prevention of the like in future, that, as soon as the church should be appointed for the Easter sermons, the governors of the hospitals and the church-

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 96, fo. 467.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. 97, fo. 13.

<sup>5</sup> Rep. 97, fo. 268.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 96, fo. 469.

<sup>4</sup> Rep. 97, fo. 32.

<sup>6</sup> Rep. 97, fo. 300.

wardens should attend the court for their directions in what parts of the church the boys of each hospital should be placed. And it appearing that a beadle of *Christ's* Hospital did beat a boy of *Bridewell* in *Thames street*, the court ordered that he be forthwith suspended from his office, and the proceedings on the indictment against him stayed<sup>1</sup>.

1694, 22 *Nov.* 6 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—Two answers of the governors of *Christ's* Hospital, the first to a bill in Chancery exhibited against them by — *Smith*, and the other by *David Roland*, touching *Northumberland House* in St. *Martin's le Grand*, sealed<sup>2</sup>.

1694, 11 *Dec.* 6 *Wm.* and *Mar.*—The petition of the president, treasurer, and governors of St. *Bartholomew's* Hospital, against *Christ's* Hospital, was referred to the presidents of the four hospitals, and they to accommodate the matter therein complained of if they can, or otherwise to report to the court; and a copy of the petition ordered to be sent to the president of *Christ's* Hospital<sup>3</sup>.

1695, 13 *June*, 7 *Wm.* III.—The counterpart of an indenture, dated 11 *June*, 1695, between the right worshipful Sir *Jonathan Raymond*, knight and alderman, and Dame *Anne*, his wife, of the one part, and the governors of *Christ's* Hospital of the other part, whereby the said Sir *Jonathan* and his lady, of their charitable disposition wherewith they are affected towards the said hospital, have given and granted to the said hospital a piece or parcel of ground containing, by estimation, two acres, situate near a certain messuage or tenement heretofore called *Ware place*, which said piece of ground was part of a field called *Place field*, now or late in the occupation of *Robert Thorogood*, which piece of ground is lately fenced and inclosed with a brick wall at the charge of the said hospital, for the use and benefit of the poor children of the said hospital, was sealed with the hospital seal<sup>4</sup>.

1695, 12 *Sept.* 7 *Wm.* III.—The Court of Aldermen ordered the clerk of the *Mercers' Company*, and the clerks of all the hospitals, for the future, when they brought leases to be sealed, to lay before the court a particular not only of the things demised, and the present fine or other consideration, but also the ancient rent and

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 97, fo. 314.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. 99, fo. 136.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 99, fo. 73.

<sup>4</sup> Rep. 99, Part ii. fo. 87.

what improvements thereof, pursuant to former orders, or otherwise the said leases not to be sealed<sup>1</sup>.

1695, 3 Oct. 7 Wm. III.—The court ordered the clerks of the hospitals to return to them an exact list of their governors, and the time when they were appointed, by that day week<sup>2</sup>.

1696, 16 June, 8 Wm. III.—A petition was presented to the Court of Aldermen from the vicar, churchwardens, and parishioners of *Christchurch*, complaining they are very much charged and encumbered with the maintenance of foundling children left in *Christ's Hospital*, and the wives, children, and servants of others inhabiting there, who, by virtue of residence in the hospital, they pretend are to be maintained by the parish: ordered to be heard at a subsequent court, and the petitioners, with some of the governors, to attend prepared for the purpose<sup>3</sup>.

1696, 24 June, 8 Wm. III.—The lord mayor, all the aldermen above the chair, with four other aldermen, were appointed a committee to inquire into the present state and condition of *Christ's Hospital*; to inspect the revenues, charge, and expenses of the same, and to send for such persons, papers, books, and records belonging to the hospital as should be necessary for their information<sup>4</sup>.

1696, 4 Mar. 9 Wm. III.—A writing made by the governors of *Christ's Hospital*, dated 23rd February, 1696, constituting and appointing *Joseph Damer*, of the City of *Dublin*, their agent, to receive a rent-charge of 100*l.* per annum, payable to the hospital out of lands in *Ireland*, the gift of *Erasmus Smith*, esq., with power to compound for arrears, sealed<sup>5</sup>.

1697, 8 June, 9 Wm. III.—The treasurer of *Christ's Hospital*, appearing on behalf of the governors about the arrears due and owing to the Chamber of *London*, assured the court he had paid into the chamber 100*l.* since the order, and that effectual care should be taken for the speedy payment of the residue. And the court ordered, for the future, that the governors of the said hospitals do, from time to time, pay into the chamber all such sums as they should receive for the use of the city as soon as the same are received by them<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 99, Part ii. fo. 194.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. 100, fo. 125.

<sup>5</sup> Rep. 101, fo. 148.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 99, Part ii. fo. 267.

<sup>4</sup> Rep. 100, fo. 128 b.

<sup>6</sup> Rep. 101, fo. 235.

1697, 11 July, 9 Wm. III.—An order, made at a general court for *Christ's Hospital*, being read, whereby application was ordered to be made to the Court of Aldermen for their consent and assistance for obtaining a commission of charitable uses for the more easy recovery of legacies and bequests given to that hospital; and a paper being delivered in and read pursuant to a late order of the court, setting forth that there are several sums of money bequeathed to the hospital, which, together with great arrears of interest, are due and owing, it was by the court referred to a committee of aldermen, consisting of the four presidents and two other aldermen, to consider of some effectual means for obtaining a commission of charitable uses, and that such commission should be extensive to all the hospitals of the city; and they to send for the treasurers and other members of the hospitals, as they should think fit<sup>1</sup>.

1697, 27 July, 9 Wm. III.—The city solicitor was ordered to wait on the lord chancellor, to know what time his lordship would be pleased to be attended with the committee appointed by the Court of Aldermen to obtain a commission for charitable uses<sup>2</sup>.

1697, 5 Oct. 9 Wm. III.—The Court of Aldermen resolved that, "Whereas every alderman of this city is a governor of every of the hospitals of this city, and ought of right to have notice of and be particularly summoned to all courts of the said hospitals, which of late has been, by the negligence of the clerks of the said hospitals, omitted, it is ordered by the court that all the aldermen shall be summoned for the future, as formerly, to every court to be holden for every of the said hospitals, and that the president of each hospital do order that summons be made by their officers accordingly<sup>3</sup>."

1697, 3 Feb. 9 Wm. III.—The Court of Aldermen referred it to a committee to consider of the constitution of *Christ's Hospital*, and the right of appointing the governors of the same, and state a case thereof, and advise with counsel therein if they see cause; and they to send for persons, papers, or records, and to report to the court how they found the same<sup>4</sup>.

1698, 31 Mar. 10 Wm. III.—Upon reading an order made by

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 101, fo. 281.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. 101, fo. 392.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 101, fo. 313.

<sup>4</sup> Rep. 102, fo. 116.

the governors of *Christ's* Hospital upon a proposal made by *Henry Guy*, esq., for the maintenance of two children in the said hospital, and placing them out, and so successively, as they shall die or be placed out, (upon the advance of 500*l.*, ready money, by a friend of the said *Mr. Guy*) to have a right to the like admission of two others in their room, the Court of Aldermen referred it to the committee appointed 3d *February* to consider the said proposal<sup>1</sup>.

1698, 3 *May*, 10 *Wm.* III.—Upon a proposal now made unto the Court of Aldermen to put a child of an unfreeman into *Christ's* Hospital, and the same to be continued in succession, in consideration of the sum of 500*l.* to be given to the said hospital, they referred it to a committee to inform themselves what children of unfreemen have been admitted into the said hospital, and upon what considerations, and the several gifts or legacies given for their maintenance or provision, and whether, by the constitution, such children ought to be admitted<sup>2</sup>.

1698, 11 *May*, 10 *Wm.* III.—The Court of Aldermen appointed a committee to consider the constitution of the Hospitals of *St. Bartholomew*, *Bridewell*, and *St. Thomas* Apostle, and empowered them to inquire into the state and condition of all the said hospitals, and whether the revenues given for the support and maintenance of the said hospitals, or any of them, are bestowed and employed according to the pious and charitable intentions of their respective founders and benefactors<sup>3</sup>.

1698, 11 *July*, 10 *Wm.* III.—The treasurer, clerk, and accountant of *Christ's* Hospital directed to attend the Court of Aldermen on Thursday next<sup>4</sup>.

1698, 19 *July*, 10 *Wm.* III.—Letter and other papers from *Samuel Pepys*, esq., relating to *Christ's* Hospital being read, the town clerk was directed to prepare an answer, to be perused and approved by the lord mayor before sent<sup>5</sup>.

1698, 28 *July*, 10 *Wm.* III.—The treasurer, clerk, and accountant of *Christ's* Hospital ordered to appear before the court on Tuesday next; and the treasurer and accountant, in the mean time, to sign

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 102, fo. 204.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 102, fo. 246.  
<sup>5</sup> Rep. 102, fo. 310.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 102, fo. 227.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 102, fo. 296.

the accounts laid before a committee of the court, pursuant to former orders of the court and committee<sup>1</sup>.

1698, 28 *July*, 10 *Wm.* III.—The members of the court desired to consider of a fit person to be chosen treasurer of *Christ's* Hospital against Tuesday next<sup>2</sup>.

1698, 3 *July*, 10 *Wm.* III.—Ordered by the Court of Aldermen, that no court be summoned nor held for *Christ's* Hospital without a precedent order of that court for the summoning of the same; and further ordered, that neither the treasurer nor his security be discharged till he make up his accounts to the satisfaction of the court and the trust in him reposed<sup>3</sup>.

1698, 2 *Aug.* 10 *Wm.* III.—“Whereas, upon complaint made unto the court [Aldermen] of the ill-management and misapplication of the revenue of *Christ's* Hospital, the court did some time since appoint a committee to inquire into and examine the same, and empowered them to send for such persons, papers, and accounts of the said hospital as they should judge necessary for their information touching the same, which committee could not make that effectual inquiry and progress in the matters to them referred, in regard that the papers (purporting accounts) laid before them were not signed, (and are yet refused to be subscribed by the proper officer or officers for doing the same,) insisting that they are commanded by the general court not to do it without their privity and order: To the end, therefore, that such true and perfect accounts may be signed and delivered to this court, or a committee of the same, when required, it was ordered that a general court for *Christ's* Hospital be summoned to be holden, that order may be then given for signing and giving such accounts as aforesaid, and that the treasurer or other proper officer may be enjoined to attend the court, or a committee, with such other books and papers as shall be required, that so the truth may appear, and all complaints may be examined and redressed without any further trouble or delay. And further ordered, that some of the governors of the said hospital may be then appointed to be present at the Court of Aldermen, or meeting of a committee thereof, when desired<sup>4</sup>.”

