Saint John

ARBADOS PARISH OF ST. JOHN.

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Barbados. Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Wednesday the Twenty fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty three

Present

The Hon— Henry J. Hart, John T. Gollop, Grant E. Thomas, Wm. C. Massiah, Jos. A. Haynes, Francis W Harris, Wilkinson Hart, Walter A Tobin Esqr, A.H. Bishop: Rector.

They made choice of, and appointed Walter A Tobin Esqr Churchwarden for the present year 1863

Ordered That an Assessment at the rate of Twenty five Cents p. Acre be assessed on all owners and possessors of Land in the said parish

Ordered That the undermentioned persons, Shop Keepers, do pay as a Tax on trade the Amounts respectively set against their Names

	£		£		£
Flavius Goodman	4	William Gibson Esqr	1	Richard Otton	2
Charles Squires	4	Joseph W Cromey	1	James H Cromey	2
Mary A Gale	3	Robert J. Peterkin	2	Alexander McCollin	2
William F. Scarles	1	Henry Haynes	2	Henry Searles	2
Semina Port	2	Paul S. Wood	1	Robert F. Mayers	1
John F Howard	1	Henry J. Edey	1	James F. Pike	4
Robert J. Hinkson	3	John Robt. Gibson	1	John F. Smith	3
William F. Cromey	4	Carr Squires	3		
John H. Merrick	3	Edward F. Kirton	3		
Grandeson Howard	3	William Cook	2		
George F. Bell	2	George Fox	2		
William F. Thorne	3	Charles Carter	1		
Charles Grannum	1	Thomas R. Standards	1		
Richard Smith	2	George Fenty	1		
Robert J. Standards	1	Alfred Williams	2		
John Robt. Parris	2	Samuel Young	2		
John W Norris	2	Joseph W Bradshaw	1		

Ordered That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following pensioners the amounts respectively set against their names

Richard Squires	36.	Mrs Standards	12	Charlotte Storey	4
Sarah Goddard	8	Rebecca Green	4	~~Elizabeth Bradshaw~~	~~8.~~
William Goddard	4	Mary Pronte	4		
Mary Ramsey	6	Elizabeth Weeks	6		
Mrs J Gibson	4	Mrs Rodk. Weeks	6		
Elizabeth Reed	6	Mrs M King	6.		
Mrs Rice	6	Mrs S. King	4		
James Scanlon	6	Mrs Baker	6		

Ordered That the undermentioned Widows under the Will of the late I. St. Massiah be paid the following Sums. Viz! —
Elizabeth A. Taylor $3.00 Sarah Goddard $3.00. Joyce Moore $3.00
Mary Brigstock $3.00. Mary Yearwood $3.00. Mrs Bradshaw $3.00

Ordered That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Salaries for the present year

Wm M Burgess					
P Clerk	96	Solon G Buckens			
ditto School	100	School master	144		
James St Buckens	175	Organist	252		
Wm M Burgess		Wm Gilkes	480		
in lieu of Fees	84				
Bellringer	8				

Ordered That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Sums

Dr Pilgrim	20	-	Tuning Organ	50	"		
Confirming the Boy	4	80	Bayne's Acct	100		Henry E. Hart	
Bread & Wine for Sacrament	10	"	Casual Poor	100		John T Gollop	
Washing Ch Linen	8	"	Schoolmasters House Rent &c	20		Frank E Thomas	
Appliances for School	100		Churchwardens &c for Coffins	6		W. E Massiah	
Pensioners	140	"	Chenery's bill	12		Jos: A. Haynes	
(b) Manumitted persons	73	86				Jn Wm Carrie.	
J. T. Gollop's Acct	35	00				Wilkinson Hart	
Repairs of Parsonage	20	"				W. A. Lofspin	
Ch. Mourning	51	04					

J. H. Birch Rector

Barbados,

Parish of St. John

This is to Certify that the Levy appointed by the Gentlemen of the Vestry for the present year, and the tax upon Hucksters for defraying the Parochial expences, have been duly published according to law, and no objection made there to,

Witness my hand this 17th day of April 1863.

A. H. Bishop, Rector.

Barbados. By His Honor the President Admg the Government

I do hereby allow and confirm the Levy laid by the Gentlemen of the Vestry of the parish of St. John for the present year, and do declare this my allowance & confirmation thereof accordingly.

Given under my hand at the Council Chamber this 21st day of April 1863.

Grash E. Thomas

Barbados

Parish of Saint John
January 11th. 1864.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders of the Parish this day, the following Gentlemen were Elected Vestrymen for the Present Year 1864.

Viz.ᵗ

Henry J. Hart
John J. Gollop
The Hon Grant E Thomas
Wm. L Massiah
Jos. A Haynes
Wm Haynes
Edm.ᵈ L Haynes
Wilkinson Hart
Walter A Tapkin
The Hon John Sealy —

A. St. Bridsh
Rector.

Barbados Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Monday the Eleventh day of April one thousand eight hundred and Sixty four.

Present

Henry J. Hart Walter A Joseph
The Hon Grant E Thomas Edwd Lee Haynes
Wm. C Massiah Wilkinson Hart and
Joseph A. Haynes The Hon John Scaly
William Haynes

They made choice of and appointed Walter A. Joseph Esq. Churchwarden for the present year 1864.

Ordered That an Assessment at the rate of Thirty five Cents pr Acre be assessed on all owners and possessors of land in the said Parish being twenty eight Cents for Ordinary & seven for Extraordinary

Ordered That the undermentioned persons, Shop keepers, do pay as a tax on trade the Amounts respectively set against their names.

	£		£		£
Flavius Goodman	4	Alfred Williams	2	Abel Moe	1
Charles Squires	4	J. H. Cooney	2	R. J. L Gibson	1
Mary A Gale	2	Robt J. Haynes	1	Hector Ford	1
Semina Port	2	James F. Pile	4	J. E. W. Potter	3
John F. Howard	1	John H. Merrick	3	John Goodman	2
R. D. Hutson	3	Richd. Smith	2	Thomas Lashley	2
W. F. Cooney	4	Henry Haynes	2	— Thomas H. Land	1
Grandison Howard	3	H. J. Edey	1	— Coombs H. Land	1
Geo. J. Bird	2	Edwd. Hinton	3		
W. J. Thorne (2)	4	W. Cook	2		
Charles Grannum	1	George Frost	2		
John W. Norris	2	Charles Carter	1		
W. E. S. Gibson	1	Richard Alton	2		
J. W. Cooney	1	Richard Collins	3	4	
R. L. Ratcliffe	1	John Tenford	1		
John R Gibson	1	Joseph Blades	1		

Ordered That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following pensioners the Amounts respectively set against their names.

	£		£		£
Richard Squires	36	Mrs. Standards	12	Mrs Baker	6
Sarah Goddard	8	Rebecca Green	4	Charlotte Storey	4
Wm. Goddard	4	Mary Pinto	4		
Mary. Ramsay	6	Elizabeth Weeks	6		
Mrs. J. Gibson	4	Mary Weeks	6		
Mrs. Rice	6	Mrs M King	6		
James Searles	6	Mrs J King	4		

Ordered That the undermentioned Widows under the Will of the late I. D. Massiah be paid the following sums. Viz! — Elizabeth A Taylor $3.08¢. Sarah Goddard $3.08¢. Joyce Moore $3.08¢. Mary Bristock $3.08¢ Mary Yearwood $3.08¢ & E. M Bradshaw $3.08¢.

Ordered That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Salaries for the present Year

	£		£
Wm M Burgess Clerk & Clerk of the Parish	96	Bellringer	8
ditto School	102	I G. Puckerin - Schoolmaster	114
James H Puckerin	175	Organist	252
Wm M Burgess in lieu of Fees	84	W. Gilkes	480

Ordered That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Sums.

Doctor Pilgrim's Acct	21	00	W. T. Gollop's Acct	10	58	Henry J. Hart
Carpenter's Acct	4	80	G. W. McClean	16	56	Wm M Massiah
Bread & Wine for Sacramental use	6	00	Bovril Bill	35	58	Bros. A. Haynes
Washing Ch. Linen	8	00	Israel Bovril Bill	5	00	William Haynes
Appliances for School	150	00	Nightingale & Co	54	68	E Hanna E. Haynes
Pensioners	123	50	Public Treasurer	35	48	Wilkinson Hart
Manumitted persons	73	86	J.P. Gittens	10	00	W. A. Hoppin
J. T. Gollop's Acct	92	00	Hardy & Co	5	76	John Healy
Tuning Organ	40	00	Trimingham & Co	41	02	
Casual Poor	400	00	Chapel expenses	89	82	
Schoolmasters Rent	20	00	Treasurer Balance	459	24	
Chenery's Bill	27	87				

Bridal Pieces

April 11th 1864

The following Gentlemen were this day appointed Commissioners for the Highways.

William Haynes
Walter A. Tappin and
John Henry Thomas Esq^rs

Henry F. Abbott
W. E. Mapleton
Wm. A. Haynes
William Haynes
Edmund K. Haynes
Wilkinson Hart.
Wm. L. Tappin
John Healy

P. H. Bickle
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John

This is to Certify that the Levy appointed by the Gentlemen of the Vestry for the present year, and the Tax upon Blackstees for defraying the Parochial expenses have been duly Published according to Law, and no objection made thereto — Witness my hand this 4th day of May 1864.

A. A. Bishop,
Rector.

Barbados. By his Excellency the Governor

I do hereby allow and confirm the Levy laid by the Gentlemen of the Vestry of the parish of St. John for the present year, and do declare this my allowance and confirmation thereof accordingly.

Given under my hand at the Council Chamber this 4th day of May 1864.

Jas. Walker

Barbados.

Parish of Saint John
January 9th 1865

At a Meeting of the Freeholders of the Parish this day, the following Gentlemen were Elected Vestrymen for the present Year 1865.

Viz:

Henry F. Hart
The Hon. Grant E Thomas
Wm C Massiah
Joseph A Haynes
William Haynes
Edwd Lee Haynes
Wilkinson Hart
Walter A. Foppin
The Hon John Sealy
Thomas Speed

A. A. Child
Rector

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Monday the twenty seventh day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty five

Present

Hon. Henry F. Hart, Grant E. Thomas, Wm. E. Massiah, Joseph A. Hayes, Wm. Hayes, Walter A. Tompkins, Edwd. De Haynes, Wilkinson Hart, Hon. Robert Seale & Thomas Speed Esqrs.

They made choice of, and appointed Thomas Speed Esq. Church Warden for the present Year 1865

Ordered. That an Assessment at the rate of Thirty Cents p Acre be Assessed on all owners and possessors of land in the said Parish being 20¢ for relief & Education of the Poor 9 cents for the other necessary Parochial Charges and 1¢ for the extraordinary expenses

Ordered That the undermentioned persons, shopkeepers, do pay as a tax on trade, the amounts respectively set against their names

	£		£		£
Flavius A Goodman	4	George Ford	1		
Charles Lynes	4	Rich. W Collins	4	3	
Mary A Gall	1	Joseph Blades	1		
Jemima Port	2	Abel Moe	1		
R J. Atkinson	3	Hector Ford	1	4	
W F. Carney	4	Alex. Thomas	1		
C G Howard	3	Robt. L. Standard	1		
Geo. F. Bird	2	J. H. Puckerin	1		
W T. Thorne	4	Wm. F Seales	1		
J W Gibney	1	Wm. King	1	2	
J R Gibson	1	Thos. Puckerin	1		
Alfred Williams	2	George Spencer	1		
James H Carney	2				
Robt. F. Mayers	1				
James F. Pile	4				
Richard Smith	2				
H F. Eday	1				

Ordered. That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following pensioners the amounts respectively set against their names

	£					
Richard Squires	36	Mrs. Standard	12	Mrs Baker	6	"
Sarah Goddard	8	Rebecca Green	4	Charlotte Story	4	
William Goddard	4	Mary Bronte	4	Mrs. Bradshaw	4	
Mary. Ramsay	6	Elizabeth Weekes	6	Mrs. J. Yearwood	4	
Mrs. J. Gibson	4	Mary Weekes	6	James Searles	6	
Mrs Rice	6	Mr. M Weing	6		24	
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Ordered That the undermentioned Widows under the Will of the late I. St Massiah be paid the following sums Viz E. A. Taylor $3.08 Sarah Goddard $3.08. Mary Brigstock $3.08. Mary Yearwood $3.08 E. M. Bradshaw $3.084.

Ordered. That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following salaries for the present year.

	£	
Clerks Salary	96	
Sexton ditto	175	
Clerk in lieu of fees	84	
Bell Ringer	8	
Schoolmasters Salary	144	
Organist	252	
Parish Schoolmaster	100	

Ordered That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Sums

	£			£		
Mrs. Pilgrim	95	"	Schoolmasters Rent	20		Henry P. Hart
Nightingale Hse	17	80	~~Masters for Poor~~	-		Grant E. Thomas
Jos. Bascom	23	06	Casual reliefs to Poor	400		W. C. Mabich
John Allegar	10	80	Clothing Society	100		Jos. A. Haynes
Medicine for Poor	35	"	Nursing Organ	60		William Haynes
Mr. Gollop Attn	73	"	Medical Officer	480		Edmund F. Haynes
Composing Stones &c	4	80	P. Treat. Balance	109	29	Wilkinson Hart
Bread & Wine for Sacrament	"	"				W. A. Trippi
	10	"				John Healy
Washing Ch. Linen	8	"				Thomas Speed
Appliances for School	100	"				
Pensioners	123	50				
Manumitted Persons	73	86				

A. M. Brissett Secretary

27th March 1865

At the Meeting of the Vestry this day the undermentioned Gentlemen were appointed Guardians for the Poor

The Hon G. E Thomas
" J. Scaly
Jos. Haynes Esqr — the
Churchwarden and
Rector —

A Petition from the Rev. J. H. Pitcher and others asking that the Chapel of St. Margarets might be taken under the charge of the Vestry, Was read — that Vestry agreed unanimously that the Petition could not be entertained

A Circular from the Secretary of the Central School Directors proposing to receive an additional boarder at the Boys School, Was read — The Vestry agreed that the proposition could not be entertained at present

It was resolved that a Medical Officer be appointed at a Salary of four hundred and eighty dollars per Annum, and that the appointment be offered to Doctor Scaly

It was resolved that the Churchwarden be authorized to have the necessary repairs made to the pulpit.

Henry J. Hart
Grant E. Thomas
W. A. Maynard
Jos: A. Haynes
William Haynes
Edmund L. Haynes
Wilkinson Hart
W. A. Hoppin
John Scaly
Thomas Spencer

J. H. Pitcher Rector

Barbados

Parish of Saint John

This is to Certify that the Levy appointed by the Gentlemen of the Vestry for the present year, and the tax upon Hucksters, for defraying the Parochial expenses, have been duly published — according to law, and no objection made thereto

Witness my hand this 27th day of April 1865.

A. A. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados.

By His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

I do hereby allow and confirm the levy laid by the Gentlemen of the vestry of the parish of Saint John for the present year and do declare this my allowance and confirmation thereof accordingly.

Given under my hand at the Council chamber this 5th day of May 1865.

S. A. Kennedy.
Administrator of the Government.

Barbados.

Parish of Saint John
January 8th 1866.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders of the Parish this day, the following Gentlemen were Elected Vestrymen for the Present Year 1866.

Viz:

Henry F. Hart
Hon. Grant E Thomas
Wm. C. Massiah
Joseph A Haynes
William Haynes
Edwd. Lee Haynes
Wilkinson Hart
Walter A Tuplin
Hon. John Sealy
Thomas Speed

A. H. Bright
Rector

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Monday the twenty sixth day of March. One thousand eight hundred and sixty six

Present.

Henry F. Hart — Hon. John Sealy
Hon. Grant E Thomas — Thomas Sealy
Jos. A. Haynes — William Haynes Esq.r
Walter A Tippin
Edw.d Lee Haynes

They made choice of and appointed Henry F. Hart Esq.r — Church Warden for the present Year 1866.

Ordered That an Assessment at the rate of thirty cents — p.r Acre be assessed on all owners and possessors of land in the said Parish — Being 19¢ for Relief & Education of the poor. 8½¢ for necessary Parochial expences. and 2½¢ for the extraordinary expences.

Ordered: That the undermentioned persons, Shopkeepers, do pay as a tax on trade, the amounts respectively set against their Names

	£		£
Flavius A. Goodman	6	Alexander Thomas	1
Charles Lyons	4	James H Packer	1
Mary Jane Gale	X	William King	2
Jemima Port	2	George Spencer	1
Robert D. Hinkson	4	W. E. S. Gibson	1
Wm F. Cooney	6	George Brooker	1
Charles G. Howard	3	Joseph A. Goodman	1
Geo.e Wm F. Thorne	5	Jane Goodman	1
Joseph McDowney	1		
Alfred Williams	1		
James A Cheney	2		
Robt F. Mayers	1		
James F. Pile	6		
Richard Smith	2		
Richd. H. Collins	✕		
Joseph Blades	1		

Ordered. That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following pensioners, the amounts respectively set against their names

Richard Squires	36	Rebecca Lyons	4	Charlotte Story	4
Sarah Goddard	8	Mary Brust	4	Mrs. E. M. Bradshaw	4
Mary[t]. Ramsey	6	Elizabeth Weeks	6	Mrs. D. Yeamans	6
Mrs. T. Gibbons	4	Mary Weeks	6	James Scales	6
Mrs. Rice	6	Mrs. M. King	6	Ann Miller	4
Mrs. Standards	12	Mrs. Baker	6		24
	72		32		

Ordered. That the undermentioned Widows, under the Will of the late I. St. Massiah, be paid the following sums Viz: Elizabeth A. Traylor $3.00 ct, Sarah Goddard $3.00 ct, Mary Brigstock $3.00 ct Mary Yearwood $3.00 ct. E.M. Bradshaw $3.00 ct Sarah King $3.00 ct.

Ordered. That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Salaries for the present year

	£					
Clerk of Parish	96	Tuning Organ	5	5		
Sexton	175	I.G. Pinckney School	144			
Bell ringer	8	Parish School	100			
Organist	252	Medical Officer	480			
W.M. Burgess fees	84					

Ordered That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Sums for the present year

Appliances for Schools	£ 100		Wm Robert	13		Henry F. Hart
Pensioners	178	82	I.B. Massiah	26	23	Grant & Thomas
Manumitted pensioners	61	55	Nightingale & Co	15	90	Jos. A. Hayes
School masters House Rent	20	00	Bread & Flour for Servants	60	00	William Hayes
Parish undertaker	36	00	Washing Clothes	8	00	Edmund K. Hayes
Cas. Relief for Poor	400	"	P. Treas. Balance	200	80	W.P. Topper
Clothing Society	100	"				John Healy
						Thos Speed

A.A. Bridle
Rector

The following committees were appointed this day March 26th 1866.

General -

For the Year -

The Rector.

Hon'ble G. E. Thomas

" I. Scaly

Joseph Haynes

The Churchwardens

Education -

The Rector.

Hon'ble G. E. Thomas

" I. Scaly

Joseph Haynes Esq

Health.

Hon'ble G. E Thomas

Thomas Speed

Joseph A. Haynes

Edm'd L. Haynes

W. A. Tolpin Esq

Road -

W. Haynes

W. A Tolpin

John Thomas Esq

Special

Audit -

E. L. Haynes

W. A. Tolpin

W. Hall Esq

Inspecting Passage

Joseph Haynes

W. A. Tolpin Esq

The Ch: Warden

A. A. Bishop

Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

This is to Certify that the Levy appointed by the Gentlemen of the Vestry for the present year, and the tax upon Hucksters, for defraying the Parochial expenses, have been duly published according to law, and no objection made thereto.

Witness my hand this 24th day of April 1866

A. B. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados. By His Excellency the Governor.

I do hereby allow and confirm the Levy laid by the Gentlemen of the Vestry of the parish of St. John for the present year and do declare this my allowance and confirmation thereof accordingly.

Given under my hand at the Council Chamber this 1st day of May. 1866.

Sam Rowe

Barbados

Parish of Saint John
January 14th 1867

At a Meeting of the Freeholders of the Parish this day the following Gentlemen were elected Vestrymen for the Present Year 1867.

Viz:

Henry F. Hart
Hon Grant E Thomas
Wm. C. Marshall
" Joseph A. Haynes
William Haynes
Edmund Lee Haynes
Wilkinson Hart
Walter A. Toppin
" John Sealy
Thomas Speed

A. A. Bishop
Wm. Ed. Austin

Barbados. Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Monday the twenty fifth day of March. one thousand eight hundred and Sixty Seven.

Present

Henry F. Hart — Edwd. Lee Haynes
Hon. Grant E Thomas — Wilkinson Hart
Wm. C Massiah — Walter A Toppin
" Joseph A. Haynes — Hon John Sealy &
William Haynes — Thomas Speed Esq.rs.

They made choice of and appointed Wm. C Massiah Esq. Church Warden for the present year 1867.

Ordered, That an assessment at the rate of thirty two cents p.r Acre be assessed on all owners and possessors of land in the said Parish, Viz 20 ¢ for relief & Education of the poor. 9 ¢ for necessary Parochial expenses & 3 ¢ for extraordinary expenses.

Ordered, That the undermentioned persons (Shopkeepers. do pay as a tax on trade, the Amounts respectively set against their names,

	£		£	
Flavius A Goodman	6	Joseph H. Goddard	4	pd
Charles Symes	4	Jane A. Goodman	1	pd.
pd. Semina Port	2	Joseph A Reed	1	
pd W.m B. pd R. J. Atkinson	4	R. J. L Gibson ...	2	pd
pd Ed F. Cooney	6	G. F. Clarke	2	
pd E Wm B Charles G Howard	3	Saml. Gibson	2	
W. T. Thorne	5	R. T. Bascom	2	
Jos. W Downey	1			
Alfred Williams	1			
Robt. F. Meyers	1			
James F. Pile	6			
pd Alex. Thomas ...	1			
James H Puckrin	1			
pd William King	2			
G. H. Spencer	1			
pd W. E. Gibson	1			
pd E Wm B George Brooker	2			

Ordered That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following pensioners the amounts respectively set against their names

	£		£		£
Richard Squires	36	Mary Routs	4	Mrs. J. Yearwood	4
Sarah Goddard	8	Elizabeth Wickes	4	James Scales	6
Margaret Ramsey	6	Mary Wickes	6	Ann Miller	4
Mrs. J. Gibson	4	Mrs. M King	6		
Mrs. Rice	6	Mrs. Baker	6		
Mrs. Standards	12	Charlotte Storey	4		
Rebecca Green	4	Mrs. M E Bradshaw	4		

Ordered That the undermentioned Widows under the Will of the late J. H. Marsiah be paid the following sums Viz: Sarah Goddard $3.08¢ Mary Bridstock $3.08¢ Mary Yearwood $3.08¢ Elizabeth M Bradshaw $3.08¢ Sarah King $3.08¢ and Rebecca Green $3.08¢.

Ordered That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Salaries for the present year

	£		£
Clerk of the Parish	96	Tuning organ	40
ditto in lieu of fees	84	J. G. Ruckman School	144
Sexton	175	Parish School	1011
Bellringer	8	J. Sealy Medical Attendance	481
Organist	252		

Ordered That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following sums for the present year.

	£	¢				
Par. Local Balance	379	15	School masters House	20		Henry J. Hart
Lovell & Co.	444	20	Parish undertaker	36	40	Grant E. Thomas
A. Welch	164	59	Clothing Society	100	00	W. C. Maycock
Nightingale & Co	265	07	Medicines, extra	61	29	Jos. A. Rogers
Plumber	10	00	Casual relief	400	00	William Hayward
Welch	4	50	Bread & wine for Sacrament	60	00	Edmund L. Hayward
Freight Accts	78	43				Wilkinson Hart
Ramsey & Elder	20	16	Washing Ch Linen	8	00	W. A. Toppin
Stores rent &c.	60	00	Contingencies	4	80	John Sealy
School appliances	100	00				Thos Speed
Pensioners	128	00				
Remittances	61	55				

Arth. Smith Clerk

The following Committees were appointed this day, 25 Feb. 1864

General

For the Poor ____

The Rector
Hon G. E Thomas
" I. Sealy
" Jos A Haynes
The Ch Wardens -

Education ____

The Rector
Hon G. E Thomas
" I Sealy
" Jos. A Haynes Esq.r.

Healths ____

Hon G. E Thomas
Thos. Speed
" Jos A Haynes
Edw.d L Haynes
W A Tapscott Esq.r

Road ____

William Haynes
Walter A Tapscott
John H Thomas Esq.rs

Special

Audit. ____

E. L. Haynes
W. Tapscott
W. Hart Esq.r

Harvey L. Hart

A letter, of this day's date, from the Rev.d L. Barnett, Curate of St Mark's, was read, in which he asked for certain aid for his Chapel & school - The members of the Vestry requested the Rector to reply to Mr. Barnett's letter, stating their regret that on account of the heavy outlay for the repairs of the Rectory, (& must - which they were obliged to apply for a loan from the Legislature), they are unable to come to his aid at this time.

March 25th 1867. It was agreed by the Vestry that the following petition to the Legislature should be presented by the Senior Member for the Parish, at the earliest opportunity.

"The humble petition of the Rector and Vestry of the Parish of Saint John,

Sheweth.

That it having become necessary to make considerable repairs to the Rectory House of this Parish, Your Petitioners being desirous of making the burden therefor fall as lightly as possible on the poorer rate payers of the Parish, are induced to approach Your Honorable House and pray that a loan of Three hundred Pounds may be granted them from the Public Treasury, to be repaid by three equal annual instalments of One hundred Pounds, the first of such instalments to be paid on the first of September 1868.

Signed by the Rector and all the members of the Vestry.

A. St. Brisbane
Rector.

Barbados Parish of St. John

This is to Certify that the Levy appointed by the Gentlemen of the Vestry for the present Year and the Tax upon Stockstock, for defraying the Parochial Expences, have been duly published according to law, and no objection made thereto.

Given under my hand this 18th day of April, in the Year 1867

A. St. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados: By His Excellency the Governor

I do hereby allow and confirm the levy laid by the Gentlemen of the Vestry of the parish of Saint John for the present year, and do declare this my allowance confirmation thereof accordingly.

Given under my hand at the Council Chamber this 7th day of May 1867.

Lt. Boulcott

Barbados.

Parish of Saint John

At a meeting of the Vestry on Monday Septr 23rd 1867.

Present.

Henry F Hart
Wm C. Maynard
Theden Joseph A. Haynes
William Haynes
Walter A. Toppin
Geo. John Sealy
Thomas Speed
Revd. A. A. Bishop, Rector.

The Rector stated that he had convened the Meeting of the Vestry for the purpose of nominating a Parochial Treasurer in the room of Mr. W. R. Burgess lately deceased -

There were four applications for the Office - one from Mr. J. J. Kaiser one from Mr. R. A. Robinson, one from Mr. W. A. Antrobus - and one from Mr. C. C. Fleming - which were read and duly considered

Mr. Joseph A. Haynes then proposed Mr. C. C Fleming as a proper person to be nominated to the Office of Parochial Treasurer; and he was unanimously approved of, and nominated accordingly.

The Rector was then requested to notify the Nomination of Mr. Fleming to the Colonial Secretary, in order that it may be submitted to the Governor in Council, for approval, as the Law directs also that Mr. Fleming be notified of his Nomination, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, and that he will be required to enter into the necessary bonds as soon as Notification of his approval shall be received

Messrs W. A. Toppin, J. A. Haynes, & W. Hart were appointed a Committee to take over the books, Papers &c Connected with the Office, from the family of the late Parochial Treasurer.

Mr. Speed observed that looking to the long and faithful Services of the late Mr. Burgess, he thought some notice should be taken of them by the Vestry: and it was Resolved that the Sympathy and Condolence of the Vestry should be offered to his Widow and family, with an assurance that the Vestry entertain a high sense of the worth and services their late Parochial Treasurer and Parish Clerk.

It was mentioned by Mr. W. Haynes that the Carriage House at the Clerk's residence was the property of the late Mr. Burgess and it was Resolved that the same should be appraised and taken over by the Parish; Mr. Speed and Mr. W. C. Maynard were good enough to undertake to act in the Matter.

The Rector mentioned that he thought an appointment

should be made
to the Office of Parish Clerk, in the place of the late Mr. Burgess; ~~should~~
~~be made~~ After some discussion the consideration of this subject
was postponed until the next Meeting of the Vestry.

Mr. Spud stated that he had been requested
by the Revd. Mr. Eckel, the Curate of St. Margaret's Church,
if the Vestry had no use for the old Organ in the Vestry room
that it may be given to him to be converted into a leading
desk for his Chapel - Mr. Spud added that the
Pipes &c. could, he thought, be disposed of - Whereupon
it was resolved that Mr. Eckel's application should be
acceded to - And the Audit. Committee were then requested
to endeavour to dispose of the Pipes &c

A. St. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry on Wednesday Oct 30th 1867.

Present

H. L. Hart. Wilkinson Hart.

W. C. Maycock. Walter A. Lofthouse.

How I A Haynes Thos. Speed.

William Haynes. and the Rector.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read

The Rector stated that he had called the present meeting in order to receive the bonds of Mr. C. C. Fleming, whose appointment as ~~Parochial~~ Treasurer was approved of by the Governor in Council on 22nd inst. Mr. Fleming accordingly entered into the necessary bonds Mr. W. C. Maycock and Mr. W. A. Lofthouse being his securities

The account of W M Burgess dec'd. late Parochial Treasurer, was handed in shewing a balance in favour of Mr Burgess of £56.73.

Ordered. That the above balance be paid over to the Executors of Mr. Burgess also that the account alluded to be placed on the minutes.

With regard to the buildings at the late Clerks residence, the appraisment not having taken place the consideration of the matter was deferred until the next meeting of the Vestry.

With regard to the office of Parish Clerk the Rector expressed a wish that Mr. W. H. Authobus should be appointed. Mr. W. C. Maycock raised an objection, stating that in his opinion Mr. James Puckerin, had some claim to that office; Notwithstanding this objection Mr. Authobus was appointed at an annual salary of £30.

It was proposed by the Rector that the Rev. A. T. Eckel Curate of St Margarets should occupy the house on the Glebe in which the late Clerk resided until a curates house shall be provided on the site near the chapel granted by Mr. I. A. Haynes for that purpose; which proposition was assented to.

A. H. Bishop
Rector

Barbados.

Parish of Saint John.
January 6th 1868

At a meeting of the Freeholders of this Parish this day the following gentlemen were elected Vestrymen for the present year 1868.

Viz.

H. F. Hart.
Hon.ble G. E. Thomas.
W. C. Inspiah.
Hon.ble J. A Haynes.
Wm Haynes.
E. L. Haynes.
W. Hart.
W. A. Hoppin.
Hon.ble J. Sealy.
T. Sheet.

H. F. Hart
Asst

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry on Wednesday the twenty fifth day of March one thousand eight-hundred and sixty eight-.

Present.

H. F. Hart. W. A. Toppin.
Hon.ble I. A. Haynes. Hon.ble John Sealy.
Wm. Haynes. Thomas Speed.
Ed.d Haynes. + the Rector.

They made choice of and appointed Hon.ble Joseph A. Haynes. Churchwarden for the present year 1868.

Ordered.

That an assessment at the rate of thirty cents. (3 d.) pr acre be assessed on all owners and possessors of land in the said parish. Being 20 d for relief & Education of the poor 8 d for necessary parochial Expenses and 2 d. for Extraordinary Expenses

Ordered.

That the undermentioned persons (shopkeepers) do pay as a tax on trade the amount respectively set against their names.

Flavius A Goodman	6	Joseph H. Goddard.	1	pd			
Flavius A Goodman.	6	Jas A. Goodman.	1		Henry F Hart		
pd R.I. Hinkson.	4	Joseph A Reed.	1	pd	Jos. A. Haynes		
W.F. Cromey.	6	R.T.L. Gibson.	1	pd	William Haynes		
pd C.E. Howard.	3	G.F. Clarke.	2		Edmund Cayetl		
pd W.F. Thorne.	5	Samuel Gibson.	2	pd	W.F. Thorne		
Jos W Downey.	1	R.T. Bascom.	2	pd	John Sealy		
Alfred Williams.	1	W.F. Cox.	2		Thomas Speed		
pd R.F. Hayes.	1	Philip Sealy.	1				
Lewis.	1	W.W. [illegible]	2				
Alex Thomas.	1		35				
pd G.H. Spencer.	1		53				
pd W.E. Gibson.	1	pd					
pd George Brookes.	2						
	36						

Ordered.

That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following pensioners the sums respectively set against their Names

Rhd Squires.	36	Rebecca Green.	8	Charlotte Storey.	4
Sarah Goddard.	8	Mary Pooles.	4	Jas Scales.	6
Margaret Ramsey.	8	Elizabeth Weekes.	6	Wm. M. E. Bradshaw	4
Wm. T. Gibson.	4	Mary Weekes.	6	Wm. I Yearwood	6
Wm. Rice.	6	Wm. Jr King.	4	Ann Butler.	4
Wm. Standards.	6	Wm. Baker.	6	Wm. J. G. Packerin.	18

Ordered.

That the undermentioned widows under the will of the late I. H. Maycock be paid the following sums viz. Sarah Goddard $3.00. Mary Brigstock $3.00. Mary Yearwood $3.00. Eliz. M. Bradshaw. $3.00. Sarah King $3.00 Rebecca Green $3.00

Ordered.

That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Salaries for the present year.

	$.		$.
Clerk of the Parish	144	Parish schoolmistress.	96
Sexton	175	W Antrobus as Schoolmaster.	144
Bell Ringers	8	Medical Attendance.	480
Organist & B Blowers.	252		
Tuning Organ.	40		

Ordered.

That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following sums for the present year.

	$	¢		$	¢
School appliances	100	00	Confirming Levy.	4	80
Pensioners.	144	00	Casual relief.	500	00
Intermittants	61	55	Nightingale Rfd. acct.	7	17.
Clothing Society	100	00	S Mark's poor.	12	04
Parish Undertaker	36	00	H Edey's bill (Ch railing)	15	00
Medicines Extra	27	38			
Sacramental Elements	50	00			
Washing Ch Linen	8	00			

The following committees were appointed this day. March 28th 1868.

General.

For the poor.
The Hon.ble John Sealy.
Wm. Haynes.
Tho.s Speed.
The Ch: warden.

Education.
The Rector.
The Hon.ble John Sealy.
Wm. Haynes.
The Hon.ble I. A. Haynes.

Healths.
Thos Speed.
The Hon.ble I. A. Haynes.
E. L. Haynes.
W. A. Toppin.

Road.
Wm. Haynes.
W. A. Toppin.
I. A. Thomas.

Special.

Audit.
E. L. Haynes.
W. A. Toppin.
W. Hart.

Building.
W. A. Toppin.
Thos Speed.
The Ch: Warden.

The Rector laid before the Vestry a letter from Rev.d Barnett offering to and repeating his application of 1867 for assistance and asking that the Vestry should either take over his Chapel or make him an annual allowance for repairs &c. Without pledging themselves to either of these propositions it was resolved by the Vestry that the sum of £10.0.0 should be granted from Par: funds to Rev.d Barnett.

Ordered.

That the following statement; handed in by J Sealy Medical attendant of St Johns poor should be copied in the Minutes.

The St Johns dispensary has now been established three years a record has been kept of the number of patients applying for relief each week. It was at first proposed that those only should be entitled to gratuitous Medical aid who were strictly speaking paupers, and that they should be furnished with tickets of admission by the Rector, and the Members of the committee of the Vestry entrusted with the care of the poor: It was also suggested that a shilling might be charged other persons belonging to the labouring class who might desire to avail themselves of the benefits of the institution. The Committee moreover promised to pay for the more expensive Medicines that should be used in the treatment of the sick poor.

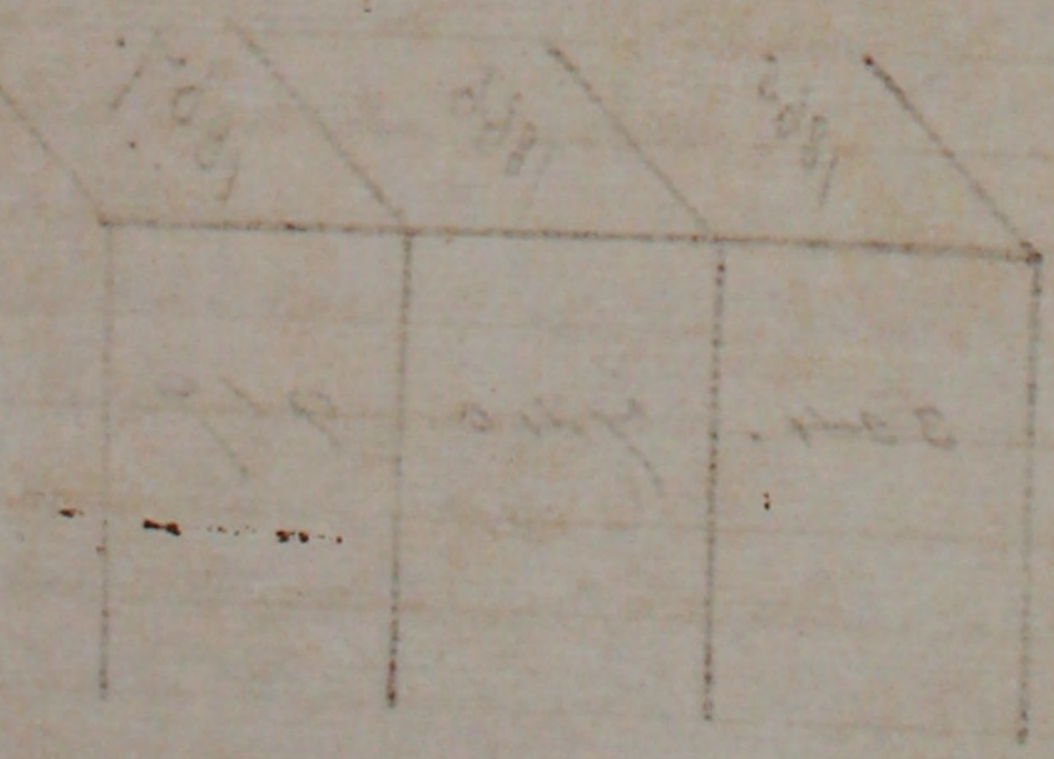
Such were the intentions with which the dispensary was opened on the 15th April 1868. I soon found however that the plan of demanding a shilling from the labourers would not work by any means satisfactorily. It caused a good deal of ~~complaint~~ discontent; and there were constant complaints that the distinctions made in granting tickets were unfair. After some time therefore I took upon myself to put an end to this discontent by abandoning the plan altogether, and throwing open the dispensary to the poor of the parish generally requiring only as the condition of admission that the applicant should belong to the labouring class. For indeed it had always appeared to me very desirable that our labourers should be enabled to obtain free of expense such advantages as a dispensary affords. The increased exertion therefore on my part which this change required I readily undertook and the original proposal of the Committee on behalf of the Vestry to pay for the more costly drugs, enabled me to effect it without more than a comparatively trifling additional personal expense. Such then is the plan upon which the dispensary is at present conducted, and I have thought it right to place this short statement upon paper for the information of the Vestry in order that what is now being

done may be clearly known, and in the hope that the course I have adopted may meet with their approval.
The great majority of dispensary patients are persons who, though not suffering from what would be called any distinct or particular malady, have fallen into a state of ill health, a condition of lowered vitality which unfits them for their usual work. They are fatigued or exhausted by their ordinary labours, and perform it with difficulty even if they are not altogether incapable of it., and these are the persons on whom I think the dispensary confers the greatest advantage and for whose benefit it is particularly desirable that such an institution should exist. They are not the chronic invalids who form so large a portion of the pauper class of a parish and on whom medicine is often in a great measure thrown away, but the able-bodied and indeed in many cases the youthful labourers who being temporarily weakened & disabled, are by timely care and appropriate remedies restored to health and usefulness.
The subjoined statement indicates, as I venture to think, a satisfactory result. It shows that the dispensary is valued by the people and supplies a want which is felt by them since after a period of three years the attraction of novelty which usually operates so strongly with them, and which might have been sufficient to account for a large attendance during the first few weeks or months, may be supposed no longer to exist-

	1865	1866	1867
No. of applications to the Dispensary.	304.	740.	917.

