

Liverpool

At a Meeting of the same Committee
held this twenty sixth day of January 1795.

PROCEEDINGS

Alderman Clayton Parleton	Chairman
Mr. P. W. Brancher	Ald. George Case
Mr. Spencer Steers	John Gregson
Mr. Thomas Maylor	Henry Blundell
Mr. Henry Brown	

The Chairman reported that Mr. William Pole, Agent to the said Fire Office had represented that in a letter he had received from the Managers in London it was intimated that the expences incurred for Waters and rewarding those persons who materially exerted themselves in endeavoring to extinguish the late melancholly fire at the Exchange should be defrayed by the Corporation because the building belongs to them as a public Body.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that all expences attendant upon the Fire should be paid by the Fire Office as usual, the circumstance of the property in the Exchange being vested in the Corporation not furnishing any reason why they should not be dealt with in like manner as individuals have heretofore been.

It is therefore Ordered, That the Managers of the Fire Office be informed that the principal part of the assistance in Water &c, was voluntarily and very effectually supplied by respectable individuals who are not likely to make any demand for it - and also that from the insulated situation of the building it was not necessary to be at the charge of removing property from the neighbouring houses, as is generally the case upon similar occasions in great confusion and with great loss so that in this particular instance all such expences have been avoided and from enquiries made concerning the manner in such charges have usually been paid. It appears that they have uniformly been discharged by the Fire Offices without even excepting the expence of removing and protecting property absolutely uninsured.

It having been represented to this Committee that the Timber of the floors and roof of the Exchange had (when the building was erected) been covered with a strong coat of Rosin and other inflammable composition for the purpose of preventing the decay of Timber from which circumstance it is apprehended the fire in the building spread with such rapidity as it did,

Ordered, that the deputy Town Clerk be desired to examine such persons as he chooses touching the facts of this circumstance & the probable effect it produced at the late Fire.

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The Deputy Town Clerk having reported that certain title deeds relative to the Improvement Act were safe in his custody at his private Office in Fenwick Street

Ordered, That all such title deeds be removed into the Repository in the present Treasurers Office in Brunswick Street.

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At a Meeting of the same Committee held this second day of February 1795.

P R E S E N T,

Ald ^r Clayton Tarleton	Chairman
Ald ^r George Case	Ald ^r Henry Blundell
Charles Pole	Tho ^s Golightly
	M ^r Henry Brown

The following Report having been read and approved by this Committee,

Ordered that the same be presented by the Chairman to the next Common Council and that the same be fairly copied into the Book of the proceedings of this Committee together with the examinations declarations and Reports as an appendix to the same and that the whole as forming a faithful and correct Narrative of this dreadful event be after examination signed by the Chairman and deposited among the Records of this Corporation.