1698, 18 *Aug.* 10 *Wm.* III.—Several of the governors of *Christ's*

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 102, fo. 319.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 102, fo. 333.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 102, fo. 328.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 102, fo. 333.

Hospital appearing, delivered to the court a copy of the inscription upon Mr. *Thomas Firmin's* monument, lately erected in the said hospital by order of this court; which being read, the court concurred in opinion with the governors, that there were several expressions liable to exception, and ordered that the blind set up by order of the governors before the inscription be continued till further order of the court; and referred to four aldermen, or any two, to speak with some of the friends or relations of the deceased about preparing a more suitable epitaph<sup>1</sup>.

1698, 28 Oct. 10 Wm. III.—Some members of a committee of governors of *Christ's Hospital* appeared at the Court of Aldermen, and acquainted them that they, or some other members of the said committee, had been desired to be present at the committee of the court, and bring with them the accounts signed by the treasurer, according to former orders of the court<sup>2</sup>.

1698, 11 Nov. 10 Wm. III.—The town clerk ordered forthwith to transcribe Mr. *Pepys's* book, intituled, "A Report touching the present state and condition of *Christ's Hospital*;" and, after the copy thereof is compared with the original, to transmit the said book to the president. The clerk of the hospital ordered to transcribe the charge and articles of Mr. *Pepys* against the said hospital, which are entered in their books, and forthwith lay the same before the court<sup>3</sup>.

1698, 1 Dec. 10 Wm. III.—The clerk of *Christ's Hospital* ordered to deliver to Mr. Town Clerk the book of rules and ordinances made in the year 1557 by the mayor and commonalty and citizens for the government of the four hospitals of this city<sup>4</sup>.

1698, 1 Dec. 10 Wm. III.—Mr. Town Clerk acquainting the court that he had transcribed Mr. *Pepys's* book, and that the copy had been compared with the original, desired the court's direction therein; who ordered, that neither the said book, nor any other papers, be sent to *Christ's Hospital* until their accounts be signed and sent to this court<sup>5</sup>.

1698, 13 Dec. 10 Wm. III.—The Clerk of *Christ's Hospital* ordered to lay before the court a list of the names of the governors

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 102, fo. 340.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 17.  
<sup>5</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 54.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 102, fo. 448.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 52.

present at the court holden at the hospital on the 5th instant<sup>1</sup>.

1698, 31 Jan. 10 Wm. III.—Mr. Town Clerk ordered to send Mr. *Pepys's* book to the president and governors of *Christ's Hospital*<sup>2</sup>.

1698, 9 Feb. 10 Wm. III.—The treasurer of *Christ's Hospital* brought in accounts of receipts and payments upon the mathematical foundation in *Christ's Hospital*, from 1673 to the 19th June, 1697; also a general account of money received to the 19th February, 1697; also an account of the receipts and payments for the buildings at *Ware*, by him signed, which were referred to a committee to examine<sup>3</sup>.

1698, 13 Mar. 11 Wm. III.—The committee to meet forthwith; and Mr. *Pepys's* letter, together with his printed case of the state of *Christ's Hospital*, to be laid before them<sup>4</sup>.

1699, 28 Mar. 11 Wm. III.—The committee, together with Mr. Sheriff *Gore*, then added, to meet, &c.<sup>5</sup>

1699, 27 Apr. 11 Wm. III.—The Court of Aldermen, in acknowledgment of the great zeal and concern for the interest of *Christ's Hospital* manifested upon all occasions by *Samuel Pepys*, esq., and in hopes of his continuing the same regard and inclinations for its preservation and advancement for the future, presented him with the freedom of the city<sup>6</sup>.

1699, 20 June, 11 Wm. III.—"Sir *John Moore*, knight and alderman, and president of *Christ's Hospital*, representing unto the court his great age and infirmity of body, which rendered him unable for such attendance and application in his own person as the trust and service of that hospital (as president) required, and desiring, if the court would not permit him wholly to lay down his presidentship, it would at least have such regard to his indisposition as to nominate such a person as they should think best qualified for his assistance; the court, taking the same into consideration, and being willing to contribute as much as in them lay to his ease under the weighty duties of such a charge, complied with his request, and *Samuel Pepys*, esq. having given so

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 62.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 145.  
<sup>5</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 206.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 131.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 184.  
<sup>6</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 221.



many eminent proofs of his zeal and vigilance for the interest of that hospital, and his ability to carry on and perfect its reformation, the court was of opinion he was the most qualified person to be the assistant in the administration of the government thereof, and the court requested (it being so great an office of charity, especially at this time) that he would accept thereof<sup>1</sup>."

1699, 22 June, 11 Wm. III.—Sir James Houblon, knight and alderman, desired by the court to deliver the order to Samuel Pepys, esq., whereby he was constituted assistant to Sir John Moore, knight and alderman, in the office of president of Christ's Hospital<sup>2</sup>.

1699, 28 June, 11 Wm. III.—Resolution of 20th inst. altered as follows: "Whereas, upon the consideration had, of the many eminent proofs given by Samuel Pepys, esq., citizen and cloth-worker, one of the governors of [Christ's] hospital, of his zeal and vigilance for the interest and prosperity thereof, and also of his approved inclination and ability to carry on and perfect its reformation, this court is of opinion that the said Mr. Pepys is the person qualified for answering the foregoing request of the said Sir John Moore; this court doth therefore (with the concurrence of him the said Sir John Moore) nominate the said Mr. Pepys to his assistance in the administration of the government of the said hospital, and accordingly doth hereby authorize him to the supplying the absence and infirmities of the said Sir John Moore, by taking on him the immediate execution (as vice-president) of the duty and trust of that place, as fully in all respects as he the said Sir John Moore, in his own person, might and ought to do; and it is the request of this court that the said Mr. Pepys (in consideration of its being, at this time especially, so great an office of charity) will accept the same<sup>3</sup>."

1699, 12 July, 11 Wm. III.—Letter to be sent to the several persons that acted as governors of Christ's Hospital, read and approved by the Court of Aldermen<sup>4</sup>, viz.:

"SIR, July the , 1699.

"Whereas the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen have lately received information of the manifold ill effects of the neglect of

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 315.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 330.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 326.

<sup>4</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 350.

the ancient ordinances and rules established by their predecessors the lord mayor, commonalty, and citizens of London for the good government of Christ's Hospital, by which (among other things) the governors of that hospital are obliged to the obtaining the approval and confirmation of that court before their admission to their charge; in lieu whereof a liberty appears to have been for many years exercised of persons being (without distinction) elected, admitted to, and continued in that office in the name indeed, but wholly without the privity, much less confirmation, of the said court, not only to the raising the number of the said persons to a degree greatly exceeding what either the said ancient constitution or present service of the hospital requires, but to the exposing the same to the worst of consequences attending the remissness, improvidence, and tumultuousness of management, by which the said hospital has been reduced to the state of indigence, debt, and disorder under which it at this day languishes. His lordship and the said court being most sensibly affected herewith, and determining, by all lawful means within their power, to endeavour a speedy and effectual reformation in the same, have (among other things) been pleased to command my notifying this their determination to every of the gentlemen comprehended in the general list thereof exhibited to this court, whereof yourself, Mr. ———, are one, that if it shall stand as well with your well liking and desire to be by them so approved and confirmed, as with the circumstances of your private affairs, health, leisure, and otherwise, effectually to attend the duty and business of a governor, as the same is by the constitution declared, in the known charge to be by you taken at your admission, you may please, by subscribing the enclosed paper, (to be directed to me, ———, at my office in Guildhall, within three days after the date hereof) to enable me to notify the same to my lord mayor and the rest of my masters the Court of Aldermen, in order to your receiving (when so confirmed) their summons to the taking your said charge at the court of governors designed to be then suddenly called at Christ's Hospital.

"I am, sir, your, &c."

"Answer to the Letter sent to the Governors:

"July the , 1699.

"I do accept the invitation I have received from the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, by your letter of instant to

the office and trust of a governor of *Christ's Hospital*, and shall, upon their summons, attend the taking of my charge therein accordingly; hereby faithfully assuring them of my purpose, to the utmost of my ability, fully to perform the charitable and pious conditions of the same.

"To \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk of the city."

And it was likewise ordered that copies thereof be forthwith printed and sent to all the said persons, and that, when answers were returned to the town clerk, he should attend the lord mayor for his lordship's further directions therein.

1699, 21 July, 11 Wm. III.—The aldermen, and all the aldermen for the time being appointed by the Court of Aldermen governors of *Christ's Hospital*, as also several whose names (amongst others) were, in pursuance of the ancient rules and ordinances made for the good government of that hospital, presented to the court for their approbation, and who, in pursuance of the letters sent them by an order of the court of the 12th instant, have declared their acceptance of that trust, and their readiness to perform the charitable and pious conditions of the same, were now also approved of and appointed by the court to be governors of the said hospital; and it was ordered that their names should be forthwith returned to Mr. *Parry*, to be by him summoned to take their charge of governors at a court of governors to be held for that hospital on Tuesday next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon<sup>1</sup>.

1699, 21 July, 11 Wm. III.—"Whereas, on the eleventh of this instant July, four deeds of releases for the sum of 5000*l.*, given by the last will and testament of Mr. *John Gray*, late of *London*, merchant, deceased, to the four hospitals of the city, made by the mayor and commonalty and citizens of the city of *London*, governors of the possessions, revenues, and goods of the respective hospitals unto *Thomas Sheppard*, administrator with the will annexed of the said Mr. *Gray*, were sealed, and afterwards delivered unto *Nathaniel Tenth*, esq., upon his promise and engagement that the said sum of 5000*l.* (except 200*l.* to be allowed him for his law charges concerning the said will) should be paid into the Chamber

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 356.

of *London* within three days then next following. And it appearing unto this court held the 20th instant, that the said sum of 5000*l.* was not paid, nor the special securities belonging to the estate of the said Mr. *Gray* delivered into the said chamber; and the said releases so sealed and delivered as aforesaid have since, upon the nonpayment of the said 5000*l.* nor delivery of the said securities been demanded, but the moneys are not yet paid, or the securities delivered; it was then ordered that four other releases of the same purport should be made ready by the town clerk, to be sealed to the said Mr. *Sheppard* against this court. Now, in pursuance thereof, the said four releases being brought in, read, and approved of, were here sealed with the seal commonly used for sealing of hospital leases, and delivered to the right honourable the lord mayor to be by him kept until the said *Thomas Sheppard*, shall pay and satisfy the said 5000*l.* to the use of the said respective hospitals, in such proportions as by the said will is directed; and his lordship is desired, upon payment or delivery of such securities as aforesaid, to deliver the said releases to the said *Sheppard*<sup>1</sup>.