(Signed) J. Sealy.
M.D.

A. H. Birch
Rector.



Barbados

Parish of Saint. John.

This is to certify that the levy appointed by the Gentlemen of the vestry for the present year and the tax upon Buckstalls for defraying the Parochial Expenses, have been duly published according to law and no objections made thereto.

Given under my hand this 1st day of May in the year 1868

A. A. Bishop
Rector

Barbados. By His Excellency the Governor.

I do hereby allow and confirm the levy laid by the Gentlemen of the Vestry of the parish of St. John for the present year, and do declare this my allowance & confirmation thereof accordingly.

Given under my hand at the Council Chamber this fifth day of May 1868.

Wm. Walker

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry, on Monday July 27th 1868.

Present The Honble H. F. Haste.
Wm Haynes.
E. L. Haynes.
W. A. Loppins.
Thomas Speed Esqre
and the Rector.

The Rector stated that the Honble J. A. Haynes having left the Island, it became necessary, in accordance with the law, to elect a Church-Warden, in his place.

M^r. Speed proposed, and M^r. E. Haynes seconded the proposal, that M^r. W. A. Loppins be appointed to the office. M^r. Loppins having assented was then appointed Church-Warden.

Ordered.

That M^r. W Haynes should be placed on the Building Committee.

The Rector brought to the notice of the Vestry the very dilapidated state of the building now used as a Parish school house below the cliff - and the necessity of taking some measures to provide a proper place for the reception of the school children. It was unanimously agreed that the Building Committee should take steps to ascertain what can be done, with as little delay as possible, to provide a suitable schoolroom on the Glebe at S. Margarets, and that the Vestry shall be furnished with the Committee's report on the subject as soon as convenient.

The Rector read a letter from M^r. J Sinderby Bowen, the Tuner of the Church organ, in which he describes it's condition as deplorable, and states that it requires thorough cleaning and repair, and that to do this

effectually the cost will be, say, seventy five dollars.
On the motion of Wm. E.L. Haynes, it was agreed
unanimously that Wm. Bowen be authorized to carry
out the necessary repairs

The meeting was then closed.

Barbados.

Parish of Saint-John.
January 4th 1869.

At a meeting of the Freeholders of the Parish this day the following Gentlemen were elected Vestrymen for the present year. 1869.

viz.

H. F. Hack.
Honble G. E. Thomas.
W. C. Maycock.
Honble J. A. Haynes.
Wm Haynes.
E. L. Haynes.
W. Hack.
W. A. Toppin.
Honble S. Sealy.
T. Speed.

A. H. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry on Wednesday the thirty first day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

Present

Honble I. A. Haynes. Thomas Speed.
E. L. Haynes. Wm Haynes. } came in late.
W. C. Maycock. Honble I. Sealy. }

They made choice of and appointed Honble I. A. Haynes Churchwarden for the present year 1869.

Ordered.

That an assessment at the rate of forty two cents (42) per acre be assessed on all owners and possessors of lands in the said parish, being 22¢. for relief & Education of the poor, 8¢ for necessary Parochial Expenses & 12¢. for Extraordinary Expenses. Mr. E. L. Haynes dissenting.

Ordered.

That the undermentioned persons (shopkeepers) do pay as a tax on trades the amounts respectively set against their names.

pd	Flavius A. Goodman.	6	Samuel Gibson.	38	Henry J. Hart
pd	W. F. Cromey.	6	J. E. Pooler.	4	W. C. Maycock
pd	R. J. Hinkson.	4	Jas Nicholls-Lewis.	1	Jos: A. Haynes
pd	C. G. Howard.	4	Joseph Reed.	2	Williams Haynes.
pd	W. L. Thorne.	5	J. E. Rouse	2	Saml L. Maycock
pd	Joseph W. Downey.	1	Jane A. Goodman	2	W. W. Topper
pd	R. F. Mayers.	2	C. A. Merrick.	2	John Sealy
pd	G A Spencer.	2	Francis Topper.	1	Thomas Speed
	Geo Brooker.	2	Samuel P. Wood.	1	
pd	W. W. Goddard	3	Isaac Moore.	1	
pd	R. T. L. Gibson.	1	Alfred Williams	1	
	E. M. Ward.	2	Roach	1	A. A. Bishop
			Prescod.	1	Rector
		38		58.	

Ordered. That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following pensioners the amounts respectively set against their names.

Rhd. Squires.	36	Mary Route.	4	Wm M. E. Bradshaw.	4
Sarah Goddard.	8	Elizabeth Weeks	6	Wm J Yearwood.	6
Margaret Ramsey	8	Mary Weeks.	6	Ann Miller	4
Wm J Gibson.	4	Wm M. King	4	Wm J. G. Puckerin	18
Wm Rice.	6	Wm Baker	6	Wm Sarah King	4
Wm Standards.	6	Charlotte Storey	4		
Rebecca Green	8	James Searles	6		

Ordered. That the undermentioned widows under the will of J H Maycock dec^{d} be paid the following sums viz. Sarah Goddard $3.08, Mary Brigstock $3.08, Mary Yearwood $3.08, Elizabeth M. Bradshaw $3.08, Sarh King $3.08, and Rebecca Green $3.08.

Ordered. That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following salaries for the present year

Clerk of the Parish	144	W. Authors as schoolmaster.	144
Sexton	178	Medical attendance.	480
Bell ringers.	8	Parish schoolmistress.	96
Organist & Blower.	252		
Tuning Organ.	40		

Ordered. That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following sums for the present year.

School appliances.	100	00	Washing Children	8	00
Pensioners.	148	00	Casual relief	720	00
Manumittants.	61	55	Messrs Nightingale & Co^{s} acct	69	98
Clothing Society	100	00	Repairs of organ.	75	00
Parish Undertaker.	40	80	Confirming Boys.	4	80
Medicines Extra.	18	00	R. S. H Grosvenor acct	19	72
Sacramental Elements.	50	00	G. W. McClean do	6	92

J. H. Brid
Rector

Ordered.

That Ninety six dollars be granted to the Curate of S. Margarets District for Incumbent. to be paid quarterly.

Ordered.

That Three hundred & twenty dollars (for raising which provision has been made in the Assessment) be Expended towards the re-Erection of the School Below the Cliff.

A. N. Bishop
Rector.

The Following Committees were appointed this day. March 31st 1869.

General.

For the Poor.

Hon.ble John Sealy.
W.A. Loppin
+ The Churchwardens.

Education

The Rector.
Hon.ble John Sealy.
+ The Churchwarden.

Healths.

Thos Speed.
Hon.ble I.A. Haynes.
E.L. Haynes.
W.A. Toppin.

Road.

Wm. Haynes
W.A. Toppin.
I. H. Thomas.

Special.

Audit.

E.L. Haynes.
W.A. Toppin.
W Hart.

Building.

W. A. Toppin.
Thos Speed.
+ The Churchwarden.

Barbados. Parish of Saint-John.

This is to certify that the levy appointed by the gentlemen of the Vestry for the present year and the tax upon Huckster for defraying the Parochial Expenses have been duly published according to law and no objection made thereto.

Given under my hand this tenth day of May in the year 1869.

A. A. Bishop
Rector

Barbados. By His Excellency the Governor.

I do hereby allow and confirm the levy laid by the Gentlemen of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint John for the present year and do declare this my allowance and confirmation thereof accordingly

Given under my hand at the Council Chamber this 25th day of May 1869.

Hawes Hankinson
Governor.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry on Monday December 6th.
one thousand Eight hundred and sixty nine

Present

H. F. Hart.
W. C. Maycock.
E. L. Haynes.
W. A. Loppin.
T. Speed.

They made choice of and appointed Mr. W. A. Loppin
to act as churchwarden in place of Hon.ble E. A. Haynes.

Henry F Hart
Chairman

At a meeting of the Vestry on Wednesday December
8th 1869

Present.

H. F Hart
W. C. Maycock
W Hart
W A. Loppin
Hon.ble J Sealy.
T Speed.

The appointment of Mr. Loppin to act as
churchwarden in place of Hon.ble E.A. Haynes
was confirmed.

Mr. Hart presented a letter addressed by the
Bishop Coadjutor to the acting Rector Rev.d
W. T. Webb. in which the Bishop explained
his intention to establish in connection with
the Rural Deaneries of the Island Chapters to
consist of Clergy and Lay representatives from
the different congregations & requesting the
election by the Vestry of S. John's of a lay man
being a communicant & bona fide member of the
Church of England, to represent the congregation
of S John's church in the Chapter of that Rural
Deanery: whereupon the Vestry elected
Hon.ble J. Sealy for that purpose.

Henry F Hart

Barbados.

Parish of Saint John.
January 3rd 1870

At a meeting of the Freeholders of the Parish this day the following gentlemen were Elected Vestrymen for the present year 1870

Viz.

H. F. Hart.
Honble G. E. Thomas.
W. C. Reapsicks.
Honble I. A Haynes.
Wm Haynes.
E. L. Haynes.
W. A. Hoppin.
Honble I. Sealy.
Thomas Speed.
G. A. Sealy.

Barbados. Parish of St. John.

At a meeting of the Vestry on Monday the twenty eighth day of March One thousand eight hundred and seventy

Present

H. F. Hart. W. A. Toppin. E. A. Scaly
W. C. Mapsiah. Hon.ble Wm Haynes 5
~~Hon.ble H. H. Haynes~~ Mr. Spud.
E. L. Haynes. Hon.ble I. Scaly.

They made choice of and appointed as church-warden for the present year 1870 Hon.ble Wm Haynes.

Ordered.

That an assessment at the rate of forty two (42ℓ.) cents pr acre be assessed on all owners and possessers of land in the said parish; being 22ℓ for the relief and Education of the poor, 8ℓ for necessary parochial Expenses and 12ℓ for Extraordinary Expenses.

Ordered. That the undermentioned persons, (Shop-keepers) do pay as a tax on trade the amts respectively set against their names.

			42	63.
E. A Goodman.	6	Joseph Reed.	2	W. E. S. Gibson. 1
W. F. Croney.	6	I. E. Rouse.	2	64
R. I. Hickson.	4	Jam A. Goodman.	1	Henry F. Hart.
C. G. Howard.	4	C. A. Merrick.	2	W. C. Mapsiah
W. I. Thorne.	5	Francis Toppin.	1	pd. William Haynes.
R. F. Mayers.	2	I. P. Wood.	1	E Linn L. Haynes
G. A. Spencer.	2	Roach.	1	W A Toppin
G. Brooker.	2	I. T. Gollop.	1	I Scaly
R. I. & Gibson.	1	A Williams.	1	Thomas Spencer
Samuel Gibson.	4	I Collins	4	Geo. A. Scaly
John Gibson.	1	Alexander Thorne	1	
I. E. Pooler.	4	I Howard	2	pd
James Riccolls.	1	H. I. Gill	1	
	42	H Haynes.		

Ordered.

That the Parochial Treasurer, do pay the following pensioners the amts respectively set against their names.

Rhd. Squires -	36	Mary Weekes.	6	Wm M. E. Bradshaw.	4
Sarah Goddard	8	Wm M. King -	4	Wm I. G. Ruckerin	18
Margaret Ramsay.	8	Wm Baker.	6	Wm Sarah King.	4
Wm S Gibson	4	Charlotte Stony	4		
Wm Rice	6	James Searles	6		
Wm Standards	6	Wm I Yarwood.	6		
Elizabeth Weeks	6	Ann Miller	4		

Ordered.

That the undermentioned widows under the will of I St. Mapiah decd be paid the following sums viz Sarah Goddard $3.08. Mary Brigstocks $3.08. Mary Yarwood $3.08. Elizabeth M. Bradshaw $3.08. Sarah King $3.08, and. Wm George Goddard. $3.08.

Ordered.

That the Parochial treasurer do pay the following salaries for the present year.

Clerk of the Parish.	144	School master.	144
Sexton.	175	School mistresses.	96
Bell ringer.	8	Medical attendance.	480
Organist & blower.	252		
Tuning Organ -	40		

Ordered.

That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following sums for the present year.

School Appliances.	100	00	Casual relief.	700	00
Pensioners.	136	00	Confining Mary.	4	80
Manumittants.	49	24	Nightingale's acct	1	44
Clothing Society.	100	00	St Margts sch acct	484	90
Parish Undertaker	63	40	Elwells' acct	9	60
Medicine Extra -	31	92	Curate of St Margarets	96	00
Sacramental Element	45	00			
Washing Ch linen.	8	00			

Wm. L. L. Haynes having laid before the vestry a communication received from R. H. Robinson Esq raising a question as to whether the house formerly occupied by W Burgess dec'd and land attached; as Parish Clerk belong to the Rector as built on & forming part of the glebe or whether it belong to the Parish as having been originally purchased for & appropriated to the purposes. And Wm. Robinson being present & proposing to give information in confirmation of the statement contained in his letter it was resolved by the vestry that the investigation of the matter shd be postponed until the return of the Rector, and Wm. Robinson was informed that nothing shd be then done in taking up the subject by the Vestry, & his assistance would be invited.

A letter from Revd A. J. Eckel being laid before the Vestry petitioning either that the Chapel of St Margarets be taken over by them or that a small sum of money be annually granted. The vestry objected to taking over the Chapel & decided that the State of the parochial funds did not admit the possibility of making an annual grant even if they were authorised by law to do so.

A similar Application having been sent in by Revd E Barnett in behalf of St Marks Chapel, was similarly entertained, & replied to in the same manner.

Ordered. That three hundred dollars (for raising which provision has been made in the assessment) be expended on painting & repairing the Rectory

The following committees were appointed this day March 28th/70

General.

For the Poor.

Honble John Sealy.
Honble D. A. Haynes.
+ The Church warden.

Education.

The Rector.
Honble D. Sealy.
+ The Church-warden.

Health.

Thos Speed.
Honble D. A. Haynes.
E. L. Haynes.
W. A. Toppin.

Road.

Hon. Wm Haynes.
W. A. Toppin.
D. H. Thomas.

Special.

Audit

E. L. Haynes.
W. A. Toppin.
G. A. Sealy.

Building.

Honble D. A. Haynes
Thomas Speed.
+ The Church-warden.

Assessment.

Thomas Speed
G. A. Sealy.
+ The Church-warden

The above committee are also empowered to receive investigate and report to the vestry objections to the trade tax for the present year.

Henry J. Stark

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

This is to certify that the levy appointed by the gentlemen of the Vestry for the present year and the tax upon Hucksters for defraying the Parochial Expences have been duly published according to law, and no legal objection made thereto.

Given under my hand this sixth day of May in the year 1870

T. Eckel.

Acting for the Rector

Barbados. By His Excellency the Governor.

I do hereby allow and confirm the levy laid by the Gentlemen of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint John for the present year and do declare this my allowance and confirmation thereof accordingly.

Given under my hand at the Council Chamber this 17th day of May 1870.

Ramsay Hawes

Governor.

At a meeting of the Vestry on Sept 22nd 1870
by Special call in conformity with the minutes
of 28th March 1870

Present

H. F. Hart
W. C. Inglis.
Honble J. A Haynes
Honble Wm Haynes.
E. L. Haynes
W A Topping
Thos Speed.
G. A. Sealy
& The Rector.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were
read & confirmed & the object of the present
meeting stated by the Rector to be an investigation
of a question raised in reference to the
portion of the Parish land formerly occupied
by the clerk — The Rector produced his plot
of the Glebe & his letters of institution and
induction — Mr E. L. Haynes after a few
remarks moved that the investigation
should be postponed until the return of
the two absent Vestrymen shortly Expected
which being seconded in some remarks
by Honble Wm Haynes the Motion was put
to the board & carried, Mr W. C. Inglis
alone dissenting.

A. St. Bishop
Rector.

At a meeting of the Vestry on Decr 19th 1870 in conformity with the minutes of the 22nd Sept 1870

Present.-

H. F. Hart
Honble G. E. Thomas
W. C. Thapsicles
Honble I. A. Haynes.
Honble W Haynes.
E. L. Haynes.
W. A. Toppin.
Thomas Speed.
Honble I Sealy.
G. A. Sealy.

And the Rector.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The chairman then stated that the object of the present meeting was to consider the question raised on March 28th 1870 by R. A Robinson Esqr, a parishioner, and referred to in the minutes of that day; viz: whether the portion of land consisting of four acres on which the house occupied by the late clerk Wm Burgess Esqr is situated forms a part of the glebe land, or belongs to the Parish and at the disposal of the Vestry - Mr Robinson was by request of the Vestry in attendance and explained the grounds on which he rested the claim of the Parish to the land referring to certain minutes contained in an old minute book of the Vestry of which he produced copies - When Mr Robinson had retired the Rector read a paper to the Vestry containing his views of the question -

It was then resolved that a case should be stated and laid before the Solicitor General, Mr Charles Packer, for his opinion and that Mr Sterling the Solicitor be employed for the purpose and furnished with the necessary document and papers.

A. A. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados.

Parish of S. John.

Jan: 2nd 1871.

At a meeting of the freeholders of the Parish this day, the following gentlemen were elected vestrymen for the present year 1871.

viz

H. F. Hart

Honble G. E. Thomas.

W. C. Reapich.

Honble I. A. Haynes

Honble Wm Haynes.

E. L. Haynes

W. A. Toppin.

Honble I. Sealy.

Thomas Speed.

Aud. G. A. Sealy.

Barbados Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the vestry on Thursday the thirtieth day of March, One thousand eight hundred and seventy one.

Present.

H. F. Hart. Honble I. Sealy.
Honble I. A. Haynes. G. A. Sealy.
Honble Wm Haynes.
E. L. Haynes.
W. A. Toppin.

They made choice of and appointed Honble E. L. Haynes. Churchwarden for the present year. 1871.

Ordered.

That an assessment at the rate of forty (40 £.) cents per acre be assessed on all owners and possessors of land in the said parish: being 19 £. for the relief and Education of the poor, 8 £. for necessary parochial expenses. and 13 £. for extraordinary Expenses.

Ordered.

That the undermentioned persons (Shopkeepers) do pay as a tax on trade the sums respectively set against their names.

	£		£	
			45	Henry. F Hart.
J. A. Goodman.	6	S. P. Wood.	1	Hon: A. Haynes
W. F. Croney.	6	I. F. Gallop.	1	William Haynes.
R. I. Hinkson. M	4	G. Collins.	4	Hon: E. L. Haynes
C. E. Howard.	4	Alex: Thomas. pd.	1	W. A. Toppin
W. F. Thomas.	5	H. F. Gill . pd	1	John Sealy
R. J. Mayers.	2	I Howard pd	2	Geo. A. Sealy
G. H. Spencer.	2	John Gibson	1	A. H. Bishop
G Brooker.	2	Birch & Bro:	2	Rector.
Samuel Gibson.	4	Roach.	1	
Samuel Goodings.	2	W. E. S. Gibson pd	1	
Joseph Reed.	2	Wm Gaines.	2	
I. E. Rowe.	2	H Haynes.	1	
Jane A. Goodman	1		63	
C. H. Merrick.	3	I. F. Toppin pd.	1	
	45.		64	

Ordered.

That the Parochial treasurer do pay the following pensioners the amounts respectively set against their names.

Rhd Squires.	36	Elizabeth Weeks.	6	Ann Keller.	4
Sarah Goddard.	8	Mrs. In King.	4	Mrs. E. Bradshaw.	4
Margaret Ramsey.	8	Mrs. Baker.	6	Mrs. J. G. Peckham	18
Mrs. T. Gibbons.	4	Charlotte Story.	4	Mrs. Sarah King.	4
Mrs. Rice.	6	James Searle.	6	Mary Weeks.	6
Mrs. Standard.	6	Mrs. J Yearwood	6		
	68		100		136

Ordered.

That the undermentioned widows, under the will of J. H. Mapsiah dec^{d} be paid the following sums, viz Sarah Goddard $3.08. Mary Brigstock $3.08. Mary Yearwood $3.08. Elizabeth M. Bradshaw $3.08. Sarah King $3.08. and Mrs. George Goddard.

Ordered.

That the Parochial treasurer do pay the following salaries for the present year.

Clerk of the Parish.	144	00	School. master	144	00
Sexton.	175	00	School Mistress	48	00
Bell ringer	8	00	Medical Attendant.	480	00
Organist.	252	00			
Tuning organ	40	00			

Ordered.

That the Parochial treasurer do pay the following sums for the present year.

School appliances	100	00	Casual Relief.	700	00
Pensioners.	136	00	Conveying boy.	4	80
Intermittents.	49	24	Whitfield's bill.	21	22
Clothing Society	100	00	Elliott's bill from Bby.	9	60
Parish undertaker.	32	20	Curate of St Margaret.	96	00
Medicine Extra.	30	74	Rate of Rectory	366	23
Sacramental Elements	40	00			
Washing Church Linen	8	00.			

The following committees were appointed this day.
March 30th 1871.
General.

For the poor.

Hon.ble I. Sealy.
Hon.ble I. A. Haynes.
& the Churchwardens.

Education.

The Rector.
Hon.ble I. Sealy.
& the Churchwardens.

Health.

Thos Speed.
Hon.ble I. A. Haynes.
E. L. Haynes.
W. A. Toppin.

Road.

Hon.ble Wm Haynes.
W. A. Toppin
I. H. Thomas.

Special.

Audit.

E. L. Haynes.
W. A. Toppin.
G. A. Sealy.

Building.

Hon.ble I. A. Haynes.
Thomas Speed.
& the Churchwarden.

Assessment.

Thos Speed.
W. A. Toppin
& the Ch-warden.

The Rector brought before the vestry the duty which devolved upon them of appointing two lay members to represent the Parish in the chapter of this Rural Deanery. whereupon Honble I Scaly, & Honble G.E. Thomas were appointed.

The Rector mentioned to the vestry that he had received one hundred dollars from a parishioner whose name he was not at liberty to mention to be applied to some charitable purpose in this parish which sum he placed in keeping of the Par: Treasurer. It was agreed by the vestry that a very proper manner of applying it would be by adding a special award to the Par: Almshouses.

Letter from the Revd Barnett & Eckel being laid before the vestry by the Rector praying for aid towards defraying the expences of their respective chapels, it was resolved to grant the former fifty dollars and to the latter seventy five dollars.

It was further resolved that the sum of one hundred dollars should be expended in renewing the Church furniture and the sum of seventy five dollars in making certain repairs to the roof of the Church.

It was also resolved that the sum of two hundred dollars should be applied in improving the Almshouse accommodations of the parish and the Rector was requested to obtain from the other Parishes in which good almshouses have been established some information with respect to their extent of their accommodation & the mode & Extent &c. of working itself &c

J. H. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

This is to certify that the levy appointed by the gentlemen of the Vestry for the present year and the tax upon Hucksters, for defraying the Parochial Expenses have been duly published according to law and no legal objections made thereto.

Given under my hand this twenty eighth day of April in the year 1891.

A. A. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados. By His Excellency The Governor

I do hereby allow and confirm the levy laid by the Gentlemen of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint John for the present year and do declare this my allowance and confirmation thereof accordingly

Given under my hand at the Council Chamber this 16th day of May 1891

Reuben Mason
Governor

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry on May 15th 1871.

Present

H. L. Hart. E. L. Haynes.
Honble G. E. Thomas. W. A. Toppin.
W. C. Inspiah. T. Speed.
Honble I. A. Haynes. Honble I. Sealy.
Honble Wm. Haynes. G. A. Sealy.
And The Rector.

The Rector stated that he had called the vestry for two purposes: first to lay before them the opinion of the Solicitor General with reference to certain lands claimed by him as Rector which opinions is adverse to him: and secondly to lay before them certain letters containing information about almshouses.
The Solicitor Generals opinion was read, which was to the effect that the land in question belongs to the Vestry who hold it in trust for the parishioners.

The question being then raised as to what should be done with the said land, and the Rector bringing to the notice of the Vestry the overcrowded condition of the churchyard it was proposed by Mr. Speed and seconded by Honble I Sealy that a committee should be appointed to take into consideration what portion of the said four acres should be laid off as an additional burial ground. and in case no portion of it should prove suitable for the purpose, whether an Exchange for a portion of the glebe might not be effected. The Rector appointed E. L. Haynes, Churchwarden, W. A. Toppin, and T. Speed Esqre as the committee.

It was universally agreed that the house situated on the land in question should be devoted to the use of the Curate of Saint Margarets until the Vestry order otherwise, and the above committee were directed to have laid off a certain portion of the land

surrounding the said house, for the use of the Curates.

The Vestry directed their Clerk to give notice to the Curate of Saint Margarets that on and after the 25th March 1892 they would take in charge the repairs of the said house, and that the grant of £20. per annum now made for house rent would cease from that date.

The Vestry directed their clerk to pay the expenses ($31.00) for the legal opinion on the question of the title to the said land

The matter of almshouses being next brought before the Vestry, the Rector read to them two letters from the Rectors of the parishes of Saint James & Saint Joseph, containing information on the subject. It was then agreed that the gentlemen of the above mentioned Committee should be requested in addition to the other duties they have undertaken, to recommend a site for the proposed almshouses.

A. H. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry on June 8th 1871.

Present.

H. F. Hart. E. L. Haynes.
Honble G. E. Thomas. W. A. Toppin.
Honble J. A. Haynes. Thos: Speed.
Honble Wm Haynes. Honble J. Sealy.

and The Rector.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed after which the report of the committee appointed at the last meeting was read, in which they stated that they have inspected the four acres of land lately ceded to the Vestry and find that the northern portion of this land adjoining the present church yard is the only convenient part of it which could be made available as a burial ground. And they would recommend that a spot containing about thirty five thousand square feet, or about 4/5ths of an acre of land, be enclosed for that purpose.

Also that the land adjoining this spot and running as a straight, so as first to clear the building and trees around the Curate of Saint Margaret's House; should be allotted to the use of the said Curate so long as he inhabits that house.

The Medical Officer of the parish, Dr. Sealy, kindly met the Committee in consultation, as to a site for the proposed almshouse and gave as his opinion, in which they fully concurred; that no portion of the above-mentioned four acres of land presented a suitable site for this building. At his suggestion they inspected a spot on the South side of the glebe; and found it to be in every way adapted for the purpose required.

And they would recommend that this piece of land, say half an acre, should be rented from the Rector of the parish, on which to Erect the almshouse.
The Committee find that the rooms now used to shelter three of our houseless poor are in good order and could be moved and made serviceable as a Kitchen and cooks room to the building proposed
They beg further to ask permission of the Vestry to allow them to have the newly acquired land surveyed, the spot as proposed to be allotted, marked out; and at the same time to take the opportunity of having the green in front of the Church, as also the Churchyard surveyed and a plot made for the benefit of the Vestry.

The Vestry directed that the survey recommended in the report be made.

The Rector then laid before the Vestry a ground plan of the Saint Josephs Almshouse, stating in detail the regulations by which that institution is conducted: also two other ground-plans for our proposed Almshouse one by the Medical attendant of the poor in this parish and one by Revd. A.T. Eckel.
It was then agreed that Mr. Eckels plan, with certain alterations subject to any future alterations which the building committee may think to be necessary, should be adopted.
And further that the building be made with a view of accomodating twenty seven inmates besides the necessary staff. The building committee were requested to take the proper steps for procuring the necessary plans and estimate.

The Rector then stated to the Vestry that the office of Schoolmaster Below the Cliff, also the office of Clerk of the parish church had become

vacant by the departure of W.. Antrobus Esqr for the parish of Saint Philip; that he the Rector had written to the Inspector of Schools, asking him to recommend a master for the School, from whom he received a letter which was read to the Vestry; as also were several applications for the vacant Masterships. It was then agreed that the matter should be left to the decision of the Rector and Education Committee of the Vestry.

It was then proposed by the Rector that the office of parish clerk be abolished, which proposition met the entire approval of the Vestry.

It was then moved by Honble John Sealy that the money lapsing from the abolition of the clerks office should be applied to building rooms for the master of the School in Saint Margarets district which motion was carried Nem: con: —

A. N. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados.

Parish of Saint John
Jan: 1st 1872.

At a meeting of the freeholders of the parish this day, the following gentlemen were Elected vestrymen for the present year 1872

Viz.

Henry. L. Mark.
Honble Grant. L. Thomas.
W. C. Deaperiah
Honble L. A. Haynes.
Honble Wm. Haynes.
Edward. L. Haynes.
Walter. A. Laffite.
Honble John Sealy.
George A. Sealy.
John. C. Armstrong.

A. G. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados — Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry — February 15th 1872.

Present.

Henry F. Hart — W. A. Loftus.
Hon'ble E. L. Thomas. — E. A. Sealy.
W. C. Inspiah. — J. C. Armstrong.
E. L. Haynes.

and The Rector:

The Rector stated that he had convened this meeting for the purpose of laying before the Vestry a plan and Estimate of the proposed ~~Vestry~~ Almshouse drawn up by C. W. Fleming Esq and added some remarks on the necessity existing for such a building.

Mr. E. L. Haynes then laid before the Vestry the plan and estimate and entered into explanation at some length

Mr. W. C. Inspiah objected to the almshouse being erected on the land of the glebe, and proposed that a portion of the lately acquired from acres (Vide P106) of land should be exchanged for the plot on which it is proposed to erect the almshouse. This amendment was acceded to unanimously.

It was proposed by Hon'ble E. L. Thomas seconded by E. A. Sealy Esq that the plan laid before them be adopted, which proposition was carried Unanimously.

The Vestry considering the 1/2 acre selected for the erection of the almshouse too small; Mr. E. L. Haynes proposed, seconded by W. A Loftus Esq, that a portion of land containing 1. R. P. 1. 3. 20 be laid off contiguous to and including the proposed site: with a view to obtaining permission from the legislature to exchange with the Rector the piece of land of an equal size marked Z in the plot & accordingly furnished the Vestry for the above-mentioned plot.

It was proposed by Hon.ble G. E. Thomas and seconded by E. L Haynes Esq that a petition be presented to the House of Assembly representing that the Vestry are about to erect an almshouse the probable cost of which would be about £500 and asking for a grant of £200 and a loan of £200 to be paid off in two Equal yearly instalments. The Vestry requested G. A. Healy Esq to prepare the required petition.

A letter from John E Todd Esq, handed in by E. L Haynes Esq was read to the Vestry, asking for remuneration for food and attendance furnished a pauper confined on his premises. The Vestry requested the churchwardens to make enquiries into the circumstances of the case and to request Dr. Todd to specify what amount he had expended.

A. A. Bishop
Rector.

Isaac Snow Inspector St-
Harding Sturbridge
Bartlett Ct Brown
Brooks Ashford

	Tax payer	Acres	
Blackman			
Ruth	Allayne	7 34 ½	
S C	Armstrong	82	W. A Toffin
Lt C	Savage		
W.	Jordan		Jordan & Smith
		50	
J J	Pilgrim		
H	Pilgrim	12 ½	
Thos J.	Pilgrim	13	
Hiram	Pilgrim	12 ½	
	Tisdale		
	Sprague		
W. W	Goddard	5 ¼	
C. C.	Hearing	5	
	Rio		
J. P.	Chadwick	6 ½	
	Sprague	2	Johnson
Burgh			
J. M.	Goddard	1 ¼	
Hon M	J A Haynes	10	acres Joan
	Empting		

Shepherd
Thos Bitten

Crawford Dixon at Victoria
Walcott
Wm F. Mayon - Savannah
Codrington

Barbados. Parish of Saint John

At a meeting of the Vestry on Monday March 25th 1872

Present.

H. F. Hart. W. A. Toppin
W. C. Inspiah Honble J. Sealy.
Honble W. Haynes. G. A. Sealy
Edmund L. Haynes. J. C. Armstrong.
and the Rector.

Mr. W. A. Toppin was appointed church warden for the present year 1872.

Ordered

That an assessment at the rate of forty (40/) cents per acre be assessed on all owners ~~and~~ ~~proprietors~~ of land in the said parish: being (21½) for the relief and education of the poor (6½) for necessary parochial expenses and (12/) for Extraordinary expenses. Mr. E. L. Haynes dissented to the rate as being higher than necessary.

Ordered

That the undermentioned persons shopkeepers do pay as a tax on trade the amount respectively set against their names.

	£.		£		
Flavius A Goodman	6	S. P. Wood. pd	1	Arthur Lloyd. pd	2
W. L. Croney. pd	6	George Collins	4	Mr. John Gibson	1
R. I. Hinkson - pd	4	Alexander Thomas	1	W. C. S. Gibson pd	1
C. G. Howard -	4	Henry F. Gill C - pd	2		£.69-
W. F. Thorne - pd	5	John F Howard pd	2	Henry J Hart	
R. F. Inspiah - pd	2	Birch & Brathen - Austins H. Ch	2	W. C. Inspiah	
G. A. Spencer - pd	2	Roach - pd	1	William Haynes	
E. Brooker - pd	2	Mr. Garner - pd	2	Thomas L. Haynes	
Samuel Gibson pd	4	J. F. Toppin	1	W. A. Toppin	
Joseph Reed - pd	2	Isaac Moore. pd	1	John Sealy	
J. E. Bruce - pd 1m	2	Harding - St Peters	1	Geo. A. Sealy	
Jas. A. Goodman pd	1	Bancroft St George Hothersall Fencing	1	Jno. C. Armstrong	
C. H. Emmick - pd	5	Beckles. pd	1		

Ordered

Further that an Assessment at the rate of 20/ per acre be assessed on all occupiers of Land not being the owners thereof in the said parish in respect of such occupancy. Also that an Assessment ~~at the rate of~~ ~~that~~ be made assessed on all occupiers of Houses not being owners thereof in respect of such occupancy at the rate of 4d in the pound ~~by~~ on the Rentals.

Ordered

That the. parochial treasurer do pay the following pensioners the amount respectively set against their names.

	£			£		
Richard Squires	36	Eliz Weeks	6	Wm Pasterin	18	
Sarah Goddard	8	Wm King	4	Wm Sarah Twiss	4	
Margaret Ramsay	8	Charlotte Story	4	Mary Weeks	6	
Wm J Gibson	4	Jas Searles	6			
Wm. Rice	6	Wm Yearwood	6			
Wm Standards	6	Ann Willes	4			

Ordered.

That the undermentioned widows do, under the will of J. H. Maycock, receive the following sums viz. Sarah Goddard $3.08. Mary Brightnicks $3.08. Mary Yearwood $3.08. Sarah King $3.08. Wm George Goddard $3.08. And Wm Rogers $3.08

Ordered

That the parochial treasurer do pay the following salaries for the present year.

	$.	c.		$.	c.
Beaton.	175	00	School Master. Below cliff	164	00
Bellringer.	8	00	School Mistress.	48	00
Organist.	252	00	Medical Attendant.	480	00
Turning Organ	40	00	School master on the cliff	48	00

Ordered

That the parochial treasurer do pay the following sums for the present year.

	$	c.		$	c.
Sch: Appliances.			Grant to St Marks.	75	00
Schools above hills	60	00	Grant to St Margarets	60	00
Do Below the cliff	30	00	Medicine Extra.	22	86
Do St Marks	10	00	Vote to almshouse	132	00
Pensioners	126	00	Sacramental Elements	40	00
Management Exts	36	93	Washing Children	8	00
Clothing Society	100	00	Casual relief	700	00
Parish undertaker	21	60	Conveying Corp.	4	80
C. W. Flemings acct	45	00	Stationery	3	07
			Elwells acct	62	87
			Dr Todds acct	15	00



The following Committees were appointed this day March 25th 1872.

General.

For the poor.

Honble I. Scaly.
Honble Wm Haynes
and the Ch: warden

Education.

The Rector
Honble I Scaly.
& the Ch: warden

Health.

I. C. Armstrong.
Honble Wm H. Haynes.
E. L. Haynes.
W. A. Loftin.

Road.

Honble Wm Haynes.
W. A Loftin.
A H Thomas.

Special.

Audit.

E. L. Haynes.
W. A. Loftin.
G. A Scaly.

Building.

Honble Wm Haynes
G. A. Scaly.
& the Ch: warden

Assessment.

E. L. Haynes.
G. A. Scaly.
& Ch. wardens.

Members of S Johns
Rectors and Chapter

Honble G. E. Thomas.
Honble I Scaly.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

This is to certify that the Levy appointed by the Gentlemen of the Vestry for the present year and the Law upon Stockholders for defraying the parochial Expences have been duly published according to Law and no legal objection made thereto

Given under my hand this eighteenth day of April in the year 1872

A. H. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados. By His Excellency the Governor.

I do hereby allow and confirm the Levy laid by the Gentlemen of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint ~~Joseph~~ John for the present year, and do declare this my allowance and confirmation thereof accordingly.

Given under my hand at the Council Chamber this day of April 1872.

Alexander Rawson
Governor.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the vestry, on August 15th 1872.

Present.

H. F. Hart Esqr — E. L. Haynes Esqr
Honble G. E. Thomas. — W. A. Toppin Esqr
W. C. Berkeley Esqr — G. A. Sealy Esqr

and the Rector.

Mr G. A. Sealy was proposed by Honble G. E. Thomas to fill the post of Highway Commissioner lately vacated by J. H. Thomas Esqr. This motion was seconded by E. L. Haynes Esq and passed unanimously.

Mr. Toppin having proposed that the portion of parish land laid off for a burial ground December 14th 1871, should be exchanged with the Rector for a portion of the glebe, for the following reasons.
Firstly: that the proposed site had been found too shallow and would therefore from its proximity be highly objectionable on sanitary grounds, and especially so to the inmates of the Rectory,
Secondly that it had been represented to the Rector by Dr. Sealy, the Medical Officer of the parish, that the drainage of that piece of land was in the direction of a drinking pond generally used by the labourers of the neighbourhood which would consequently be rendered unfit for use:
It was agreed with the Rector consent that the respective Surveys laid before the Honble Houses of Assembly should be rearranged and the following Exchanges be substituted. Viz: that A.R.P. 1.3.28. marked in the plot of the parish land together with R.P. 3.16 marked - be exchanged for two acres of the glebe land in the following portions A.R.P. 1.0.28 for an almshouse and R.P. 3.16. for a burial ground.
In consequence of the portion of the glebe proposed to be exchanged with the Rector being of superior quality to that portion of parish land offered in return, the Vestry agreed to give the larger quantity

A. R P.
viz 2. 3. 04. for the smaller quantity of two acres.

W. C Peaslee Esq ordered to be recorded his entire disapproval of and dissent from Mr. Soffins proposal, on the ground that the site originally chosen as an additional burial ground afforded quite as much depth of soil as the present burial ground; to which it was adjacent; and therefore the more suitable from its position.

A. H. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the parishioners of the Parish this day the following gentlemen were elected vestrymen for the present year 1873.

Viz.

Henry F. Hart. Esq
Honble G. E. Thomas.
W. C. Inspector Esq
Honble I. A. Haynes.
Honble Wm Haynes.
Edmund L. Haynes Esq
Wallis A. Toppin. Esq
Honble J. Sealy.
George A. Sealy. Esq
John Sealy. Esq Q.C.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.
February 3rd 1873

At a meeting of the Vestry this day

Present.
The Rector.
H. F. Hart Esq.
Hon.ble G. L. Thomas.
Hon.ble W.m Haynes.
E.d. Haynes Esq.
W. A. Toppin Esq.
Hon.ble John Sealy.
G. A. Sealy Esq.
John Sealy Esq. Jun.r

The deeds of conveyance for lands to be exchanged between the Rector & the Vestry were presented & signed by the members present, in the presence of Thomas Speed and H. Hutchinson Esq.rs

A Petition to the Bishop for the consecration of the new Cemetery was signed by the members present

The gentlemen composing the Audit Committee were requested to act as aspeps for the present year 1873. viz E. L. Haynes. W. A Toppin and G. A Sealy Esq.rs

The business of the day being concluded, the Board separated

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry on March 31st. 1873.

Present.

H. F. Hart Esq
Honble S. E. Thomas
W. C. Inspiah Esq.
Honble J. Haynes.
Edmund. L. Haynes. Esq
W. A. Foster Esq
John Sealy Esq Junr.

and the Rector.

W. A Foster Esq. was appointed churchwarden for the present year 1873.

Ordered.

That an apesment at the rate of 80 ℔. fifty cents pr acre be apesed on all owners of land in the said parish: being 22⅛ ℔ for the relief & Education of the poor, 6⅛ ℔ for necessary parochial expenses, and 21¾ ℔. for Extraordinary expenses.
Further that an apesment at the rate of 25 ℔. pr acre be apesed on all occupiers of land not being the owners thereof in the said parish in respect of such occupancy. Also that an apesment be made and apesed on all occupiers of houses not being owners thereof in respect of such occupancy at the rate of 8 ℔ in the pound Sterling on the rentals.

Ordered.

That the undermentioned persons shall pay as a tax on trade the sums respectively set against their names..

	£		£		£	
			27		52	Henry P. Hart
Flavius A. Goodman.	3	C. St. Hewick.	5	Thos: Sitters.	2	
W. F. Cosney.	6	S. P. Wood.	1	Crawford.	1	Grant E. Thomas
R. S. Hutchinson	4	George Collins.	4	Walcott.	2	W. C. Inspiah
C. B. Howard. Shut. up		Alexander Thomas.	1	Bartlett. Sam. T. Haynes.	2	Jos. A. Haynes
W. T. Thorne.	4	H. F. Gill.	2	Augustus Clarke.	2	Edmund L. Haynes
R. F. Thompson Shut-up		John F. Howard	2	A Lareau	1	W. A. Foster
S. A Spencer.	2	R. T. Roach.	3	Isaac Nicolls	1	John Sealy
S. Brooker.	2	Wm. Garner.	2	Codrington	2	Geo. A. Sealy
Samuel Gibson.	1	Isaac Moore.	1	Wm. Porter.	1	
Joseph Reed.	2	Beckles.	1	S. F. Bell.	1	J. Sealy Jr
J. E. Rouse.	2	Reuben Lloyd	2	Jas Marshall Lashley	1	
Jas A. Goodman.	1	W. E. S. Gibson	1	Raeiden	1	A. H. Bristow Rector
	27		52		21.	

Ordered.

That the parochial treasurer do pay the following persons the amounts respectively set against their names.

	£ s d		£ s d		£ s d
Richard Squires	36	Eliz: Weeks	6	Mrs. I. Packerid	18
Sarah Goddard	8	Mrs. M. King	4	Mrs. Sarah King	4
Margaret Ramsey	8	Charlotte Story	4	Mary Weeks	6
Mrs. I. Gibson	4	Saml Searles	6		1.26
Mrs. Rice	6	Mrs. I. Yearwood	6		
Mrs. Standard	6	Ann Miller	4		
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Ordered.

That the undermentioned widows do, under the will of I.H. Mapsik dec: receive the following sums viz Sarah Goddard $3.08. Mary Brigstocke $3.08. Mary Yearwood. $3.08 Sarah King $3.08. Mrs. Geo. Goddard $3.08 and Mrs. Wm Rogers 3.08.

Ordered.

That the Par: Treasurer do pay the following salaries for the present year.

Rector	175.00	School master Below cliff.	164.00
Bell ringer	8.00	School mistress.	48.00
Organist.	252.00	Medical attendant	480.00
Sunday organ.	40.00	School master a the cliff	48.00

Ordered.

That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following sums for the present year.

Sch: Appliances.

Revd. Abp Bishop	60.00	Ag: Repairs acct. 22.10. Bel: of Graham acct 5.17	27.87.
Revd. A.T. Cobel.	30.00	Compensation to I.H. Packer for corp a burial ground	24.00
Revd. Barnett.	10.00	Tenfjord Browne acct 31st Carrington & Sealy. 35.20	66.20
Physicians.	126.00	Nightingales acct 139.2 I.W. Searles acct.	
Manumittants	36.93		
Clothing Society	100.00		
Parish Undertaker	44.00		
Sacramental Elements	41.44		
Washing Ch linen	8.00		
Conforming Coy.	4.80		
Stationery	4.92		

The following Committees were appointed this day March 31st 1873

General:

For the Poor.

Honble S. Sealy.
Honble J. A. Haynes
and the Churchwardens

Education.

Honble Beckles
Honble S Sealy
and the Ch. wardens.

Health.

Honble G. E. Thomas
E. L Haynes
W. A. Tolpuin.
John Sealy M.D.

Road.

Honble J. A Haynes.
W. A. Tolpuin
G. A. Sealy.

Special.

Audit.

E. L. Haynes.
W. A. Tolpuin.
G. A. Sealy.

Building.

G. A. Sealy.
S Sealy M.D.
and the Ch wardens.

Assessment.

E. L. Haynes
G. A. Sealy.
the Ch wardens.

Members of Saint-John }
Benedicamel Chapter }

Honble G. E. Thomas
Honble S. Sealy.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

This is to certify that the levy appointed by the gentlemen of the vestry for the present year and the tax upon Hucksters for defraying the parochial Expenses have been duly published according to law and no legal objection made thereto.
Given under my hand this twenty second day of April in the year 1873.

A. H. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados By His Excellency The
Governor

I do hereby allow and confirm the
levy laid by the Gentlemen of the Vestry of
the Parish of Saint John for the present Year
and do declare this my allowance and
confirmation thereof accordingly,
Given under my hand at the
Council Chamber this 24th day
of May 1873

Rawson W Rawson
Governor

Barbados. Parish of Saint John

At a meeting of the Vestry July 16th 1873.

Present.

Honble E. E. Thomas. G. A. Sealy
Honble J. A. Haynes. John Sealy.
E. L. Haynes + The Rector.
W. A. Toppin
Honble John Sealy.

The Rector stated that the object of the meeting was that in consequence of Mr. Fleming being about to resign his office as Parochial Treasurer it was necessary to examine the accounts of the parish & to appoint a successor.
The Vestry determined ~~that~~ after some discussion that Mr. Fleming's resignation should be accepted, and to facilitate & expedite matters an accountant should with as little delay as possible be employed to examine the accounts of the parish and report the result to the Vestry. Further that an advertisement should be inserted in the Globe and Agricultural Reporter papers notifying the vacancy and inviting applications for the office.
The Rector proposed that in accordance with the law five commissioners shd be appointed to superintend the working of the almshouse and to establish regulations for the management of the same. After some discussion it was determined that the Revd A. H. Bishop, Revd A. T. Eckel, the churchwardens, John Sealy Junr and G. A. Sealy Esqr should be appointed.
Mr. Toppin mentioned the necessity of having the almshouse painted before it should be inhabited, and the board expressed their consent and directed the building committee to take steps in the matter.
The Rector then mentioned that he had received four applications for the office of matron to the almshouse; that of these Mrs. Rece Badsham appeared to him the only one capable of filling the office. The board heard with satisfaction that there was a person who could adequately fill the office, but thought that there was no immediate necessity to make the appointment.
The Rector then mentioned that room for an additional slip, which was much needed, could be obtained by altering the arrangements of the present reading desk. The vestry directed the churchwardens to take

the Rr

the necessary steps in the matter.

A. A. Bishop
Rector

Barbados

Parish of Saint John

At a meeting of the Vestry the Saturday August 9th 1873

Present.

H. F. Hart — W. A. Joppin Ch: Warden
Hon G. E. Thomas — I. Sealy Jnd
E. L. Haynes — Geo. A. Sealy
and the Rector

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

At the request of the Vestry the Rector read the several applications for the Vacant office of Parochial Treasurer. Of these, it was proposed by the Hon G. E. Thomas, & seconded by E. L. Haynes Esqr, that the application of I. P. Mapriah Esqr, should be accepted, which was unanimously agreed to by the Vestry.

The Rector was requested to notify to the Colonial Secretary the nomination of Mr. I. P. Mapriah, in order that it may be submitted to the Governor in Council as the Law directs: also that Mr. Mapriah be notified of his nomination, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, & that he will be required to enter into the necessary bonds as soon as notification of his approval shall be received.

The Rector then stated that in accordance with the resolution at the last meeting of the Vestry, Mr. E. D. Brannon an Accountant had been employed to investigate & report upon the Parish accounts, and that Mr. Brannon's report had come to hand. The report was then read; and Mr. G. A. Sealy moved, seconded by Mr. W. A. Joppin that the report should be copied in the Minute book

The Rector also read certain suggestions of the Accountant with reference to the manner in which the Parochial accounts should be kept in future. These were adopted, and ordered to be copied in the Minute Book

Hon E. L. Haynes, seconded by Doctor Sealy proposed that an accountant should be appointed who shall examine the Parish account at least twice each year in the months of March and September

and

and the Rector was requested to Communicate with Mr. Brannan on the subject.

With reference to the Balance of $938: 16½ cts. shown by the Accountants' Report as due by the late Parochial Treasurer to the Parish, Mr. Flemming who was present, Stated that he had this day handed over to Mr. Toppin, the Church Warden, $177: 50 cts. leaving a Balance of $760: 36½ cts, which he would be prepared to pay over to his succesor as soon as his appointment should be confirmed.

The Chairman of the Building Committee presented an Estimate from Mr. Wagman for painting the Alms House (see minute of previous Meeting)

After some discussion it was agreed that the Building should be painted on the outside with three Coats of paint, and that the roof should be dyed.

The Building Committee were authorized to take the necessary steps.

For Accountants Report &c see following Pages.

Copy of Accountants Report

Woodstock. St Michaels
5th August 1873

To the Chairman
and Gentlemen of the Vestry
of the Parish of St John

Gentlemen,

Having been requested by the Chairman of your Board on the 16th ult: to examine and report upon the Accts. of Mr. C. C. Fleming, late Parochial Treasurer of the Parish above named, I, at his request proceeded to St Johns Rectory on the 30th Idem and began the investigation of the accounts aforesaid. In consequence of the incomplete state in which I found them on that day, I was forced to suspend my inspection of the same until to day, when Mr. Fleming closed his accounts, and I was able to complete the examination and draw up the following report - viz;

I find that the number of Acres and parts of Acres of Land in the Parish above named which have been entered for taxation in a Return in the Book marked "A. A." exceeds the number entered in the Vestry account Book for the previous year by one Acre, two Roods, and thirty Perches, and that the tax of Fifty Cents p Acre ordered by your Board p Minute of the 25th March last, has been correctly calculated thereon, and that the Accounts Stated by Mr. Fleming to have been received by him p Return marked "C." in the Vestry Account Book, shew in the aggregate a sum of $1318.37c which sum is the tax on 2636. 2. 34 land, said to have been Collected from the 25th March 1872 to the 16th July 1873, and further that the said sum of $1318.37c is correctly entered in the Cash account of the late Parochial Treasurer in the said Vestry account Book.

amounts

I find that in Compliance with an order of your Board p Minute of above mentioned date (say 25th March) says an Occupancy Tax of 25¢ p Acre and 10/ p £ Sterling, the tax as p Return in the Book marked A. A. has been correctly Stated Calculated and further that in the Returns D & E in the Vestry account book the late Parochial Treasurer has stated that he has received $23.74½ which sum is entered Correctly to his debit in his Cash account in the

Vestry account Book

With the kind assistance of the Rector I examined carefully two plans "A" & "B" the one shewing the sittings below, and the other the sittings above stairs in the Parish Church, and being guided by the Rector as to the price for sittings, I took from the said plans the number of sittings which were written against "pews", and find pews. enclosed marked "C" that the amount so said to have been paid is $143.00. which sum is entered correctly to the late Parochial Treasurer's debit in his Cash account in the Vestry account Book.

I find that a List in a Book which I have marked H and which list is correctly added up puts the sum of $66.88 as having been paid for destroying Rats, and that the said sum of $66.88 is entered correctly to the Credit of the late Parochial Treasurer in his Cash account in the Vestry account Book.

I find that a similar List contained also in the Book marked H the said List being correctly added, puts the sum of $100.30 as having been paid by weekly instalments for poor relief, and that the said sum of $100.30 is entered correctly to the Credit of the late Parochial Treasurer in his Cash account in the Vestry account Book.

On reference to the Parochial Treasurer's Cash account it will be observed that the following Items are charged amongst others as having been paid by him - Viz: under the head Pauper's on account of sundry grants made to certain parties by the Vestry $54.32

Medical Officer	Medicine		183.02
Casual fund -	S. P. Wood for Blossom Drake		3.60
" "	E. Brooker for Welch & daughter		24.96
Sundries	Washing Church Linen		2.00
"	W. A. Tobin Church Warden		15.00
"	A. H. Bishop to dispense to the Poor during the Vacancy of the Parochial Treasurership		30.00

For written of the seven amounts last mentioned have I seen a Voucher, and therefore I am unable to identify the Correctness of the several Charges, excepting that Concerning the payment of the $30. to the Rev. Bishop, he having acknowledged in my presence that he had received

the Same.

For the sum of £15:28. charged under the head "Sundries" as paid to Scales, I have to state that I have seen an order from J. W. Scales dated 5th April 1873 in favour of W. W. Goddard and drawn on the late Parochial Treasurer for the said sum of £15.28d but that I consider in consequence of the endorsement of the said W. W. Goddard being wanting, the said Order cannot be looked upon as a sufficient discharge for the payment of the said Sum.

The late Parochial Treasurer has shown me receipts (which are sent to the Chairman of Your Board herewith) for the various other amounts charged in his account as having been paid by him, and I find the Same in Order

Supposing such Sums as the late Treasurer states to have been paid by him, and for which he has produced no receipts, to be Correct, and further that his statement of the various Sums received by him is Correct also, which latter statement there is no way of verifying at present, then the Amount paid by him, in his Cash account in the Vestry Account Book, namely Nine hundred and thirty eight dollars and sixteen and a half Cents (£938:16½d) is due and owing from the said late Parochial Treasurer to the said Parish of St John, is Correct also.

It is evident from the foregoing that in many instances, such as payments for discharging Rats, and weekly payments to Pensioners when it is impossible to get receipts for the small Sums paid, by reason of the parties to whom payment is made being, as a rule, unable to write, that there is no way of testing the Correctness of the Statements, in these Matters, of the Parochial Treasurer, beyond checking his additions.

Enclosing my Bill for examining & reporting upon the accounts of the late Parochial Treasurer,

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Edwd. T. Graham "

Suggestions

"I would suggest that for the future a Day Book & a Cash Book be kept by the Parochial Treasurer, in the former of which all goods taken up from Merchants or others on Credit, should be entered immediately on receipt of the said goods, and that for this purpose Bills of Parcels from the party delivering should invariably be demanded, and when it happens that the Church Warden gives the Order for the said goods, he shall send the Bill or Bills of Parcels received by him for the same to the Parochial Treasurer, at his earliest convenience, the said Parochial Treasurer being required to make the necessary entries therefrom without delay in the Day Book.

"In the Cash Book, the Parochial Treasurer should be required to enter to his debit at the time of receipt, or as soon after as possible all sums received by him, if even of the smallest amount and for whatever they may be soever. Further that he should enter therein to his Credit Separately (discharging Rate & payments to poor excepted) all sums paid by him, and failing to take a receipt for the same each such payment (in a Receipt Book to be kept for the purpose) in the writing of the party receiving when practicable, or if impracticable by means of the mark (X) of the said party, witnessed by a third party.

"In the case of discharging rate and payments to the poor (somewhat improperly called the "Casual fund", I would recommend that similar pay Lists to those in use by Mr. Fleming be kept, but that the Accounts be entered weekly, and not, as now appears to be the case, at the end of the year, or expiration of the term of Office of the Parochial Treasurer

"If this plan be adopted the Parochial Treasurer's Cash Book may at ah any time be balanced in a few minutes, and the state thereof ascertained, which is very much to be desired in the event of the Office becoming vacant suddenly by death or otherwise.

"I would further recommend that the Parochial Treasurer be required to produce his Cash &c (after striking the balance) for the inspection of the Vestry at every meeting, and that when the balance is in favour of the Parish, he should satisfy the Vestry that the said balance is really and truly in hand."

"It will still be necessary to have a summary Cash account as at present."

Signed E. P. Freeman.

A. H. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Wednesday August 27th 1873

Present.

H. F. Hart — W. A. Toppin
Hon I. A. Haynes — Hon Jno Sealy
Hon E. T. Thomas — Jno Sealy Jr. D
E. L. Haynes — & The Rector

The Rector stated that the Object of the Meeting was to receive the bonds of Mr Jas P. Marshall as Par Treas; & of his Securities, D. Hart & D. Sealy: which having been done.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & Confirmed.

The Par Treas was directed to pay Mr E. T. Hammond as soon as his funds to do so.

The Rector stated that he had written to Mr Hammond, & read his reply stating his terms for Posting the Books of the Parish twice Yearly, in March & September. The sum he named was £10 which was thought by the Vestry to be too high.

The Par Treas was then authorized to see Mr Hammond about the Matter & to agree with him for a sum not exceeding $40 annually.

The Rector read a letter from Mr C. C. Fleming, late Par Treas, in which he stated, that he would be prepared to meet Mr Marshall in town on Friday 29th inst to pay over to him the balance owing to the Parish, on that day & if not convenient to Mr M, then that he would call at Sherborne on the next day, Saturday, & pay it to him. Mr Marshall promised to meet Mr Fleming in town on the day Mentioned, at ½ past 2 o, as he requested.

A. B. Bishop
Rector

Barbados

Parish of Saint John.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders of the Parish this day the following Gentlemen were Elected Vestrymen for the present Year - viz
Monday January 5th 1874 -

Henry F. Hart Esq
Hon J. E. Thomas
W. C. Inniss Esq
Hon S. A. Haynes
E. L. Haynes Esq M.C.S.
Walter A. Joffin Esq
Hon J. Sealy
Jas A Sealy Esq M.C.S.
Jno Sealy Esq M.D.
W. F. Conrey Esq

Jas A. Inniss
Parish Clerk

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Wednesday Jany 14th 1874.

Present —

H. F. Hart Esq
Hon J. B. Thomas
Hon J. A. Haynes
E. L. Haynes Esq
W. A. Toffin Esq
Jno Sealy Esq M. D.
W. F. Cromey Esq
The Rector

The Chairman stated that the Oject of the Meeting was to appoint Assessors under the 30th Section of the Vestry Act —
The Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed —
The Parochial Treasurer stated that he had seen Mr Jackman, as directed by the Vestry, and had arranged with him to audit the Books of the Parish twice Yearly, viz i March and September, for £7. 10, on condition that the books were sent to him at his Office i Bridgetown —
The Parochial Treasurer further stated that the debt owing to the Parish by Mr C. C. Fleming, late Parochial Treasurer, had been fully settled
Mr E. L. Haynes requested permission to retire from the Assessment Committee & Mr W. F. Cromey was appointed in his place, the Committee now being

J. A. Sealy Esq
The Churchwarden
W. F. Cromey Esq

Some discussion then followed as to the ways & means of adding a Chancel to the Parish Church and a Committee was formed for that purpose, consisting of

Hon J. A. Haynes
E. L. Haynes Esq
Jno Sealy Esq M. D
Jas A Sealy
The Rector

After which the Meeting separated

A. H. Birch
Rector & Chairman

Barbados - Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Wednesday January 28th. 1874 -

Present -

H. F. Hart Esq — W. C. Mapsiah Esq
Hon L. A. Haynes — W. A. Toppin Esq - Churchwarden
E. L. Haynes Esq — W. F. Croney Esq
Jno Sealy Esq M.D. — The Rector -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.
The Chairman stated the object of the Meeting to be to recive & read the following letter from the Lord Bishop of Barbados -

Jan 17th 1874

Bishop Court
Barbados

Gentlemen,

It is intended, in compliance with the recommendations of the Conference of West Indian Bishops, to form a Church Council for the Island of Barbados, consisting of the licensed Clergy of the Island, certain official Members, and a lay representative, being a communicant, from every Parish & Chapelry -

Will you oblige me by proceeding to the Election of a Layman, so qualified, to represent your Parish or District - not necessarily a resident in the district - and inform me on whom your choice has fallen, that I may summon him to our first Conference, as soon as its date is fixed -

I am, Gentlemen
Your faithful servant
John Barbados

The Hon J. L. Thomas was then named as Lay representative for the Parish, but should it happen that he was already an Official Member then Mr Jos A. Sealy was chosen to represent this Parish at his Lordships Church Council -

A. H. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint-John.

At a Meeting of the Vestry, on Monday March 30th 1874.

Present.

H. F. Hart Esq
Hon J. E. Thomas
W. E. Maynard Esq
Hon Jos A Haynes
E. L. Haynes Esq
Hon Jno Sealy
W. A. Toppin Esq
J. A. Sealy Esq
Jno Sealy Esq M. D.
W. F. Croney Esq
& The Rector

Walter A Toppin Esq was appointed Churchwarden for the present Year 1874.

Ordered - That an assessment at the rate of Fifty /50/ —— cents p' acre be apposed on all owners of Land in the said Parish being 22½ for the relief & Education of the Poor. 6¼ for Necessary Parochial Expenses, and 2¾ for Extraordinary Expenses -

Further that an Apposement at the rate of 25 p' acre be Apposed on all Occupiers of Land not being the owners thereof in the said Paish in respect of such Occupancy
Also that an Apposement be made and apposed on all occupiers of Houses not being owners thereof in respect of such Occupancy at the rate of 10 in the Pound Stg on the Rental.

Ordered That the undermentioned Persons, Shopkeepers do pay as a tax on Trade the sums respectively set against their Names -

Beckles. Sam --	2	Hinkson. Robt -	4	Stoute. W. F.	5	Henry F. Hart	
Bell. M. I. Mrs	1	Howard. Jno F --	2	Walcott. Prim W.	1	Grant E. Thomas	
Brooker, Jos - --	1	~~Lashley. John~~	~~1~~	~~Crawford~~	-		
Baker. Thos H.	1	Marshall. Jane	1	~~Codrington~~	-	W. E. Maynard	
Croney. W. F. -	6	Mayers. Jas T. -	2	Mapsial, Sam	1	Jno: A. Haynes	
Connell. Jno H.	2	Merrick. John.	2	King Mary	1	E. L. Haynes	
Collins. Jos - -	4	Merrick. C. H. -	3	Lashley. Chas	1	Wm S. L. Layne	
Clarke. Ary - -	2	~~Mayers. Abel~~	~~1~~	Alexander. Thos	1	W. A. Toppin	
Estick, Jas - -	1	Niccolls. John -	1	£72.00 £76.00		John Sealy	
~~Fields. Johnath~~	~~1~~	Porte, Jemima -	1	To the Parish -		Geo. H. Sealy.	
Gill. Henry - -	2	Roach. R. T. - -	4	Make W. F. Stoutes		J. Sealy	
Guy. Sarah A..	1	Raeides. Thos -	1	Trade tax £6 instead of			
Gibson, Saml -	2	Rouse. Jos L. - -	2	£5 Hannit Jonathan			
Goodman, Ary	3	Reed. Joseph -	2	Field £1 altogether			
Goodman, Jane	1	Smith. Hezikiah	2	W. A. Toppin			
Gibson. J. L. Mrs	1	Saintbill. Abel -	1	Rector			
Gibson. W. L. S.	1	Soares. Emma -	1				
		Spencer. Geo - -	3				

Wm F. Croney

Ordered

That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Pensioners the amounts respectively set against their names.

Richard Squire	36	Mrs Standards	6	Mrs I. Yearwood	6
Sarah Goddard	8	Mrs Weeks	6	Ann Millar	4
Margaret Ramsey	8	Mrs M. King	4	Mrs I. Perkerin	18
Mrs Thompson	4	Charlotte Storey	4	Mrs Sarah King	4
Mrs Rice	6	Jas Searles	6		$120

Ordered. That the undermentioned Widows &c. on the Will of I.H. Marshall do receive the following sums viz

Sarah Goddard	3.05	Mary Yearwood	3.08	Mrs Jn Goddard	3.05
Mary Brigstock	3.05	Sarah King	3.05	Mrs W. Rogers	3.05
					$18.48

Ordered - That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Salaries for the present Year

Sexton	75.00	Schoolmaster Below Cliff	64.00
Bellringer	8.00	Schoolmistress " "	48.00
Organist	252.00	Schoolmaster on the Cliff	48.00
Tuning organ	40.00	Medical attendant	480.00
			$1215.00

Ordered - That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following sums for the Present Year -

School appliances				Stationary	4.92
Rev A. H. Bishop	60.00			Bl. dd on Alms House	120.00
Rev A. T. Eckel	30.00			Rob Waymans /c	✓ 233.56
Rev E. Barnett	10.00			Mrs Nightengale Hoi /c	✓ 433.81
Pensioners	120.00			C. A. Howells /c	✓ 306.19
Manumittants	24.62			Mrs Nightengales /c	for tank ✓ 42.50
Clothing Society	100.00			Ids provisions /c	✓ 30.00
Parish Undertaker	✓ 16.80			Vestry Clerk	120.00
Sacramental Elements	✓ 40.00			Par Treas Commissions	300.00
Washing Church Linen	8.00			Curate of St Marks	50.00
Confirming the Levy	4.80			Curate of St Margarets	200.00
Auditors /c	✓ 20.50			Alms House	500.00
Medicine &c /c	✓ 62.15			Bl. dd Par Treas	7.57
Casual Relief	700.00			Mrs Whitfield & Co /c	✓ 47.36
Destroying Rats	250.00				3662.72
	1446.87				

The following Committees were appointed this day March 3d/74

General -

For the Poor,

Hon Jno Scaly
Hon Jos A. Haynes
and the Churchwardens

Education,

The Rector
Hon Jno Scaly
and the Churchwardens

Health

Hon J. E. Thomas
E. L. Haynes
W. A. Toppin
Jno Scaly M. D

Road

Hon Jos A. Haynes
W. A. Toppin
G. A. Scaly

Special -

Audit

E. L. Haynes
W. A. Toppin
G. A. Scaly

Building

G. A. Scaly
Jno Scaly M. D.
The Churchwardens

Assessment

G. A. Scaly
W. F. Crony
The Churchwardens

Alms House Commissioners

Rev A. H. Bishop
Rev A. J. Eckel
Jno. Scaly M. D.
G. A. Scaly
The Churchwardens

day. Representation
Parish in the Board
Church Council

G. A. Scaly.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

This is to certify that the Levy appointed by the Gentlemen of the Vestry for the present Year, and the tax upon Huckaters, for defraying the Parochial Expenses, have been duly published according to Law, and no Legal objection made thereto -

Given under my hand this twenty seventh day of April, one thousand, eight hundred, and seventy four -

A. A. Bishop
Rector

Barbados

By His Excellency Sir Graeme Lee Knt Governor.

I do hereby allow, and confirm the Levy laid by the Gentlemen of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint John, for the present Year, and do declare this my allowance, and confirmation thereof accordingly.

Given under my hand at the Council Chamber this 26th day of May 1874

Dawson Hawson.

Governor

The business of levying the rates & taxes having been entered upon, the Chairman handed in the Auditors Report, which was ordered to be read, and is as follows,

To the Chairman & Members of the Vestry
Of the Parish of S. John.

Gentlemen,

Having concluded my investigation of the Parochial Accounts of your Parish from the appointment of Mr. Jas. P. Mafsiah as Parochial Treasurer to the 24 Instant I have the pleasure to report the result

The amot: of Parochial Tax levied at 25 Mar 1873 was		4.318.95
The amot: of ditto accounted for by C.C. Flemming was		1.318.37
& I.P. Mafsiah has accounted for the balance		3.000.58
The amot: levied for Occupancy tax was		254 22½
C.C. Flemming accounted for	23.74½	
I. P. Mafsiah accounts for	225.47	
& The Vestry are said to have remit:	5.00	254.21½
Consequently there is a deficiency of		01¢

N.B. There is no mention of the remission in the Minute book.

The amot of tax levied on Trade was		72.00
Mr Flemming accounted for	28.00	
Mr Mafsiah accounts for	43.00	71.00
Consequently there is a deficiency of		£1.00

N.B. £ & £. Beds Trade tax £1 altho' marked against "paid" is not accounted for either by the late or present Parochial Treasurer.

The Parochial Treasurers Cash Book has been well kept. On the Debit side are correctly entered according to the counterfoils of the various Receipt Books, all sums received, and with the exception of payments for Rate & poor Relief, which correspond with their respective lists, I have seen a receipt for every payment, save one for £1 said to have been paid for conveying the box of books to & from my Residence - I doubt not a receipt for this amot will be obtained on the delivery of the Box on its return.

Church Officer is allowed £175 p. Ann & £8 for Bell ringing 183 00

The late Par Treas paid him	48.65	
The present ditto pd him	143.71	192.36
He therefore appears to have been overpaid		£9.36

Monumentants - 3 were provided for - 2 have been paid
The Parochial Treasurers Bond dated 27 August 1873 has been
deposited at the Colonial Treasury, and is in accordance
with the Law. His Lordship & H.T. Hart Esq & Jno Sealy Esq M.D.
Amongst the other Committees appointed on the 31st March
1873, there appears a Building Committee. I find that with
the exception of two orders signed by the Church Warden & W.J.A.
Sealy, that all orders on account of the Alms House have
been signed by the Church Warden alone - In all cases
it would be well for the Committee or Overseer of a
Department to certify the Bills connected therewith, after
which the Church Warden should give the order on the
Treasurer for payment. A record of proceedings in Committee
should be kept by the Vestry Clerk.
Referring you to the Parochial Treasurers Summary of
the Parochial Treasurer Cash account, which he can
now copy into the Vestry Account Book, & congratulating
you on the improved Method of keeping your Accounts.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant
Edwd T. Jarmain, Auditor

Woodstock.
30th March 1874 -
The Audit Committee then handed in the
Estimates for the present Year; before considering
them, it was moved by Mr W.A. Toffan and
seconded by Doctor Sealy, that some remuneration
should be provided for the Vestry Clerk, who
would in future have to attend the Meetings
of the various Committees, and to take minutes
of the same, which were to be duly entered in a
book, to be called the "Minute Book of Committee
Meetings", & the Parochial Treasurer was directed
to procure such a book as would be suitable for
the purpose -
After some discussion the sum decided on for
the present Year was £25 -
The Parochial Treasurer was also directed to
procure two cash books for the Churchwardens

from which in future all orders, for goods from Merchants & Tradesman & for payments of money from the Parochial Treasurer, shall be written. so that counterfoils of the same may be kept.

X The Rector on behalf of the Commissioners of the Alms House, appointed under the Act, brought up & laid before the Vestry the "Rules & Regulations for the Government of the St Johns Alms House" as prepared by them.

The Rules were read and approved of, and ordered to be entered in the Minute Book, and and are as follows.

The Saint Johns Alms House shall be under the Control of Five Commissioners, to be appointed by the Vestry, from time to time as directed by the Act of the Legislature No XXXII. 18 February 1873.

The Commissioners shall meet for the business of the Alms House, once in each Month, on a day to be fixed by the Commissioners

There shall be a Matron who shall reside on the Premises, and whose duties shall be, to have the oversight of the inmates, keep order, take charge of all the Stores and other property of the Institution, see to the proper dispensing of the inmates food, and generally to carry out the instructions she may, from time to time, receive from the Commissioners, and to see that all the rules are duly observed.

The Salaries of the Matron and other Servants of the Alms House shall be fixed by the Commissioners with the approval of the Vestry.

Applications for admissions of Inmates must be made to the Commissioners, and applicants must appear before the Commissioners on their day of Meeting and be subject to Medical inspection before admission.

The Medical Officer shall be authorized to admit patients into the Hospital wards
The inmates will be required to be quiet, orderly and cleanly in their habits, to be obedient and to perform such offices as may be required of them under the directions of the Commissioners and any persistent breaches of discipline will be punished by instant dismissal -
The food of the inmates shall be regulated by a Dietary Table, to be approved by the Medical Officer
That No Inmate shall leave the Alms House without leave of the Matron, and in no case shall any inmate be absent later than 6 oclock P. M.
That every inmate found begging shall be considered as committing a breach of discipline and shall be dealt with accordingly -
The Rector was requested to forward a copy to the Colonial Secretary to be laid before the Governor and Council for confirmation -
The Rector stated that at a former Meeting of the Vestry, a Committee was appointed to take into consideration the addition of a Chancel to the Parish Church, and it had been agreed by them that, that very desireable object should be accomplished if possible, and in furtherance of it had prepared a draught of a letter to Absentee Proprietors owning Property in the Parish, soliciting their aid in the matter -
The letter was read & is as follows.

Sir.

The condition of the Eastern wall of St Johns church, and of the wood work of the principal window, is such that it will be necessary very shortly to set about some extensive repairs in that part of the building.

This being so, the occasion seems to us (the Vestry of the Parish) a favourable one for carrying out a plan long talked of, but from time to time postponed, of adding a chancel to the church – an addition which would not only give increased accommodation in the way of sittings, viz fifty seats now required but be an improvement to the church in every way

The cost of this alteration is estimated at about Six hundred Pounds, which we propose to raise principally by Voluntay Subscription –

The Execution of works of this kind falls heavily on the residents of a Parish like ours, if unaided by the contributions of those who altho' withdrawn from immediate connection with it, are no less deeply interested in its prosperity and welfare: but the present is an occasion on which we think we may venture to rely with confidence on the sympathy and aid of our fellow parishioners at a distance –

We therefore ask you to be good enough to lay this appeal before the gentleman whose interests in this Parish you represent and invite them to cooperate with us in the task we must undertake of repairing & completing our Parish Church.

We are &c &c

P.S. We append a list of Subscriptions raised among ourselves –

It was then resolved that a copy should be forwarded to the Attorneys of Absentee Proprietors in this Parish and the Parochial Treasurer was directed to have a sufficient number of Copies printed to carry out this resolution –

The Meeting then separated.

Barbados Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Thursday May 28. 1874

Present,

Hon J. E. Thomas
Hon Jos a. Haynes
E. L. Haynes Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq
Hon Jno Sealy
Jas a. Sealy Esq
Jno Sealy Esq M.D.
W. F. Cromey Esq
The Rector

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.
The Chairman stated that the Object of the Meeting was to get the letters signed by the Gentlemen of the Vestry, that are to be sent to the Attorneys of Absentee Proprietors of this Parish, soliciting their Cooperation & assistance in the Erection of a Chancel to the Parish Church. Which having been done & given to the Clerk, with directions to add to them a list of the subscriptions contributed by the Gentlemen of the Vestry and to forward them to the respective Attorneys.
Dr Sealy, as Medical Officer of the Parish, brought to the Notice of the Vestry, the absence of any Record on their Minutes, of the Range of duties expected by them of their Medical Officer & also of the extra remuneration to be given to him for attending calls to extraneous cases, as Midwifery & Surgical cases &, as to who were the proper Persons to direct his attendance to the same.
After some discussion it was resolved. That the Vestry fully recognise & appreciate the advantages, both to the Poor & to the Labouring population of the Parish, of the Dispensary as at present carried out, but as the subject brought before them by Dr Sealy was one of much difficulty, it was proposed by the Hon J. Sealy, that a Committee be appointed to consider & report on the subject - the following Gentlemen were named as a Committee for the purpose viz Hon J. E. Thomas E. L. Haynes & Walter A. Toppin Esquires.
The Meeting then separated - A. H. Bishop
Rector

Barbados Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Thursday Novr 12th 1874.