"It is ordered that a Court of Aldermen be summoned to meet here on Tuesday next, precisely at nine of the clock in the forenoon, in their violet gowns, in order to go to *Christ's Hospital* to hold a court there, to give the charge to the several governors this day allowed and approved of; and that the cause thereof be inserted in the summons<sup>2</sup>."

1699, 25 July, 11 Wm. III.—Several persons were presented for the approbation of the Court of Aldermen to be governors of *Christ's Hospital* as before, and they were approved and appointed, and ordered to be summoned to receive their charges<sup>3</sup>.

1699, 27 July, 11 Wm. III.—At a Court of Aldermen held this day, "*Robert Oxwick*, citizen and fishmonger (being at a court of governors on Tuesday last at *Christ's Hospital* elected to be treasurer of that hospital during the pleasure of that court, and now presented to this court for their approbation), is by this court approved and confirmed treasurer of the said hospital, according to their said election<sup>4</sup>."

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 359.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 362.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 361.

<sup>4</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 364.

1699, 14 Sept. 11 Wm. III.—“For the more solemn and regular holding the courts [at the hospital] for the future, it is ordered that every month four aldermen shall be appointed by this court [Aldermen] to be present at the said courts; and it is agreed and ordered that Sir *John Houblon*, Sir *James Houblon*, Sir *Owen Buckingham*, and Sir *Robert Beddingfield*, knights and aldermen, be present at the said court at the residue of this month and the month of *October* following<sup>1</sup>.”

1699, 19 Sept. 11 Wm. III.—Presentations to the Court of Aldermen for approbation of persons to be governors of *Christ's Hospital* were approved, the parties appointed, and to be summoned to receive their charges<sup>2</sup>.

1699, 26 Sept. 11 Wm. III.—“This day was presented unto this court [Aldermen] the election of the governors of *Christ's Hospital* within this city, made at a general court holden at the said hospital upon the feast-day of *St. Matthew* the Evangelist last past, in the presence of the right honourable the lord mayor and aldermen and others governors of the said hospital there assembled, according to ancient custom, to make election of governors for the government of the said hospital for this year next ensuing<sup>3</sup>.”

On the same day, upon reading a letter from *Samuel Pepys*, esq., to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, relating to the constitution of *Christ's Hospital*, as also of the other hospitals of this city, a reference was made to a committee to peruse and consider<sup>4</sup>.

1699, 5 Oct. 11 Wm. III.—The Court of Aldermen ordered that the lists of the names of the governors of the Hospitals of *St. Bartholomew*, *Bridewell*, and *Thomas* the Apostle be laid before them on Tuesday next; and the committee appointed 3d *February*, 1697, to consider of the constitution of the several hospitals, was directed to be summoned<sup>5</sup>.

1699, 10 Oct. 11 Wm. III.—Upon reading and debating a report delivered in by some members of the Court of Aldermen in relation to the management of the affairs of *Christ's Hospital*, that court was of opinion the residence of the treasurer therein was of absolute necessity for the due observation of the orders and

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 399.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 416.  
<sup>5</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 441, 446.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 413.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 422.

discipline of the hospital; and, as the non-residence of the then treasurer was occasioned by the late treasurer's refusal to resign the house, he was ordered forthwith to deliver possession, and in case of refusal the city solicitor forthwith to bring an ejection; and the court, being resolved to restore the government of the four hospitals to their ancient constitutions and establishment, and the charters of their foundation, agreed and ordered that, for the future, no person should be elected a governor of any of the hospitals that was not a freeman of the city; and, in pursuance of the custom and practice always observed and regarded in the hospitals till the late innovations, and to the end that such persons as should be chosen governors might faithfully discharge the trust reposed in them, and duly attend the execution thereof, it was also ordered that, for the time to come, no persons (other than the aldermen for the time being) should be admitted governors of any more than one of the said four hospitals<sup>1</sup>.

1699, 26 Oct. 11 Wm. III.—Four aldermen were appointed to sit at the courts at *Christ's Hospital* for the month of *November*; and similar appointments were made monthly till the 25th *September*, 1707<sup>2</sup>.

1699, 9 Nov. 11 Wm. III.—The beadles of the several hospitals ordered to be summoned to attend the lord mayor at Guildhall at the swearing of the constables<sup>3</sup>.

1699, 12 Dec. 11 Wm. III.—A petition of the president, treasurer, and governors of *St. Bartholomew's Hospital* was presented to the Court of Aldermen, praying that the sum of 6066*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, due from *Christ's Hospital* to the poor of that hospital, for the profits of *Blackwell Hall*, and 1800*l.* more from the profits of the *Beam*, might be paid to the poor of the said hospital, and referred to a committee<sup>4</sup>.

1699, 14 Dec. 11 Wm. III.—Presentations were made to the Court of Aldermen for approbation, of persons to be governors of *Christ's Hospital*, who were approved, appointed, and ordered to be summoned to receive their charges<sup>5</sup>.

1699, 27 Feb. 12 Wm. III.—The like<sup>6</sup>.

1699, 5 Mar. 12 Wm. III.—The clerk of *Christ's Hospital* was

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 450.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 15.  
<sup>5</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 60.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 103, fo. 482.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 50.  
<sup>6</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 172.

ordered by the Court of Aldermen forthwith to prepare a list of the governors, and of what companies they are free, and if of none, then the places of their habitations, and to put them in several columns, and lay the same before the Court of Aldermen<sup>1</sup>.

1700, 9 Apr. 12 Wm. III.—Several deeds by the treasurer and some of the governors of *Christ's Hospital*, for making that hospital more easy in relation to *Stewkly's* mortgage, were presented to the Court of Aldermen to be sealed; but there being no abstracts of the said deeds, or heads or titles produced, and the design of them only opened by the attorney for the hospital, the recorder was desired to consider of the said deeds, and whether it would consist with the safety and honour of the court to give order for the sealing of the same, and report<sup>2</sup>.

1700, 16 Apr. 12 Wm. III.—Upon reading a case laid before the Court of Aldermen by the attorney of *Christ's Hospital* touching *Stewkley* mortgage, and the recorder's opinion thereon, that the same is for the benefit of the said hospital that the writings tendered to be sealed at the last court should now be executed, the said writings were sealed<sup>3</sup>.

1700, 16 Apr. 12 Wm. III.—Sir *John Moore* tendered his resignation of the office of president of *Christ's Hospital* in consequence of age and infirmity; and the court agreed that he should surrender on the following Tuesday, when they would consider whether any more unfreemen should be admitted governors, in case they should subscribe the letter sent them the previous *July* for that purpose<sup>4</sup>.

1700, 14 May, 12 Wm. III.—The late treasurer being removed from the house at *Christ's Hospital*, the new one was directed to have possession, and to ascertain relative to fixtures, &c.<sup>5</sup>

1700, 14 May, 12 Wm. III.—Sir *John Moore* repeating his request to be allowed to resign his office of president of *Christ's Hospital*, the court unanimously resolved that he should not be permitted to surrender, but desired him to continue; and for his greater ease it was ordered that no court should be summoned or held in the said hospital without a precedent order of this court

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 182.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 237.

<sup>5</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 314.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 232.

<sup>4</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 241.

for summoning the same, to the intent some members of the court may be desired to be present to assist him thereat<sup>1</sup>.

1700, 28 May, 12 Wm. III.—Upon reading a report and estimate brought in by Mr. *Oaxwick*, the present treasurer of *Christ's Hospital* touching the charge of repairing or fitting up the treasurer's house in the said hospital, when Mr. *Nathaniel Haws* was admitted thereunto; as also a copy of a report of the committee of almoners, dated 16th *April* last, touching their opinion that all those gentlemen that had formerly taken their charge of governors of the same should be summoned as heretofore; it was ordered by the Court of Aldermen that all the members of that court should peruse the city's grant or charter touching their government of that house, and the several opinions of counsel relating to the same, and that they, or any three be a committee to consider not only of the matters aforesaid, but also of all other the misfeazances and mismanagement of the governors of the said hospital, and how the government of the same might be better regulated for time to come, and to report; and the common serjeant was desired to meet and assist the committee<sup>2</sup>.

1700, 18 June, 12 Wm. III.—A debate arising in the Court of Aldermen touching the behaviour of the subordinate officers at *Bridewell*, in refusing to comply with or obey the warrants of the respective justices of this city, which direct that several offenders therewith respectively sent thither shall receive the immediate correction of the house, yet notwithstanding are delayed to be corrected, and are very frequently bailed out without having the least punishment, to the encouragement of evil doers; the court referred the consideration thereof to the committee of the whole court, appointed 28th day of *May* last, to consider (amongst other things) of the mismanagement of the present governors of *Christ's Hospital*, and they, or any three of them, to meet on Friday next<sup>3</sup>.

1700, 25 June, 12 Wm. III.—“Whereas, at a Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, held in the Guildhall of this city the 14th day of *May* last, it was then ordered that no court for the Hospital of *Christchurch* should be summoned or held in the said hospital

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 315.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 378.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 326.

without a precedent order of this court; now it appearing unto this court, by several members thereof, that they had received summonses importing that they should be at a full court, to be holden on Wednesday, the 26th inst., to consider of a report made in *April*, and an order of the 14th of *May* last, for restoring of such governors that have heretofore taken their charge, although they refuse to subscribe the letter sent them from this court in *July* last, which said court is summoned without any such precedent order of this court, contrary not only to the aforesaid order, but of many other former orders of this court, in contempt thereof, and to the manifest denial of this court's authority in the government of the said hospital: it is therefore now ordered by this court [Aldermen] that no such court be held at *Christ's Hospital* upon the said 26th instant; and that Sir *John Moore*, president, and Mr. *Oxwick*, the present treasurer of the said hospital, be served with copies of this order, to the intent they may conform themselves hereunto<sup>1</sup>."