Present

A. F. Hart Esq. Hon Sir John Sealy
Hon J. E. Thomas. Jno A. Sealy Esq.
W. A. Toppin Esq. W. F. Cromey Esq
The Rector

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed
The Chairman stated that, except from Mr W. Haynes, no replies had been received to the letters from the Vestry, asking for cooperation & assistance in repairing & adding a Chancel to the Parish church
It was proposed by Sir John Sealy that an Estimate of the cost of the necessary repairs to the church shd be obtained from some qualified person and the Rector & Churchwardens were requested by the Vestry to the Estimate obtain the same.
The Report of the Committee appointed at the last Meeting to Examine into the subject of the Medical Relief of the Poor & the proper Remuneration of the Medical Officers was brought up & read.
It was moved by Mr J.A. Sealy & seconded by Sir John Sealy that the Report be adopted & entered on the Minutes /vide Minute Book of Commissions/
The Chairman stated that the Alms House Commissioners "advise that ~~in future~~ No additions to the list of the Casual Poor receiving pecuniary relief should be made. but that all persons ~~hereafter~~ it requiring relief ~~necessary~~ should be made in kind from the stores of the Alms House. as they consider the money dole to be very objectionable"
It was unanimously adopted & ordered to be entered /as above/ on the Minutes.
The Chairman also brought up a statement of the Alms House Accts & Expenditure which was read & the progress of the Alms House in altering the Establishment was considered by the Meeting to be highly satisfactory.

The Auditor's Report of the Parochial Treasurer's Accts for the half Year from March 25th to September 24th was read & approved - it is as follows -

Summer Vale, St Michaels
6th November 1874-

To the Chairman
& Members of the Vestry
of St Johns.

Gentlemen,

I have audited the Accounts of Mr Jas P. Mapsiah Par Treasurer of the Parish which you represent, for the half year ended 24th Septr last, and have the pleasure to make the following

Report

The Rates laid by your Board on the 30th March last as per Minute Book were as follows viz Ownerships of Land 50 p' acre, Occupancy of Land 25 p' acre & of Houses 10 p' ct £. These Rates calculated on the Assessments show the following Results. viz

Ownerships	865a. 0. 06	@ 50c	(7c in Excess)	4. 328. 7½
Occupancy	1036. 1: 24	@ 25c	(¾ in Excess)	259. 10¾
Do	of House £150	@ 10c		15. 00
Trade Tax on Sundries				72. 00
				4. 674. 82¼

Although the Parochial Treasurer does not appear to have received the Taxes of Mr Jas P. Cheesman, Est of Jno F. Gill dec'd & P. W. Walcott, making together the sum of $24. 87½, he has debited his Account with the whole amount of $4674. 82¼ & consequently there an excess

In addition to the above, the Treasurer has received

for Pew Rents of the Current Year $248. 30 & Arrears $1 50	$249. 80
for 14 Dog Licenses $16. 80. Fines for unlicensed dogs $18. 00	34. 80
for Arrears of Taxes previous to 25 March 1874	75
from the Par Com of St Josephs in return for a like sum expended on a pauper of that Parish on 31st Dec 1873	2. 36
The Mapsial Bequest	18. 48
Thus Making the total amt to be accounted for by him	$4. 981. 01¼

The Amounts to his Cr are

Balance in his favour at the 25th March 1874	7. 57	
Cash paid Confirming the Levy	4. 80	
" " Expenses at the Alms House	495. 26	
Carried forward	$507. 57	$4981. 01¼

	Amounts brought forward	£507. 5½	£4981. 01¼
Cash paid Casual Fool		149. 90	
" "	Medical Officer	240. 00	
" "	Organist & Bellow blower	126. 00	
" "	Church Officers	91. 50	
" "	School Teachers	130. 00	
" "	Vesty Clerk	60. 00	
" "	Parliamentary Commissioners	300. 00	
" "	School appliances	50. 00	
" "	Vesty grants - 1st Instl £20 2d Instl £50.	70. 00	
" "	Do Pensioners	102. 00	
" "	The Marshal Legacy	18. 48	
" "	Accounts to 24th March 1874	1216. 07	
" "	Grave digger £20 88 Undertaker £16 80	37. 68	
" "	Communion Element £15 Washg Cl. Linn £4	19. 00	
" "	Destroying Rats	202. 56	
" "	Iron safe £44 - Dog Cable £1 2/-	45. 20	
" "	Advertising & Stationary	14. 25	
" "	Carpenter £11 75 Mason £2 21	13. 96	
" "	Eighty lumber for Curates house	6. 45	
Making a total Expenditure of		£3.400. 62	
And leaving Balance in hands of Parl Treas of		1.580. 39¼	

The Balance to the Credit of the Parochial Treasurer
at the Col Bank on 24 Inst. last as shown by
the Bank Pass Book was £1876. 99

But the Cheques drawn but not presented for
payment at that date were the following viz

in favour of R Wilson	£41. 00
" " H Merrick	12. 00
" " J. Pickering	15. 25
" " Rev A H Bishop	15. 00
" " Rev Barrett 8. 74 R Squire	£9. 17. 74
" " Sundries £12 62 Cunningham	£15. 27. 62
" " Allayne & Authem £160 34	160. 34
" " Bowen & Son £9. 75 Frame £4 50	14. 25 — 303. 20 £ 1573. 79

Thus the available Bank Balance £1573 79 was less than the Balance due by the Parl Treas
£6. 60¼ It must however be borne in mind that the Treas is debited with amt not
yet received from Chairman Lothian say £24. 87½ - Consequently he has paid
into the Bank in Excess of his Receipts the sum of £18. 27¼ -

The amounts paid Casual Pon & for Rate agree with their Respective bills with the Exception of Receipts from Dr Pras for £120 & Rev Barnett £8.7½ I have seen Receipts for every payment made & the Loans - & Receipt for £8 paid to Dr Ramsey on 24th June is not in order but signed I am McCollin

I think it unnecessary to remark on the amount in arrear for Church Sittings until the end of the Year -

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servant

Edwd Shannon. Auditor.

A. D. Bishop -

Rector

Barbados

Parish of Saint John
January 4th 1875

At a Meeting of the Freeholders of the Parish this day the following Gentlemen were Elected to serve as Vestrymen for the ensuing Year - viz

H. T. Hart Esqr
Hon J. E. Thomas
W. C. Mapsiah Esq
Hon Jos A. Haynes
E. L. Haynes Esq M.L.S.
W. A. Toppin Esq
Hon Sir John Sealy K.C.M.G.
Jno A Sealy Esq M.L.S.
John Sealy Esq M.D.
W. T. Cooney Esq

Barbados

Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry held January 11th 1875

Present

Hon J. E. Thomas
E. L. Haynes Esq
Hon Sir John Seale
J. A. Sealy Esq
Dr. Seale Esq M.D
W. T. Conway Esq
The Rector

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed
The Chairman stated that the object of the Meeting was to appoint Assessors under the 41st Section of the Parish Vestry Act of March 24th 1874 -
Sir John Sealy ~~proposed~~ stated that as the law left it optional with the Vestries to appoint paid Assessors or from their own body & had hitherto been the custom he should propose that as long as no objections were offered by any of the Freeholders the old custom should be adhered to which was agreed to &

J. A. Sealy Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq
W. T. Conway Esq

were appointed Assessors for the ensuing Year.
The Chairman stated that it was necessary to appoint a lay Member to the Barbados Church Council & Mr J. A. Sealy having expressed his willingness to continue was reappointed -
The Chairman stated that an immediate reply to the letter of the Vestry, relative to the repair of the Church & addition of a Chancel, had been received from Mr Garth the owner of Colliton who had very handsomely given £50 to the fund -
A letter from Mr Marshal was read offering an excuse for not having yet prepared the plans & Estimates for the Repairs of the Church & the addition of a Chancel.

A. H. Bishop
Rector

Barbados — Parish of Saint John.

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Tuesday April 6th 1875.

Present

H. F. Hart Esq — W. A. Toppin Esq
W. C. Mayrick Esq — Hon Sir John Sealy
Hon J. E. Thomas — Jno Sealy Esq M.D.
E. L. Haynes Esq — W. F. Croney Esq

The Rector —

William F. Croney Esq. was appointed Churchwarden for the present year 1875.

Ordered - That an assessment at the rate of Fifty cents [50¢] p'acre be assessed on all owners of land in this Parish being 34* for the Relief and Education of the Poor. 6¢ for Necessary Parochial Expenses & 10¢ for Extraordinary Expenses

Ordered - That an assessment at the Rate of Twenty five cents [25¢] p'acre be assessed on all occupiers of land, not being the owners thereof, in this Parish in respect of such occupancy also that an assessment be made & assessed on all occupiers of Houses, not being the owners thereof, in respect of such occupancy, at the rate of Ten cents [10¢] in the £ on the Rental

Ordered - That the undermentioned Persons, Shopkeepers do pay as a Tax on Trade the amounts respectively set against their Names.

	#		#		#	Henry F Hart.
Beckles, Sam	2	Howard Jno F.	2	Searles. Saml	1	Grant E. Thomas
Bell, Mr.	1	Haynes. Ed	1	Thorne. W. J.	4	Wm C. Mayrick
Baker. Thos	2	Hinds Henry x	1		70	E Thomas L. Haynes.
Croney. W. F.	6	Moore.	2			Wm A Toppin
Codrington J.H.	1	Provence R.H.	2			John Sealy
Collins Jos	4	Riccells, Jno	1			J. Sealy Jr.
Clarke Alex	2	Porter, Jemima	1			W. F. Croney
Eastwick Thos	2	Roach. R. J.	4			
Gill. Henry	2	Roach. R. J.	2			
Gibson. Sam	2	Racides. Thos	1			
Goodman. F. A	3	Rouse. Jos E.	2			
Goodman Sam	1	Rouse. Jos E.	2			
Gibson W. E. S.	1	Reed. Joseph	2			
Gibson. Linahan	1	Smith. Hezekiah	2			
Hinkson. Rob J.	4	Sainthill Abel	1			
Hinkson. Mr.	1	Searles. Emma	1			
		Spencer. Jos	3			
	35		30			

Ordered

That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Pensions the amounts respectively set against their names.

	£		£		£
Richard Squires	36	Mr. Standard	6	Ann Millar	4
Sarah Goddard	8	Mr. Weeks	6	Mr. I. Packerin	18
Margaret Ramsey	8	Mr. M King	4	Mr. Sarah King	4
Mr. Thos Gibson	4	Chas Storey	4	Jas Searles	6
Mr. Rice	6	Mr. I. Yearwood	6		£120

Ordered - That the undermentioned Widows do under the Will of I. N. Maynard dec'd receive the following sums -

	£		£		£
Sarah Goddard	3 0s	Mr Elvina Gibson	£3 0s	Mr. Jas Goddard	£3 0s
Mary Brigstock	3 0s	Sarah King	£3 0s	Mr. Jno Yearwood	3 0s
					18 0s

Ordered - That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Salaries for the present Year -

	£ s		£ s
Sexton	175.00	Schoolmaster Below Cliff	164.00
Bellringer	8.00	Schoolmistress " "	48.00
Organist	252.00	Schoolmaster on the Cliff	48.00
Turning organ	40.00	Medical Officer	480.00
			£1215.00

Ordered - That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following sums.

Rev A. H. Bishop	60.00	Colonial Treasurer	64.00
" E. Barnett	10.00	Nightingale & Co	187.25
" A. J. Eckel	30.00	C. A. Howell & Co	67.99
Manumittants	24.62	Dr R. B. Walcott	22.50
Clothing Society	100.00	Vestry Clerk	120.00
Parish Undertaker	40.20	Parochial Common	350.00
Sacramental Elements	31.44	Alms House	1684.20
Washing Church linen	8.00	Curate of St Margaret's	12.00
Confirming the Levy	4.80	Bal due Parochial for rent of school	99.68
Auditor	36.00	Dr Sealy	12.50
Medicine	76.27	Tank at Curates House	18.03
Destroying Rats	360.00	Repairs to do	20.00
Stationary & Printing &c	25.50	Rent of Doctrs schoolroom	28.00

The following Committees were appointed
General - For the Poor.
Hon Sir Jno Scaly
Hon Jos A. Haynes
The Churchwarden
Education -
The Rector
Hon Sir John Scaly
The Churchwarden
Health -
Hon J. L. Thomas
W. A. Toppin
Jno Scaly M. D.
The Churchwarden
Road -
Hon Jos A. Haynes
Jno A. Scaly
W. A. Toppin
Special - Building
G. A. Scaly
Jno Scaly M. D. & the Churchwarden
W. A. Toppin
Almo House Commissioners
Revd A. N. Bishop
Rev A. J. Pckal
Jno Scaly M. D.
J. A. Scaly & W. A Toppin
The Churchwarden
Chancel -
Hon Jos A. Haynes
Hon J. L. Thomas
Jno Scaly Esq M.D.
Jno A. Scaly
The Rector
Lay Representative -
Geo D. Scaly -

A. N. Bishop
Rector

Barbados. Parish of Saint John

This is to certify that the Levy appointed by the Gentlemen of the Vestry for the present Year and the Tax upon Rateables, for defraying the Parochial Expences, have been duly published according to Law, and that an objection to the same has been made by a Ratepayer, Mr James Parris Chessman, the ground of his objection being that everyone in the Parish liable has not been assessed but that one or more have been omitted -
Given under my hand this tenth day of May one thousand Eight hundred and Seventy five

A. St. Bishop
Rector.

Memorandum

Council Chamber
16th June 1875

The Petition against the Confirmation of the Rate having been read. and after hearing the Arguments on both sides the following decision was given by His Honor the Administrator

" The Council is of Opinion that the first
" Objection - "That Managers are not Taxed"
" is not tenable as they occupy their Houses
" incidental to their Services and the Council
" therefore Overrule this Objection. as to the
" Exception Gollops and Mullins. as the
" insertion of their Names would not diminish
" the Rate The Council are of Opinion that
" they can Amend the Rate by inserting their
" Names and they will do so and Confirm
" the Rate

Augustus Fred. Gore
Colonial Secretary

Barbados.

By His Honor the Administrator

I do hereby allow and Confirm the Levy laid by the Gentlemen of the Vestry of the Parish of ~~Christ Church~~ Saint John, for the present Year and do declare this my allowance and Confirmation thereof accordingly

Given under my Hand at the Council Chamber the 15th day of June 1875

Grant E. Thomas

Administrator

Report of the Auditor for the Parish read before the Vestry at their Meeting on Tuesday April 6th 1875.

Barbados 5th April 1875.

To the Chairman
& Members of Vestry
of St Johns.

Gentlemen,

Referring to my Report of the 6th November last, I have now only to add that I have examined the Books & Vouchers of the Parochial Treasurer of St John for the half year ending 24th ultº, and, with the Exceptions mentioned hereafter have found them correct in order. The Exceptions are these. viz. The Parish has omitted to credit himself with the sum of £5.70 paid for Rat Heads on 21st & £5.28 on the 28th Novr 1874 on p. List. I have added therefore £10.98 to his Disbursements under this head. The Treasurer states that the amount for Rat Heads amounts to £7.05. I find them to be £7.35.

A Summary of Receipts & Expenditure for the Year ended 24th ultº will be found in the Parish Cash Book shewing a Balance due to him from the Parish of Ninety nine dollars & Eighty Eight cents, which is correct.

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant
Edwd T. Gamman. Auditor.

Barbados -

Parish of Saint John -

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Thursday May 13th 1875 -

Present

H. F. Hart Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq.
Jas A. Sealy Esq
Jas Sealy Esq M.C.
W. F. Crosby Esq
The Rector -

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read & confirmed
The Chairman stated that the Meeting was called for
today to determine what was necessary to be done
in the matter of the objections to the Rates which had
been made by Mr James P. Cheesman -
After some discussion - It was Moved by Mr Jas A. Sealy
and seconded by Dr Hart "That the Clerk be directed
to write to the Solicitors for this Parish and desire
them to Employ Council to represent the Vestry
before the North Board of Council on the 18th inst
in the Case of the objections to the Rates raised by Mr
Jas P. Cheesman -

A. H. Bishop
Rector

Barbados

Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry held on Thursday October 28th 1875 -

Present

Hon J. L. Thomas
W. A. Joffois Esq
The Churchwarden
The Rector

Who not being sufficient to form a Quorum the Meeting was adjourned, after receiving the Auditors Report for the Half Year ending September 24th - to meet again -

Jas P. Marshall
Vestry Clerk

Barbados

Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Freeholders of the Parish on Monday
January 3rd 1876. the following Gentlemen were duly elected
to serve as Vestrymen for the ensuing Year -

H. F. Hart Esq
Hon G. L. Thomas
W. C. Maynard Esq
Hon Jos a. Haynes
W. A. Tospin Esq
Hon Sir Jno Scaly K.C.M.G.
Jos A. Scaly Esq
Jno Scaly Esq M. D.
W. F. Croney Esq
Benj Innis Esq -

Jas P. Maynard
Vestry Clerk

Barbados Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Saturday January 8th 1876

Present Hon R. Thomas W. A Toppin Esq
Hon Sir Jno Sealy J. A. Sealy Esq
The Rector

The Chairman stated that the Object of the Meeting was to appoint Assessors under the 41st Section of the New Vestry Act of March 24th 1874 - and also a Lay Member for the Parish Church to the Barbados Church council: It was proposed by Sir John Sealy and seconded by D: Thomas that the old assessors viz

W. A. Toppin Esq
J. A. Sealy Esq
W. F. Arrey Esq

should be reappointed as assessors for this year which was agreed to, and

J. A. Sealy Esq

having expressed his willingness to continue as the Lay Representative to the Church council he was reelected

B. H. Bishop, Rector

Barbados

Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Thursday April 6th 1876

Present Hon J. E. Thomas
W. A. Toppin Esq
Hon Sir Jno Sealy
Jno Sealy Esq M.D
Hon Jos A. Haynes
Jos A. Sealy Esq
W. F. Croney Esq
Benj Innis Esq
The Rector

William Francis Croney Esq was appointed Church Warden for this Year

Ordered – That an Assessment at the rate of Seventy two cents (72¢) p'acre be assessed on all owners of Land in this Parish being 40¢ for the Relief & Education of the Poor – 19¢ for necessary Parochial Expenses and 13¢ for Extraordinary Expenses –

Ordered – That an assessment at the rate of Twenty five cents (25¢) p'acre be assessed on all occupiers of Land, or Land & Houses of or above the Yearly Rental of £10 Stg, not being the owners thereof, in this Parish in respect of such Occupancy –
Also that an assessment be made & assessed on all occupiers of Houses, of or above the Yearly Rental of £10 Stg, not being the owners thereof, in respect of such occupancy at the date of Ten cents (10¢) in the £1 on the Rental –

Ordered – That the Undermentioned Persons, Shopkeepers do pay as a Tax on Trade the amounts respectively set against their Names –

	£		£		£		£
		Brought forward	27	Brought forward	52	Grant E. Thomas	
Baker, Thos	2	Gibson L	1	Racion, Thos	1	J. A. Haynes	
Bannister, Jos	1	Gill, Jos	1	Rouse, Jos E.	2	W. Toppin	
Bell, Mary I	1	Hinkson R.I.	3	Rouse, Jos L.	2	John Sealy	
Bickles, Sam	2	Howard I. F.	2	Reed, Jos	2	Chas. R. Sealy	
Barrow,	1	Hunt, Thos R	2	Smith, Hez	1	J. Sealy	
Collins, Jos C	4	Haughton	1	Sainthill, Al	1	W. F. Croney	
Croney, W. F.	4	Hoyte, Ab	2	Scales Enc	1		
Clarke, Augustus	1	Moe, Jas	1	Spencer, Jos	2		
Connell, Jas H.	1	Merrick, W.W.	1	Thorne, W. F.	4		
Eastwick, Jas	2	Moore,	1		67		
Gibson, W.S	2	Nurse,	1				
Goodman F.A.	2	Porte, Sem	1				
Goodman Sam	1	Prout, Thos	1				
Jordan, Edw	1	Pitt, Jno Thos	1				
Gibson, Mrs	1	Roach, R. J.	4				
Gill, Hen	2	Roach, R. J.	2				
	27		52				

Rector & Church Wardens

Ordered – That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Pensioners the amts respectively set against their Names.

Sarah Goddard —	8.00	Mrs M. King —	4.00
Mrs Thos Gibson —	4.00	Charlotte Storey —	4.00
Mrs Rice ——	6.00	Mrs I. Yearwood —	6.00
Mrs Standard —	6.00	Ann Millar —	4.00
Mrs Wickes —	6.00	Mrs Sarah King —	4.00

Ordered – That the Undermentioned Widows do under the Will of I. N. Maffiah Dec'd receive the sum of $3.00 each –

Sarah Goddard	Mrs Elvira Gibson	Mrs Jos Goddard
Mary Brigstock	Sarah King	Mrs Jane Yearwood

Ordered – That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Salaries for the present Year –

Medical Officer —	£80.00	Sextons & Bellringer	£ 195.48
Vestry Clerk ——	120.00	Schoolmaster Below Cliff	164.00
Auditor ——	36.00	Schoolmistress do	48.00
Organist ——	252.00	Schoolmaster on the Cliff	48.00
Blowing the Organ	40.00		

Ordered – That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following.

Rev A.H. Bishop }	For School	60.00	Estimate for Alms House 1800.00
" E. Barnett }	appliances	10.00	" " Dispensary 105.00
" J.W. King }	&c	30.00	" " Undertakers 75.00
Rev A.H. Bishop }	Rent of Extra	28.00	" " Sacrament Elements 35.00
J.W. King }	Schoolrooms	12.00	" " Destroying Rats 550.00
Confirming the Levy		4.80	" " Print & Adverts 40.00
Clothing Society		100.00	" Repairing Parish Church 558.00
Auditors Fee		36.00	" Extra Medical attendance 120.00
Manumittants		24.62	" Grave digger 58.00
Vestry Pensioners		52.00	" Merchants Fee and Repairs generally } 162.00
Maffiah Widows		18.48	Incidents & Sundries } 157.01
Salaries		1383.48	Parliamentary Comm 350.00
Washing Church Linen		8.00	Balance 1009.71
Rev A.T. Pickel		8.00	Dead House at Alms House 100.00
		1775 28	4862.71
		4862.71	1775.28
		6638 01	$6637.99

The following Committees were appointed—

General

Hon Sir John Sealy
Hon Jos A. Haynes
The Churchwarden
} For the Poor

Hon Sir John Sealy
Hon J. E. Thomas
The Rector
} Education

Hon J. E. Thomas
W. A. Toppin
Jno Sealy M.D.
The Churchwarden
} Health

Hon Jos A. Haynes
Jno A. Sealy
W. A. Toppin
} Road Commissioners

Special

J. A. Sealy
Jno Sealy M.D.
W. A. Toppin
} Building

Revd A. H. Bishop
Revd J. W. King
Jno Sealy M.D.
Jno A. Sealy
W. A. Toppin
The Churchwarden
} Alms House Commissioners

Jno A. Sealy — Lay Representative

Hon Jos A. Haynes
Hon J. E. Thomas
Jno Sealy M.D.
Jno A. Sealy
The Rector

A. H. Bishop, Rector.

Deed
23/4/76

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

This is to Certify that the Levy appointed by the Gentlemen of the Vestry for the present Year, and the Tax upon Shopkeepers, for defraying the ~~Expenses~~ Parochial Expenses, have been duly published according to Law and no Legal Objection made thereto -

Given under my hand this twenty fourth day of April one thousand Eight hundred and Seventy Six

A. W. Bishop, Rector.
and Chairman of the Vestry.

Barbados. By His Excellency The Governor.

I do hereby allow and confirm the Levy laid by the Gentlemen of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint John, for the present Year, and do declare this my allowance and confirmation thereof accordingly

Given under my hand at the Council Chamber this 23rd day of May 1876

J. Pope Hennessy
Governor.

March 24th 1876

Report on Medical Poor relief in St Johns Parish for the Year 1875.

The Number of outpatients registered at the Alms House dispensary for the Year past was 1888. being 183 in excess of the average of the last 6 years but less by 72 than the total number recorded in the preceding Year

The number of patients visited at their own homes was 11- of which 1 was a case of instrumental midwifery (the only case of midwifery). Besides these was one case of amputation of a finger & one of fracture of the forearm.

Nineteen cases have been admitted into the hospital and of the Alms House - of these the following is the account.

Discharged well	10	Ran away	1
Died	6	Still in Hospital	
Relieved	1	with one toes	1 Total 19.

Of the 6 who died 4 were admitted to die, it being evident at the time of their admission that nothing could be done to save their lives - 3 died of Consumption & 1 of disease of the Liver and dropsy The remaining 2 cases were admitted from the permanent inmates & succumbed 1 to diarhoea & the other to apoplexy

To the 11 cases mentioned as visited at their own homes must be added 4 others attended by Dr Allayne making a total of 15 attended at home

Outpatients	1888
Patients Visited at home	15
Midwifery	1
Operations & accidents	2
Patients treated in Hospital	19

Signed by J. Scaly, Head.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Monday June 5th 1876

Present. W. A. Toppin Esq John Sealy Esq
Sir John Sealy W. F. Aroney Esq
Jno A. Sealy Esq The Rector -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.
The Chairman stated the object of the meeting to be to receive the tenders for removing the organ from its present position in the Western gallery and Erecting it, with all necessary repairs, in the new organ chamber in the Chancel.
Two tenders were received & read, from Mess Simpson & Newsum - Mr Bowen, the tuner, declining to tender on account of ill health - Both tenders were for the same amount £130. and in as much as Mr Newsum had Erected the organ when it was first put up, it was decided to give him the preference over Mr Simpson & the Clerk was instructed to reply to both tenders stating the reason for accepting Mr Newsum.
A Circular communication from the Colonial Secretary was received & read containing a suggestion from H.E. the Governor that in future when laying the Rates of Taxation the Vestry should abandon all taxes on Painful trades.
A communication from the Colonial Secretary requiring the Parish to make provision for the Children of Prisoners who were at present in gaol, & also the Rectors reply to the same, were read.
The Petition to His Lordship the Bishop, praying for the Consecration of the New Chancel just Erected was then signed by all the Members of the Vestry present & the day appointed for the Consecration viz the 21st inst

B. St. Bishop
Rector & Chairman

Barbados Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Wednesday Sep 13th 1876

Present- J.C. Thomas Esq Sir John Sealy
Jos A Haynes Esq W.T. Crosney Esq
W.A. Toppin Esq The Rector-

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed
The Chairman stated that the meeting was called at the request of Mr Jos A Haynes who wished to be relieved of the Office of Commissioner of Roads -
Mr Haynes explained his reason for this as that on account of a matter relative to a Road in which he is personally interested he thinks it right to resign his place as Commissioner
It was then proposed by Mr W.A. Toppin and seconded by Sir John Sealy that Mr W. T. Hart is a fit & proper person to be appointed in Mr Jos Haynes' place & Mr Hart was accordingly elected a Commissioner of Roads

A. St. Bishop
Rector & Chairman

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Freeholders on Monday January 1st 1849 the following gentlemen were duly elected to serve as Vestrymen for the ensuing Year —

Ogbant E. Thomas Esq
William C. Maycock Esq
Joseph A. Haynes Esq
Walter A. Toppin Esq
Sir John Sealy
Geo A. Sealy Esq
John Sealy Esq M.D.
William F. Croney Esq
Henry ~~T.~~ Hart Esq
Robert J. Hinkson Esq

Barbados Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Saturday Jany 6th 1877.

Present Sir Jno Sealy W. T. Crosey Esq
Jno A Sealy Esq H. T. Hart Esq
Jno Sealy Esq M.D. R. J. Hinkson Esq
The Rector

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.
The Chairman stated that the object of the Meeting was to appoint Assessors under the 41st Section of the New Vestry Act of March 24th 1874. and also a Lay Member for the Parish Church to the Barbados Church Council.
It was proposed by Sir John Sealy & seconded by Jno A. Sealy that

W. A. Toppin Esq
W. T. Crosey Esq
R. J. Hinkson Esq

be appointed Assessors for the Ensuing Year and

J. A. Sealy Esq

was reappointed Lay Member to the Church Council for this Year.

As this was the first Meeting since the death of Dr Hart of Ashford, the Chairman proposed and Sir John Sealy seconded, that a Record should be placed upon the Minutes of the Vestry to the following effect:-

That this Vestry Board desire to express their regret at the death of their late senior member Dr Hart and their sympathy with his widow and family in their bereavement; they wish too to record their sense of his services to this Parish, both as a Member of the Legislature and of this Board for nearly forty years of a long life, marked throughout, by kindness, courtesy and consideration for all.

A. H. Bishop
Rector

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Wednesday April 11th 1877.

Present. G. E. Thomas Esq — W. F. Croney Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq — H. H. Hall Esq
Sir John Sealy — R. J. Hinkson Esq
Jno A. Sealy Esq — The Rector

Robert John Hinkson Esq was appointed Church-Warden for this Year —

Ordered — That an assessment at the rate of Seventy two cents p^ace be assessed on all owners of Land in this Parish Being Forty eight cents for the Relief & Education of the Poor Twelve cents for Necessary Parochial Expenses and Twelve cents for Extraordinary Expenses —

Ordered — That an assessment at the rate of Twenty five cents p^ace be assessed on all occupiers of Land in this Parish, (of or above the Yearly Rental of £10 Stg) not being the owners thereof, in respect of such occupancy.

Also that an assessment at the rate of Ten cents in the £1 Stg ~~& a~~ on the Rental be assessed on all occupiers of Houses in this Parish (of or above the Yearly Rental of £10 Stg) not being the owners thereof, in respect of such occupancy —

Ordered — That the undermentioned Persons, Shopkeepers do pay as a tax on Trade the amounts respectively set against their names

Armstrong. W. J.	2	Gibson, R J L	1	Merrick	1	Sainthill A	2
Baker. Thos	2	Gibson, Wm R	1	Moe, Jas A	2	Small. J. T.	1
Bell. Wm	1	Gill. H T.	2	Mayers Rob	1	Thorne. W. T.	4
Bates.	1	Gill. Jos	1	Niccolls Jno	1	Tempro. Jno	2
Beckles. S	2	Goodman Ja	2	Nightingale A	1	Wilkie. Jas	1
Brereton. S. J	1	Gordon Ed	1	Newton E. P.	1		173
Barton E H.	1	Goddard H	1	Pocut. Thos	1		
Croney. W. F.	4	Gay, Jno	1	Reed. Jos A	2		
Combenbatch. Jos	1	Haynes H	1	Rocides. Thos H	1		
Clarke. Augustus	1	Hinkson R J	3	Roach. R J	4		
Collins Jno	4	Howard. R T	2	Rouse. Jos E	4		
Connell. Jas H	1	Hinkson. Wm	1	Spencer. J. H.	3		
Eastwick. J. J	1	Hinkson Jno	1	Smith. Thos	1		

-Signed- Grant E. Thomas
W. A. Toppin
John Sealy.
Jno. A. Sealy.
W. F. Croney
Henry H. Hall.
Robt John Hinkson
A. H. Bishop Rector.

Ordered – That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Pensioners the amounts respectively set against their names.

Sarah Goddard	8.00	Mrs M. King	4.00
Mrs Thos Gibson	4.00	Charlotte Stoley	4.00 Dead
Mrs Rice —	6.00	Mrs I. Yearwood	6.00
Dead Mrs Standards	6.00	Ann Millar	4.00
Mrs Weekes —	6.00	Mrs Sarah King	4.00

Ordered – That the Parochial Treasurer do pay (under the Will of J.H. Mapsiah Dec'd) the undermentioned Widows the sum of $3.08 each –

Sarah Goddard	Sarah King
Mary Brigstock	Mrs Geo Goddard
Mrs Eliz Gibson	Mrs I. Yearwood

Ordered – That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Salaries for this present Year.

Medical Officer.	$480	Church Officers —	$195.48
Vestry Clerk —	120	Schoolmaster. B. Cliff	164.00
Auditor —	36	Schoolmistress Do —	48.00
Organist —	252	Schoolmaster Christ Church	48.00
Sunday Organ	40		

Estimated Revenue for this present Year –

Parochial Tax —	$6226
Occupancy do —	66
Yards do —	75
Pew Rents —	250
Dog Licenses —	240
Sundries —	18 $6873

Estimated Expenditure for this present Year –

Balance from last Year	$ 978.
Poor Relief —	3743.
Education —	448.
Salaries —	1384.
Repairs to Buildings &c	342.
Destroying Rats —	300.
Sundries —	54
Par Treasurers Commn.	450 $7399

The following Committees were appointed –

– Alms House & Poor Relief –

The Rector
The Curate of St Margarets
The Medical Officer
Geo A. Sealy Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq
The Churchwarden

– Education –

Sir John Sealy
J. E. Thomas Esq
The Rector

– Health –

G. E. Thomas Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq
Jno Sealy Esq M.D.
The Churchwarden

– Highway –

W. A. Toppin Esq
Geo A. Sealy Esq
H. F. Hart Esq

– Building –

W. A. Toppin Esq
~~Geo A. Sealy Esq~~ W. F. Cromey Esq
Jno Sealy Esq M.D.

– Lay Representative –

Geo A. Sealy Esq

Signed –

Grant E. Thomas
W. A. Toppin
John Sealy
Geo. A. Sealy
W. F. Cromey
Henry F. Hart
Robert Jas Shenton

A. H. Bishop, Rector

March 25. 1877 – Estimated Revenue	£		£	
Parochial Tax on 8643 acres @ 72d	6223	00		
Occupancy Tax on 215 do @ 25d	53	00		
Do Do on £160 Rents @ 10d	16	00		
Trade Tax on Shopkeepers	73	00		
Pew Rents at the Parish Church	250	00		
Dog Licenses	240	00		
Magial Bequest to 6 white widows	18	00	£6873	00
Probable balance unpaid of the amt owing & carried forward at March 24th 1877 –	377	00	377	00
	£7250	00	£7250	00

Jas F. Magisiah
Vestry Clerk

Estimated Expenditure March 25th 1877	£		£	
Balance owing at March 24th 1877.	977	00		
Printing. Advertising. Stationary &c	40	00	1017	00
Poor Relief – Medical Officer £180 Extra calls £130	610	00		
Do – Dispensary Set for Drugs Medicines &c	60	00		
Do – Clothing Society Shoes Blankets &c for paupers	130	00		
Do – Grants of Money to Widows & paupers	64	00		
Do – Maintenance £25 Casual expenses £13	38	00		
Do – Magial Bequest to 6 white widows	18	00		
Do – Asylum – In & outdoor relief in food £2507-00				
Do – do Servants 168-00				
Do – do Sundries & Contingencies 25-00	2700	00		
Do – Parish Undertaker £70 Graves digger £52 –	122	00	3742	00
Education of the Poor – School teachers salaries	260	00		
Do – Rents of School rooms	48	00		
Do – School appliances	100	00		
Do – Grant to repair Moravian schools	120	00		
Do – Grant to repair Church schools	125	00	653	00
Grant for Repairs to St Marks Chapel	96	00		
Grant for Repairs to St Margarets Chapel & Quarry	150	00	246	00
Church Officers £196 – Organist & Tuning £292.	488	00	488	00
Keeping in order Church Yard & Cemetery £36. Communion £36	72	00		
Repairs & Contingencies at Parish Church	60	00	132	00
Sundries £66 – Destroying Rats @ 2d a	366	00	366	00
Salaries – Auditor £36. Vestry Clerk £120 – Parish £450 –	606	00	606	00
	£7250	00	£7250	00

Jas F. Magisiah
Vestry Clerk.

Barbados - Parish of Saint John.

This is to Certify, that the Levy appointed by the Gentlemen of the Vestry, for the present Year, and the Tax upon Shopkeepers, for defraying the Parochial Expenses, have been duly published according to Law, and no Legal objection made thereto -
Given under my hand, this Thirteenth day of April, one thousand Eight hundred and seventy seven -

A. H. Brisch
Rector &
Chairman of the Vestry.

Barbados.

By His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Administering the Government of Barbados and the Windward Islands.

I do hereby allow and confirm the Levy laid by the Vestry of the Parish of St. John, for the present year, and do declare this my allowance and confirmation thereof accordingly.

Given under my hand at the Council Chamber this Twenty fifth day of May 1877

Geo. C. Strahan
Lt. Governor.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

Auditors Report. 9th April 1877.

To the Chairman & Members of
The Vestry of Saint John

Gentlemen

I have audited the accounts of your Parochial Treasurer for the year ending 24th ult. & have the pleasure to report thereon as follows

By the Treasurers showing there was a balance due to him on the 24th March 1877 of $989.47 to which I have added 42c being the amount short entered by him as paid to Jas Smith & Co. and have deducted $12.48 for 13 dog Licenses omitted on the debit side of his Act. The Balance due to him is therefore Nine hundred and seventy seven dollars & fifty one cents (977.41)-

The Treasurer has not produced receipts for the following sums charged in his Act viz

			$	c
1876	June 24th	I. Wilkey for shoes	1.	92
	"	Cleaning trenching grave yard	3.	24
	Sept 24.	Grave digger at St Mary's	0.	48
	"	D Healy — Extra attendance	26.	40
1877.	Feb 3	Cleaning Attorney Closet	0.	60
	Mch 24	Alms House servants	14.	00
		D'Alleyne — Extra attendance	14.	40
		Agricultural Reporter	25.	00.

No provision was made on the Estimates for $380.23c spent in repairing Church, Rectory &c and while $588cts was the amt of the Estimate for repairing the East end of the Church the sum charged under this head is $654.92 of which the sum of $73.88c was spent in repairing the steps at the Library, making roads in the Church yard & as per Bill enclosed.

I am Gentlemen
Your obt servant
Edwd T. Frame, Auditor.

Barbados Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Wednesday May 23rd 1877.

Present W. a. Toppin Esq W. F. Crosby Esq
Sir Jno Sealy H. F. Hart Esq
Geo a Sealy Esq R. I. Hinkson Esq
The Rector.

As the Minute Book was still in the Office of the Colonial Secretary the Minutes of the last Meeting could not be read.
The Chairman stated that the Meeting had been called to receive an application from Dr. Sealy, the Medical Officer of the Parish, for leave of absence to enable him to seek a change of Climate for the benefit of his health & that Dr Walcot would discharge the duties of Medical Officer during his absence.
An application was also received from the Rev A. Moore, the Moravian Missionary at Mount Tabor, asking that the taxes on the Lands of the Mission, a portion of which was burial ground, should not in future be collected from them by the Parochial Treasurer.
Both applications were acceded to.