1700, 9 *July*, 12 *Wm.* III.—The committee appointed the 18th *June* last, of all the members of the Court of Aldermen, were directed to meet to consider the present state of *Christ's Hospital*, as also the paper of particulars laid before the court by the treasurer of the said hospital, and report what is fit to be done therein<sup>2</sup>.

1700, 17 *Sept.* 12 *Wm.* III.—The answer of the mayor and commonalty and citizens of the City of *London*, governors of the several hospitals of this city, to the bills of complaint lately exhibited in the Court of Chancery, was sealed with the Hospital seal<sup>3</sup>.

1700, 17 *Sept.* 12 *Wm.* III.—The Court of Aldermen ordered that a court of governors for *Christ's Hospital* should be held for dispatch of business of the said hospital<sup>4</sup>.

1700, 19 *Sept.* 12 *Wm.* III.—Upon reading the humble representation of the governors of *Christ's Hospital*, the Court of Aldermen resolved, "That it is the opinion of this court that it is for the good of the said hospital that all the governors who were legally elected and admitted on *St. Matthew's day*, 1698, by

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 394.  
<sup>2</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 504.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 422.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 508.

the then Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, and afterwards presented to this court, may be summoned to the court to be holden for the said hospital on *St. Matthew's day* next<sup>1</sup>."

1700, 23 *Sept.* 12 *Wm.* III.—The town clerk was ordered to lay before the Court of Aldermen the several lists of governors for the respective hospitals of this city, delivered to the lord mayor upon *St. Matthew's day* for their examination and confirmation<sup>2</sup>.

1700, 21 *Nov.* 12 *Wm.* III.—The Court of Aldermen resolved that, "Whereas a general court of the governors of *Christ's Hospital* is summoned to meet to-morrow for election of a treasurer for that hospital; it is ordered by this court that no court be held there before Tuesday next, in the afternoon, at which time the lord mayor is desired to preside; and that the said governors' objections against the present treasurer (who was duly elected, and presented by them to this court for their confirmation) be laid before this court upon Tuesday morning next; and it is further ordered, that the president, treasurer, and clerk of the said hospital be served with copies hereof this afternoon, as also with copies of the said treasurer's admission, dated the 27th of *July*, 1699<sup>3</sup>."

1700, 28 *Nov.* 12 *Wm.* III.—The treasurer of *Christ's Hospital* was ordered to attend the Court of Aldermen with the order of his admission, and the town clerk directed to lay the Minutes and Repertory, wherein the same is entered, before the court at the same time; and the court, on the Tuesday next come sevensnight, to take into consideration the present management of affairs at *Christ's Hospital*<sup>4</sup>.

1700, 10 *Dec.* 12 *Wm.* III.—A debate arising in the Court of Aldermen touching an order made 27th *July*, 1699, for the approbation and confirmation of *Robert Oxwick*, citizen and fishmonger, to be treasurer at *Christ's Hospital*, according to the tenor of his election at a court of governors held at the hospital; and a question being put whether the order should be repealed, the same was carried in the affirmative, and the order was repealed and vacated<sup>5</sup>.

1700, 4 *Feb.* 12 *Wm.* III.—The Court of Aldermen being

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 514.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 105, fo. 34.  
<sup>5</sup> Rep. 105, fo. 69.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 104, fo. 517.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 105, fo. 49.

acquainted that the clerks of *Bridewell*, or one of them, had made a frivolous and insufficient return, or procured one to be made, to a *Habeas corpus* brought to remove two persons of ill fame and conversation from *Bridewell*, who were committed by the sessions of peace to labour till the next sessions of peace, without acquainting the court, or procuring the same to be done by the proper officer, it was ordered that the clerk and porter should attend the court to answer the same, and have a copy of the return with them<sup>1</sup>.

1700, 13 Feb. 13 Wm. III.—The Court of Aldermen referred it to the recorder, the common serjeant, and the town clerk to consider of and draw up a proper return to be made to all writs of *Habeas corpus* brought to remove persons from *Bridewell*, and who ought to return the same<sup>2</sup>.

1702, 11 June, 1 Ann.—The Court of Aldermen passed an order for the books and papers relating to *Christ's Hospital*, formerly lodged in the late town clerk's hands, (*viz.*) a book or account of the receipts and payments for the mathematical school from 1673 to 18th June, 1697; a particular of receipts and payments for *Hertford* buildings; a particular of receipts and payments for *Ware* buildings; an account-book of receipts and payments of the estate of *Henry Fryer*, esq., deceased, from 1676 to 18th June, 1697; a general note of receipts and payments on *Fryer's* estate, and a note of *Fryer's* rents in 1676 and 1699,—to be delivered back to the treasurer of the said hospital or his order, upon giving a receipt for the same<sup>3</sup>.

1702, 20 Oct. 1 Ann.—The governors of *Christ's Hospital* were permitted to erect a stand, &c. in *St. Paul's* churchyard for the children, upon the occasion of the queen's visiting the city and dining in the Guildhall<sup>4</sup>.

1703, 6 Apr. 2 Ann.—The Court of Aldermen passed an order for copies of such patents relating to the hospitals of the City of *London*, wherein *St. Thomas's Hospital* is concerned, to be compared with the originals in the custody of the president, treasurer, and governors of *Christ's Hospital*; and the originals to be carried up by the treasurer of *Christ's Hospital* when desired, to be made

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 105, fo. 143.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 106, fo. 331.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 105, fo. 166.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 106, fo. 523.

use of by the president, treasurer, and governors of *St. Thomas's Hospital* at a hearing before the queen in council, and also to be laid before the attorney-general, as there should be occasion<sup>1</sup>.

1703, 13 Apr. 2 Ann.—The draft of a petition to the queen relative to the displacing of Dr. *Torless* and Mr. *Thomas Elton*, late physician and surgeon of *St. Thomas's Hospital*, was laid before the Court of Aldermen by the governors of the said hospital. The petition was read and amended, and ordered to be signed by the town clerk; and that as many aldermen as could conveniently should attend with the treasurer and governors when the same is presented<sup>2</sup>.

1703, 7 Oct. 2 Ann.—The lists of governors of the several hospitals were directed by the Court of Aldermen to remain in the town clerk's hands till further order<sup>3</sup>.

1704, 27 June, 3 Ann.—The Court of Aldermen appointed a committee to peruse the answer, tendered by Mr. *Soller* to that court to be sealed, to a bill lately exhibited in the Court of Chancery against the governors of *Bridewell Hospital* by the widow of *Mount*, late clerk of the hospital<sup>4</sup>.

1704, 30 June, 3 Ann.—The committee reported thereon, and the answer was sealed<sup>5</sup>.

1705, 27 April, 4 Ann.—The Court of Common Council passed a standing order, that none of the City's, Bridge-house, and Hospitals improved rents, of the value of 5*l.* per annum, should be let until publication thereof be first made in the public prints; and the same to bind all committees for the City's, Bridge-house, and Hospital lands for the future<sup>6</sup>.

1705, 11 Nov. 4 Ann.—The Court of Aldermen ordered that when any hospital leases should be tendered to be sealed, there be inserted in the several dockets thereof the consideration and last rent the premises in them severally mentioned were leased at; and that notice of this order be sent to the several hospitals, to the intent the same may be complied with in time to come<sup>7</sup>.

1707, 29 July, 6 Ann.—Upon motion of the common serjeant in

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 107, fo. 253.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 107, fo. 555.  
<sup>5</sup> Rep. 108, fo. 407.  
<sup>7</sup> Rep. 110, fo. 25 b.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 107, fo. 258.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 108, fo. 391.  
<sup>6</sup> Jor. 54, fo. 120.

the Court of Aldermen, leave was granted to the governors of the several hospitals, at their own charges, to apply to Her Majesty, in the name of the mayor and commonalty and citizens, by petition or otherwise, for license to enable them, by purchase or bequest, to obtain, take, and hold lands in mortmain, in such manner as they should be advised<sup>1</sup>.

1707, 5 Feb. 6 Ann.—A demurrer, plea, and answer of the mayor and commonalty and citizens of this city, governors of *Christ's Hospital*, to a bill of complaint of *Edmund Miller*, touching a small piece of ground in *Shoreditch*, belonging to the hospital, being tendered to be sealed, it was referred to the common serjeant to peruse the same, and report his opinion thereon<sup>2</sup>.

1707, 11 Mar. 6 Ann.—The foregoing demurrer having been perused and approved by the common serjeant, the same was sealed<sup>3</sup>.

1708, 22 June, 7 Ann.—A petition of the president, treasurer, and governors of *St. Bartholomew's Hospital*, praying the sum of 6066*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, due and in arrear at *Lady day*, 1687, from *Christ's Hospital*, for the profits of *Blackwell Hall*, with interest, may be paid to the poor of the said hospital, being read in the Court of Aldermen, a copy was ordered to be delivered to the president, treasurer, and governors of *Christ's Hospital*, who were desired to give their answer in writing to the court that day fortnight, when they would consider what was fit to be done therein<sup>4</sup>.

1708, 6 July, 7 Ann.—*Christ's Hospital* allowed a fortnight longer to answer the foregoing petition<sup>5</sup>.

1708, 20 July, 7 Ann.—The president, treasurer, and governors of *Christ's Hospital* brought their answer to the petition from *St. Bartholomew's Hospital* into court, and a copy thereof was ordered to be sent to *St. Bartholomew's Hospital*, who were to reply thereto, and the court would then consider what was fit to be done therein<sup>6</sup>.

1708, 7 Sept. 7 Ann.—The president, treasurer, and governors of *St. Bartholomew's Hospital* delivered into court their reply to the answer of *Christ's Hospital*, and a copy was directed to be sent

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 111, fo. 188.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 112, fo. 91.  
<sup>5</sup> Rep. 112, fo. 330.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 112, fo. 77.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 112, fo. 313.  
<sup>6</sup> Rep. 112, fo. 357.

to *Christ's Hospital*, and the merits of the cause to be heard by counsel, if the parties thought fit, that day month<sup>1</sup>.

1708, 5 Oct. 7 Ann.—The matter in controversy between the governors of *St. Bartholomew's* and *Christ's Hospitals*, which had been appointed for that day, was, at the request of *Christ's Hospital*, adjourned for a week<sup>2</sup>.

1708, 12 Oct. 7 Ann.—The said matter was fully and long argued and debated by divers counsel learned on either side, and the consideration adjourned for a week. On the 19th of the same month it was further adjourned for a week; and on the 26th *October* it was further adjourned for a month, by consent of the president of each of the hospitals<sup>3</sup>.

1708, 23 Nov. 7 Ann.—The representation of the president, treasurer, and governors of *St. Bartholomew's Hospital* relating to an arrear of 500 marks *per annum*, claimed to be due to them for many years past out of the revenues of the city in general, and particularly out of the profits of *Blackwell Hall*, being read in the Court of Aldermen, a copy thereof was ordered to be delivered to the governors of *Christ's Hospital*, who were to give in their answer, in writing, as soon as they conveniently could; and in the mean time the determination of the matter in controversy between the said hospitals, which had been fully heard and debated on the 12th of *October*, was respited<sup>4</sup>.

1709, 3 May, 8 Ann.—The Court of Aldermen being informed that the governors of *Christ's Hospital* desired further time to give their answer to the foregoing representation; the court prefixed them that day fortnight peremptorily to bring in the same<sup>5</sup>.

1709, 17 May, 8 Ann.—The governors of *Christ's Hospital* delivered in their answer; which being read, the treasurer and some of the governors of *St. Bartholomew's Hospital* attending were called in; and required to bring into court a copy of their charter, as also copies of all such deeds and evidences as were in their custody which do manifest their right to the 500 marks *per annum* mentioned in the said representation; all which they undertook to do that day sevendnight; and in the mean time the town clerk was

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 112, fo. 391.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 112, fo. 453, 472.  
<sup>5</sup> Rep. 113, fo. 201.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 112, fo. 429.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 113, fo. 23:

directed to inspect the city's books, and give the court an account of what he found therein relating to the same<sup>1</sup>.

1709, 23 May, 8 Ann.—The governors of *St. Bartholomew's Hospital* brought in a copy of their charter, a copy of an indenture between King *Henry* the Eighth and the citizens of *London*, a copy of an Act of Common Council made the 13th of *April* in the 37th year of *Henry VIII.*, as also a copy of another Act of Common Council made the 20th of *December* in the second year of King *Edward VI.*; the titles whereof being read, it was ordered by the Court of Aldermen that they remain in the town clerk's hands to be perused by the members of the court, and that copies be delivered to the governors of *Christ's Hospital* if they should so desire: and it is further ordered, that a copy of the answer put in by the governors of *Christ's Hospital* to the representation of the governors of *St. Bartholomew's Hospital* should be delivered to the governors of *St. Bartholomew's Hospital*<sup>2</sup>.

1709, 7 June, 8 Ann.—The president, treasurer, and governors of *St. Bartholomew's Hospital* delivered in their reply to the answer of the president, treasurer, and governors of *Christ's Hospital*, respondents, to the representation exhibited by the said replyants; which being read, it was ordered that a copy be delivered to the governors of *Christ's Hospital*, who might rejoin to it as they should be advised<sup>3</sup>.

1709, 8 June, 8 Ann.—The Court of Aldermen passed a peremptory order for the president, treasurer, and governors of *Christ's Hospital* to bring into the court their rejoinder to the reply of *Bartholomew's Hospital* to the answer of *Christ's Hospital* to the representation exhibited by *St. Bartholomew's Hospital*, that the merits of the case might be heard on that day fortnight<sup>4</sup>.

1709, 5 July, 8 Ann.—The president, treasurer, and governors of *Christ's Hospital* delivered into the court their rejoinder to the replication of the president, treasurer, and governors of *St. Bartholomew's Hospital* to the answer of the said president, treasurer, and governors, respondents, to the representation of the said replyants; which being read, it was ordered that a copy thereof should be delivered to the president, treasurer, and

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 113, fo. 226.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 113, fo. 272.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 113, fo. 238.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 113, fo. 305.

governors of *St. Bartholomew's Hospital*, and that the cause should be heard on that day sevensnight, according to the order of the last court<sup>1</sup>.

1709, 7 July, 8 Ann.—The court being informed that the recorder could not be present on the day fixed, the hearing was postponed a week<sup>2</sup>.

1709, 26 July, 8 Ann.—The several matters in controversy between the governors of the Hospitals of *St. Bartholomew* and *Christ* being fully heard, and long argued and debated in this court by divers of the governors of both the said hospitals, and the governors of *Christ's Hospital* offering to submit the same to the determination of the Court of Aldermen, and the governors of *St. Bartholomew's Hospital* (being demanded if they would also submit the same to their determination) alleging that they had no authority so to do, nor could make any such submission, the court thought fit to adjourn the consideration of the said matters to a further day<sup>3</sup>.

1709, 7 Feb. 8 Ann.—The Court of Aldermen directed the city's solicitor to cause an appearance to be entered for the mayor and commonalty and citizens of this city, governors of the several hospitals, as also for the said mayor and commonalty and citizens, the chamberlain and town clerk, to a bill exhibited against them in the High Court of Chancery, at the suit of the attorney general, on the relation of Sir *John Fleet*, knight and alderman, president, the treasurer, and other the governors of *St. Bartholomew's Hospital*<sup>4</sup>.

The Court of Chancery having given a decision in this cause, the Court of Common Council passed an Act, 12th *November*, 1712, for securing the payment to *St. Bartholomew's Hospital* of 3214*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* and costs of suit, decreed in the Court of Chancery to be paid to the said hospital by the mayor and commonalty and citizens of the city of *London*, and of the yearly sum of 100*l.* to the said hospital for ever, pursuant to the said decree<sup>5</sup>.—See Appendix, No. XXIII.

1716, 12 Mar. 3 Geo. I.—The Court of Aldermen, noticing that a standing order of Common Council of the 27th *April*, 1705, touching publication to be made of letting the City's, Bridge-house, and

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 113, fo. 316.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 113, fo. 345.  
<sup>5</sup> Jor. 55, fo. 346 b.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 113, fo. 320.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 114, fo. 85.



Hospitals' improved rents, had not been observed by the hospitals, ordered a copy thereof to be sent to the treasurer of each hospital for their future direction<sup>1</sup>.

1721, 27 Feb. 8 Geo. I.—The following letter from the lord mayor to the treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital was reported to the Court of Aldermen, and ordered to be entered<sup>2</sup>, viz.

“ Guildhall, 27 Feb. 1721.

“ SIR,—I being engaged on Thursday next at the sessions in the Old Bailey, do desire you to hold a court that day at St. Thomas's Hospital for the election of a president, in the room of Sir Thomas Abney, deceased.

“ To William Cole, esq.,

Treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital.”

“ WM. STEWART,  
Mayor.”

1733, 12 Apr. 6 Geo. II.—The lord mayor reported to the Court of Aldermen that, on the death of Sir Thomas Heathcote, the president of St. Thomas's Hospital, the treasurer of that hospital had caused a court of governors to be summoned, and had elected a president without acquainting his lordship, and that he thought the same derogatory to the honour and dignity of the chair as well as of the court; on which the town clerk was directed to search what power and authority the lord mayor and the court have over the hospitals<sup>3</sup>. On the 17th of the same month the town clerk reported accordingly; and he was directed to write to the treasurer of the hospital to attend the court with such precedents as he should find in the books of the hospital relating to such elections: and on the 22nd of May following the clerk of the hospital attending, excused the treasurer's attendance, he being indisposed, but delivered into court, pursuant to order, an extract of precedents from the court books of the hospital touching the method used in choosing a president, from 1643 to 1732, which was read, and the following resolution passed<sup>4</sup>, viz.

“ This court, taking into consideration the matter relating to Mr. Joy, the treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital, his summoning and holding a court for the election of a president in the room of Sir Gilbert Heathcote, bart. and alderman, lately deceased, without the direction of the right hon. the lord mayor, doth resolve that, upon

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 121, fo. 147.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. 137, fo. 189.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 126, fo. 231.

<sup>4</sup> Rep. 137, fo. 196, 234.

the death or resignation of any president of the said hospital, the right of summoning and holding the court in which a new president is to be chosen is in the lord mayor for the time being, and that no other person whatsoever hath a right to hold such court, unless by a power delegated either by this court or the lord mayor for the time being.” And they ordered a copy to be sent to the treasurer.

And Sir Gerard Conyers informing the court that there was a vacancy of a physician in St. Thomas's Hospital, and that it would be necessary for a court of governors to be speedily held for the election of a physician and the dispatch of other business, the court empowered and desired him to order a court to be summoned at such time as he should think proper, and to preside thereat for the dispatch of the election and other business of the hospitals; and they directed copies of the report made to the court on the 10th of March, 1690, relating to the hospitals, to be sent to Christ's, Bridewell, and St. Thomas's Hospitals<sup>1</sup>.

1737, 6 Sept. 11 Geo. II.—The Court of Aldermen ordered the clerks of all the hospitals to return forthwith an account in writing, under their hands, of the manner of electing their presidents, and by whose authority the courts have been appointed and held for that purpose, and adjourned a complaint of the treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital having held a court for the election of a president without the knowledge or consent of the lord mayor<sup>2</sup>. On the 13th of September a return from Christ's Hospital was delivered in, and further time allowed for the others<sup>3</sup>. They were delivered in on the 11th October following, and the further consideration adjourned; and on the 18th October the court empowered Sir John Eyles, bart. and alderman, to cause a general court of the governors to be summoned as soon as he conveniently could, to preside thereat, and take notice to the governors so assembled of the resolution of the 22d May, 1733—to deliver a copy thereof—and desire it to be entered on the books of the hospital, and for the future duly observed<sup>4</sup>.

1737, 15 Nov. 11 Geo. II.—The Court of Aldermen desired the lord mayor to cause a court to be summoned at St. Bartholomew's

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 137, fo. 236.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. 141, fo. 385.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 141, fo. 378.

<sup>4</sup> Rep. 141, fo. 432, 458.

Hospital for the election of a president in the room of Sir *Richard Brocas*, deceased, whenever his lordship should think proper<sup>1</sup>.

1737, 24 Jan. 11 Geo. II.—The court declared their great satisfaction at the conduct of the lord mayor at the general court of *St. Thomas's Hospital*, at which he presided; and resolved that the lord mayor for the time being, on the death of the president of any or either of the hospitals, be desired to hold a general court of governors within one month<sup>2</sup>.