A. H. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados - Parish of Saint John -

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Saturday July 14th 1877 -

Present. G. E. Thomas Esq — W. T. Carney Esq.
Sir John Sealy — H. T. Hart Esq
G. A. Sealy Esq — R. I. Hinkson Esq
The Rector

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.
The Chairman stated, that the Meeting was called to determine what steps should be taken with regard to those Persons, who, at the annual reletting of the sittings in the Parish Church, of which due Public Notice had been given, neglected either to make application for their renewal or to pay up their arrears then owing; that some had been occupying sittings for a length of time and in two cases had been subletting seats, without themselves paying for them -
Sir John Sealy proposed, That the Clerk should be directed to write to all those who had been occupying seats without paying for them stating, "That the time for the annual reletting of the sittings having arrived and due public Notice thereof having been given in the usual way and no application having been received from them in respect of the sittings which they had been occupying without paying for them, he was desired by the Board to let them to any parties who might apply for them - at the same time, if the former occupants came forward immediately with a request to be allowed to continue to occupy and offering payment, they should be permitted to do so" and that the parties who were in the habit of paying such persons for seats for which they themselves had not paid should have notice given them to do so no longer -
Dr Thomas having seconded Sir John Sealy's proposition

proposition it was unanimously agreed to-
The Chairman stated, that it sometimes happened that where poor people required Medical aid the Parish called in a Medical man, who, not being the Medical Officer of the Parish and not having access to the Parish dispensary, simply gave such poor persons a prescription which they had not the means to get made up.
He should propose that in all such cases the prescription duly certified should be taken to the shop of Mr W.G. Armstrong, a chemist and Druggist, resident in the parish, and there prepared and the cost defrayed by the Parish - which was unanimously agreed to -
The Chairman called the attention of the Board to the condition of the Bible & Prayerbook and the two Altar books, which were in a very delapidated condition, and asked permission to be allowed to order new ones through the Messrs Bowen & Sons, which was granted -
A letter was read from Mr Grantham, the Auditor of the Parochial books, stating that he was about to accompany his wife to Canada for the benefit of her health & asking, that if during his absence the services of an accountant should be required, Mr Fitters, who had been assisting him in his office for some time past, might be permitted to act for him - which was agreed to -

A. H. Bishop.
Rector.

Barbados Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Freeholders of this Parish on Monday January 7th 1878. the following Gentlemen were duly elected to serve as Vestrymen for the ensuing Year.

W. C. Maynard Esq
G. E. Thomas Esq
Jos. A. Haynes Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq
Sir John Sealy
Geo A. Sealy Esq
John Sealy Esq M.D.
W. F. Carey Esq
H. F. Hart Esq
R. D. Hinkson Esq

Geo N Maynard Church Wardens

Barbados- Parish of Saint John.

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Monday January 11th 1878.

Present J. E. Thomas Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq
Sir John Sealy
Jno Sealy Esq M.D.
H. F. Hart Esq
The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed.
The Chairman stated that the object of the Meeting was to appoint Assessors under the 41st Section of the New Vestry Act of March 24th 1874-
The following gentlemen were named as assessors

W. A. Toppin Esq
W. F. Cromey Esq
H. F. Hart Esq

Mr Toppin proposed & Sir John Sealy seconded that two of the Members should be appointed to prepare the Estimates for the ensuing Year & the following gentlemen were appointed

W. A. Toppin Esq
H. F. Hart Esq

A. H. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Thursday March 7th 1878.

Present W. A. Toppin Esq
Sir John Sealy
Geo A. Sealy Esq
W. F. Carney Esq
The Rector

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.
The Chairman stated that he had received a communication from the Chairman of the Vestry of St. Michaels forwarding a Resolution of a Committee of that Body & requesting him to lay it before the Board - it is as follows.
"That a Committee of the Vestry of this Parish having had under their consideration the condition of the Blind Poor who are constantly seen begging about the streets think it advisable to ask the several Vestries of the Island to appoint one or more Members of their Body to meet this Committee on a day to be fixed for such meeting to take into consideration the best mode of dealing with the subject either by Establishing an Asylum for the Island or otherwise & further to request such Members to come prepared with all information respecting the number, names, and condition of such blind poor as are their respective parishioners. Also if receiving Parochial relief & the annual cost of such blind persons.
Sir John Sealy proposed & W. Carney seconded that Mr W. A. Toppin & Geo A. Sealy be appointed from this Board for the purpose desired which was agreed to.

A. H. Bishop
Rector.

Barbados

Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Thursday April 11th 1878

Present G. E. Thomas Esq — W. T. Crosby Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq — H. T. Hart Esq
Sir John Sealy — R. S. Hinkson Esq
Jno Sealy Esq M D — The Rector

Henry Francis Hart Esq was appointed Churchwarden for the Present Year -

Ordered - That an assessment at the rate of Ninety Six p' acre be assessed on all owners of Land in this Parish
Being Sixty one cents for the Relief & Education of the Poor
Twenty two cents for Necessary Parochial Expenses
and Thirteen cents for Extraordinary Expenses

Ordered - That an assessment at the rate of Twenty Five p' acre be assessed on all Occupiers of Land in this Parish not being the owners thereof, of a above the Yearly Rental of Ten Pounds Stg, in respect of such occupancy -

Also that an assessment, at the rate of Ten cents in the £ on the Rental, be assessed on all Occupiers of houses in this Parish, not being the owners thereof, of a above the Yearly Rental of £10 Stg, in respect of such occupancy -

Ordered - That the undermentioned Persons, Shopkeepers do pay as a Tax on Trade the amounts respectively set against their Names -

Armstrong Wm	2	Gibson W.T.	1	Nightingale A	1	Geo. E. Thomas
Baker Thos	2	Gill. Henry	2	Rackes. J. H	1	W. A. Toppin
Barton. Henry	1	Goddard Wm	2	Reid. Jos A	2	John Sealy
Bates. Joly	1	Gordon Ed	1	Roach. R. J	3	J. Sealy M.D.
Bain. Chas H	1	Goodman Thos	2	Rouse. Jos E	2	W. T. Crosby
Beckles. Sam	2	Haynes. H	1	Rouse. Jos E	2	Henry F. Hart
Bell. Mary I	1	Heath Jas W	1	Saintville A	1	Robt Jas. Hinkson
Brereton S. I	1	Hinkson R S	3	Spencer. J H	2	
Clarke. Aug	1	Howard R. T	2	Spencer. J. E.	1	
Collins. Jos	4	Howard. J	1	Smith Alex	1	
Connell Mc	2	Hayes. Robt	1	Small. J. J	1	
Crosby W. T	3	Merrick. J. L.	1	Thorne. Rd	1	
~~Donnelly Robt~~	1	Moe. Jas A	2	Tenville. Jno E	1	
Eastwick. Jas T	1	Morris. Mrs	1	Tempro. Jno	2	
Gay. John	2	Newton. E. P.	1	Wilkie. Jas E	1	
Gibson. R. J. L.	1	Niccolls. Jno	1		$70	

Estimated Expenditure for the Year 1878

	£	s	d
Balance Brought forward, being excess of Expenditure over Revenue for last year —	1697	28	
Poor Relief			
Medical attendance —	800	00	
Medicine & Drugs —	135	00	
Clothing, Boots & Shoes —	150	00	
Money Grants —	55	00	
Mapsiah Bequest —	18	48	
Casual Expenses —	24	00	
Maintenance —	24	62	
Alms House Supplies —	3250	00	
Servants —	212	40	
Repairs &c	50	00	
Undertaker —	65	00	
Gravedigger —	50	00	
Education			
Schoolteachers —	308	00	
Rents of Schools —	48	00	
School appliances —	100	00	
Church Expenses			
Organist & Tuning —	292	00	
Church Officers —	195	48	
Church Linen, Books &c	—	—	
Washing & Cleaning	15	00	
Communion Elements	30	00	
Church Yard & Cemetery	15	00	
Repairs to Buildings			
Grant to Moravian schools	108	74	
Do to St Marks Chapel	—	—	
Church, Building &c	66	00	
Salaries			
Vestry Clerk —	120	00	
Auditor —	36	00	
Parochial Treasurer	550	00	
Sundries			
Destroying Rats —	500	00	
Dog Labels —	24	00	
Printing & Stationary	30	00	
Fees —	4	80	
Interest on Loan —	25	20	
	£9000	00	

Ordered - That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Pensioners the amounts respectively set against their Names.

Sarah Goddard -	£8.00	Mrs I. Yearwood -	6.00
Mrs Thos Gibson -	4.00	Mrs M. King -	4.00
Mrs Standards -	6.00	Anne Millar -	4.00
Mrs Weekes -	6.00	Mrs Sarah King -	4.00 £42

Ordered That the Parochial Treasurer do pay unto the Will of J.H. Mafsiah decd the Undermentioned White Widows the sum of Three dollars & Eight cents each -

Sarah Goddard	Sarah King
Mary Brigstock	Mrs Geo Goddard
Mrs Eli Gibson	Mrs I. Yearwood

Estimated Revenue for the Year 1878

	£	£
Parochial Tax on 8643.0.00 @ 96¢	8297	00
Occupancy Tax on 208.0.00 @ 25¢	52	00
Do do on £140 Rents @ 10¢	14	00
Trade Tax	70	00
Pew Rents at the Parish Church	280	00
Dog Licences	240	00
The Mafsiah Bequest	18	00
Sundries	29	00
	9000	00

Grant E. Thomas
Mrs M. Mann
John Sealy
Sealy. M.D.
Wm J Croney
Henry T. Hart.
Revd Jas Hinkson

A. B. Brathwaite
Chairman of Vestry

The following Committees were appointed -

The Rector - Chairman -
The Curate of St Margarets
The Medical Officer
Geo. A. Sealy Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq
W. F. Croney Esq
The Churchwarden

} Alms House & Poor Relief

Sir John Sealy
G. E. Thomas Esq
The Rector

} Education

G. E. Thomas Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq
Jno Sealy Esq M.D.
The Churchwarden

} Health

W. A. Toppin Esq
Geo A. Sealy Esq
A. F. Hart Esq

} Highway

W. A. Toppin Esq
Jno Sealy Esq M.D
W. F. Croney Esq
The Churchwarden

} Building

Geo A. Sealy Esq - Lay Representative

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

This is to Certify, that the Levy appointed by the Gentlemen of the Vestry, for the present Year and the Tax upon Shopkeepers, for defraying the Parochial Expenses; have been duly published, according to Law and no Legal objection made thereto —
Given under my hand this Twentyninth day of April, One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy Eight —

A. H. Bishop
Rector & Chairman of the Vestry

Barbados By His Excellency The Governor

I do hereby allow and confirm the Levy laid by the Vestry of the Parish of Saint John for the present Year, and do declare there is no allowance, and confirmation thereof accordingly.

Given under my hand at Government House the Seventh day of May 1878.

Gd. R. Strahan
Governor

Barbados - Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Freeholders of this Parish on Monday January 6th 1879 the following Gentlemen were duly elected to serve as Vestrymen for the ensuing Year -

G. E. Thomas Esqr.
W. C. Maynard Esq.
Jos a. Holmes Esq.
W. a. Toppin Esq.
Sir John Sealy -
Geo a. Sealy Esq.
Hon Jno Sealy M.D.
W. F. Cromey Esq.
H. F. Hart Esq.
R. J. Hinkson Esq.

A. H. Brisbett
Rector.

Barbados- Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Saturday January 11th 1879-

Present- W. A. Toppin Esq
Sir Jno Sealy
Hon Jno Sealy M.D.
W. F. Crosney Esq
H. F. Hart Esq
The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed -

The Chairman stated that the Bject of the Meeting was to appoint assessors under the 41st Section of the Pari Vestry act of March 24th 1874-

The following gentlemen were appointed assessors-

W. A. Toppin Esq
W. F. Crosney Esq
H. F. Hart Esq

The following gentlemen were appointed to prepare the Estimates for the Levy of taxes for the ensuing Year-

W. A. Toppin Esq
H. F. Hart Esq

The Parochial Treasurer was directed to repay Mr Jno C. Turville one dollar the amount he had been incorrectly assessed & had paid for Trade Tax - his shop being in the parish of St Philips

A. H. Birch
Rector

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Wednesday April 9th 1879.

Present — G. L. Thomas Esq — Geo A. Sealy Esq
— Jos A. Haynes Esq — Hon Jno Sealy M.D.
— W. A. Toppin Esq — W. F. Croney Esq
— Sir Jno Sealy — H. F. Hart
— & The Rector.

Henry F. Hart Esq was appointed Churchwarden for present Year.

Ordered — That an assessment at the rate of Seventy six ¢ pr acre be assessed on all ownrs of land in this Parish, being Fifty Eight cts for Relief & Education of the Poor — Fifteen cents for Necessary Parochial Expenses and Three cents for Extraordinary Expenses —

Ordered — That an assessment at the rate of Twenty four ¢ pr acre be assessed on all occupiers of land in this Parish, not being the owners thereof, of & above the Yearly rental of £10, in respect of such occupancy — also that an assessment at the rate of Ten ¢ in the £1 on the Rental, be assessed on all occupiers of Houses in this Parish, not being the owners thereof & above the Yearly rental of £10, in respect of such occupancy.

Ordered — That the undermentioned Persons, Shopkeepers, do pay as a Tax on Trade the amounts respectively set against their names —

	$		$		$
Armstrong W. G.	2	Gill, Hen F	2	Philips, Rob Jas	1
Baker, Thos H.	2	Goddard, W. W	2	Racides, Thos H.	1
Barton, Hen T.	1	Goodman Ja.	2	Reed, Jos A	2
Bates, Jos G.	1	Haynes, J. W.	1	Roach, R. T	3
Bayne, Chas H	1	Haynes, Hen	1	Jos E. Rouse	2
Beckles, Sam	2	Higginson, J	1	Rouse, Jos E	2
Bell, Mary J	1	Hinkson, R J	3	Rose, Rob J	1
Brathwaite,	1	Hinkson, Agt	1	Saintville, ab	2
Brearton, J. J	1	Howard, R. T	2	Spencer, Jos H.	2
Collins, Geo	4	Howard, C. G	1	Small, G. T.	1
Connell & Co	2	Howard, Jno	1	Shopkeeper,	X
Croney, W. F.	3	King Julia F.	1	Tempro, John	2
Eastwick, Jas J	1	Mayers, Rob T	1	Wilkie, Jas E	1
Gay, John	2	Moe, Jas A	2		£67
Gibson, Walter J	1	Newton, E. P.	1		

Grant E. Thomas
J. A. Haynes
W. A. Toppin
G. A. Sealy
Geo. A. Sealy
Hen. F. Hart
W. F. Croney
A. H. Bishop
Rector & Chairman

J. Higginson $1-00
A. Hinkson — 1-00
J. W. Haynes 1-00
not paid $3-00

Estimated Expenditure for Year ending March 24th 1880

		£	£
Balance Brought forward, being excess of Expenditure over Receipts to March 24th 1879			59 4 6
Poor Relief			
Maintenance of Alms House	3200.00		
Pensions	61.00		
Casual Relief	50.00		
Medical attendance	785.00		
Medicine	187.00		
Burials	172.00		
Clothing. Boots & Shoes	175.00		4630 00
Education of the Poor			
Grant to Education Board	360.00		360 00
Churches & Chapels			
Parish Church – Sexton	208.00		
Organist & Tuning	292.00		
Repairs to Parish Church	200.00		
Chapels	50.00		
Rectory	50.00		
Washing. Cleaning &c	30.00		
Communion Elements	30.00		860 00
Capitation on Rats	400.00		400 00
Salaries & Allowances			
Vestry Clerk	120.00		
Auditor	36.00		
Parochial Treasurer	480.00		636 00
Miscellaneous			
Stationary	24.00		
Printing & Advertising	20.00		
Confirming Rates	4.80		
Dog Labels	24.00		
Registrars Fee	4.80		77 60
Building	150.00		
Sundries & Incidentals	74.06		224 00
			7247 00

Estimated Revenue for the year ending March 24th 1880.

			£	s	d
Parochial Tax on Land	8638.3.18	@ 76d p'r acre	65	6	5
Occupancy Tax on Land		@ 25 "		50	00
Occupancy Tax on Houses		@ 10 " £1		7	00
Trade Tax on Shopkeepers				67	00
Pew Rents at the Church				27	00
Dog Licenses, at 5/- each				20	00
The Mosiah Bequest				18	00
Sundries - Fines & Arrears -				70	00
			£	7247	00

Ordered - That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Pensioners the amounts respectively set against their names

Sarah Goddard	$8	Mrs I. Yearwood	6
Mrs Thos Gibson	4	Mrs W. King	4
Mrs Standard	6	Anna Millar	4
Mrs Weekes	6	Mrs Sarah King	4 = $42

Ordered - That the Parochial Treasurer do pay, under the Will of J.H. Mosiah dec'd the undermentioned poor white Widows the amount of Three dollars & Eight cents each -

Sarah Goddard
Mary Brigstock
Mrs Elv Gibson
Sarah King
Mrs Jas Goddard
Mrs I. Yearwood

Grant E. Thomas
I. A. Haynes
Wm Jopson
J. Sealy
Geo. A. Sealy -
J. Sealy
W. F. Bromley
Henry Hallett

Robt. Challenor Chairman

The following Committees were appointed -

Alms House & Poor Relief -
The Rector
The Curate of St Margarets
The Medical Officer
The Churchwardens
Geo A Sealy Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq
W. F. Cromey Esq

Education -
Sir Jno Sealy
G. E. Thomas
The Rector

Health -
G. E. Thomas Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq
Hon Jno Sealy M.D.
The Churchwarden

Highway -
W. A. Toppin Esq
Geo A. Sealy Esq
H. F. Hart Esq

Building -
W. A. Toppin Esq
Hon Jno Sealy. M.D.
W. F. Cromey Esq
The Churchwarden

Lay Representative -
Geo A. Sealy

Inspector of Trees -
W. A. Toppin Esq

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

This is to certify, that the Levy appointed by the Gentlemen of the Vestry for the present Year and the Tax upon Shopkeepers, for defraying the Parochial Expenses, have been duly published according to Law and no Legal objection made thereto —
Given under my hand this First day of May one thousand Eight hundred & seventy nine —

A. St. Bishop
Rector & Chairman of Vestry.

Barbados. By His Excellency the Governor.

I do hereby allow and confirm the Levy laid by the Gentlemen of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint John, for the present year, and do declare this my allowance and confirmation thereof accordingly.

Given under my hand at Government House the 13th day of May 1879.

Geo. J. Graham
Governor.

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Thursday
September 18th 1879 — Present

H.B. Thomas Esq — W.C. Cromey Esq
Sir Jno Sealy — The Churchwarden
Jno Sealy Esq

In the absence of the Rector, the Churchwarden
H.T. Hart Esq took the chair —
The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed —
Sir John Sealy proposed H.B. Thomas seconded that the following Minute be recorded on the Minute Book —

"That the Members of the Vestry of St. John's, in "
"common with their fellow Parishioners, deeply "
"lament the death of their late respected Rector."
"The Rev'd Alfred Hothersall Bishop, and desire to "
"place on record, their sense of the loss which "
"their Parish has sustained, by the death of one "
"in whom were signally combined, the Zeal, "
"energy and firmness of the Christian Pastor and "
"the Courtesy, affability and mildness of the "
"Christian Gentleman" —

And that a copy of this Minute be sent to Mrs. Bishop with the assurance of the Vestry's deep sympathy and the offer of their hearty condolence —

The Building Committee were requested to inspect the Rectory and make all the necessary repairs &c before the new Rector & Mrs. Sealy should come into residence —

Mr W. F. Cooney proposed and Gk. Thomas Esq seconded that Dr Frod. Healy should be added to the Building Committee -

A Communication from the Secty of the Education Board was read, desiring the Vestry to pay out of the amount paised by them under the 16th Section of the Education Act of 1878, the sum of £45 30/- for the repairs of School buildings of the Parish as follows

To the Actg Rector of	St Johns for	Ch Prim School	9.36
Do	"	Infant "	5.04
Do	Clarendon	Prim "	5.90
Do	St Marks	Infant "	5.00
To the Curate of	St Margarets for	St Mgts Prim "	20.00

which amounts were ordered to be paid & Par Treas

Henry F. Hart
Churchwarden
& Actg. Chairman

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Saturday November 22nd 1879 — Present

Grant C. Thomas Esqr
W. A. Toppin Esqr
Sir John Sealy
Geo A. Sealy Esqr
The Hon John Sealy M.C.
W. F. Carey Esqr
H. F. Hart Esqr
The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed
A letter from Mrs Bishop was read thanking the Members of the Vestry and their fellow parishioners for their Vote of sympathy, & offer of condolence on the death of her husband, the late Rector, the Revd Att Bishop.
The Rector begged to express his thanks to the Vestry & particularly the Members of the Building Committee for the trouble they had taken, in making the repairs & getting everything comfortable at the Rectory House for him before his family & himself had come into residence there —
The Chairman read a communication he had received from the Secty of the Education Board which he proposed should be referred to the Members of the Education Committee of the Vestry to reply to & which was agreed to.
A discussion followed with regards to Clarentine School, which is on the Cliff Estate & Sir John Sealy then offered to deed, the buildings & land they stand on, to the Vestry of the Parish as tenants, at the nominal rental of 1/— per annum —
The Chairman stated that he had called the Meeting of the Vestry to-day, at rather short notice, but he wished to lay before them a communication he had received from Miss Savage, the organist of the Parish Church, formally tendering her resignation of the post

requesting to be relieved of the duties immediately which was agreed to & Miss Savage resignation accepted -
Mr Toppin moved that the organists salary should be paid to her to date which was agreed to -
The Rector was requested to advertise immediately for an organist for the Par Church

Evan. McG. Beaty
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Monday
December 29th 1879.
Present J. R. Thomas Esq Lyes A Sealy Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq W. F. Cooney Esq
Sir John Sealy A. F. Hart Esq
The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed.
The Chairman stated, that in compliance with the
directions of the Vestry, he had had advertisements inserted
in all the papers of the Island, for an organist for the
Parish Church, and that he had received two applications
from Miss Sargeant and Mr. Branch of the latter gentleman
had been performing the duties since Miss Savages resignation
After some discussion it was decided to appoint Mr Branch
to the post at the same salary as his predecessor, his
appointment to date from Miss Savages resignation -
The Chairman then stated that he would propose that
the Rev E. Barnett, The curate of St. Marks, be added to the
Alms House Commissioners, as his presence at the
Board would enable the Commissioners to obtain
accurate information with regard to applicants for
Parish relief & from persons residing in his district.
D. Thomas seconded the proposal which was agreed to -
The subject of a New Organ for the Parish Church was then
discussed and the Chairman was requested to obtain
from Messrs Conacher of Huddersfield all requisite
information as to terms &c so that the matter might
be determined without delay -
The Chairman promised to write by the mail for Europe
which would leave tomorrow -

E. McG. Sealy.

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Shareholders of this Parish, on Monday January 5th 1880 the following gentlemen were duly elected to serve as Vestrymen for the ensuing Year —

Jan C. Thomas Esq
William L. Maynard Esq
Joseph A. Haynes Esq
Walter A. Toppin Esq
Sir John Sealy
George A. Sealy Esq
William F. Cromey Esq
Henry F. Hart Esq
Robert Jas Hinkson Esq
Jno H. Thomas Esq

NB. Dr Sealy was disqualified from election as a Vestryman under the New Act No as he accepted emolument from the Parish as Medical Officer —

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Monday Jany 19th 1880

Present Sir John Sealy H. F. Hart Esq
Geo A Sealy Esq Jno St. Thomas Esq
W. F. Carrey Esq The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed
The Chairman stated that the Meeting had been called to elect the Assessors for the Parish for the ensuing Year, under the 41st Section of the Vestry Act of March 24th 1874 and to appoint 2 members to prepare the Estimates for the Levy of taxes in March ensuing
Sir John Sealy proposed & Mr Jno St. Thomas seconded the appointment of the old Members

W. A. Toppin Esq
W. F. Carrey Esq
H. F. Hart Esq

as the Assessors for the ensuing Year and

W. A. Toppin Esq
H. F. Hart Esq

to prepare the Estimates, which was agreed to.
The Chairman read a communication from Mrs W. F. Fenty, asking permission to place a slab over her deceased husband's grave in the churchyard as she was unable to afford the money to pay for the right to do so.
The Vestry agreed to allow her to do so as no new graves were now allowed to be dug in the Churchyard [illegible] only those who had vaults were buried in them.

E. McG. Sealy.

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Monday Feby 16th 1880

Present.

G. L. Thomas Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq
Sir John Sealy
Geo A Sealy Esq
W. F. Cromey Esq
H. F. Hart Esq
R. I. Hinkson Esq
Jno H. Thomas Esq
The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed
The Chairman stated that he had received a reply from Messrs Conacher of Huddersfield in which they said that they were willing to furnish an Organ for the Parish Church for £400 on the the terms of payment specified in his letter to them and they enclosed a specification for one for that price drawn out by Sir Herbert Oakley.
Mr Lindsay Bowen also forwarded a specification from for £440.
After some discussion the Chairman was requested to reply to Messrs C's letter requesting them to build an organ on the specification they had sent out for £400
Mr Toppin proposed that instead of repairing the present schoolmasters house that a new one, on a better site, should be built forthwith and the present house could be utilised as the Alms House & that The Chairman be requested to communicate with the Education Board asking them to allot the balance of the Grant in hands of the Par Treas, which would lapse at Mar 24th, to this purpose. Agreed to—

Evan. M.G. Sealy

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Thursday Apl 1st 1880

Present

J. L. Thomas Esq	W. F. Cromey Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq	H. F. Hart Esq
Sir John Sealy	R. J. Hinkson Esq
Jno A. Sealy Esq	Jno H. Thomas Esq

The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed -

The Chairman stated, that he had received a communication from the Vestry of St: Michaels, inviting the Vestry of St: John to send three members of their Board, to cooperate with similar deputations from the several Vestrys of the Island, as a Committee to consider the Bill for Poor Relief now before the General Assembly of the Island with a view to its modification &c &c

After some discussion Sir John Sealy proposed and D. Thomas seconded the following resolution

"That the Vestry of St: John decline to take part in"
"the proposed conference of Vestrymen." "
"That they have entire confidence in the prudence," "
"goodsense & discretion, of their representatives and" "
"their loyalty to the true interests of the Island" "
"and as one of their Representatives is a member" "
"of their Board, they consider him to be the proper" "
"party with whom to confer and to whom should" "
"be confided the guardianship & defence of their" "
"legitimate rights -

The Chairman was requested to reply to the communication, informing the Vestry of St: Michaels of the Boards decision in the matter -

Evan. McG. Sealy.

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Thursday April 8th 1880 —

Present

G. E. Thomas Esqr
W. A. Toppin Esqr
Sir John Sealy
Jer A Sealy Esqr
W. F. Croney Esqr
H. F. Hart Esqr
R. I. Hinkson Esqr
Jno H. Thomas Esqr

The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed —

W. A. Toppin Esqr was appointed Churchwarden for the present Year —

Ordered That an assessment at the Rate of Eighty cents p^r acre be assessed on all owners of Land in this Parish — being Fifty Eight cents — for the Relief & Sanctation of the Poor Twelve cents — for necessary Parochial Expenses and Ten cents — for Extraordinary Expenses —

Ordered — That an assessment at the Rate of Twenty five cts p^r acre, be assessed on all Occupiers of Land in this Parish, not being the Owners thereof, of & above the Yearly Rental of £10 Stg, in respect of such Occupancy —

Also, that an assessment at the Rate of Ten cents in the £ on the Rental, be assessed on all Occupiers of Houses in this Parish not being the owners thereof, of & above the Yearly Rental of £10 Stg, in respect of such Occupancy —

Ordered — That the Undermentioned Persons, Shopkeepers, do pay as a Tax on Trade, the amounts respectively set against their names —

	$		$		$	
Baker, Thos	2	Howard, N. F.	2	Taylor, Richd	1	Geo E. Thomas
Barton, Henry	1	Howard, Thos J.	1	Tempro, John	2	W. A. Toppin
Bates, Jos G.	1	Howard, Jno H.	1	Tarilton, Edg.	3	
Bayne, Chas H.	1	Mayers, Rob F.	1	Toppin, Jno Fco	1	John Sealy
Beckles, Sam	2	Mayers, jun F.	1	Wilkie, Jas E.	1	Geo. A. Sealy
Bell, Mary I.	1	Merrick, Jno L.	1	Marshall. W.	1	
Blanton, S. I.	1	Moe, Jas a.	2		163	W. F. Croney
Collins, Jos.	4	Moore, Jorge	1			Henry F. Hart
Connell, Jas H.	2	Newton, E. P.	1	Gibson Mc R. T. L.	1	Robt. Jas. Hinkson
Croney, W. F.	3	Nicolls, Mary F.	1			J. H. Thomas
Eastwick, Jas T.	1	Philipps, Jno R.	1			E. M. G. Sealy.
Gay, John	2	Reid, Jos a	2			Rector & Chairman
Gibson, Walter T.	1	Roach, R. T.	3			
Gill, Henry F.	2	Rouse, Jos E.	2			
Goddard, W. W.	2	Rouse, Jos E.	2			
Goddard, W. W.	1	Rose, Robt. Jas	1			
~~Goodman, F. A.~~	0	Sainthill, abel	2			
Greaves, John C.	1	Small, Jno F.	1			

Estimated Expenditure for Year ending Mar 24th 1881

	£	£	£	£
Poor Relief				
Maintenance of Alms House -	3200	00		
Pensions - Vestry £42 - Magisl £18 48	61	00		
Casual Relief -	50	00		
Medical attendance	720	00		
Medicine, Drugs &c	160	00		
Burials -	150	00		
Clothing, Boots, shoes &c	130	00	£4471	00
Education -				
Grant to the Education Board -	360	00	£360	00
Churches & Chapels -				
Church Officers - Sextons -	208	00		
Organist at Church £292 S. Marys £48	340	00		
Repairs to Parish Church -	200	00		
" Chapels - S. Marks £50 S. Mgts 25	75	00		
" Rectory -	255	00		
Washing, Cleaning -	60	00		
Communion Elements -	38	00	£1176	00
Capitation on Rats -	650	00	£650	00
Salaries & Allowances -				
Vestry Clerk -	120	00		
Auditor -	36	00		
Parochial Treasurer -	480	00	£636	00
Miscellaneous -				
Stationary -	20	00		
Printing & Advertising -	12	00		
Confirming Rates -	4	80		
Dog labels -	24	00		
New Ulcer Ward at Alms House -	480	00	£541	00
Sundries & Incidentals -	76	00	£ 76	00
	£7910	00	£7910	00

Estimated Revenue for Year ending March 24th 1881.

				£	₵
Balance in hand				400	00
Parochial Tax on Land -	8638 acres	@ 80₵	pr acre	6910	40
Occupancy Tax on Land -	110 "	@ 25₵	"	27	50
Occupancy Tax on Houses -	£110	@ 10₵	in the £	11	00
Trade Tax on Shopkeepers -				63	00
Pew Rents at the Church -				270	00
Dog licenses		at 5/- each		200	00
The Mafsiah Bequest -				18	00
The Alms House Pig				10	00
				£7910	00

Ordered, That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Pensioners, the amts respectively set agst their names -

Sarah Goddard	£8.00	Mr. Weeks	£6.00	Ann Millar	£4.00
Mr. Thompson	4.00	Mr. J. Yeamans	6.00	Mr. Sanking	4.00
Mr. Standard	6.00	Mr. W. King	4.00		£42.00

Ordered - That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Poor white widows, the sum of Three dollars & Eight cents. each, under the Will of I. H. Mafsiah dec.

Sarah Goddard	Sarah King
Mary Brigstock	Mr. Jn Goddard
Mr. Elv Gibson	Mr. Jn Yeamans

Grant E. Thomas
W. T. Gaynor
John Healy
Chs. A. Healy
Wm J. Croney
Henry F. Hart
Robt. Jas. Hinkson
J. H. Thomas
E. P.

Wm. Healy
Evan. Thomas and Thomas.

The following Committees were appointed -

Alms House & Poor Relief

The Rector
The Churchwarden
The Medical Officer
The Curate of St. Margarets
The Curate of St. Mary's
Geo A. Scaly Esq
W. F. Crowley Esq
H. F. Hart Esq

Education -

Sir John Scaly
Grant E. Thomas Esq
The Rector

Health -

The Churchwarden
The Medical Officer
G. E. Thomas Esq
Jas H. Thomas Esq

Highway Commissioners -

W. a. Toppin Esq
Geo a. Scaly Esq
H. F. Hart Esq

Building -

Geo a Scaly Esq
W. F. Crowley Esq
H. F. Hart Esq
The Churchwarden

Lay Representatives -

Geo a. Scaly Esq for Par Church W. a. Toppin for St Mary's

Inspector of Trees -

The Churchwarden

Barbados - Parish of Saint John -

This is to certify, that the Levy appointed by the Gentlemen of the Vestry of this Parish for the present Year & the Tax upon Shopkeepers, for defraying the Parochial Expenses, have been duly published, according to Law and no legal objection made thereto - Given under my hand this twentyfourth day of April one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty -

Evan. McG. Sealy -
Rector & Chairman Vestry -

Barbados.

By His Honor the Administrator

I do hereby allow and confirm the levy laid by the Vestry of the Parish of St. John for the present year, and do declare this my allowance and confirmation thereto accordingly.

Given under my hand at Queen's House the 6th day of May 1880.

H. Swinburne
Lieut
Adm.

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Monday
Septr 20th 1880 — Present

G. E. Thomas Esqr
W. A. Toppin Esqr
Sir Jno Sealy
Geo A. Sealy Esqr
W. F. Croney Esqr
A. F. Hart Esqr
R. I. Hinkson Esqr
Jno H. Thomas Esqr

The Rector

The Chairman stated that the Meeting was called in consequence of a communication he had recd from the Poor Law Board, forwarding a copy of the Poor Relief Act & calling their attention to the duties that the Vestry had to fulfill under that Act —
After the communication had been read, The Chwarden W. A. Toppin Esq, called the attention of the Board to Clause 18 of the Act, under which their first duty was appointment of a Local Board of Guardians which was to consist of 3 Members of whom the Chwarden was to be one, & he begged to propose that Geo A Sealy Esq & W. F. Croney Esq be associated with him as Members of that Board — Both of these gentlemen expressed their willingness to act if they were duly appointed —
It was proposed by Jno H. Thomas Esq and seconded by R. I. Hinkson Esq that each of the Guardians should be paid 10/- for each day that they should attend the Meetings of the Board which was agreed to —
R. I. Hinkson Esq proposed & Jno H. Thomas Esq seconded, that the Clerk of the Poor Law Guardians should receive a salary of £25 a year and the Parl Treas having expressed his willingness to accept the situation, it was agreed to —
The Chairman read a letter from D Sealy, The Medical Officer of the Parish, placing his resignation

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Hancock Lee[illegible] his th

of the Post
in the hands of the Board desiring a desire to be relieved
The Board decided to take no immediate action
on this letter in the hope that arrangements
could be made by which Dr Healys services might
be retained by the Parish -
The Chairman presented a petition he had rec'd
from Mrs Mrs H. Merrick complaining that the
sittings which occupied in the Parish Church
had been rented to others persons because he
had neglected to apply for them & pay for them
at the annual letting of the sittings - The
Parochial Treasurer having explained the circumstances under which the act
The Board duly considered the Petition and
regret that it is not in their power to afford
the Petitioner the relief which he asks as
the ~~prayer~~ as they consider that under
the circumstances the Parochial Treasurer
acted in compliance with the Law and in
the discharge of his duty -
The Board adjourned to meet again on
Monday Sept 27th inst -

Evan. M. Healy.

Barbados —

Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Monday Sep 27th 1880 —

Present W. A Toppin Esq
H. F. Hart Esq
Sir Jno Sealy
R. I. Hinkson Esq
Jno A. Scaly Esq
Jno H. Thomas Esq
W. F. Cromey Esq
The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read confirmed

A discussion followed on the appointment of a Medical Officer and the Board decided to advertise, offering £200 p. annum irrespective of fees —

The next question which came up for discussion was the Salary of an Inspector of the Poor, which was fixed at £75 p. annum.

An application was received & read from Mr W. C. Armstrong for the situation of Dispenser — The Board determined to postpone any decision in the matter until after the appointment of a Medical Officer.

The Clerk was directed to reply to Mr Armstrong informing him of this decision of the Board —

Mr Jno H. Thomas proposed & Mr H. F. Hart seconded that this Board desire to place on record their regret at the resignation of D Scaly and their sense of the valuable services he has rendered to the Parish during his long term of Office.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to D Scaly & that at the same time he be asked to be good enough to continue his services until an appointment has been made under the Poor Relief Act to the post of Medical Officer —

The Board adjourned to meet again Monday Oct 11th prox at 12 m —

Evan. McG. Sealy.

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry on Monday October 11th 1880 —

Present J. R. Thomas Esqr — W. F. Cromey Esqr
W. A. Toppin Esqr — H. F. Hart Esqr
Sir Jno Sealy — Jno H. Thomas
Geo A Sealy Esqr — The Rector

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed.
A communication from the Poor Law Board was read, expressing an opinion, that in the event of the appointment of 2 Medical Officers to the Parish they would be each responsible for all the duties &c. —
Applications were received & read from Dr J. F. Jemidge & Dr J. H. Chandler for the post of Medical Officer —
Sir Jno Sealy proposed & Dr Thomas seconded, that Dr Jemidge, who was an old parishioner, should be appointed to the post, which was agreed to —
Dr Jemidge attended the Board & was informed of his appointment & requested to enter on his duties immediately —
A discussion followed as to the appointment of a Dispenser & it was finally decided to postpone the appointment until the Local Board of Guardians should invite a conference with the Local Board of Guardians of St. Philips with a view to ascertain whether by combination the 2 Parishes might not come to some advantageous arrangement with regard to the appointment of a Dispenser —
An arrangement was then made with the Medical Officer that his fee for attending calls to persons not on the poor list should be One guinea for cases & for cases of instrumental midwifery $15.00 & that he should see the cases through —
The Board then adjourned sine die —

Evan. H. T. Sealy.

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Thursday October 21st 1880 — Present

W. A. Toppin Esq
Sir Jno Sealy
Geo A Sealy Esq
W. F. Cooney Esq
H. F. Hart Esq
R. I. Hinkson Esq
The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed —

The Churchwarden, as Chairman of the L. B. of Guardians stated, that No overtures had been made by the Board to the L. B. of Guardians of St. Philips, with regard to joint action in the appointment of a Dispenser for the two Parishes, as proposed at the last Meeting of this Vestry, as he had been informed that those Gentlemen had already made an appointment to the post —

He then read a letter he had received from Mr W. G. Armstrong, offering to discharge the duties of Dispenser to the Parish for a Salary of $30 p. month, for which he would attend at the Alms House onth ten days per week that the Medical Officer attended and at other times when necessary and that he would furnish the drugs & dispense the prescriptions to extraneous cases, at as near cost price as possible —

At the request of the Vestry, Dr Greenidge, the Medical Officer, having attended the Board a discussion followed, respecting the duties and remuneration of the Dispenser and it was finally decided, that the Salary should be fixed at $30 per month, for his services at the Dispensary and that he should receive 1½ p. dose for all prescriptions he dispensed at his own house,

he furnishing the drugs for them latter -

Mr Armstrong attended the Board and was informed of their decision on the subject and he stated his willingness to accept the terms offered him for the ensuing year and that he would try it for one year -

Mr Geo Sealy proposed and Mr Crosby seconded that "the Clerk be directed to communicate with the proper authorities, to ascertain if the assistance of the General Hospital Board could be obtained, in furnishing the supply of drugs & medicines, as may from time to time be required, for the use of the dispensary of this Parish" - which was agreed to -

The Chairman was requested to communicate with the Poor Law Board, informing them that the agarisation for the relief of the poor of this Parish was now complete -

The Board adjourned sine die -

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector.