1755, 6 Nov. 29 Geo. II.—The Court of Common Council appointed a committee to inquire what is the right of the mayor, commonalty, and citizens of *London* to the Hospitals of *St. Bartholomew, Christ, St. Thomas, Bridewell, and Bethlem*, and whether such right and the exercise thereof has, in any and what instance and by what authority, been given up or taken away, with instructions to state the particular evidences and authorities on which they ground their report, and where they are to be found; and the recorder and common serjeant were directed to attend and assist the committee in their inquiry; and on the 18th of the same month they were empowered to draw on the chamber for 100*l.* for the expenses of the inquiry<sup>3</sup>.

1758, 6 June, 31 Geo. II.—The Court of Aldermen ordered the remembrancer to permit the Orphans' Stock belonging to *Christ's Hospital* to be transferred from the present trustees, or their representatives, to the mayor, commonalty, and citizens of *London*, governors of *Christ's Hospital*, in trust for the said hospital<sup>4</sup>.

1759, 6 Mar. 32 Geo. II.—The Court of Aldermen ordered the remembrancer to permit *Thomas Smith*, the receiver of rents for *Christ's Hospital*, to transfer 1000*l.* Orphans' Stock, belonging to him, to the mayor, commonalty, and citizens, governors of *Christ's Hospital*, in trust as a security for his honest behaviour in the said office, and to be kept out of the wheel so long as it continued transferred for that purpose, and no longer<sup>5</sup>.

1766, 16 Dec. 7 Geo. III.—The committee reported to the Court of Common Council that it appeared to them that the mayor and commonalty and citizens were grantees of the hospitals and their

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 142, fo. 19.  
<sup>3</sup> Jor. 61, fo. 22 b, 24.  
<sup>5</sup> Rep. 163, fo. 174.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 142, fo. 145.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 162, fo. 308.

revenues, with the sole power of governing and conducting them to the purposes of their institution, and this is, as they conceive, the right of the mayor and commonalty and citizens to the hospitals: that they were clearly of opinion this right had in no instance been given up or taken away, except during the troubles and while the judgment on the *Quo warranto* remained in force, and that this right is a subsisting incontrovertible right; they were aware that many innovations had crept in, but did not conceive they in the slightest degree affected this right. The present governors were governors under the mayor, commonalty, and citizens, agreeable to the charter of *Edward VI.*, and the authority which they exercise, whether expressly committed to them, or only permitted in order to extend the benefits of those charities, is an authority referable to and derived out of the right of the mayor, commonalty, and citizens, and could have no other foundation<sup>1</sup>.

With respect to the exercise of the right, they referred to various entries on the city's records, from the 1st *Edward VI.*, 1548, to the 10th *October*, 1699, nearly the whole of which will be found amongst the preceding references and memoranda.

1778, 4 Mar. 18 Geo. III.—The Court of Common Council resolved that the case or box containing the hospital seal in future should have three locks, one key to be kept by the lord mayor, one by either of the aldermen or the chamberlain, and one by a member of the common council, who should be appointed. And the committee to inquire into the right of the members of the court to be governors of the royal hospitals was desired to take care of the key of the seal and box, voted to be kept by a member of that court. And the said committee, or any commoner thereof, to attend every Court of Aldermen to approve and seal such leases to which the seal had been heretofore usually affixed<sup>2</sup>. The foregoing resolutions having been laid before the Court of Aldermen, on the 17th of *March*, they came to the following resolution thereon, *vis.*—"Resolved, that in future all business appertaining to the city and hospital seals be transacted in the Court of Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons in Common Council assembled<sup>3</sup>;" which

<sup>1</sup> Jor. 64, fo. 91 b.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 182, fo. 183.

<sup>2</sup> Jor. 67, fo. 128 b.

resolution was communicated to the Court of Common Council on the 27th of *March*, 1778. And on the same day a docket of an indenture of *Christ's Hospital* lease was read, and *Joseph Eyre*, esq., subscribing himself clerk, directed to attend the next court as the chartered governors of the royal hospitals<sup>1</sup>.

1778, 7 *Apr.* 18 *Geo.* III.—The Court of Aldermen directed the town clerk to deliver to the clerks of all the hospitals copies of the resolutions of the Common Council of the 4th *March*, and of the resolution of the Court of Aldermen of the 17th of that month, respecting the sealing of hospital leases<sup>2</sup>.

1778, 10 *Apr.* 18 *Geo.* III.—Mr. *Rhodes*, junior attorney of the Mayor's Court, acquainted the court he had served *Joseph Eyre*, esq. with the order for his attendance, but he, being called for, did not appear<sup>3</sup>.

1779, 20 *May*, 19 *Geo.* III.—Docquets of several leases were presented by the clerks of *Christ's*, *St. Bartholomew's*, *Bridewell*, and *St. Thomas's Hospitals* to the Common Council to be sealed; and several questions being asked them, the motions for sealing the said leases were negatived, and the leases were referred to the committee to inquire into the right of the members of the Court of Common Council to be governors of the royal hospitals, and the parties concerned were directed to attend, and the committee instructed to report thereon to the court<sup>4</sup>.

1779, 22 *July*, 19 *Geo.* III.—A report from the committee, relating to agreements of parties for leases from the governors of *St. Bartholomew's* and *Christ's Hospitals*, was agreed to and referred back for execution<sup>5</sup>.

1779, 27 *Sept.* 19 *Geo.* III.—A report from the committee, relating to an agreement for a lease of premises of *Bridewell Hospital*, was agreed to and referred back for execution<sup>6</sup>.

1779, 5 *Oct.* 19 *Geo.* III.—Reports from the committee, for granting leases of premises belonging to *Bridewell Hospital*, were agreed to and the leases sealed<sup>7</sup>.

1779, 29 *Oct.* 20 *Geo.* III.—The treasurers of *St. Thomas's*, *Bridewell* and *Bethlem*, *St. Bartholomew's* and *Christ's Hospitals*,

<sup>1</sup> Jor. 67, fo. 133, 133 b.

<sup>3</sup> Jor. 67, fo. 136 b.

<sup>5</sup> Jor. 67, fo. 276 b.

<sup>7</sup> Jor. 67, fo. 297 b, 299.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 182, fo. 200.

<sup>4</sup> Jor. 67, fo. 240 b, 241.

<sup>6</sup> Jor. 67, fo. 281 b.

were directed to lay before the first Court of Common Council after 25th *March*, 1780, an account of the monies received and paid by each of them from 24th *June*, 1778, to 24th *June*, 1779<sup>1</sup>.

1780, 11 *Jan.* 20 *Geo.* III.—On a report from the committee, of a petition from the hospitals having been presented to the lord chancellor for the restoration of their estates and seal, the committee were directed to answer it, and to draw on the chamber for their expenses<sup>2</sup>.

1780, 16 *Mar.* 20 *Geo.* III.—The lord mayor was requested to call a Common Council for the election of a proper person to be vicar of *Enford, Wilts*, in the patronage of the court as chartered governors of the royal hospitals, vacant by the death of the Rev. Mr. *Cook*. And on the 7th of *April* a report from the committee, for the Court of Common Council to fill up that vacancy, was agreed to, and the court resolved to proceed to the election of another vicar; whereupon the Rev. *Francis Kelly Maxwell*, of *St. Mary, Lambeth*, M.A., was unanimously agreed to be presented, the presentation was filled up and sealed with the hospital seal, delivered to him, and a deputation appointed, who, attended by the remembrancer, were directed to accompany him to the Bishop of *Salisbury*<sup>3</sup>.

1780, 13 *Apr.* 20 *Geo.* III.—The Court of Common Council resolved "that the seal commonly used for sealing of hospital deeds should be affixed to the leases then presented to the court by the clerks of *Christ's* and *St. Bartholomew's Hospitals*, without prejudice to any question depending in respect to the said hospitals, and several leases were sealed accordingly<sup>4</sup>."

1780, 2 *May*, 20 *Geo.* III.—Mr. *Eyre*, clerk of *Christ's Hospital*, attended the Court of Aldermen, and presented an instrument dated 24th *April*, 1780, whereby the mayor and commonalty and citizens of the City of *London*, governors of *Christ's Hospital*, do present *Henry Binfield*, clerk, M.A., to the vicarage of *Enford, Wilts*, that it might be sealed with the seal commonly used for sealing hospital deeds; whereupon the resolution of that court of the 17th *March*, 1778, "that in future all business appertaining to the city and hospital seals be transacted in the Court of Lord

<sup>1</sup> Jor. 67, fo. 303.

<sup>3</sup> Jor. 68, fo. 29 b, 30 b, 32.

<sup>2</sup> Jor. 68, fo. 1.

<sup>4</sup> Jor. 68, fo. 52 b.

Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons in Common Council assembled," was read to Mr. *Eyre*, and he then withdrew<sup>1</sup>.

1780, 22 *May*, 20 *Geo.* III.—Mr. *Eyre*, clerk of *Christ's* Hospital, attended the Court of Common Council, and requested the favour that the seal commonly used for sealing of hospital deeds might be affixed to an instrument dated 24th *April*, 1780, whereby the mayor and commonalty and citizens of the City of *London*, governors of *Christ's* Hospital, do present *Henry Binfield*, clerk, M.A., to the vicarage of *Enford, Wilts*, void by the death of *William Cook*, clerk, the last incumbent; whereupon the recorder, by the directions of the court, acquainted Mr. *Eyre* that the Court of Common Council, having, by virtue of the powers and authorities granted to the mayor, commonalty, and citizens of *London* by letters patent dated 26th *June*, 7th *Edward VI.*, already presented the Rev. *Francis Kelly Maxwell* to the vicarage of *Enford*, the advowson of which they conceived to be vested in them as governors, and having caused the hospital seal to be affixed to such presentation, could not direct the seal to the presentation of another person till another vacancy shall happen<sup>2</sup>.

1781, 22 *Feb.* 21 *Geo.* III.—Notification of the death of Alderman *Thomas*, late treasurer of the hospitals of *Bridewell* and *Bethlem*, being made to the Court of Common Council, they appointed the next court for the election of a treasurer<sup>3</sup>.