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Thursday
Dec 2nd 1880

Present W. A. Toppin Esq W. F. Carney Esq
Sir Jno Sealy R. S. Hinkson Esq
Geo A Sealy Esq Jno Hy Thomas Esq
The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed —
The Chairman stated that he had communicated to the Poor Law Board "that the Organization for the relief of the Poor of this Parish was complete —

The Clerk stated, that he had communicated with the Colonial Secretary, respecting the supplies of medicine for the Parochial Dispensary & read the reply he had received, "that the subject was under the consideration of the General Hospital Board"

The Churchwardens as Chairman of Poor Law Guardians brought up the Rules for the Government of St Johns Alms House which were the same, with the alterations and additions taken from the Poor Relief Act of 1880, as those confirmed by The Governor in Council, Jany 26th 1875 —

The Rules were read & approved and the Clerk was directed to forward a Copy to the Colonial Secretary to be laid before The Governor in Council for approval as required by Section 26 of The Poor Relief Act of 1880 —

The Rector brought to the notice of the Board that no formal Resolution had been passed by them approving the Rule that in future no bodies were to be interred in the Churchyard except in cases where the friends of the deceased had vaults & placed the bodies in them"

Mr Jno H. Thomas proposed & Mr. W.F. Carney seconded, that after Jany 1st 1881 this Rule should be strictly adhered to & followed, which was agreed to —

The Rector stated that now that the new organ was erected the organ chamber would require to be plastered on the outside to avoid damp penetrating —

Mr Jos Sealy proposed & Mr Jno Hy Thomas seconded that the Churchwardens be requested to have the

organ chamber cemented on the outside at once
& postpone doing the remainder of the Chancel until
next year, which was agreed to

The Chairman read a communication he had
received from the Poor Law Board, forwarding a copy
of the Poorland Inspectors Minutes respecting the
St Johns Alms House, & he was requested by the Vestry
to acknowledge the receipt of the communication -

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector.

Barbados Parish of St John

At a Meeting of the Freeholders of this Parish. held this day, the following gentlemen were duly elected to serve as Vestrymen for the ensuing year

Grant C. Thomas Esq
Joseph A. Haynes Esq
Walter A. Toppin Esq
Sir John Sealy
Geng A Sealy Esq
William F. Croney Esq
Henry F. Hart Esq
Robert Jas Hinkson Esq
Jno Hy Thomas Esq
Richard Haynes Esq

Jas L Mapiah
Vestry Clerk

Monday January 3rd 1881_

Mr Richard Haynes having notified to the Chairman that he had elected to serve as a Vestryman for the Parish of St. Joseph, having been elected for this Parish - At a Meeting of the Freeholders of this Parish. held on Monday Jany 10th 1881.

The Hon Jno Sealy M.D.
was duly elected to serve as a Vestryman for the place ensuring year, vice Mr R. Haynes resigned

Jas L. Mapiah
Vestry Clerk
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Barbados - Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Thursday
Thursday January 13th 1881 -
Present W. A. Toppin Esq H. F. Hart Esq
Sir Jno Sealy R. I. Hinkson Esq
Geo A. Sealy Esq Jno H. Thomas Esq
The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed -

The Chairman stated that the Meeting had been called to appoint the assessors for the ensuing Year, as required by Sec 41. of Act of March 2d 1874 and also a Committee to prepare the Estimates for the Levy of Rates & taxes for 1881 -

Sir Jno Sealy proposed & Mr Jno H. Thomas seconded, that the same assessors

Mr W. A. Toppin
Mr W. F. Crosby
Mr H. F. Hart.

be reelected, which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr W. A. Toppin
Mr H. F. Hart

were appointed as a Committee to prepare the estimates -

The Churchwarden, as Chairman of the Local Board of Guardians, read a communication received from the General Hospital Board, expressing their willingness to assist the Local Board in obtaining the supply of Medicines that might from time to time be required for the Parish Dispensary -

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector

Barbados — Parish of Saint John,

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Thursday March 10th 1881 —

Present. G. L. Thomas Esq W. F. Cromey Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq H. F. Hart Esq
Sir Jno Sealy R. J. Hinkson Esq
Geo A. Sealy Esq Hon. Jno Sealy. Esq
The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed
The Churchwardens as Chairmen of D. L. Guardians, stated that he had to report that no meeting of Guardians had been held on the day in course Thursday 20th Jany. 1881, as only one member, Mr Cromey, was able to attend that day —

As required by Sec 20 of the Poor Relief Act the Board directed that fact to be recorded in the Minutes of this days Meeting —

The Chairman stated that the Meeting had been called to day to prepare the annual Estimate for the Poor Relief of this Parish for the ensuing Year, as required by Sec 22 of the Poor Relief Act —

Mr W. A. Toppin & Mr H. F. Hart, the Committee appointed to prepare the Estimates, handed in the following Estimate which after some discussion was adopted —

Estimate for Alms House	$	$
Servants Wages — — — —	240.	00.
Provisions — — — — —	960.	00.
Wines, Spirits &c — — —	25.	00.
Coals — — — — — —	60.	00.
Lighting — — — — — —	32.	00.
Clothing — — — — —	40.	00.
Cleaning &c — — — —	18.	00.
Furniture — — — — —	60.	00.
Stationary — — — — —	36.	00.
Repairs to Buildings — —	80.	00.
Burials — — — — — —	96.	00.
Sundries — — — — —	41.	00.
		$1688. 00

	£	s	£	s
Amount Brought forward	-	-	1688.	00
Dispensary				
Medical Officers salary	960.	00		
Do fees &c	240.	00		
Dispensers salary	360.	00		
Medicine & Drugs &c	180.	00	1740.	00
Out Door Relief				
Provisions	2000.	00		
Clothing	100.	00		
Burials	60.	00		
Casuals	25.	00		
Poor Law Guardians fees	187.	00		
Clerk to do	120.	00		
Inspector of Poor	480.	00		
Vestry Pensioners	38.	00	3010.	00
			6438.	00

The Churchwarden as Chairman of P.L. Guardians handed in the Report of the Medical Officer for the quarter ended Dec 31st 1880.

Dr Scaly proposed that after the 24th day of March inst, all persons attending the weekly dispensary whose names were not on the pauper list, should be required to pay a fee of 1/- for each adult patient and 6d for each child, everytime they receive advice & medicine - admission to be by tickets obtained from the Matron, who would receive the money for them, & which would afterwards be checked by the Parochial Treasurer -

No person above the grade of Agricultural labourer to be eligible allowed to attend the dispensary - After some discussion the plan was adopted & the Clerk directed to provide the necessary tickets, to be of 3 colours & marked respectively, Free. Adult ticket 1/- Childs ticket 6d

The Board then adjourned sine die -

Barbados — Parish of St John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Saturday April 2nd 1881 — Present

G. E. Thomas Esq — W. F. Crosney Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq — N. F. Hart Esq
Sir Jno Sealy — R. J. Hinkson Esq
Geo. A. Sealy Esq — The Rector —

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed —

Walter A. Toppin was appointed Churchwarden for the present year —

Ordered — That an assessment at the rate of one dollar & twenty four cents pr acre, be assessed on all owners of Land in this Parish, being,

Eighty cents — for the Relief & Education of the Poor,
Twenty six cents for necessary Parochial Expenses and
Eighteen cents for Extraordinary Expenses which includes the expenses incurred & paid under Poor Relief Act from Oct 1st 1880 to March 31st 1881 — 6 months —

Ordered — That an assessment at the rate of Twenty five cts pr acre, be assessed on all occupiers of Land in this Parish, not being the owners thereof, of or above the Yearly Rental of £10 Stg in respect of such Occupancy — Also

That an assessment at the rate of Ten cents in the £1 Stg on this Rental, be assessed on all occupiers of Houses in this Parish not being the owners thereof of or above the Yearly Rental of £10 Stg. in respect of such occupancy —

Ordered — That the undermentioned Persons, Shopkeepers, do pay as a tax on Trade, the amounts respectively set against their names —

Armstrong W. G	1	Goddard W. W	3	Reed. Jos A	2	Grant E. Thomas
Baker. Thos	2	Gay. Jno R	2	Reed. Robt	1	Walt A Toppin
Barton. N. T.	1	Gibson. W. T	1	Roach. R. T	3	Geo A Sealy
Bayne. Chas H	1	Greaves. Jno C	1	Roese. Jos L	½	Geo. A. Sealy —
Beckles. Sam	½	Howard. Jno F	2	Sainthill. A	2	W F Crosney
Brereton. S. I	1	Howard. Chas	1	Small. J. T.	1	Henry F. Hart
Collins. J. C	4	Howaid. Jno H	1	Spencer. J. N	1	Robt. Jas. Hinkson
Crosney. W. F	3	Harewood. B	1	Tarilton. E. J	1	
Codrington R L	2	Moe. Jas A	2	Taylor, Richd	1	
Codrington. Jn	1	Merrick. Jno L	1	Tempro. Jno	2	
Clarke, Wm Jam	1	Moore. Jno	1	Tempro. Amos	1	
Divins. Matt	1	Marshall. W	1	Wilkie. Jas L	1	
Davis. Jno L	1	Reston. E. J.	1	Wilks. Fred T	1	
Gibson. R. T. L.	1	Riccolls. Jn. F	1		£61	

Exam'd W. G. Sealy
Rector & Warden

Estimated Expenditure for the Year ending March 24th 1882.

	£	£
Poor Relief -		
As per Estimate on the preceding page - - - - -		6438 00
Education of the Poor -		
Grant to the Education Board - - - - - - - - -		360 00
Churches & Chapels -		
Church Officers - Parish Church £183. Chapels £25 -		208 00
Organist - Parish Church £264. Chapels £96 - -		360 00
Repairs to Parish Church - - - - - - -		260 00
" Chapels £50. Painting Vestry room &c £100 -		150 00
" Rectory - - - - - - - - -		240 00
Expenses &c at Parish Church - - - - - - -		40 00
Capitation or Rate - - - - - - - - -		700 00
Salaries & Allowances -		
Vestry Clerk - - - - - - - - - - -		120 00
Auditor - - - - - - - - - - - -		36 00
Inspector of Trees - - - - - - - - - -		75 00
Parochial Treasurer - - - - - - - - -		636 00
Stationary, Printing &c - - - - - - -		25 00
Legal Expenses - - - - - - - - - -		4 80
Dog Labels - - - - - - - - - - -		24 00
Extraordinary Expenses -		
Surveyor's Fee, surveying Glebe & Parish lands - -		48 00
Putting up the New Organ - - - - - - -		192 00
Tuning & keeping in Repair the New organ - -		96 00
Balance owing at March 24th 1881 - - - -		1205 00
Eleven thousand two hundred & seventeen dollars	£	11.217.80

Estimated Revenue for the Year ending March 24th 1882

				£	
Parochial tax on Land 8530 acres @	£1.24	per acre	- -	10602	00
Occupancy tax on Land 122 " @	25	"	- -	30	00
" " Houses £200 @	10	in the £1	-	20	00
Trade tax on Shopkeepers - - - - - - - -				61	00
Pew Rents at the Church - - - - - - - -				280	00
Dog Licenses 200 @	5	/-	- - - - - -	240	00
The Marshall Bequest - - - - - - - - -				18	48
Sundries				10	00
Eleven thousand two hundred & sixty one dollars				£ 11261	48

Ordered - That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Pensioners the amounts respectively set against their Names -

Sarah Foddard. £8.00. Mrs Weeks - - £6.00. Mrs Sarah King £4.00
Mrs Thos Gibson. 4.00. Mrs Jno Yearwood 6.00.
Mrs Standard. 6.00. Anne Millar 4.00.

Ordered - That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Poor white Widows the sum of Three dollars and Eight cents each, Under the Will of Jno H. Mapiah Dec'd -

Sarah Foddard -
Mary H. Brigstock -
Mrs Elv. Gibson -
Sarah King -
Mrs Jno. Foddard -
Mrs Jno. Yearwood -

The following Committees were appointed -

Poor Law Guardians -
The Churchwardens
Geo A. Sealy Esq
W. F. Cromey Esq
Education -
Grant E. Thomas Esq
Sir Jno Sealy
The Rector
Health -
The Churchwarden.
The Medical Officer.
G. E. Thomas. Esq.
Geo A. Sealy Esq.
Highway Commissioners -
W. A. Toppin Esq.
Geo A. Sealy Esq.
H. F. Hart Esq.
Building -
The Churchwarden.
Geo A. Sealy Esq
H. F. Hart Esq
Hon Jno. Sealy M.D.
Lay Representatives to The Church Council -
Geo. A. Sealy Esq for the Parish Church -
W. A. Toppin Esq for St Mary's Chapel -

Inspector of Trees -

W. A. Toppin Esqr -

The Chairman laid before the Board the Auditor's Annual report of the Parochial Treasurers &c to March 24th 1881 which was ordered to be filed -

Grant E. Thomas
Wm A Toppin
John Healy
Geo. A. Healy -
Wm F. Croney.
Henry F. Hart
Robt Jas. Hinkson

Evan Hopkins Healy
Rector & Chairman.

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

This is to certify, that the Levy appointed by the Gentlemen of this Vestry for the present year and the Tax upon Shopkeepers, for defraying the Parochial Expenses, have been duly published according to Law and no Legal objection made thereto —

Given under my hand, this twenty fifth day of April, one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty one —

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector and
Chairman of the Vestry

Barbados.

By His Excellency the Lieut Governor —

I do hereby allow and confirm the Levy laid by the Vestry of the Parish of "Saint John" for the present year, and do declare this my allowance thereof accordingly.

Given under my hand at Government House this fifth day of May 1881

William Robinson
Lieut-Governor.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
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Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Monday May 30th 1881. Present,

Jos A Haynes Esq — for a Sealy Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq — W. F. Cromey Esq
Sir John Sealy — H. F. Hart Esq
The Rector

The Minute Book being still at the Office of the Colonial Secretary the Minutes of the previous Meeting were not read.

A communication from the Vestry of St. Philips was read asking this Board if they would be willing to pay the fee of 1/- for digging the graves of any parishioners of St. John who may be brought to St. Philips Church for burial The Board acceded to the request and the Clerk was directed to notify this to the Vestry of St. Philips -

A communication from the Col Sec'y was read notifying that the Guardians would be expected to make provision to receive the children over 9 years old, of female prisoners who may be destitute or without friends able & willing to receive such children during the period of the Mothers imprisonment -

A communication from the Churchwardens of St Michael was read relating to the case of a girl, a pauper & an native of this parish who had been already sent to the St Johns Alms House but who had left them & returned to her friends & was now destitute & asking alms in Bridgetown The Vestry decided that the girl was a Vagrant & not within the Parochial Authorities of this parish

could Exercise no control nor did it appear that her friends, whom the Clerk stated he knew were quite willing to receive her, were able to exercise any control either. and nothing could be done

The Churchwardens as Chairman of P.L. Guardians brought forward an application from the Matron of the Alms House asking for an increase of salary and stating that the Board of Guardians were favourably inclined to the application -

The Vestry decided to increase her pay 5/ per month from May 25th inst in recognition of her faithful services -

The Board then adjourned sine die

Edwd. McG. Leahy.

Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish held on Thursday August 18th 1881, Present

Sir John Sealy
J. A. Haynes Esqre.
W. A. Toppin Esqre
G. A. Sealy Esqre.
H. F. Hart Esqre.
W. F. Toney Esqre
R. J. Hinkson Esqre

The Rector.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman read to the Board a letter from Mr. Thomas addressed to the Clerk, in which he announced his approaching departure from the Island, and asked that the Vestry would excuse his non-attendance during his absence.

The Chairman, also laid before the Board a letter from the Colonial Secretary relating to the Almshouse and enclosing copies of Rules and Regulations for the government of Almshouses generally, which had been prepared by the Attorney General and the Poor Law Inspector, and which were recommended as a model upon which the several Parishes, it was hoped, would respectively frame their Rules.

Sir John Sealy drew the attention of the Vestry to the 21st Clause of the Poor Law Act which required the Vestry to make certain returns therein specially mentioned in the months of January and July in each year, and reminded them that as yet the return for July had not been made.

The Chairman was requested to direct the Clerk in conjunction with the Inspector of Poor to prepare the necessary returns with as little delay as possible.

The Vestry then proceeded to discuss

the model code of Rules and Regulations, which was with some omissions and alterations finally adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Hart seconded by the Churchwarden Mr. J. A. Haynes was appointed a member of the Building Committee.

The Churchwarden also brought to the notice of the Vestry the necessity of building a tank or arranging otherwise for the supply of water at the residence of the Curate of Saint Margaret's. The Vestry decided that a tank should be built to hold about 5000 gallons.

The Board then adjourned to Thursday Aug: 25th 12. o'clock, noon

Evan. McG. Sealy.

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Thursday Aug 25th 1881 —

Present — W. A. Toppin Esq N. F. Hart Esq
Sir Jno Sealy R. I. Hinkson
W. F. Cooney Esq Hon Jno Sealy
The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed —
The half yearly Returns to June 30 1881 for the Poor Law Board were laid before the Vestry
1. Inmates of Alms House — (17 Males 17 Females) —
2. Working Staff of do —
3. Dietary Scale —
4. Amount of Expenditure in detail — (£629. 16. 2)
5. Return of Outdoor Relief &c — (168 Recipients)
The Chairman was requested to forward them to the Poor Law Board —
The Chairman of D. Guardians brought up the Rules for the government of the Alms House which were based upon the Model Rules recommended by H.E. The Governor —
The Rules were read & approved by the Board & the Clerk was directed to forward them to the Colonial Secretary for the approval of The Governor in Council —
The Board then adjourned sine die —

Evan. McG. Sealy

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Thursday September 1st 1881 —

Present — Jos A Haynes Esq H. F. Hart Esq
W. A. Toppin Esq R. I. Hinkson Esq
Sir Jno Sealy Hon Jno Sealy
W. F. Conroy Esq The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read a Circular Communication that he had received from the Poor Law Board forwarding certain resolutions respecting the Medical relief afforded the Poor during the present epidemic of fever in certain parts of the Island —

After some discussion the Board appointed the Chairman & the Hon Jno Sealy a Committee to reply to the Circular —

Mr Joseph Haynes proposed & Sir Jno Sealy seconded that Children of Labourers should be admitted to the Dispensary for advice & medicine gratis —

The Board decided that Children under 12 yrs of age should be admitted free —

Sir Jno Sealy called the attention of the Board to the unsightly position of the closet in the Church yard which was so placed as to be an object of notice to Visitors to the place for the sake of the view —

The subject was referred to the Building Committee for their consideration —

The Board then adjourned sine die

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector.

Parish of St John

Barbados –

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Thursday October 6th 1881 –

Present W. A. Toppin Esq W. F. Cromey Esq
Sir Jno Sealy H. F. Hart Esq
Gyd Sealy Esq The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed –

The Chairman read a Communication he had received from the Board of Health calling the attention of the Vestry to Sec 7 of Act No 220 which requires that 5 Members of the Vestry should be appointed as Commissioners of Health for the Parish –

Sir John Sealy proposed & Mr Gyd Sealy seconded, that Mr W. F. Cromey & Mr H. F. Hart be appointed Commissioners of Health in addition to the 3 Members previously appointed –

These gentlemen having expressed their willingness to serve were duly appointed –

Mr Hart brought to the notice of the Board that it was generally believed by the parishioners that the Rule passed by this Board at their Meeting on Dec 2nd 1880 "that after Jany 1st 1881 no bodies were to be interred in graves in the Churchyard but only in Vaults" applied to graves in which the bodies interred had been enclosed in Metal –

The Board decided that the Rule was not so intended to apply but that a grave containing a body enclosed in Metal was to be considered as a Vault and could be reopened at any time to receive another body –

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector

Barbados Parish of S. John

At a Meeting of the Freeholders of this Parish on Monday January 2nd 1882 the following gentlemen were duly elected to serve as Vestrymen for the ensuing Year

Evan. M. G. Sealy. Rector

Grant L. Thomas Esqr -
Joseph A. Haynes Esqr -
Walter A. Toppin Esqr -
Gideon Sealy D.C. Mgs -
Geo A. Sealy Esqr -
W. F. Cromey Esqr -
H. F. Hart Esqr -
Jno N. Thomas Esqr -
Hon. John Sealy Jnr -
Peter L. Kinton Esqr -

Barbados Parish of St John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Tuesday
January 17th 1882 - Present

Jos A Haynes Esq — W. F. Cromey Esq
Sir Jno Sealy — N. F. Hart Esq
Jno Adcaly Esq — The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed
The Chairman stated that this Meeting had been called to appoint the Assessors for the ensueing Year, as required by Sec 41 of Act of March 24th 1874 and also to appoint the Committee to prepare the annual Estimates for the Levy of the Rates & Taxes for 1882 -

Sir Jno Sealy proposed & Mr Jno Adcaly seconded the reelection of the old Assessors

Mr W. A. Toppin
Mr W. F. Cromey
Mr N. F. Hart

and

Mr W. A. Toppin
Mr N. F. Hart

as the Committee to prepare the Estimates which was agreed to -

Mr Cromey, in the absence of Mr W. A. Toppin the Chairman of Poor Law Guardians, reported that no Meeting of P. L. Guardians had been held on Dec 16th ult - the day in course for such Meeting - pressure of other business he was unable to attend properly to the duties appertaining to the office of P. L. Guardian & would be glad to be relieved of them - whereupon

Mr Jos A Haynes proposed & Mr Jno Adcaly seconded that Mr N. F. Hart be appointed a P. L. Guardian in his stead which was agreed to -

The Board then adjourned sine die -

Exam. Mr G. Sealy
Rector

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Monday
February 20th 1882 —
Present G. E. Thomas Esq G. A. Sealy Esq
Jos A Haynes Esq H. F. Hart Esq
Sir Jno Sealy The Hon.l Jno Sealy
The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed —

The Chairman stated that the Meeting had been called to prepare, in conjunction with the local Board of Guardians, the Estimates for the Relief of the Poor of this Parish for this year, as required by Sec 22 of The Poor Relief Act of 1880, and also to call the attention of the Board to the fact, that the halfyearly returns to Dec.r 31st 1881, as required by Sec 21 of the same Act, had not yet been forwarded to the Poor Law Board —

As only one of the guardians, Mr H. F. Hart, was present Sir Jno Sealy proposed & Dr Thomas seconded the following resolution which was unanimously agreed to —

"That the Poor Law Guardians be requested to furnish,
" at a Meeting of this Vestry to be held on Wednesday
" next the 22nd Feby inst, the information necessary
" to enable this Board to forward to the Poor Law Board
" the halfyearly returns to Dec.r 31st 1881, required by
" Sec 21 of the Poor Relief Act of 1880, which ought to
" have been sent in to that Board Last Month —

The Board then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next, Feby 22nd inst at 12.30 o.c —

Evan. McG. Sealy
Rector

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish, pursuant to adjournment.
on Wednesday Fifteen 22nd 1882 —

Present Isa. Nayres Esq — Jno Sealy Esq
W. A. Foster Esq — N. F. Hart Esq
Sir Jno Sealy — The Hon[l] Jno Sealy

The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed.

The Estimates for Poor Relief for the year 1882, as required by Sec 22 of the Poor Relief Act of 1880, were then prepared as follows.

			$	
Alms House	Servants wages	- -	264-	
"	Provisions	- - -	1050-	
"	Wines	- - - -	20-	
"	Coals	- - - -	48-	
"	Lighting	- - -	48-	
"	Clothing	- - -	100-	
"	Cleaning	- - -	18-	
"	Furniture	- - -	60-	
"	Stationary	- - -	20-	
"	Repairs	- - -	25-	
"	Burials	- - -	90-	
"	Sundries	- - -	40-	$1783-
Medical officers salary		- - -	960-	
D.	Fees	- - -	150-	
	Medicines	- - -	240-	
	Dispenser	- - -	360-	
	Out-door relief	- -	2150-	
	Clothing	- - -	100-	
	Burials	- - -	100-	
	Casuals	- - -	25-	
Poor Law Guardians fees		- - -	187-	
D.	Clerk	- - -	120-	
	Do Inspector	- - -	480-	
Vestry Accountants		- -	38-	$4910-
				$6693-

The Chairman of Poor Law Guardians presented the half yearly Returns to Dec[r] 31st 1881, to be forwarded to the Poor Laws Board, and the Vestry requested the Chairman to sign & forward them as soon as possible.

Evan. M. Sealy.

Estimated Revenue for the Year ending March 24th 1883.

Land tax on 8550 acres of land at $1.16c. p acre ---	£	9918
Occupancy - 130 " " at 24c "		31 20
D. - £135 House rents at 10c in the £1		13 50.
Trade tax on Shopkeepers - - - - ——		57 00.
Pewrents at the Parish Church - . . .. - - -		280 "
Dog licenses - 200. at 5/- each - - - —— ——		240 "
The Mosiah Bequest - . . . - - - —— .		18 48
Sundries -		10
Ten thousand five hundred and sixty-eight dollars -	£	10,568 18

Estimated Expenditure for the year ending March 24th 1883.

Poor Relief -				
As p. Estimate on the preceding page - . . . . —				6693.
Education of the Poor -				
Annual grant to the Education Board - .. - - -				360 "
Church & Chapels -				
Church Officers - Parish Church	£ 183.	Chapels	£25. - - —	208.
Organists & Blower. D.	£ 264	D.	£120. - —	384.
Repairs & D.	£ 960.	St. Margaret.	£60.	1020 "
St. Rectory	£ 100.			100 "
Expenses at Parish Church . —— — —				40. "
Tuning Organ . — — — — —— - - — —				48. "
Salaries & allowances -				
Vestry Clerk - . - - - - —— — —				120.
Auditor - . — — — — — — - —				36.
Inspector of Trees - . . . - - - — — ——				75.
Sanitary Inspector - & Purposes . —— ——				200.
Parochial Treasurer - . . — - - - - — —				600.
Stationary. Printing & . — — — — — —				25.
Legal Expenses, Confirming Levy — — — ——				4 80.
Incidentals & Sundries -				
Dog labels . — — — — — — — ——				24 00
Iron Safe for Parish Books - — — ——				60 00.
Bell for Parish Church . —— — — - -				240 "
Additional Ward for Alms House . ——				374 "
Insurance of Rectory & do. . — ——				30 .
Ten thousand, six hundred and forty-one dollars.			£	10,641 80.

Barbados — Parish of Saint John

At a Meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Thirteenth April — 1882

Present —

Grant E. Thomas. Esq.	W. F. Crosney Esq.
Joseph A. Haynes. Esq.	H. F. Hart. Esq.
W. A. Toppin. Esq.	J. H. Thomas. Esq.
Sir John Sealy. K.C.M.G.	Hon. Jno. Sealy M.D.
George A. Sealy Esq.	The Rector

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed. — Joseph A. Haynes Esq. was appointed Churchwarden for the present year.

Ordered — That an assessment at the rate of one dollar & sixteen cents p. acre, be assessed on all owners of land in this Parish, being Eighty-two cents for the Relief and Education of the Poor, Twenty-six cents for the necessary Parochial expenses, and Eight cents for Extraordinary expenses —

Ordered — That an assessment at the rate of Twenty-four cents p. acre on the rental, be assessed on all occupiers of land in this Parish, not being the owners thereof, of or above the Yearly rental of £10 Sterg. in respect of such occupancy —

Also — That an assessment at the rate of Ten cents in the £1 Sterg. on the rental, be assessed on all occupiers of houses in this Parish, not being the owners thereof, of or above the Yearly rental of £10 Sterg. in respect of such occupancy —

Ordered — That the undermentioned persons, Shopkeepers, do pay as a tax on Trade, the amounts respectively set against their names —

	£		£		£		
Alleyne Espe.	1	Governor R. H. S.	1	Hinkes. John	1	Grant E. Thomas	
Armstrong W. G.	1	Howard Jno. F.	2	Wilkie Jas. E.	1	J. A. Haynes	
Baker Thos. H.	2	Howard Chs. C.	1	Wilkie Walter	1	W. A. Toppin	
Belton A. T.	2	Harding Jno. C	2		£50.	John Sealy	
Beckles Eliza W.	1	Hoppin R. O.	2	Burrows. J. A.	1	Geo. A. Sealy	
Collins Geo. C.	4	Innes. Christ.	1		£57	W. F. Crosney	
Crosney W. F.	3	Inmans. A. D	1			Henry F. Hart	
Clarke Jane	1	Ince Sam. A.	2			J. H. Thomas	
Davis. Jno. E.	1	Inoore Geo	1			J. Sealy	
Divins Nath.	1	Newton E. P.	1.				
Downey Wilson	2	Roach M. A.	3.				
Edey, Abraham	1	Rous Jos. E.	3				
Gay. Jno. R.	2	~~Rose Robt. J.~~	1				
Goddard W. W.	3.	Sainthill Abel	2				
Gibson W. T.	1	Small G. T.	1				
Greaves Jno. C.	1	Spencer J. E.	1				
Gitten Jos. E.	1.	Taylor Richd	1				

Evan. M.G. Sealy.
Rector & Chairman.

Ordered - That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Pensioners the amounts respectively set against their Names -

Sarah Goddard	8.	Mrs Waters	6.	Thirty four dollars.
Mrs Thos. Gibcon	4	Mrs Jno Yearwood	6.	
Mr Saunders	6.	Anne Miller	4	

Ordered - That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Poor white widows, the amount of Three dollars Eight Cents each, under the Will of Isaac H. Mosiah Deed

Sarah Goddard / Mrs Eli. Gibcon / Mrs John Yearwood /
Mary A Brigstocke / Mrs Lyes. Goddard / Mrs Paul S. Wood /

The following Committees were appointed -

Poor Law Guardians -

The Churchwardens.
W. F. Aroney Esq.
H. F. Hart. Esq.

Education -

Grant E. Thomas Esq.
Sir John Sealy.
The Rector.

Commissioners of Health -

The Churchwardens
The Medical Officer.
Grant E. Thomas. Esq.
Geo. A. Sealy Esq.
W. F. Aroney Esq.
W. A. Tolpin Esq.

Commissioners of Highways -

W. A. Tolpin Esq.
G. A. Sealy Esq.
H. F. Hart. Esq.

Building Committee -

The Churchwardens
Geo. A. Sealy Esq.
W. A. Tolpin Esq.
Hon. Jno. Sealy M.D.
H. F. Hart. Esq.

Lay Representatives to the Church Council -

For the Parish Church - George A. Sealy Esq
St Margarets Chapel - W. A. Tolpin Esq.
Inspector of Trees - W. A. Tolpin Esq.

The Chairman laid before the Board the Auditors annual report of the Parochial Treasurers books & accounts which was read and ordered to be filed -

He also read a letter from Mr. James P. Warwick resigning the posts of Parochial Treasurer: Highway Rates, Collector: Vestry Clerk: & Clerk of Poor Law Guardians -

Mr. W. F. Croney proposed. and Hon John Sealy M.D. seconded "that the sum of Fifty dollars, be voted by the Vestry as a gratuity to Mr Edward C. Tarilton in recognition of the assiduity and energy with which he discharged his duties, during the recent Epidemic". which was agreed to.

Mr. George A. Sealy proposed and Mr. Grant E. Thomas seconded. that Mr. John, Redman, Boyle be appointed Parochial Treasurer, Collector of Highway Rates, Vestry Clerk and Clerk of Poor Law Guardians, which was agreed to -

Grant E. Thomas
V. E. Thomas
W. Griffin
John Sealy
Geo. A. Sealy.
W. J. Croney
Henry T. Hart
J. H. Thomas
V. Sealy

Evan. M. G. Sealy.
Robt Thurman.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

This is to certify, that the Levy appointed by the Gentlemen of this Vestry for the present year and the Tax upon Shopkeepers, for defraying the Parochial Expenses, have been duly published according to Law and no legal objection made thereto.
Given under my hand this eighth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and Eighty two.

Evan. McG. Sealy.

Rector, and
Chairman of the Vestry.

Barbados.

By His Excellency the Governor.

I do hereby allow and confirm the levy laid by the Vestry of the Parish of St. John for the present year, and do declare this my allowance and confirmation thereof accordingly.
Given under my hand at Government House this eleventh day of May, 1882.



William Robinson
Governor.

Barbados Parish of Saint John

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on 24th May. 1882
Present. Joseph A Haynes Esqre
W. A Toppin Esqre
W. F Cloney Esqre
H. T. Hart Esqre
J. St. Thomas Esqre
The Rector

The Rector stated that the object of this meeting was to receive the bonds of Mr John R Bovell the recently appointed Parochial Treasurer and of his securities John Connell and John Bovell Esquires which were received.

Mr Cloney after commenting on the excellent way in which the late Parochial Treasurer Mr I P Massiah had performed his duties, proposed seconded by Mr Jos A Haynes. that the Vestry do record their appreciation of the efficient manner in which the late Par Treas. had performed the duties of his office and while regretting the loss of his services offer him their congratulations on his preferment to the post of Magistrate

The clerk was directed to forward Mr Massiah a copy of this resolution

The Rector suggested to the Board that as the Lodge School would be opened shortly they should be prepared to pay the sum of Sixty pounds towards the Education of the Sons of persons of this Parish in straitened circumstances, at that school as authorised by sec. 63 of the Education Act. which was agreed to

The Rector was requested to communicate this to the Education Board; and the Board adjourned to Wednesday 31st May 1882 12, o'clock noon. to receive ~~the reply to such communication~~ applications for nominations to candidateship for Vestry Exhibitions.

Edwd. McG. Sealy.
Rector.

Barbados Parish of Saint John

At meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on 31st May 1882
Present. Sir John Sealy K.C.M.G. W. T. Hart. Esq
Joseph A. Haynes Esq. J. St Thomas. Esq
Geo. A Sealy. Esq The Rector. Esq.
W. T Croney. Esq.

The minutes of the last previous meeting were read and confirmed.
The Rector stated that he had lodged the Bond of the Parochial Treasurer in the Colonial Treasurers office, as required by Law
Applications were received from Mr Croney for his nephew Charles Arnold Reed, and from Mr Howard for his son Lenoard Augustus Howard. for nomenation to Vestry Exhibitions, which were granted.
The Rector stated that he had reason to believe that Mr Collins & perhaps others would have applied for nominations if the fact had been known that Vestry exhibitions had been established. He would suggest that the Vestry should allow him to keep the list open, as long as possible and authorizing him to admit to a place on it all such candidates as clearly come under the requirements of the Act.

Evan. McG. Sealy
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on the 24th. July 1882.

Present. Jos. A. Haynes Esq. C.M.G. H. F. Hart Esq.
Geo. A. Sealy Esq. J. H. Thomas Esq.
W. F. Cooney Esq. The Rector.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Rector stated that the present meeting was called to receive the returns for the half year, ending 30th June ult. from the Poor Law Board.

The Returns were accordingly presented and passed.

A letter was read from The Venerable. The Principal of Codrington College, on the subject of the examinations for the Vestry Exhibitions to the Lodge School.

The Board requested the Rector to communicate with the Rector of Saint Philip on this subject, and authorized him to act conjointly with that gentleman, in bringing the matter before the Education Board.

The Parochial Treasurer, applied for one months' leave of absence, and stated that Mr. H. F. Hart would act in his behalf, during his absence, which was agreed to.

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on
18th. September 1882.

Present. Jos. A. Haynes Esq. C.L.C. A. J. Hart Esq.
Sir John Sealy K.C.M.G. I. H. Thomas Esq.
W. F. Crosby Esq. Jno. Sealy Esq. M.D.
The Rector.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Rector stated that the present meeting had been called in consequence of his having received a communication from His Excellency the Governor respecting the present expenditure for Poor Relief, and asking to send a delegate from the Vestry, to confer with him in Executive Council on 3rd. October prox.

This Communication was then read.

Sir John Sealy proposed, and Mr. Joseph A. Haynes seconded, that the invitation of H. E. the Governor be accepted, which was agreed to.

Mr. Jos. A. Haynes proposed and Mr. J. H. Thomas seconded that Dr. Sealy be requested to act as the delegate from this Vestry. Which was agreed to.

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Freeholders of this Parish, held on Monday, the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, the following gentlemen were duly elected to serve as Vestrymen for the ensuing year -

Grant C. Thomas Esq.
Joseph A. Hagues Esq.
Walter A. Dolphin Esq.
Sir John Sealy K.C.M.G.
George A. Sealy Esq.
William F. Clooney Esq.
John A. Thomas Esq.
John Sealy M.D. Esq.
Peter L. Kirlew Esq.
Elliot G. Lewis Esq.

Evan. McG. Sealy. Rector.

John R. Lovell
Par. Treas & Vestry Clerk

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Wednesday 10th. January 1883.

Present. Joseph A. Haynes Esq. Ch.
Sir. John Sealy K.C.M.G.
George A Sealy Esq.
W. T. Crowey Esq.
Elliot G. Lewis Esq.
The Rector.

~~The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and confirmed.~~

The Chairman stated, that this meeting had been called, to appoint the Assessors for the ensuing year, as required by Sec. 41 of act of 24th. March 1874. and also to appoint the Committee, to prepare the annual Estimates, for the Levy of the Rates & Taxes for 1883.

J. A. Haynes proposed, seconded by Sir John Sealy, the election as Assessors, of the following gentlemen, viz.

W. A. Toppin.
G. A. Sealy.
W. T. Crowey, Esquires

which was agreed to —

Sir John Sealy proposed, seconded by W. T. Crowey Esq. that

J. A. Haynes.
W. A. Toppin. Esquires

be appointed a Committee, to prepare the annual Estimates for 1883. which was agreed to.

Sir John Sealy proposed, seconded by W. T. Crowey Esq. that W. A. Toppin Esq. be elected as a Poor Law Guardian, in the room of Dr. A. F. Hack. which was agreed to.

The meeting then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday 17th. January 1883.

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Wednesday. 17th. January 1883.

Present. Joseph A. Haynes Esq. C.M.
Sir John Sealy K.C.M.G.
George A Sealy Esq.
W. F. Crowey Esq.
John A. Thomas Esq.
John Sealy M.D. Esq.
The Rector.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. J. A. Haynes offered an excuse for the absence of Mr. E. G. Lewis.

The Rector stated that the present meeting was called to receive the Returns for the half-year, ending 31st December 1882. from the Poor Law Board, and also to consider applications for nominations to Candidateship for Vestry Exhibitions, at the Lodge School.