1781, 27 *Feb.* 21 *Geo.* III.—The Court of Common Council unanimously resolved that the person to be elected treasurer of *Bridewell* and *Bethlem* Hospitals, in the room of *Nathaniel Thomas*, esq., deceased, should give security, by bond, in 5000*l.*, with such other security as should be approved by the court, or the committee relative to the hospitals.

*Brass Crosby*, esq., alderman, was unanimously elected treasurer, and it was referred to the committee to take proper security, and prepare the proper authorities to enable him to execute the office; and the town clerk directed to acquaint the president of *Bridewell* and *Bethlem* Hospitals of the said election<sup>4</sup>.

1781, 29 *Mar.* 21 *Geo.* III.—A report of the hospital committee,

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 184, fo. 172.  
<sup>3</sup> Jor. 68, fo. 111.

<sup>2</sup> Jor. 68, fo. 59.  
<sup>4</sup> Jor. 68, fo. 125 b.

relative to the security of *Brass Crosby*, esq., lately elected treasurer of *Bridewell* and *Bethlem* Hospitals, was agreed to, and a power of attorney for him to act sealed with the hospital seal<sup>1</sup>.

1781, 6 *Apr.* 21 *Geo.* III.—A report of the hospital committee, for monies in the hands of the chamberlain to be paid over to Mr. Alderman *Crosby*, the treasurer of *Bridewell* and *Bethlem* Hospitals, and for public notice to be given for the tenants to pay their rents, &c., to the said treasurer, was agreed to and ordered, and notices to be published accordingly<sup>2</sup>.

1781, 9 *Oct.* 21 *Geo.* III.—Mr. Chamberlain laid before the court a presentation of the Rev. Mr. *Mossop*, elected by the acting governors of *St. Bartholomew's* Hospital to the vicarage of *Little Wakering* in *Essex*, which had been left at his office to be sealed with the hospital seal; upon which the town clerk was ordered to take a copy of the said presentation, and deliver the original to the clerk of *St. Bartholomew's* Hospital when called for. The court was at the same time informed that the vicarage of *Little Wakering* in *Essex* (a living in the patronage of the Court of Common Council as chartered governors of the royal hospitals) was, by the death of the Rev. Mr. *Harpur*, the late incumbent, become vacant; and the lord mayor being requested to call a Court of Common Council for the election of a person to succeed thereto, when the committee for inquiring and prosecuting the right of the members of the court to be governors of the royal hospitals should apply to his lordship for that purpose, his lordship readily acquiesced with the said proposition<sup>3</sup>.

1781, 24 *Oct.* 21 *Geo.* III.—The Court of Common Council, by ballot, elected the Rev. *William Owen*, curate of *Little Wakering*, to the vicarage of the parish of *Little Wakering* in *Essex*, belonging to *St. Bartholomew's* Hospital, and directed the town clerk to prepare a presentation, filled up with his name, and lay the same before the next Court of Common Council to be sealed. On the 1st of *November*, the presentation of the Rev. *William Owen* to the vicarage of *Little Wakering* was sealed with the common seal OF THIS CITY<sup>4</sup>.

1782, 19 *Feb.* 22 *Geo.* III.—The committee appointed to inquire

<sup>1</sup> Jor. 68, fo. 135 b.  
<sup>3</sup> Jor. 68, fo. 187.

<sup>2</sup> Jor. 68, fo. 143.  
<sup>4</sup> Jor. 68, fo. 188, 194 b.

into and prosecute the right of the members of the Court of Common Council to be governors of the royal hospitals reported their proceedings from *January*, 1780. The Court of Common Council unanimously approved thereof, and referred it back to the committee to continue to defend the chartered rights of the city in Parliament or elsewhere, as they should be advised, and empowered the committee to continue to treat and conclude with the presidents, treasurers, and acting governors of the several royal hospitals, or any person or persons authorized by them, concerning a compromise of the disputes subsisting between the city in its corporate capacity, and the acting governors of the said hospitals<sup>1</sup>.

1782, 19 *Feb.* 22 *Geo.* III.—Mr. Alderman *Crosby* resigned the office of treasurer of *Bridewell* and *Bethlem* Hospitals to the Court of Common Council, who directed the chamberlain, town clerk, and assistant comptroller to transfer back to him 5000*l.* New 4 *per Cent.* Bank Annuities, transferred to them and standing in their names as a collateral security for the discharge of the said office, and they to be indemnified in so doing; all bonds and securities to be delivered up to Mr. Alderman *Crosby*, on his paying to *Richard Clark*, *csq.* all monies he received on account of the said hospitals; and the unanimous thanks of the Court of Common Council were given to Mr. Alderman *Crosby* for his endeavour to bring about a reconciliation between the city and the acting governors of the royal hospitals<sup>2</sup>.

1782, 30 *May*, 22 *Geo.* III.—A report was presented to the Court of Common Council from the committee with the draft of an agreement touching the government of the royal hospitals, which was agreed to, and the draft of agreement approved, ordered to be engrossed, and laid before the next Court of Common Council to be sealed, and exchanged with a counterpart thereof from the hospitals<sup>3</sup>.

1782, 20 *June*, 22 *Geo.* III.—Four parts of articles of agreement between the mayor and commonalty and citizens of the City of *London*, and the presidents, treasurers, and the several persons acting as governors of the royal hospitals, were sealed with the hospital seal<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Jor. 68, fo. 204.  
<sup>3</sup> Jor. 68, fo. 230 b.

<sup>2</sup> Jor. 68, fo. 210.  
<sup>4</sup> Jor. 68, fo. 236 b.

1782, 31 *Oct.* 22 *Geo.* III.—The committee reported that an Act of Parliament had passed for confirming the agreement for governing the hospitals<sup>1</sup>. For the agreement and confirmation thereof by Parliament, see Act 22 *Geo.* III., cap. 77, Appendix, No. XXIV.

1808, 3 *Nov.* 49 *Geo.* III.—The Court of Common Council resolved unanimously "that a statement having been made in the court, by one of its members in his place, of a gross abuse in the presentation and admission of children into *Christ's* Hospital, contrary to the rules, orders, regulations, and benevolent purposes of that charity, this court are of opinion that it is highly necessary, as well for the honour of the lord mayor, aldermen, commoners, and other governors of the said hospital as for the future good government thereof, that an immediate inquiry should be made respecting the same; they do therefore request the several members of this court who are governors, *ex officio*, of the said hospital, to request Sir *John William Anderson*, *bart.*, alderman and president of the said hospital, to convene, as early as possible, a general court or meeting of the governors at large for that purpose; and also to inquire whether any other similar abuse exists, in order effectually to remedy the same, and adopt such measures as may prevent the recurrence of such abuse in future<sup>2</sup>."

1809, 19 *Jan.* 49 *Geo.* III.—The governors *ex officio* of *Christ's* Hospital reported their proceedings, and stated that a general court had been held at the said hospital, but that a motion for the appointment of a committee was negatived; the Court of Common Council thereupon appointed a select committee to inquire and report to the court whether the corporation have any and what means of obtaining an inquiry into and reform of abuses in the presentation and admission of children into *Christ's* Hospital<sup>3</sup>.

1809, 6 *Feb.* 49 *Geo.* III.—A report was presented by that committee recommending an application to the lord chancellor, for the purpose of obtaining an inquiry into and reform of abuses in the royal hospitals, or an immediate application to Parliament for the repeal of the Act 22 *Geo.* III., which experience had proved to be inadequate to the purposes intended, and for enacting such

<sup>1</sup> Jor. 68, fo. 263.  
<sup>3</sup> Jor. 85, fo. 10.

<sup>2</sup> Jor. 84, fo. 356.

rules and regulations as might be deemed necessary for the future good government thereof; and that the committee should be empowered to make such inquiry respecting the royal hospitals as they might think necessary for those salutary purposes. The court agreed with the report, and referred it back to the committee to take such measures as they should be advised, and report their proceedings to the court<sup>1</sup>.

1810, 25 Jan. 50 Geo. III.—The Court of Common Council agreed with a report of the committee, recommending, by the advice of Sir *Samuel Romilly* and Mr. *Bell* (the governors of *Christ's Hospital* having refused to furnish them with requisite information), that an application should be made to the lord chancellor, as visitor in right of His Majesty, whose predecessors founded the royal hospitals, by petition, stating the abuses complained of, and the regulations lately introduced by the governors, and referred it back to the committee to prepare a petition and report the same to the court<sup>2</sup>.

1811, 4 July, 51 Geo. III.—The committee reported that a petition had been prepared and presented to the lord chancellor for a reformation of the abuses complained of, and that the same stood for hearing. The court agreed with the report, and referred it back for execution<sup>3</sup>.

On Monday, 15th July, 1811, the lord chancellor (*Eldon*), after hearing Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *Daniell* on the part of *Christ's Hospital*, and Sir *Samuel Romilly* on the part of the corporation, made the following observations on the case:—

“As it is my duty to decide this case, I shall endeavour to execute that duty faithfully. The first question is whether, in right of His Majesty, I am the visitor: if I am not the visitor, there is no one topic which has been discussed before me upon which, with any propriety, I can decide. Whether these gentlemen have a right to demand an inspection of the documents;—whether the governors of the hospital were authorised or justified in refusing that inspection, attending to the nature of the application, is a consideration with which, if I am not the visitor, I ought not to trust myself. Whether the report of 1809, taking the whole of it

<sup>1</sup> Jor. 85, fo. 25.

<sup>3</sup> Jor. 86, fo. 414 b.

<sup>2</sup> Jor. 85, fo. 374.

together, is open to the objections which have been pressed against it, is also a consideration with which, if I am not the visitor, I ought not to trust myself. Whether the regulations made at an earlier period, and with which the regulations of 1809 are compared, are justified by the original institution, is not a question for me to decide, unless His Majesty is the visitor. I might offer the same observation upon every topic that has been presented to me for consideration and for judgment; it is of no consequence to me, in the discharge of my duty, whether it would be an inconvenient thing that the power of visitation should be confined to the governors; it is of no consequence to me, in determining what is my duty, how far it might be matter of inconvenience that the right of visitation should be in the corporation at large,—my first business is to know whether I have the right of visitation. I have more doubt about it than even the gentlemen at the bar. There has been a decision in the case of *Sutton's Hospital*, and also of Lord *Macclesfield* in the case of the *Birmingham School*, in which he had the assistance of all the judges in *Westminster Hall*; I have desired an inquiry to be made whether, with respect to any of these hospitals, the crown have in fact visited: as soon as I have got to that fact I will give you my judgement. I hope it will not delay the final determination more than two days; and I have only to say, in the mean time, I desire it to be understood that I have not expressed an opinion upon any one topic or any one observation that has been pressed upon me<sup>1</sup>.”

In consequence of the children objected to as improper objects for the charity having been removed from the hospital, all further proceedings in the Court of Chancery were dropped, and the lord chancellor was not called upon for his decision.

It may not be deemed improper here to introduce a few instances, out of the many which could be adduced, of the Court of Aldermen ordering children to be received into *Christ's Hospital*.

1573, 30 July.—They ordered that the governors should receive

<sup>1</sup> Short-hand writer's Notes.

into the hospital a poor child of *Mary White*, deceased, born in *Gracechurch-street*, and that they should keep in their hands a letter written to that court by the Dean of *Westminster* (*Gabriel Goodman*), to the end that when the child should come to discretion, he might be received as a poor scholar at *Westminster School*<sup>1</sup>.

1589, 9 *Sept.*—They ordered that *William Evans*, a poor child of the age of three years, or thereabouts, son of *Humphrey Evans*, of the parish of *St. Alphage* near *Cripplegate*, should be sent to *Christ's Hospital*, there to be virtuously brought up<sup>2</sup>: and on the 11th *November*, in the same year, they ordered that *Mary*, daughter and orphan of *William Blynckthorne*, ironmonger, deceased, should be presently sent to *Christ's Hospital*, there to be virtuously brought up during their pleasure; and 5*l.* having been delivered into the chamber for her use, they further ordered the chamberlain to pay the same to the treasurer of the hospital for her use, taking a bill of his hand for the repayment thereof when she accomplished the age of sixteen, or the day of her death, if she should die in the mean time<sup>3</sup>.

1595, 9 *Dec.*—At the request of the lord high treasurer, they ordered that the treasurer and governors should receive into the hospital *Henry* and *James*, two of the sons and orphans of *James Collinson*, haberdasher, a freeman of the city, lately deceased, who died a very poor man, leaving a wife and six small children, there to be brought up during the pleasure of the court<sup>4</sup>: and on the 16th *November*, in the same year; they also ordered that *Ann* and *Margaret*, two of the children of *John Hebbly*, butcher, who died very poor, leaving a wife and six small children, should be presently sent to the hospital, there to be brought up during their pleasure<sup>5</sup>.

1601, 20 *Feb.*—On the petition of the parishioners of *St. Katherine Cree-church*, they ordered that *Elizabeth*, aged one year and a half, one of the children and orphans of *Wilfryde Girdler*, free of the city, leaving a wife and four small children, to be relieved at the charge of the said parish, should be sent to the hospital<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 18, fo. 52.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 22, fo. 115 b.  
<sup>5</sup> Rep. 24, fo. 7 b.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 22, fo. 42 b.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 23, fo. 470 b.  
<sup>6</sup> Rep. 25, fo. 351.

1602, 7 *Dec.*—*Alice Camedon*, daughter of *Thomas Camedon*, merchant taylor, of the age of three years, who died very poor, leaving four small children and a wife in *St. Botolph, Bishopsgate*, ordered to be received into the hospital<sup>1</sup>.

1605, 14 *Nov.*—*Thomas Pope*, aged four years, son and orphan of *James Pope*, innholder, deceased, leaving a wife with four children, to be received into the hospital<sup>2</sup>.

1607, 21 *Apr.*—*Alice Shuttleworth*, daughter of *Richard Shuttleworth*, merchant taylor, a poor freeman, having seven small children, ordered to be sent to the hospital<sup>3</sup>.

1610, 14 *Oct.*—On the petition of *James King*, a poor freeman, with five children, the governors were ordered to admit one of the said children into the hospital<sup>4</sup>.

1660, 8 *Nov.*—*Paul* and *Elizabeth Hore*, two poor children, whose parents died in *Ely* house, being friendless and destitute of other relief, ordered to be received into the hospital<sup>5</sup>.

It will be found, upon reference to the books of the hospital, that in 1580 there were 157 children on the establishment.

That in 1578 and 1607, foreign children, that is children whose parents were not free of the city, were refused admission.

In 1624 the governors passed an order that no children should be admitted under four years, unless the parents were free of the city.

In 1652 they passed another order that no children should be taken in but such as are freemen's children.

In 1655 they ordered that none but such whose parents were free of the city, and none under three years old, should be admitted, and none who are lame or otherwise infirm in the body.

In 1676-7 they ordered, amongst other regulations, that no children be taken in but such as are the children of freemen of this city; which order was confirmed in 1681 and 1689.

In 1698 it was ordered that no children be admitted but orphans, or those whose parents were free of the city.

In 1748 a committee appointed to consider of the great increase of the number of unqualified children reported thereon, with various regulations respecting it; and amongst others, that every

<sup>1</sup> Rep. 26, fo. 79.  
<sup>3</sup> Rep. 28, fo. 10 b.  
<sup>5</sup> Rep. 67, fo. 163 b.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. 27, fo. 118.  
<sup>4</sup> Rep. 29, fo. 294 b.

governor may present one unqualified child in three, either on his first, second, or third presentation; and that none be deemed qualified but such as are above seven and under twelve years of age, wanting either father or mother, or having one parent so disabled as to be a burthen to the other, and are the orphans or children of the freemen of the City of *London*, or of clergymen of the Church of *England*.

In 1765 further alterations were made, and they ordered that every governor might present the child of a parent, not free of the City of *London*, nor a clergyman of the Church of *England*, either on his first, second, or third presentation, as he shall think proper, and so on, one in every three presentations.

And in 1809 they came to the following resolutions respecting the admission of children:—

“1st, That every governor may present the child of a parent not free of the City of *London*, nor a clergyman of the Church of *England*, either on his first, second, or third presentation, as he shall think proper, and so on in every three presentations.

“2d, That no children be admitted but such as shall be between the age of seven and ten years, which is to be proved by such certificates, affidavits, and vouchers as are now or shall be hereafter required by the orders of the general court.

“3d, That a child whose parent or parents has or have two other children under fourteen years of age to maintain, may be admitted by a presentation, although such child has one brother or sister, and no more, already in the charge of this hospital.

“4th, That no child shall be admitted who is a foundling, or maintained in the parish charge.

“5th, That no children of livery servants, except freemen of the City of *London*, or children who have any adequate means of being educated or maintained, or who are lame, crooked, or deformed, so as not to be able to take care of themselves, or have any infection, or distemper, or leprosy, scald head, itch, scab, evil, or rupture, or distemper which shall be judged incurable, shall be taken into the hospital on any account or by any representation whatever: and if any such shall happen to be admitted, and afterwards found in some or one of these instances, they shall be immediately sent home to their parents, or to the parishes from whence they came.

“6th, That none be admitted without a due certificate from the minister and churchwardens, and three of the principal inhabitants of the parish from whence such children came, certifying the age of the said children, and that they have no adequate means of being educated and maintained; the said minister, churchwardens, and inhabitants engaging to discharge the hospital of them before or after the age of fifteen years, if the governors shall so require. If the father is minister of the parish, the certificate to be signed by the officiating minister of a neighbouring parish.

“7th, To prevent children being admitted contrary to the above rules, they should be presented to a general court, who will examine into the truth of the certificates, vouchers, and testimonials required touching their age, birth, orphanage, or other qualifications, or refer the same to the committee of almoners strictly to examine whether the allegations contained in each separate petition and presentation are true and conformable to the right of the presentation and the above regulations; and all such as shall be found otherwise shall be rejected.”

In the year 1828 the governors contemplated extending further the admission of unqualified children from one in every third to an alternate presentation; and, having taken the opinion of counsel, they adopted a regulation in the following year, permitting every governor to recommend the child of a non-freeman alternately.



THE House of Commons, in the year 1816, appointed a Select Committee to inquire into the education of the lower orders of the metropolis, and to report their observations thereupon, together with the minutes of the evidence taken before them from time to time, to the house. The conduct and management of *Christ's Hospital* was brought before that Committee in the years 1816 and 1818, and the evidence given before them on those occasions was subsequently reported to the house; for which see Appendix, No. XXV.

The Court of Common Council having, on the 18th day of *October*, 1834, appointed a committee "to inquire and report to what extent and by what means the benefits and control of the royal hospitals originally granted by the Crown to the citizens of *London* have been alienated from them, and also as to the best mode of recovering such original rights, or of exercising whatever degree of control is still retained by the court," the committee proceeded in the consideration of the same, and, amongst other things, appointed a sub-committee consisting of foundation governors, to investigate the affairs of *Christ's Hospital*, and directed the following letter to be sent to Mr. *Wilby*, the clerk of that hospital.

"Guildhall, 26th *March*, 1836.

"SIR,—I am directed to inform you that a sub-committee of the foundation governors of *Christ's Hospital*, to whom it has been referred by the lord mayor, aldermen, and common council of the *City of London*, to investigate the affairs of the hospital, will attend at the counting-house on Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock in the morning, to examine into the income and expenditure of the hospital, and also to inspect the minutes of proceedings of the committee of almoners, or house committee, or any other committee that may have the disposal of the income and expenditure of the hospital, the committee being desirous of ascertaining, from the best and most authentic sources of information, the 'general arrangements and the management of the trust funds,' in order

that they may make a *correct report* to the Court of Common Council.

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
"HENRY WOODTHORPE."

"*Thomas Wilby*, esq."

To which they received the following reply:—

"*Christ's Hospital*, Monday, 28th *March*, 1836.

"SIR,—I am favoured with your letter of the 26th instant; but as I am not aware of the existence of any sub-committee connected with *Christ's Hospital*, such as you refer to, nor of any authority under which any such sub-committee can have been appointed, I shall *not* be justified in allowing any such investigation, examination, and inspection as is proposed.

"I am, Sir, your very obedient humble servant,  
"THOMAS WILBY."

"*Henry Woodthorpe*, esq., &c."

The committee thereupon turned their attention to the next best course to be pursued, and, having prepared suggestions for returns to be applied for from *Christ's Hospital*, together with such questions as appeared to them highly requisite to be put by the Commissioners of Charities in their investigation about to take place into the conduct and management of that hospital, they subsequently transmitted copies of such Suggestions for Returns, and of the said Questions, to the Commissioners; and the same are as follows.