The Returns were accordingly presented by the Churchwarden and passed.

Dr. Sealy drew attention to a want of explicitness in some of the statements in the Medical Officer's Report, in reference to the cause of death in certain cases, and at his suggestion, the Vestry requested the Poor Law Guardians present, to bring the same to the notice of the Medical Officer.

Dr. Sealy then brought to the notice of the Vestry, a minute that had been made by the Inspector of Hospitals, in the visiting Book kept at the Alms House, in which a charge had been made against the Medical Officer, of refusing to attend when sent for at night, to Inmates of Alms House.

After some discussion the Vestry decided to refer the matter to the Poor Law Guardians for investigation, and to report thereon.

Dr. Sealy, after stating that he did not intend to make any definite proposal on the subject, on the present occasion, invited.

invited the Vestry to consider the advisability of extending the outdoor Medical Relief to cases where persons, who were in a position to do so, might be called upon, to pay a portion of the Medical Officer's fee for attendance. There were many persons, who, altho' unable to pay the usual Medical fee, were certainly able to contribute something towards it, and would be ready to do so—

The Rector laid before the Board an application for nomination to Candidateship, for a Vestry Exhibition, at The Lodge, received from Wm. James A. Howard on behalf of his son—

The Board granted the nomination asked for, and requested the Rector to act for them in case any other applications should be received in time.

On the motion of Sir John Sealy seconded by Wm. Gat Sealy

Wm. Joseph A. Haynes was elected to be a Highway Commissioner.

On the motion of Wm. J. R. Haynes, seconded by Wm. G. A. Sealy,

Wm. John A. Thomas was appointed a member of the Building Committee.

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Wednesday, 7th March 1883.

Present. Jos. A. Haynes Esq. J.P. John A. Thomas Esq.
Sir John Sealy K.C.M.G. John Sealy Esq. M.D.
George A. Sealy Esq. Elliot G. Lewis Esq.
W. F. Crowe Esq. The Rector.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and Confirmed

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been called to prepare in conjunction with the local Board of Guardians the Estimate for the Relief of the Poor of this Parish, for this year, as required by Section 22 of the Poor Relief Act of 1880.

The Estimates were then prepared, and are as follows.

			£.	
Alms House .	Servants Wages . . .		264.	
"	Provisions . . .		1,500.	
"	Wines . . .		20.	
"	Coals . . .		48.	
"	Lighting . . .		48.	
"	Clothing . . .		100.	
"	Cleaning . . .		18.	
"	Furniture . . .		100.	
"	Stationery . . .		20	
"	Repairs . . .		200.	
"	Burials . . .		90	
"	Clerical Work . . .		60	
"	Sundries . . .		40	£2,508.
Medical Officer's	Salary . . .		960	
do	Extra Fees . . .		150	
	Medicine . . .		240	
	Dispenser . . .		360	
	Out door Relief . . .		2,000	
	Clothing . . .		100	
	Burials . . .		100	
	Casuals . . .		25	
Poor Law	Guardians Fees . . .		187	
do	do Clerk . . .		120	
do	Inspector . . .		480	
Vestry	Annuitants . . .		38	£4,760.
			£7,268	£7,268.

The Chairman stated, that the Churchwardens had informed him that

that there had been no meeting of the Poor Law Guardians on
29th January 1883.

The Chairman presented to the Board a letter from
Wm John R. Boodle, Parochial Treasurer of the Parish, which was
read, and was to tender his resignation as Parochial Treasurer,
Collector of Highway Rates, Vestry Clerk, and Clerk of Poor Law Guardians
but stating that he would continue to discharge the duties of
these situations, until the appointment of his successor.

The Churchwardens stated to the Board that
in compliance with the Resolution passed at the last meeting, he had
brought to the notice of the Medical Officer, the want of explicitness in
some of the statements in his Report, and that that gentleman had
expressed his willingness to comply with the wishes of the Board in
making fuller statements.

The Churchwarden, also stated to the
Board, that the Poor Law Guardians, had investigated the charge
made by the Inspector of Hospitals against the Medical Officer
and read extracts from Poor Law Guardians minutes relative
to same.

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector.

Estimated Revenue for the year ending 24th March 1884.

Land Tax on 8550 acres of land @ $1.16¢ per acre	9918 00.
Occupancy 180 " " 24 "	31 20.
do. £120 House rents @ 10 in the £	12 00.
Trade Tax on Shopkeepers.	57 00.
Pew Rents at the Parish Church	260 00.
Dog Licenses 200 @ 9/- ea.	240 00.
The Marriah Bequest.	18 48
Sundries. $100. Balance Cr. $160 44/100.	260 44
Ten thousand seven hundred & ninety-seven 12/100 Dollars.	10,797 12

Estimated Expenditure for the year ending 24th. March 1884.

Poor Relief.	
Sch Estimate.	7,268 00.
Education (of the Poor) Exhibitions to Lodge school.	288 00.
Annual grant to the Education Board.	360 00.
Church and Chapels.	" "
Church Officers — Parish Church $183 — Chapels. $25 —	208 00.
Organists & Blowers — do. $264 — do $120.	384 00.
Repairs. do. $100. St. Marks. $270	370 00
do. Rectory. $100 St. Margarets $130.	230 00.
Expenses at Parish Church. $40. Tuning Organ. $48.	88 00.
Salaries and Allowances.	" "
Vestry Clerk. $120. Auditor $36. Inspector of Trees. $85.	241 00.
Sanitary Inspector. & Surveyor.	170 00.
Parochial Treasurer.	600 00.
Stationery, Printing &c.	25 00.
Legal Expenses, confirming Levy.	4 80.
Incidentals and Sundries	" "
Dog Labels.	24 00.
Insurance of Rectory & Alms House.	32 00.
Completing new work of do.	400 00
	10,692 80

Ten thousand six hundred and ninety two dollars and Eighty cents.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on the Eleventh April 1883.

Present. Grant E. Thomas. Esq.r
Joseph A. Haynes "
Walter A. Toppin "
Sir John Sealy K.C.M.G.
George A. Sealy Esq.r
William F. Crosby Esq.r
John A. Thomas "
John Sealy M.D. "
Elliot E. Lewis "
The Rector.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed -

Joseph Alleyne Haynes Esq.r was appointed Churchwarden for present year

Ordered - That an assessment at the rate of One dollar and sixteen cents. pr acre, be assessed on all Owners of Land in this Parish being Eighty-five cents for the Relief ~~& Education~~ of Poor, Twenty six cents for the necessary Parochial Expenses, and Five cents for Extraordinary Expenses.

Ordered - That an assessment at the rate of Twenty-four cents, pr acre on the rental, be assessed on all occupiers of Land in this Parish, not being the Owners thereof, of for above the yearly rental of Ten pounds, sterling, in respect of such occupancy.

Also - That an assessment at the rate of five Pence, in the pound sterling, on the rental, be assessed on all occupiers of Houses in this Parish, not being the Owners thereof, of for above the yearly rental of Ten pounds sterling, in respect of such occupancy.

Ordered - That the undermentioned Persons. Shopkeepers, do pay an Tax on Trade, the amounts respectively set against their names.

Baker, Thomas	2	Grosvenor. R.H.S.	1	Rebelli F. W.	1	Grant E. Thomas
Barton, Henry	2	Gibson. J. W.S.	1	Ramsay J. W.	2	J. A. Haynes
Beckles Eliz.d W.	1	Greaves. John C.	1	Roach. H. M.	1	W. A. Toppin
Burrows Le.s R.	1	Gordon. E. T.	1	Reid. Eliz.th "	1	John Sealy
Clarke W. F.	1	Howard Jas. N.	1	Small, Geo. T.	1	Geo. A. Sealy.
Codrington Jo.s R.	1	Harding Geo. S.	1	Stoute R. B.	1	W. F. Crosby.
Collins Geo. C.	4	Lee. Robt. H.	1	Spencer Le.s E.	1	J. H. Thomas
Croney W. F.	3	Marshale. Robt.	1	Smithsile Abel	1	J. Sealy
Crawford, Fred.	1	Mayers Albert H.	1	Tempro. Amos.	1	Evan McD. Sealy
Cook, William	1	Moe, James A	2	Taylor Richd	1	Rutson Chapman
Divins. Nath.l	1	Miller. Le.s T.	2	Wilkie Le.s E.	1	
Downie Jo.s W.	1	Mayers, R. T.	1	Ward, Donald	1	
Davis, Henrietta	1	Mayers. Matthias	1	Yard.	£ 57.	
Edwards. R. A.	1	Newton. E. P.	1			
Gay. John R.	2	Rous. Jos. E.	1			
Goddard, W. W.	3	Ross. Hester J.	1			

Ordered – That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Persons the amounts respectively set against their names.

Sarah Goddard	£8.	Jane Gearwood	£6.
Mrs Standard	6	Anne Miller	4.
Mrs Weekes.	6.		£30.

"Thirty dollars".

Ordered – That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following poor White Widows, the amount of three dollars and eight cents. each under the Will of Isaac H. Hamrick decd.

Sarah Goddard	Mrs Elvira Gibson	Mrs Jane Gearwood
Mary A. Brigstocke.	Mrs Robert Moore	Mrs Paul S. Wood.

The following Committees were appointed.

Poor Law Guardians

The Churchwarden.
W. A. Tolfrin Esq.
W. F. Crowy Esq.

Education.

Grant E. Thomas Esq.
Sir John Sealy
The Rector

Commissioners of Health.

The Churchwarden.
The Medical Officer
Grant E. Thomas. Esq.
Walter A. Tolfrin "
George A. Sealy "
W. F. Crowy "

Commissioners of Highways.

Joseph A. Haynes Esq
Walter A. Tolfrin "
George A. Sealy "

Building Committee.

The Churchwarden — John Sealy Esq. Mayor
W. A. Tolfrin Esq. — John A. Thomas. Esq.
George A. Sealy.

Lay Representatives to the Church Council

For the Parish Church. — George A. Sealy Esq.
" St. Margaret's Chapel. — Walter A. Tolfrin "

Inspector of Trees.

Walter A. Tolfrin Esq.

The Chairman laid before the Board the Auditors annual report of the Parochial Treasurers' books and accounts, shewing a balance of one hundred and sixty dollars, forty-four and a half cents, due by him, to the Parish. The Report was read and ordered to be filed.

It was proposed by G. E. Thomas Esqr seconded by Joseph A. Haynes Esqr that Wm. J. R. Borell's resignation, as Parochial Treasurer &c be accepted, and agreed to unanimously.

Wm. John A. Thomas, seconded by Wm. Jno A. Haynes, proposed a vote of thanks to Wm. J. R. Bodele, for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Chairman, read a communication, from Wm. Joseph L. Sergeant, making application for the Office of Parochial Treasurer, and he stated to the Board that Wm. Henry Francis Hart, late lately, & for many years past a member of the Vestry, was also an applicant for the same Office

G. E. Thomas Esqr seconded by Sir John Sealy K.C.M.G proposed Wm. Henry Francis Hart be appointed, Parochial Treasurer, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Chairman was requested to notify the appointment by the Vestry, of Wm. Henry Francis Hart, as Parochial Treasurer, to His Excellency the Governor, for confirmation.

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

This is to certify, that the Levy appointed by the Gentlemen of this Vestry for the present year, and the Tax upon Shopkeepers, for defraying the Parochial Expenses, have been duly published according to Law, and no legal objection made thereto

Given under my hand this eleventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector, and
Chairman of the Vestry.

Barbados.

By His Excellency the Governor.

I do hereby allow and confirm the levy laid by the Vestry of St. John for the present year and do declare this my allowance and confirmation thereof accordingly.

Given under my hand at Government House this 15th day of May 1883.

William Robinson
Governor.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
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Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Monday, 30th. July, 1883.

Present. Joseph A. Haynes. Clo. John Sealy. M. D.
The Hon! Sir John Sealy. K. C. M. G. John A. Thomas
William F. Crosey Esquires
The Rector.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman stated, that he had called a meeting of this Board, for Thursday 21st. June. ult. to receive the Bonds of Mr. A. F. Hart, the recently appointed Parochial Treasurer, but failing to make a meeting of the Board on that day, he had lodged these Bonds with the Colonial Treasurer.

Mr. A. F. Hart's Sureties being, Mr. Samuel Browne, and Mr. George A. Alleyne Junior.

The Churchwarden, presented to the Board, the half yearly Poor Relief returns to 30th. June ult. to be forwarded to the Central Poor Law Board.

The Chairman stated to the Board, that Mr. W. G. Armstrong had applied for a reduction of his Parochial rate for occupancy, he having left the house he had been living in at a rental of £30 pa. for one at £15 pa. soon after the laying of rates for this year. Mr. Armstrong's application was admitted, and he was allowed to pay occupancy tax on his present rental of £15.

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector.

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Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish, on Saturday 18th August 1883.

Present - Joseph A. Haynes. Clk. — W. F. Croney
Walter A. Toppin. — John A. Thomas
The Hon Sir John Sealy K.C.M.G. — John Sealy M.D
George A. Sealy. — Esquires
The Rector.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

This meeting having been called at the request of Mr. W. F. Croney, that gentleman having asked the permission of the Board, read a document he had with him, respecting certain matters connected with the Medical Officer of the Parish, the Matron of the Alms House, and the Board of Poor Law Guardians, charging them with general maladministration and neglect.

Mr. W. A. Toppin stated that he did not consider it proper that any complaint, concerning the administration of the Alms House and Out door relief, should be heard by the Vestry, before such complaint had been brought before the Board of Poor Law Guardians.

Mr. W. A. Toppin, then moved, seconded by Mr. Sealy, that the charges brought forward today by Mr. Croney, be referred to the Board of Poor Law Guardians. and this was agreed to.

Mr. W. F. Croney then moved, that Notices be published in the local Newspapers, inviting applications for the situation of Medical Officer for this Parish, at the following rates.

Salary £150. pann. — Midwifery Cases $5 each case.
Casual Cases, and Simple Fractures, and Dislocations, ten Shillings each case.

All cases for amputation to be sent to the General Hospital

No one be appointed Medical Officer of this Parish, if he hold a similar situation or appointment in any other Parish

If the Medical Officer, accept a similar situation elsewhere, he should consider himself discharged without further notice, and to be paid to the date of his accepting such situation — No other Member having voted for this motion it was lost.

Mr. Croney then proposed that, Dr. Greenidge, the Medical Officer of this Parish, be notified of his dismissal on 30th September. prox. and his Salary be paid him to that date Until the appointment of a Medical Officer, a Doctor be paid by calls at 5/ ea call for Casual cases, and £5 p diem for attendance at Alms House whenever he was wanted there

No other Member having voted for this motion, it was lost.

Dr. Sealy then proposed, seconded by Mr. Jos. A. Haynes.

That this Vestry having recently, in obedience to the XXii Clause of the Poor Relief Act, settled the Salary of the Medical Officer, for a year, and raised the funds for the payment of it, cannot entertain the proposal to dismiss the Medical Officer in the Middle of the year, solely with the view of reducing the Salary — which was agreed to —

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Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Saturday 18th August 1883.

Present. Joseph A. Haynes. Cloarden. W. F. Crowey
Hon. Sir John Sealy K.C.M.G. I. A. Thomas.
Walter A. Toppin. John Sealy M.D
George A. Sealy. Esquires
The Rector.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been called at the request of Mr. W. F. Crowey who desired, he believed to bring certain matters before the Vestry.

Mr. W. F. Crowey, with the permission of the Board, read a paper which he had prepared. He said, that at the last meeting of the Board of Poor Law Guardians he had raised the question of reducing the Salary of the Medical Officer, and requiring him to resign any similar appointment he might hold in any other Parish. The Board had decided that these were questions they could not entertain, that they should be referred to the Vestry of the Parish. Hence this meeting. He then went on to state that not only as a Vestryman, but as a taxpayer, he objected to the amount expended under the head of Medical Relief, although he was willing to confess that a share of the responsibility for it rested with himself. He further complained that the Doctor neglected to obey the Rule which the Board of Guardians had made with reference to the personal inspection by the Medical Officer of all the inmates, on the occasions of his visiting the Almshouse; mentioning in particular the case of a cripple named Isaac, who although sent to the Almshouse on the 20th July, had not been seen by the Doctor up to the 6th August, and when at last seen, was pronounced by him to be shamming. He also charged the Medical Officer, with neglecting the inmates of the Almshouse generally and with manifesting his special dislike to his black patients by resorting to harsh and painful remedies in

in his treatment of them. He expressed his intention of moving that a notice be put in the Newspapers inviting applications from Medical Men for the post of Parish Doctor at the following rates, Yearly Salary £150. Midwifery cases £5 each. all casual Calls and simple fractures, dislocations &c 5/- each. all cases requiring the amputation of a limb to be sent to the General Hospital. The appointment not to be held in conjunction with an appointment in any other Parish. He believed that Dr. Shepherd who now resided in St. George's would be found willing to take the post. He then proceeded to denounce the Board of Poor Law Guardians complaining of their carelessness and indifference when checking the various items at the time of taking stock. The Matron's statement, when a discrepancy between her House books and the Merchants' Pass-book was noted, was simply that she could not account for it, and this the Guardians readily accepted. He should propose that the Matron should be discharged and a man of good character, and steru, be appointed at a good salary; if this was done he was sure they would hear no more of short weights. The Matron was a very different person now from what she was when she was first appointed. Now she was a distinguished person. She had her money in the Savings Bank, report said, she had her new House, her cattle and stock, and if part of that were not the proceeds of the short weights he was very much mistaken. He wished also to propose that half the sum now paid to a Dispenser be paid to the Medical Officer who should employ a young man whom it should be his duty to instruct and train for the work.

Mr. Crosby then asked to be allowed to call certain witnesses

Mr. W. A. Coppin protested against the Vestry entering into the charges made by Mr. Crosby. It was within the province of the Vestry alone to determine whether the Medical Officer should be dismissed, and whether the Salary and Fees appertaining to the Office be reduced; but the Charges against the Doctor for violation of the Rules of the Guardians and against the Matron for peculation, as well as complaints concerning the administration should be laid first before the Local Board of Guardians, under whose cognizance they legitimately came.

He should therefore move "That the Charges against the Doctor and the Matron and the complaint of maladministration made by Mr. Crowey be referred to the Local Board of Guardians for investigation and their report thereon to the Vestry".

Dr. Sealy seconded.

Mr. George A. Sealy said he quite concurred with Mr. Toppin's view that Mr. Crowey should in the first instance have raised all these points at a meeting of the Local Board of Guardians, and that the Vestry could not at present deal with them. With regard to the extraordinary document which Mr. Crowey had just read, it was full of abuse of all the parties most immediately concerned in the administration of Poor Relief. The Guardians, the Doctor, and the Matron. It was scandalous, that in his zeal Mr. Crowey should have forgotten what was due to their reputation, and made accusations which after all if true, which they were not, bore most hardly against the very men who made them. Long before the passing of the Poor Relief Act, Mr. Crowey had been a member of the Committee of the Vestry specially charged with the duties now performed by the Guardians, and from the time that Act came into operation, Mr. Crowey had been continuously one of the Local Board of Guardians. For a considerable time and up to eight or nine months ago, he, Mr. Sealy, had been associated with Mr. Crowey on both these Boards, and he could assert without fear of contradiction, that it had been their invariable rule whenever, on the occasion of the Board taking Stock, a discrepancy occurred between the Matron's house books and the Merchants' Pass books to refer it to Mr. Crowey, as being himself a shopkeeper and knowing by experience what difference might fairly be expected; and in every case where Mr. Crowey could not assure them that the discrepancy was no more than could be satisfactorily accounted for, the Matron was warned that such was the case and admonished to be more careful. He would ask the Clerk of the Board if there was on the Minutes a single statement to show that Mr. Crowey had on any occasion whatever recorded his protest against the

Boards'

Boards administration. He would also challenge Mr. Crowey himself to mention a single occasion on which he had expressed his dissatisfaction or made any Complaint whatever to the Board

This being so, he was at a loss to understand on what ground Mr. Crowey now came forward to denounce the system and all concerned in it, unless as he strongly suspected, Mr. Crowey was being made a tool of by others.

Mr. Coffin's motion was then put and carried, Mr. Crowey alone dissenting

Mr. Crowey then moved "That notice be given in the Newspapers inviting applications for the situation of Medical Officer in St. John's. at the following remuneration. Annual Salary. £150. Midwifery Cases £1. 0. 10. each Casual calls, and simple fractures, dislocations &c. 10/- each. Cases requiring amputation to be sent to General Hospital and, that no one be appointed holding a situation or appointement in any other Parish. Should the person holding the appointment of Medical Officer accept a situation elsewhere he should consider himself discharged without further notice and be paid to the date of his accepting such situation".

Mr. Crowey's motion not being seconded, was lost.

Mr. Crowey then proposed "that Dr. Greenidge be notified of his dismissal on the 30th September prox: and his salary be paid him to that date; and that until an appointment be made, a Doctor be paid by calls at $5 each call, for Casual cases, and $5 p diem for attendance at Alms House wherever he was wanted there

Sir John Seale said, that such a proposal coming from a Poor Law Guardian, and one who professed to sympathize with the poor, astonished him. He should have thought that any measure he was anxious to bring forward would certainly have been in the interests of the poor. If Mr. Crowey had said "the sickly season of the year is now beginning, the time when epidemic sickness is not uncommon

uncommon, and I think it advisable to add to the ordinary provision made in the shape of medical relief for the poor, and if necessary a second medical Officer be employed; and if it be true that the money raised already by the rates is not sufficient for more than the ordinary expenditure, I would remind the Vestry that they have power under the Act to lay a supplementary rate". — If that had been the tone of his speech and the character of his proposal he, Sir J. Sealy, could have understood it. But Mr. Crowey's language was exactly the reverse of this. He said in effect, "It is true that in February last we made an estimate for the Relief of the Poor for the ensuing year in accordance with the Poor Relief Act, and in that estimate we placed £200. as the fixed salary of the Medical Officer for the year; it is true that in March last in conformity with that estimate we placed that sum on the rates for that purpose; this is true that on neither of these occasions did I, or anyone else, express dissatisfaction with the individual filling the office, or the amount of remuneration attached to it. But I am very anxious now to cut down expenses, and so, although it may entail very great suffering on the poor, for I am not prepared with a successor who will come and reside in the Parish and accept my terms, I propose that with a months' notice and pay, Dr. Greenidge be dismissed and the parish be left without any Medical Officer at all" — Now this was a course which it would be impossible for the Vestry to justify to themselves, or to the Poor Law Board —

Mr. Crowey's motion, not being seconded, was lost.

Dr. Sealy then moved the following Resolution — "That this Vestry having recently in obedience to the 22nd Clause of the Poor Relief Act, settled the Salary of the Medical Officer for a year, and raised the funds for the payment of it, cannot entertain the proposal to dismiss the Medical Officer, in the middle of the year, solely with the

view

view of reducing the Salary". — He said, it seemed to him the only question before the Vestry was whether on the ground of the Salary being too high the Medical Officer was to be dismissed or not. Under the circumstances, the Salary having been fixed in February last, and a rate laid for that amount in March he thought it would be absurd for the Vestry to adopt such a course. With regard to Dr. Shepherd's applying for the office of Parish Medical Officer in case of a vacancy, on which Mr. Crowey seemed to rely he had very good reasons for believing that Dr. Shepherd would not come if invited; and he would also remind Mr. Crowey that Dr. Shepherd already held an appointment in another Parish, as he was the Medical Officer to the Reformatory at "Dodds".

Dr. Sealy's resolution was seconded by Mr. J. A. Haynes and carried, Mr. Crowey alone dissenting —

29th Sept. 1883. On the minute being read Mr. Crowey complained that no mention had been made in the minutes of the remark made to him by Sir J. Sealy, "that he Mr. Crowey was the real culprit and had turned informer and he ought to be taken out and shot."

Sir J. Sealy appealed to all the members present whether there was any truth whatever in that statement. He then said, that although he was aware that Mr. Crowey had made it, he should have treated it as too absurd to refer to, had not Mr. Crowey now asserted it before the Board, for he was too well known in the Parish to fear that such a thing would be believed - The truth was, Mr. Crowey having been for so many years on the Board and having now stood forward and accused the members of dishonesty in the performance of their duties, and said that they ought to be taken like Achan, taken out of the camp, burnt with fire, stoned with stones until they died. He said then "now Mr. Crowey: You were as great an offender as any" to which Mr Crowey answered, "yes I admit it. and deserve the same treatment." He then said, "having been one of them

you now mean to come forward as an informer"; to which Mr. Carey replied "yes I do", she then said the report of Carey's assassination having quite recently reached the Island, said "you know an informer has just been shot"

Mr. Carey objected to the correction on the grounds that it was not in the same words as were spoken.

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Saturday 29th. September 1883.

Present. Joseph A. Haynes. C.Warden. W. F. Crosby
Walter A. Toppin John N. Thomas.
Hon. Sir John Sealy K.C.M.G. John Sealy M.D.
George A. Sealy. Esquires

The Rector.

The Chairman stated to the Board, that Mr. E.G. Louis had requested him to offer an excuse for his absence from the meeting of today.

The Chairman called the attention of the Members of the Board to the presence of Strangers in the Vestry Room and begged that it should clearly be understood that they were only there on sufferance. All other Members of the Board excepting Mr. W. F. Crosby, concurred with the Chairman.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, amended, and signed, Mr. W. F. Crosby alone objecting

The Chairman, then said, that the meeting had been called to receive the Report of the Poor Law Guardians on the matters referred to them at the last meeting of the Board, and to consider a letter he had received from the Colonial Secretary, which he would now place before the Board, together with the documents that accompanied it.

The Churchwarden having presented the Guardians Report, Mr. Crosby objected to it being received, as he had not been summoned to the meeting at which it had been drawn up, and therefore was not present at it.

The Chairman said, Mr. Crosby's objection would be noted, although he would remind Mr. Crosby that it would appear from his own letters and papers that he had refused to attend any meeting of the Guardians, called for any other than ordinary business, that was the reason he believed why he had received no invitation to attend when the Report was drawn up.

The Report was then read by the Chairman and

and was as follows;

Barbados.

Parish of Saint John.

Report of the Local Board of Poor Law Guardians.

The undersigned, Members of the Local Board of Guardians of this Parish, beg to present to the Vestry this their Report, in connection with the matters referred to the Poor Law Guardians by the Board at its meeting on Saturday 18th of August last.

1. At a meeting of the Local Board of Guardians held on Monday the 6th. of August ult. at which the Members present were Dr. Joseph A. Haynes, Churchwarden, and Dr. W. F. Crowey, an attempt was made by Dr. Crowey during the ordinary business of the day, to raise the question of reducing the Salary of the Medical Officer of the Parish. The Churchwarden declined to discuss the matter, as the question was one for the consideration of the Vestry, and could not be entertained and determined by the Poor Law Guardians alone. Dr. Crowey having made one or two remarks from the point of view of a tax-payer the matter dropped. But neither at this nor at any other previous meeting of the Board, was any complaint made by Dr. Crowey against the Board's system and practice in the performance of its duties, nor were any charges made by him against the Medical Officer or the Matron in respect of them.

2. On the 18th. August ult. at a meeting of the Vestry, called at his request, Dr. Crowey read a lengthy paper in which he for the first time complained of the practice of the Guardians in the matter of taking Stock at the Alms House, and made certain charges against the Medical Officer and the Matron

These matters were referred by the Vestry to the Local Board of Guardians, that an investigation of them might be held, and a report thereon submitted.

3. The Poor Law Guardians met on Monday 20th. August, two days after the meeting of the Vestry referred to above. At the close of the ordinary business of the day, Dr. Crowey was invited to lay before the Board his several charges with a view to their being investigated. In a Extract from the

the Boards' minutes is annexed hereto, in which a full account of the proceedings is given. The Guardians wish here only draw attention to two points in connection with these proceedings -

i That the charges against the Medical Officer entirely fell to the ground, and

ii That at the close of the enquiry into these charges, the Board adjourned sine die, with the clear understanding that some earlier day than that of their next ordinary meeting would be fixed, when the investigation of the remaining charges would be entered on. Wednesday, 29th August, was subsequently fixed -

4. On the evening of Tuesday 28th August, the day before that on which the Board of Guardians was to meet, the Chairman received by post, a letter from Mr. Crowe, addressed from the Colonial Secretary's Office, which letter is annexed hereto in which he stated that he declined to proceed with the other charges he had made, as he had asked H.E. The Governor, to appoint a Royal Commission, to enquire into the affairs of the Parish generally. The Meeting Consequently was not held.

Extracts from the Board's Minutes of the 3rd and 17th of September are appended, which shew that Mr. Crowe was requested on both occasions to proceed with his charges, but declined to do so.

5. The Guardians can therefore only report that the charges against the Medical Officer, made by Mr. Crowe were enquired into and were proved to be unfounded.

Signed J. A. Haynes
Chairman
W. A. Loppin
P. L. G.

Copy of Letter from W. F. Crowe Esqr. to Joseph A. Haynes Esqr. Churchwarden. Received 28th August 1883.

Colonial Secretary's Office
Public Buildings
City.

Joseph A. Haynes Esqr.
Chairman & Board of
Guardians. St. John.

Dear Sir, I beg leave to inform you that I have asked His

His Excellency, Sir Will Robinson to appoint a royal commission of Enquiry into the affairs of the Parish of St. John's Generally, under those circumstances I will not attend any meeting until that commission Summonses me to do so. I have also intimated to him those persons outside that I would like Summoned to give their information on oath.

Yours very truly
W. F. Crowley
Member of Vestry &
P. L. G. St. John.

Extracts from the minutes of a meeting of the Poor Law Guardians of the Parish of St. John on Monday 20th Augt. 1883.

"The ordinary business of the day being disposed of, the Chairman requested Mr. W. F. Crowey to bring forward the charges of maladministration at Alms House and of Poor Relief which he had made at the Vestry meeting on Saturday 18th inst. and had been referred thence to this Board.

The following are the charges made by Mr. W. F. Crowey.

1. Irregularity in the delivery of goods issued to Pensioners.

2. That the present Matron of the Alms House, Mrs. Bradshaw is incompetent and unfit to fill her present situation, and proposes her dismissal.

3. That the Board of Guardians have from the Commencement of the establishment of the present Alms House allowed the deficiencies in the Stores on hand at the end of each month to go on from time to time. The Mr. Crowey having repeatedly asked who was to pay for such deficiencies

4. That the Medical Officer, Dr. Greenidge neglected his duty in not attending to Isaac Holder who had been sent into the Alms House on 26th July by order of Mr. Crowey.

5. That the Medical Officer Dr. Greenidge insulted him on 6th August.

The Guardians then called on Dr. Greenidge for some explanation about the charges of this neglecting.

neglecting to attend to Isaac Holder, and he said,
On going round the Wards as usual on one of my visiting days lately at the Alms House, I saw a new Inmate sitting on his bed, and on asking him his name and what was the matter with him, he made no reply. One of the Inmates near by told me he was foolish, and I then left him. At the last meeting of the Guardians on 6th inst. Dr. Crowey asked if I had seen the boy Isaac. I replied, what boy Isaac? Dr. Crowey said I know him by no other name but Isaac. I said, do you mean the foolish man? and Dr. Crowey said come and I'll show him to you. I replied, I am busy now, but will see him presently, which I did, and I found he hobbled as ~~some~~ one having some spinal affection, which I since have learnt he has had for the last nineteen years.

Dr. Crowey — I asked Dr. Greenidge at the Board, have you seen Isaac, and he replied there is nothing the matter with him

Dr. Greenidge — I might have said there is nothing the matter with him before seeing him the second time.
In reply to Dr. Toppin's enquiry Dr. Greenidge said, any new Inmate requiring Medical aid specially had his attention immediately called thereto by the Matron and received his early attention -

The Chairman — How comes it then that the boy should have been in the Alms House so long without your noticing him?

Dr. Greenidge — Not being sick, probably my attention was not called to him -

Dr. Crowey — Are all the Inmates on their beds when you visit the Alms House?

Dr. Greenidge - All under medical treatment are there those healthy are not always there -

By request of Dr. Crowey, Robert Kelwick was called before the Board. he said, I was at the Alms House Dispensary on 6th August, and I saw Dr. Crowey pass Dr. Greenidge and go into the Dispensary, and Dr. Crowey asked Dr. Greenidge, have you seen the boy Isaac?

Mr. Crowey — Did you hear me ask Dr. Greenidge Isaac who?
Estwick — I did -
Mr. Crowey - Did you hear me say to Dr. Greenidge I do not think he knows himself by any other name?
Estwick — I did!

Mrs. Bradshaw, Matron of Alms House called, said. Isaac Holder was sent to me by Mr. Crowey with instructions to admit him to Alms House, until he Mr. Crowey came up, and he would make him a regular Inmate, but he did not specially direct me to call the Doctor's attention to him.

Mr. Toppin — Do you know anything that passed between Mr. Crowey & Dr. Greenidge respecting Isaac Holder?

Mrs. Bradshaw — I was not present and I know nothing about it. A few days before he was sent in, he came to the Alms House begging. I gave him some refreshment. He was sent to the Alms House in a donkey cart, for which I paid one shilling.

Mr. Crowey — Were you not in your chamber when I was speaking to Dr. Greenidge about Isaac Holder?

Mrs. Bradshaw - I was not in my Chamber. I was writing at the table in the Guardians room, and you came in and said, you hear that, I intend to give it to him, meaning the Doctor, good today. I did not hear the Doctor say Isaac Holder was charming, nor did I say that if he is charming I do not ~~know~~ believe.

Mr. Crowey — When the Doctor comes up here on visiting days, are all the Inmates at their beds or on them?

Mrs. Bradshaw - The order has been given that they should be there, but some will not obey -

Mr. Crowey in reply to Mr. Toppin stated he had sent Isaac Holder to the Alms House, because he was a cripple and he considered him a fit object for the institution.

Mr. Toppin then placed before the Board a statement from Mr. S. P. Griffith, the Manager of Claybury Estate

Estate, shewing the amount worked for by Isaac Holden, on that Estate, from 25th. May to 13th. July, a period of eight weeks, turning an Oscillator, the amount being, nine dollars and ten cents.

The Board did not consider that the Medical Officer Dr. Greenidge had been guilty of neglect in this case.

Dr. Greenidge was then called before the Board on a charge of insulting Wm. Crosey on the 6th. August.

Wm. Crosey — On the 6th. August I asked Dr. Greenidge to hear what I had to say on a matter concerning the Medical Officer, viz the reduction of his Salary and Fees. Dr. Greenidge in reply, said, that professional men were few, and hard to be got and were all gentlemen, but that Tradesmen and Shopkeepers were plentiful. On saying this he pulled slightly the left arm sleeve of Wm. Hague's coat with that amount of mockery in his countenance which I considered meant insult to me.

Dr. Greenidge — I heard Wm. Crosey suggest that a Doctor for the Parish be advertised for at reduced Salary and Fees, and say I could compete with such applicants. I asked to be allowed to make a remark, which was, that on account of the standing and education received by Medical men, they are considered to be gentlemen and expect to be treated as such. I also said they were not as plentiful as common as Butchers, Shopkeepers, Masons and Carpenters. Dr. Greenidge then said that Wm. Crosey's statement just made was false in the extreme. Wm. Crosey requested that this remark be particularly taken down.

Wm. Coppin objected to this as Wm. Crosey had just before charged Wm. Bradshaw in a similar manner while giving her evidence

Wm. Crosey — I told Wm. Bradshaw to look above and pointed my hand upwards as a caution.

Wm. E. G. Tarilton, said, I was present on the 6th. August, I heard Wm. Crosey say to Dr. Greenidge that he had something to mention concerning the Medical Officer of which he should like him to hear viz. that the salary of the Medical Officer of the Parish was too high, and that the Fees ought to be reduced. Dr. Greenidge replied that professional men were hard to be got as a rule, but that Tradesmen and Shopkeepers were plentiful and on

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saying so pulled Mr. Haynes' sleeve.

Mr. Crowey requested the Chairman to ask Dr. Greenidge if he intended to give him, Mr. Crowey, a written apology for what he considered the insult offered him by the Doctor on the 6th of August.

Dr. Greenidge, in reply, stated to the Board his willingness to remove from Mr. Crowey's mind any unpleasant impressions which might have been taken from the remarks he had made on the 6th August, as he meant nothing. Mr. Crowey refused to accept this.

The Chairman and Mr. Coppin agreed that no apology was needed, as they considered no insult was intended, particularly after what Dr. Greenidge had just said; in Conclusion they would remark that this matter of the alleged insult did not take place during the sitting of the Board of Guardians, on business on 6th August, but was the result of certain remarks made by Mr. Crowey with the permission of the Chairman, in the presence of the Medical Officer, on that day, Mr. Crowey considering himself speaking only as a Taxpayer. The Chairman had previously refused to entertain the matter before the Board of Guardians stating that he regarded it as a question for the consideration of the Vestry alone —

The Board then adjourned sine die.

Extracts from the minutes of a meeting of the Poor Law Guardians of the Parish of St. John on Monday the third of September. 1883.

The minutes having been read re of the last meeting —

The Chairman stated that he had called a meeting of the Board for Wednesday 29th August ult. to consider the other charges brought by Mr. Crowey, as at the adjournment of the last meeting. However he had received a communication from Mr. Crowey on the 28th August, stating that having applied to H.E. the Governor to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the affairs of the Parish generally, he Mr. Crowey would attend no extraordinary meetings.

meetings of the Board of Guardians. The meeting therefore did not take place

&c. &c. &c. &c.

The ordinary business of the day being concluded Mr. Toppin with the concurrence of the Chairman called on Mr. Crowey to proceed with the charges he had made at the last meeting of the Board, the investigation of which had not been then concluded. Mr. Toppin stated he considered the reason given by Mr. Crowey for not doing so on the 29th ult, viz his expecting a Royal Commission for investigating the affairs of the Alms House, could not be entertained. He considered that it was only the Board of Guardians that could entertain charges against the Alms House in the first instance.

Mr. Crowey, in reply stated, that he did not consider that the investigation of his charges would go on amicably, fairly, or justly before this Board, or before the Vestry, the Vestry being ignorant of the matter, refused to proceed with them until summoned by a Royal Commission from H.E. The Governor.

&c. &c. &c. &c.

The Board adjourned sine die.

Extracts from the Minutes of a meeting of the Poor Law Guardians of the Parish of Saint John on Monday, Seventeenth of September 1883.

"Mr. Toppin enquired of Mr. Crowey what report he could make with reference to the Royal Commission he had applied for.

Mr. Crowey replied that he had been informed by the Colonial Secretary that H.E. The Governor would shortly communicate with the Vestry on the subject.

The Chairman said it appeared from the Report. Mr. Crowey after having brought a charge of dishonesty against the Matron of the Alms House had refused to proceed with it. The Vestry would remember that Mr. Crowey had distinctly

distinctly made such a charge in the paper which he had read at their last meeting. He thought, that as the accusation appeared on the minutes of the Board, Mrs. Cooney's refusal to allow the matron an opportunity of disproving the slander, ought not to stand in the way of some record being placed on the minutes, of facts which, were within his knowledge, as Rector of the Parish, and which would have been put before the Board of Guardians, had an investigation been held. Mrs. Cooney's charge of dishonesty against the Matron, was based on no other foundation, than his own assertion, that it was a fact, she had acquired property to an greater extent than was consistent with fair dealing. Mrs. Cooney's very words as taken from his own paper were these "Gentlemen, I think you all know Mrs. Bradshaw before she was appointed Matron, you all see what a distinguished person she is now, you know what per month she gets, and you can judge if her wages will do it. She has her money on the Savings Bank report says, she has her new house, cattle, and stocks, and if part of that is not the proceeds of the short weights, I am very much mistaken."

Now he (the Rector) could assure the Vestry, that Mrs. Bradshaw had no account of her own, at the Savings Bank, her husband it is true had, and he held in his hand, Mr. Bradshaw's Savings Bank book. From this book, it appeared, that while no money had been paid in by him since October 1872, money had been drawn out, and the balance to his credit was at the present time £11.4.10. So too with regard to the new house. It so happened that he (the Rector) had taken up on his own account, from the Merchants, the materials from which the house was built. He had received at different times from Mr. Bradshaw various sums of money towards the payment of the debt, and a balance was still due him.

He had in his private account book, which he was quite ready to produce, a record not only of the amounts so paid, but of the sources, from whence they were obtained,

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and it would be seen, these were entirely the results of Mr. Bradshaw's own industry, and labour - such as for instance, as the sale of Crops, grown on the portion of the glebe land which he rents, the sale of a portion of his old house, wages received by him as overseer of the glebe and soon - So much for the foundation on which Mr. Crosney based his charge, against one, whom he (the Rector) believed to be a faithful servant of the Parish.

He thought it unfortunate for Mr. Crosney that so soon after he had given to the public, in the Newspapers, the story of his own rise in life, he should promulgate the doctrine that persons could not achieve such a result except by dishonest means.

The Chairman then read the Colonial Secretary's letter, which was as follows.

No. 652.

Colonial Secretary's Office
Barbados.
18th September 1883.

Sir, I have the honor to forward certain letters which have been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. William F. Crosney, Poor Law Guardian for the parish of St. John.

As in his last letter Mr. Crosney requests that his letters may be forwarded to the Secretary of State, His Excellency, thinks it right to send them first to you, for the information of the Vestry of St. John, and will be glad to receive any report you may desire to make on the matter. I have not made copies of Mr. Crosney's letters of which a Schedule is attached; I shall therefore be glad if you will kindly return me the originals

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
C. C. Knollys
Colonial Secretary

The Chairman of the Vestry,
St. John.

Schedule of letters forwarded to the Chairman of the Vestry of St. John.

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Date.	From	To	Remarks.
August. 28.th	W. F. Crosey.	Hon. Col Sec.y	In original
" 29th "	Do.	Do.	do.
" 29 "	Do.	Do.	do.
Sept. 3rd	Do.	Sol. A. Haynes Esq.	do.
" "	Do.	Hon. Col. Secretary	do
" 6th	Do.	Do.	Copy.

The Chairman next read Mr. Crosey's letters, all of them being in original except one, of which a copy had been sent.

Dr. Sealy said, he thought that as the originals in the other instances had been sent to them, the Vestry should be allowed to have the original in this case too, unless there was any objection to such a course.

The Board concurred, and the Chairman was requested to address the Colonial Secretary on the subject.

Dr. Sealy then said, He should move that a Committee be appointed to draft a report on the correspondence submitted to them. at the same time it would be advisable that the Board should give instructions to the Committee as to the nature of the Report to be prepared. On some grounds he would have preferred that their reply should be a very briefone, but on a consideration of all the circumstances he was inclined to think it would be best that it should be full and complete. If the Vestry took the latter view, he thought it would be necessary, however unpleasant the task might be, to point out the peculiarities and eccentricities which had marked Mr. Crosey's recent conduct, both in this, and other matters, which were well known not only throughout the Parish, but he might say.

say throughout a large portion of the Island. He concluded by moving that a Committee be appointed to prepare a Report on the correspondence just read.

Wm. I. H. Thomas seconded. and

This was agreed to, the Vestry being unanimous that the Report should be a full one.

The Chairman appointed, the Mover the Seconder, and Wm. Joseph H. Haynes, a Committee for the purpose.

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Monday 22nd. October 1883.

Present. G. E. Thomas.
I. A. Haynes.
W. A. Toppin, Esquires.
Hon. Sir J. Sealy K.C.M.G.
George A. Sealy, Esquires
The Rector.

W. F. Crosney.
John H. Thomas.
John Sealy M.D.
Elliot G. Louis.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Mr. Crosney objecting.

The Chairman stated, that in accordance with the motion at the last meeting, he had communicated with the Colonial Secretary, and the original of Mr. Crosney's letter not forwarded at first, with the rest of the correspondence, had been sent him. He then placed the letter before the Board.

Mr. J. A. Haynes, senior member of the Committee presented the Report on the correspondence between Mr. Crosney and His Excellency, the Governor, as forwarded by the Colonial Secretary.

The Chairman then read the Report which was as follows;

With reference to the documents received from the Colonial Secretary and laid before them by their Chairman, the Vestry of St. John's Parish report as follows;

Under ordinary circumstances the Vestry would have contented themselves with simply stating that there was no valid foundation for the accusations made against them by Mr. Crosney and that they were quite prepared to give an account of their stewardship to their Constituents, ~~to whom alone they are responsible~~, whenever called upon to do so. But knowing the hostility entertained in some quarters to the Vestries as one of the old representative institutions of the country and the

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satisfaction it would afford to those who desire to get rid of them to know that a Vestry which has long been considered as presenting a favourable specimen of the institution had been charged with dereliction of duty and represented as untrustworthy by one of its own members, they think it right to take more notice than they otherwise would of the documents laid before them, and of the writer of them.

In the year 1874 a vacancy having occurred in the Vestry, Mr. W. F. Cobley who then kept, and still keeps a retail-provision shop in the Parish, offered himself as a candidate to fill it, professing it was said, to come forward in the interest of the poor, and claiming especially the suffrages and support of the poorer class of electors, on the ground that he should enter the Vestry as the poor man's representative. He was elected without opposition, and was cordially received by the other members of the Vestry, most of whom had a considerable stake in the Parish and contributed largely to its revenues, and every encouragement was given to him to take a part, and an active part, in the administration of the parish affairs. He was on the very first opportunity, placed on the committe which, previously to the passing of the present Poor Relief Act was, annually appointed by the Vestry to look after the Poor. As soon as the Slums House was built, he was appointed one of the Commissioners of management. He has every year been appointed one of the Assessors, whose duty it is, to ascertain and report to the Vestry, the rateable property of the Parish, and the names of the Owners thereof. He has too or three times been elected Churchwarden, and when the present Poor Relief Act was passed, he was appointed one of the local Poor Law Guardians, and has continued to hold that appointment down to the present time.

No member of the Vestry has more regularly attended their meetings or more freely taken part in their discussions, especially on the occasions when the annual Estimates were prepared, and when the rates were laid; emphatically, he was present-when the Vestry met in

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February last, as required by the Poor Relief Act, to prepare estimates for the then ensuing, and now current, year, in which estimates, was included the sum of £200- the stipend agreed to be paid to the Medical Officer of the Parish, when he was appointed - He was present when in the following month of March the rates were laid, providing for those estimates -

He was present at every subsequent meeting of the Vestry down to that of 30th. July last.

The Vestry assert, that from the time of his election down to their meeting in July last, Mr. Crowey never made a complaint, or brought forward a charge against anyone, notwithstanding his opportunities

He was present they have said at the meeting of July. At that meeting a discussion took place relating to the improvement of the Parish Dispensary, in which he took part and at the close of it the Vestry adjourned sine die.

In somewhat less than three weeks afterwards, the members received a summons from the Chairman to attend a meeting on 18th August following, called the summons stated, at the special request of Dr. Crowey As no reason was given in the summons for the call, the other members were somewhat at a loss to conjecture for what purpose Dr. Crowey desired the meeting, but it being rumoured that Dr. Crowey had at a recent meeting of the Board of Poor Law Guardians considered himself insulted by something that the Medical Officer had said, it was thought that his object might perhaps be, to make a complaint against that Officer.

A letter from Dr. Crowey to the Chairman of the Vestry, dated 13th. August 1883, a copy of which is annexed, shows that this surmise was absolutely correct so far as Dr. Crowey's intention and design up to that date were known even to himself. At the meeting of the Vestry held on 18th. August only five days afterwards the Board were amazed to find that a number of grave charges involving not only the Medical Officer, but also the Matron of the Almshouse and the Guardians themselves, were preferred by Dr. Crowey, read by him from

from a remarkable and eccentric paper which he had prepared in the short interval and a copy of which had already been presented to His Excellency the Governor.

The minutes of the Vestry's meetings of 18th August and 29th September, copies of which are annexed, accurately and fully set forth the action of the Vestry and Mr. Croney respectively in connection with these charges. Reference to these minutes will shew that the course of Mr. Croney's proceedings has been this: He had the Vestry called together and submitted to them certain charges against the Matron of the Almshouse and the Doctor of the Parish. He admitted that he had not previously brought these charges to the notice of the Board of Guardians under whose authority and control the Almshouse is placed by law. It was pointed out to him that the Board could not be so passed over, that he must first bring his charges before it, and if he had reason to be dissatisfied with the decision of the Board of Guardians, then the Vestry would be willing to hear him. He accepted this decision but apparently not very readily, and on gathering up his papers to leave the Table said that the Governor should know of it before night, and that he could tell the Vestry that if necessary "it" would be carried with a high hand! It is a fact that Mr. Croney drove from the meeting to Government House. He however brought his charges before the Board of Guardians, but after the first day's sitting he wrote a letter to the Chairman of that Board saying he had applied to the Governor for a Royal Commission and would have no more to do with the matter until summoned by that Commission. The petetion for a Royal Commission became somehow or other changed into a request to the Governor to forward his complaints to the Secretary of State, and the Vestry being summoned to receive notification of this request Mr. Croney published a notice in the public Newspapers, calling upon "all the gentlemen, landowners, and taxpayers to meet together in the Vestry Room (on the day appointed for the Vestry to meet) "to investigate certain charges brought by me against the Parish for irregularity and

and misspending of the money raised by taxation." - He starts with charges against the Doctor and the Matron - As he goes on he seems to lose sight of them in a wider feeling of indignation against the Vestry itself, or as he calls it against "the Parish," and after the Vestry has been summoned to receive the announcement of his appeal to the Secretary of State, he invites the general body of taxpayers to take the whole matter into their own hands, and although this is not noted in the minutes, before the meeting takes place he applies to the Governor to send the Attorney and Solicitor Generals to the meeting to appear on his behalf.

These are the few and simple facts of the case, and while they exhibit the waywardness and eccentricity which make it impossible to understand or work with Mr. Crouey, they shew that by his conduct alone have the Vestry been precluded from acquiring a knowledge of any substance there may be in the charges originally brought forward by him, except so much as is contained in the Guardians Report.

The course Mr. Crouey has now taken indicates a sudden and extraordinary change of feeling towards those with whom he has hitherto so cordially acted, and the Board cannot but observe that in other walks and in other relations of life Mr. Crouey's Conduct is marked by a similar change. They are accordingly compelled to insist that what-ever explanation is to be given of proceedings that are occasioning surprise and concern to Mr. Crouey's relatives and friends must be held to account likewise for the baseless accusations he has made against the Vestry. It is with extreme reluctance that the Vestry allude to these occurrences, but when the character of the Board is so grossly assailed, and the complaint made is about to be transmitted to a distant quarter where it cannot receive the light which is thrown upon it by local feelings and events, the Vestry have no alternative but to point out that Mr. Crouey's conduct

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towards themselves is only one incident in a course of behaviour which is exciting astonishment and calling forth condemnation in this Island from all who are acquainted with it. Two instances at least of the conduct to which the Board refers are well known to the Executive.

A few weeks ago and while the correspondence was going on which has been submitted to the Vestry, Mr. Croney made preparations for giving a Ball and issued invitations to the Governor, the Commander of the Forces, and the leading Officials of the Island. The Vestry need hardly ask whether it is consistent with a sound and sober judgement for a man holding the position of a retail country-shopkeeper to do a thing of this sort, and to see no impropriety in it, but rather to deem, as Mr. Croney has done, that the thing was quite proper, as the Governor was but a man like himself. Certainly all precedent in this Island warrants the neglect with which His Excellency treated Mr. Croney's invitation. The Vestry think that the groundless insult Mr. Croney has offered to the Board with which he has so long been associated is unworthy of any more serious attention than has been bestowed on his unbecoming advances to the Governor of the Colony.

The other circumstance to which the Vestry allude is this — Mr. Croney is known to have prepared an address to the House of Assembly, and to have placed it in the hands of the Colonial Secretary for presentation to "The House". This address was not presented on the ground of its being informal, but it was seen by the Senior Member for the Parish so that the Vestry are able to speak positively not only of its existence but of its character. In it, the Author begins by giving The House his advice as to its decision with reference to the Franchise Bill; he then calls upon it to direct the Members for the Parish to vote accordingly; and he concludes in what he must have considered a very effective manner. Beneath an outburst of loyalty ending

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with three cheers, in which the House is invited to join, is sketched an uplifted arm, the forefinger of the hand surmounted by a hat. The original, the Vestry believe, is still in the possession of the Colonial Secretary.

These incidents are referred to as illustrations of a course of conduct in which an exaggerated self-esteem apparently supplies the motive force — The whole of Mr. Crowey's conduct is governed by this feeling, and its existence affords the only explanation it is possible to give of that extraordinary attack upon the character of the Vestry, which represents Mr. Crowey as the only respectable figure in a group, whose spurious pretensions he has dared to denounce, and whose mournful degradation makes all the more conspicuous the virtue by which he himself has risen to become the interesting correspondent of the Colonial Secretary, and the great political ally of the Government.

With regard to Mr. Crowey's letters, the only statement in them which directly concerns the Vestry is that in which he asserts that justice cannot be expected from them in the investigation of his charges, as they were all against him because he had put the matter before the Governor and given him a copy of his "Document."

The Vestry still entertain the opinion, which however was expressed at the time by the Chairman alone, that Mr. Crowey's conduct in bringing before His Excellency charges, which it was the province of this Board to investigate, before they were submitted to the lawful authority, the Vestry, was most unfair to the other members of the Board and highly improper. Yet they cannot allow that their difference with Mr. Crowey as to the propriety of his course, incapacitated them for being impartial judges in matters affecting the interests of the whole Parish.

But the Vestry cannot refrain from drawing attention to one or two features of the correspondence which characterize the whole submitted to them. From the very outset, and all through, Mr. Crowey associates himself with the highest Officials of

of the Government— He, at least, considers them his allies in his attempt to bring the Vestry of his Parish into disrepute.

In his letter of 23rd. August 1880, addressed in the first instance to the Solicitor General and subsequently transferred to the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Crowey after expressing his inability from want of time to send any comment on "the stateing enclosed", adds, "but at any rate I will mention for his Excellency's information that we need not expect any consideration from the Vestry or Guardians in respect of justice as they were all against me for committing the unpardonable sin of bringing it before his Excellency and giving him a copy" — Now as Mr. Crowey was the only person in the Parish moving in this matter, the Vestry naturally ask who are included in this "we"? Perhaps Mr. Crowey alone can tell. But this at least the Vestry know, that, in the week ending 18th. August, on which day the Vestry, summoned at his request, met, Mr. Crowey had more than one interview with His Excellency the Governor, and they also know that whereas on the 15th. of August, three days before the Board met, Mr. Crowey's paper prepared for that meeting and shown by him to the Chairman, contained only complaints against the Medical Officer, on the 18th. of August a fresh paper, containing charges against the Guardians and the Nation as well as the original charges against the Doctor, is read by him to the Board, a copy of this, as the Correspondence shows he had already placed in the Governor's hands, while the Vestry were in total ignorance that any such charges were about to be preferred.

But Mr. Crowey was then referred it would seem to the Colonial Secretary, and the Correspondence reveals the nature of the Communications which passed between them.

In his letter to the Colonial Secretary dated 27th. August, Mr. Crowey writes "On looking up I find we have no authority to put out a Vestryman for non-attendance, I have therefore used a dodge this morning and sent a letter by my servant requesting him to.

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It is evident there had been previously an interview between the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Croney at which the matter of getting rid of a particular Vestryman had been discussed and arranged, so that in reporting progress there was no need for Mr. Croney to mention this gentleman's name or any further to indicate "him".

In a postscript to this letter Mr. Croney promises the Colonial Secretary a visit. "I will have an interview with you to-morrow". This promise he faithfully kept, for his letter to the Chairman of the Board of Guardians, a copy of which is appended to the Guardians Report, (vide minutes of 29th September) which was received on 28th August, is ostentatiously headed "Colonial Secretary's Office. Public Buildings. City." and is written on paper bearing the Government stamp. It is perhaps worthy of note that the subject of this letter, written on the eve of the day appointed for the Guardians to meet to continue the investigation into Mr. Croney's charges, was his declining to attend that or any other meeting of the Guardians held for any such purpose.

Once more in his letter to the Colonial Secretary dated 6th September, there is allusion to another important interview at which business of great consequence seems to have been discussed. Mr. Croney begins this letter as follows, "I asked you yesterday kindly to say to his Excellency for me that ——— that I will feel obliged would he send &c". and further on he writes "as you seen for yourself yesterday that the working of the Institution is very badly done."

Last of all, the Vestry confirm no letter of Mr. Croney's conveying his request to the Governor to appoint what he elsewhere calls "a Royal Commission to enquire into the affairs of the Parish generally". Mr. Croney merely states that he has done so in his letter to the Chairman of the Board of Guardians. Whether the request was made at a private interview with the Governor, or in a private letter to His Excellency, or by a verbal message through the Colonial Secretary, does not

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appear. This last method seems however to have been adopted in preferring his request that "the whole Document should be sent to the Secretary of State". In his letter to the Colonial Secretary of 6th. September, which has already been referred to, Mr. Croney writes "I asked you yesterday kindly to say to His Excellency for me, that if he has not the authority to deal with the shortcomings and disorders of the Parish of St. John, that I will feel obliged would he send the whole Document to England to the Secretary of State &c".

The Vestry offer no comment upon these facts - They do however feel bound to express their surprise at the indications of familiarity and association manifested in the Correspondence submitted to them. These they are unable to understand on any other supposition than that Mr. Croney did receive an undue measure of countenance and encouragement, if not aid, in his **strange course**. And this is the more surprising when it is remembered that the Vestry, which on Mr. Croney's mere assertion is considered untrustworthy in such a matter as enquiry into charges against the Parish Doctor and the Dietch of the Almshouse, and is deemed capable of ~~Abetting~~ Conniving at their alleged offences, includes amongst its members not only Sir John Sealy a member of the Executive Council, and Mr. J. H. Thomas, one of the members for the Parish and a member of the Executive Committee, to neither of whom did His Excellency the Governor deem it requisite to refer for information; but also Dr. Grant E. Thomas, formerly and for many years President of the Council, when that body was possessed of Executive as well as Legislative powers, and more than once Administrator of the Government of the Colony, Mr. J. A. Haynes formerly a member of the same Legislative and Executive Council, Dr. Sealy recently a member of the Legislative Council, and the Rector of the Parish who is also Chairman of the Board.

So far as Mr. Croney personally is concerned

concerned, the Vestry would have been content to make a brief reply could they have been satisfied that Dr. Croney's document and all his letters in original would reach the eye of his Lordship the Secretary of State for the Colonies—

Sir John Sealy moved the adoption of the Report by the Board, which was seconded by Dr. G. E. Thomas and agreed to, Dr. W. F. Croney alone dissenting.

Sir John Sealy proposed, that a Copy of the Report be engrossed, and when ready, be signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Vestry, and forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, together with Copies of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Vestry, held on 18th. August, and 29th. Sept. ult. that they may be submitted to his Excellency the Governor.

Dr. G. E. Thomas seconded, and this was agreed to unanimously

The Churchwardens presented an application from Dr. E. G. Carilton for increase of Salary as Alms House Clerk. The matter was discussed by the Board, but they considered the Salary as at present, sufficient.

Dr. G. E. Thomas proposed, that the whole correspondence forwarded by the Colonial Secretary should be entered on the Minutes of to-day's meeting.

Sir John Sealy seconded, and this was agreed to unanimously

Dr. E. G. Louis proposed that the Report and all the documents to which it refers should be published.

Dr. W. A. Toppin, seconded and this was agreed to unanimously.

The following is a Copy of the paper read by Dr. W. F. Croney, at a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Saturday the 18th. of August 1883. and forwarded to His Excellency The Governor.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Board of Guardians on Monday

Monday the 6th Inst. A matter in which I had been considering for some time past and in which I thought the time had come that you Gentlemen should take part in as I said before. when I went to the meeting I saw the Dr was anxious to get away. I said Dr. I have something to say which Concerns you, and would like you to be present to hear it with the consent of the Chairman, I at once began to state that as a Tax payer I thought the Medical Officer's fees much too high, and looking to the large population of St Philip and St John, I thought the appointment too much for one man to hold, as the Chairman ruled that they had no power, hence the meeting to-day.

Reply.

The Medical Officer replied that professional men were hard to get, and were Gentlemen, but that tradesmen and shopkeepers were plenty, and in saying so pulled slightly the left arm sleeve of the Chairman's Mr Haynes' coat. with that amount of mirth or mockery in his countenance which meant insult to me, I trust as Brother Vestrymen you will stand by me, as the same may occur to each of you if slightly overlooked. Mr Chairman in my letter to you on the morning of the 13th Inst. I quite ~~forgot~~ overlooked the fact that the remedy was in my own hands, on meeting days the Dr will be told that his place is in the dispensary, and should he be wanted he will be called taking him for a Gentleman I have often left my seat and handed him a Chair, but I find by sad experience that I was wrong. Now Mr Chairman for business the above is only an Introduction

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen, I have had the honour and felicity to sit here amongst you for many years as a member of Vestry, and I am not a little proud of it, but my grievance today is not only as a Vestryman, but as a proprietor and in consequence a Tax payer, I am not satisfied with the existing state of affairs in the parish at present, nor have I been from the first, in laying the rates £200 a year is provided or $80 Per month for the medical Doctor, but I am not certain if any sum is put by to pay for casual calls, now Mr Chairman and Gentlemen.

Gentlemen, I put in my protest against it, for the last two months Dr. Greenidge has received £80 per month and over £30 each month for casual calls, making the monthly sum over £110, now as reasonable Gentlemen, I ask you how are we to keep out of debt, or who is to pay for this extravagance. Now Mr. Chairman I will address you as a member of the Vestry and entitled to a partial hearing. I move that notice be given in the local newspapers to medical men to apply for the post of parish Doctor, at the following rates the yearly pay to be fixed at £150, the midwifery cases at £5 each, all casual cases at 10/ each including simple factures dislocations &c, all cases of amputation such as taking off a limb &c to be sent to the general hospital. The appointment not to be made nor the situation given to any medical man holding an appointment or situation in another parish, should he take another situation in or out of the parish, otherwise than his private practice he is to consider himself discharged with no further notice and to be paid up to that date, now Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen. I am satisfied and will guarantee that we will get a Doctor who will gladly take the situation and move within easy distance of his duties and calls, and give more satisfaction than we have had yet, for I should lie if I was to say that I have been satisfied with the duties of the Doctor for one week. Now Mr. Chairman, I honour grey hairs, where the behaviour suits, even in a poor man, but when I look at the grey hairs I have the honour to sit with in front of me I not only honour them but reverently respect them, indeed I am not telling an untruth when I say I love them, for the possessors of them have always treated me with such marked respect that they have endeared me to them, but I hope that after raising their feeling in my favour, I shall not damp them by my remarks. When the Salary was fixed by Sir John Lealy, I was rather surprised but as I said before I honour grey hairs and allowed them to rule and the salary was fixed unanimously by the board and I regret to say my Voice amongst the number but past experience has taught me that I was wrong more than a year ago, finding that the Inmates were neglected, for if I asked Dr. Greenidge a question about any inmate he could seldom if ever give any information, but as I said before more than a year ago the board of Guardians gave an order that on Visiting days each

each inmate was to remain in doors those who were unable to rise, to lay on their beds, and those able to stand to be at the foot of their beds. I would very much like you to have the testamony of the Matron whether such rules have been carried out, if not even once, the Evidence of the Matron will shew us how blind we have been to our Interest, on the 20th. of last month July, I sent a lame Cripple man to the almshouse in a donkey cart, when I attended the meeting on Monday the 6th. day of August, I asked Dr. Greenidge have you seen that boy Isaac his answer was, Isaac who, I said dont think he knows himself by any other name, I said well go and see him, he said just let me finish here and I will see him later in the day I said well Doctor, have you seen Isaac, he said Oh, there is nothing the matter with him he is shamming, now Gentlemen for the poor boy's sake, I wish he was in a position to be shamming, I think he would be glad not to do so in conclusion Gentlemen, I beg to be thoroughly understood Dr. Greenidge as a private Gentleman, I am a friend to I am not certain whether he means the same to me but in matters of public business I have no friends, Gentlemen, the Guardians are working under you, the appointment of the Doctor is yours, but the discharging of him for neglect of duty or otherwise is ours the Guardians, If Mr. Haynes the Chairman had have been as willing as myself this meeting to-day would have been in part to informd you of his dismissal, for I should should have discharged him on the spot. Gentlemen I told you just now that the Evidence of the Matron would only open your eyes to the fact how that blind we have been to our Interest, you have heard her say she has no control over the Inmates, they will not be governed by her, now Brother Guardians in scaring or cuting my skin, I certainly do not intend to let yours be whole I will now take the Veil off the face of this highly respected board of Guardians who have been holden up as a patern to the other parishes, God knows how much ashamed I feel to be one of them, pocketing the public money and suffering neglect and abuse to continue week after week, year after year. Mr. Hart will shew you from a little book, we met the 1st. monday in each month to check the stores, it is said, we turn to work, how much meal is on hand 1 Brl, and, 1 and 25 lbs, we go into figures we find the

the meal 60 lbs Short as the case may be we call the Matron, how is this, the meal is 60 lbs. short, she says I dont Know. I cant account for it there is the price of 60 lbs of meal added to her already heavy saving. we next take rice, what is on hand 1 Bag A.N.D 1 A.N.D 50 lbs. find that short, more saving. we then take other articles nearly all short. we come to pork, there is an Elizah, ready on the spot, behold the old woman's Crime commences to run the pork is 25 lbs over but the mouth before the same pork barrel was short of pork so much for our numeration table which cannot be complete without the help of the Alphabet with A. N. D. now Gentlemen I think I have fully established a case against the Doctor for neglect of Duty and insubordination and also ~~them~~ as fully as possible that the present Matron is not fit for the highly responsible post she is holding. You clearly see she is not up to figures without the assistance of A. N. D. letters My advise is that she be discharged and a man of Good Character, and stern, when he gives his orders in having them carried out and obeyed, and that we give him a good salary which I think will prevent the recurrence of short weights, with your permission I will read to you a piece on the working of the poor law system. I will pass over the first part of it and only mention the part we have to notice at present. It may be as well to say however that in St Michael &c (see Slip Paper).

I move Gentlemen, that we give the Doctor whoever he may be half the salary of the present Dispencer to pay a young man which he will have to train to the work and remain with him and instruct him untill he is competent in short Gentlemen let us purge the camp of all impurities, let us take Achan the son of Zerah and all that he hath and burn them with fire and stone them with stones that they may die Now Gentlemen I think you all know Mrs Bradshaw before she was appointed matron, you all see what a distinguished person she is now you know what per mouth she gets and you can judge if her wages will do it. She has her money on the Savings Bank report says she has her new house Cattle and Stock and if part of that is not the proceeds of the short weights, I am very much mistaken hoping Gentlemen that you will forgive me for detaining you so long I will now ask Mr. Hart to take the little book and give you an account of the goods Checked from January this year up to the last meeting,

after

after which you can try the witnesses on both sides and the boy Isaac is waiting to exam for you Dr. Healy and I will be quite satisfied with your evidence so far as he is concerned. After we cleanse the Camps of all of Achan's tribe, the blessing of God will attend us, and then if we deserve honour on our labours and we get it, we can afford to rejoice over it but I assure you Gentlemen we have more to be ashamed of at present than proud off. for there is more than half of the unfortunate inmates in the Grave who would have been alive and well if they had have been better cared for by the Doctor, there is one man Doctor Gibson who would have been alive, it grieved me to see him so neglected, there is another fact I cannot omit in Conclusion Dr. Greenidge hates the negroes as the Devil hates holy water I have repeatedly heard him say how he hates them, when one comes under his hand with a sore his pleasure is to burn them up with blue stone and put them in a mad state, the Clerk Guardians, or Tarilton will testify to that.

The following is a Marginal note to the above "His Excelency is at liberty to make any use of the enclosed information he chooses."

W. F. Crosby.
Member of Vestry & P. L. S.
Parish St. John.

Copy of Memorandum forwarded to His Excellency The Governor by W. F. Crosby Esquire.

"Alms House Investigation."
Monday, August 20th 1883.

Mr. Chairman, with your permission I shall commence the business of the day, the first thing is Mr. Chairman that Dr. Greenidge gives me a written apology for his conduct to me on Monday 6th. August, I also demand that each proposal, each Question and each answer to and from every Gentleman present today be accurately recorded in the minits and that a copy be furnished to me as soon as possible, now you will please examine Dr. Greenidge about the charge I have brought against him for neglect of duty and insubordination, you will please call in Robt.

Estwick

Estwick, and after him the Matron to give their testamony truthfully I hope.
Now we will proceed in trying the Matron for the short weights and deficiencies of stock at the Alms House for the seven months of the year and if possible we have a vestry meeting to-morrow and report the results with the view of having them paid for.

England expects every man to do his duty.
the man that is shot in the back to be buried with his face down.

W. F. Crowey
Member of Vestry and
Poor Law Guardian
Parish of St. John.

Copy of a letter from Dr. W. F. Crowey to the Hon.ble C. C. Kuolleys. Colonial Secretary.

This letter was in the first instance addressed to the Hon.ble Henry A. Boorle, Solicitor General.

Dated 23rd August 1883.

Dear Sir, I went to His Excelency Sir Wm. Robinson on Saturday evening, he told me he had friends and could not attend to me, I went on Tuesday to the Secretary's office and asked Dr. Bailey to telephone to his Excelency to receive me 1/4 past 11 o'clock this answer was he prefered my communicating in writing to him through you which I have taken pleasure in doing I should have liked to have given you some comment on the stateing enclosed but time will not permit, as I have been at my pen from 4 o'clock this morning and I may be late for the post it is now 1/4 past eight but if possible I will give it you to-morrow but at any rate I will mention for his Excelency's information that we need not expect any consideration from the Vestry or Guardians in respect of justice as they are all against me for committing the unpardonable sin of bringing it before his Excelency and giving him a copy the thunders

of

Horab or Mt. Sinai could not excell the Judgements pronounced upon me on Saturday by the Vestry and on Monday by Mr. Coppin, not the Chairman. old Sir John Sealy went so far as to tell me now Mr. Crosby you are the real culprit and has turned informer you ought to be carried out and shot

in haste.

Yours very Truly

W. F. Crosby.

Member Vestry & P. L. G.

St. John.

Excuse stops. and I have not read it over for want of time, I am off to the post office.

His Excelency is at liberty to make any use of the information enclosed W. F. Crosby.

N. B. This letter enclosed the two previously copied articles.

W. F. C.

From W. F. Crosby Esqr to

The Hon. C. C. Knolly's.

Colonial Secretary.

"Ebenezer"

August 27th. 1883.

The Honble

C. C. Knowles &c. &c. &c. &c.

Colonial Secretary.

Dear Sir. Should his Excelency think it necessary to appoint a royal Commission of enquiry, I will feel obliged would you have James P. Drasciah Esqr summonsed and request him to bring with him the small books he used to take the monthly balances in. I know he is very careful so that I have no doubt he has them safe and as Mr. Darilton the Inspector is not allowed to speak. I will feel obliged would you have him summonsed that he may give his evidence on oath. on looking up I find we have no authority to put out a Vestryman for non attendance. I have therefore used a dodge this morning and sent a letter by my servant requesting him as he cannot attend to duty to write a letter of resignation and give it to my servant to take to the

to the Chairman of the Vestry

Yours very truly.

W. F. Crowey.

P.S. I will have an interview with you to-morrow.

From W. F. Crowey Esqr.
to
The Hon. C. C. Knolly's.
Colonial Secretary.

"Ebenezer"

Hon'ble C. C. Knowles &c &c
Colonial Secretary.

August 29th 1883.

Dear Sir,

I will feel obliged should his Excelency appoint a commission, to ask him before doing so, to order down to him the minits of the last two meetings at the Board of Guardians and the Board of Vestry particularly the rough sheets or originals of the minits for the inspection of his public officers, Attorney General &c

Yours Truly
W. F. Crowey.

From W. F. Crowey Esqr.
to Joseph A. Haynes Esqr.

"Ebenezer"
Sept. 3rd 1883.

Joseph A. Haynes Esqr.
Chairman to Board of
Guardians Parish St. John

Dear Sir,

I beg leave to state for your information, that I will be quite willing to attend a special Board of the Vestry, at any time you give me notice day or night, I object to it this afternoon on account of Mr. Coppin's obstinacy

Yours very Truly
W. F. Crowey.

P.S. I will be at home to-morrow 4th inst all day, I will be in Town on Wednesday and at the Station on Thursday to 12 o'clock, but will attend any hour after or any

or any day Sunday excepted.

From W. F. Cooney Esq.

to. The Hon. C. C. Knollys
Colonial Secretary.

"Ebenezer"
September 3rd. 1883.

Houble. C. C. Knollys &c &c &c &c
Colonial Secretary

Dear Sir,

This is a copy[x] of a letter I sent to Revd. E. M. Sealy M. A. Chairman of Vestry Parish St. John, after the meeting of the Board of Guardians today.

Revd. E. M. Sealy M.A. Ebenezer. Sep 3rd 1883.

Dear Sir, at an ordinary meeting of the Board of Guardians today, I was very much pressed by Mr. Toppin, to allow the charges against the almshouse to be entered into, but I refused on the grounds, that it would not be fairly, Justly or amicable settled by them, or the Vestry, they the Vestry being Ignorant of the working of the Institution, or the calculation of the goods, I therefore would not go into Extraordinary work on ordinary days, for the reasons given below. List of goods checked to day as per Books, Meal 82 lbs over what received Rice 117 lbs. on hand, Flour 10 lbs do do do, peas right, Bread right. Fish 31 lbs. do do do, Coffee right, Potatoes 72 lbs. over do " " , Tobacco on hand first monday in last month, one and half lbs, none have been bought, and three lbs have been used out of the one and half lbs. then on hand. now Revd I think by this time, you must see what a generous old Prophet old Elijah is, I beg to be understood, I mean no disrespect to the Vestry of which I am proud of being a member, by any thing that is written therein the above is a copy[x]

Mr. Toppin insisted that I should proceed with the Charges, as the Governor had no power to appoint a Royal Commission, it could

it could only be investigated by the Guardians. I said well you will see, I said at any rate I will not attend any extraordinary meeting, untill I am summonsed by such commission, I said moreover I have asked to have Mr. Jas. P. Brasier and Mr. Tarilton summoused, Mr. Coppin said then the matter is at an end, I said no, it will be investigated by a royal commission, Mr. C. said well Mr. Chairman, these minits is of no use untill they are confirmed which will not be for a fortnight, and I would like you to call a meeting of the Vestry at once, I said I will attend none, but if you remember in a former document I told you that I asked the Chairman of the Vestry for a copy of the minits of the first meeting on the Saturday which you have the date of and he told me I could not get it untill they was confirmed which would not be untill the next meeting of the Vestry, under the circumstance I wrote a letter to Mr. Haynes, expressing my willingness to attend a special meeting any day or night. Sundays excepted, of Coarse they will get no more out of me, but as the Chairman signs the previous minits I will call to him for a copy which by Law the Clerk is obliged to furnish me with at an early date, which I will lose no time in forwarding to you, enclosed is a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Haynes on the 6th inst

I remain Yours very Truly
W. F. Crowley.
Member of Vestry and P. L. G
Parish of St. John.

P. S. I could say more but it is rather late it is 1/4 Past 10 P. M. I have had to write copys to keep of each

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From W. F. Crowley Esq.
to Hon. C. C. Knollys.
Colonial Secretary.

"Ebenezer". Parish St. John
Sept. 6th/83

Honble.
C. C. Knollys &c &c &c &c
Colonial Secretary

Dear Sir. I asked you yesterday kindly to say to his Excelency

Excelency for me that if he has not the authority to deal with the shortcomings and disorders of the parish of St. John that I will feel obliged would he send the whole Document to England to the Secretary of State for his consideration but in order to have the matter fairly and justly dealt with on both sides I think it necessary that he should have the minits of the Vestry meetings and the Guardians meeting from the date of the first meeting when I brought the Charges the Institution and its officers, I am a Tax payer and only one of a body of Vestrymen and I feel and know that I am unjustly rated with the taxation the money being improperly spent, and as you seen for yourself yesterday that the working of the Institution is very badly done, the Matron being incompetent for the responsible office she is holding, when the goods is not short weight by some mysterious way, she manages to let them be over and above what she has received, think of the mystery of her delivering 3 lbs of Tobacco to the 3rd Sep. when she only had on hand 1½ lbs in stock the first Monday in August. I pray that his Excelency Sir. William Robinson Governor in Chief of Barbados and the windward Islands, will take the matter into his hands and will leave no stone unturned until the Charges is fairly proved against all concerned, I am a business man to the end of my fingers, and once taking any business in hand never loose sight of it until properly finished as whatever is worth doing at all is worth being done well

I remain yours very Truly
W. F. Crosney
Member of Vestry and Poor Law Guardian
Parish of St. John

From W. F. Crosney Esqr. to Revd E. M. G. Sealy.

"Ebenezer August 13th 1883.
Monday 11 to 4 o'clock P.M.

Revd E. M. Sealy M.A.
Chairman of the Vestry
Parish of St. John

Dear Sir. I will feel obliged would you kindly let me know

know if you have appointed the day and hour for the special meeting of the Vestry to consider Dr. Greenidges conduct, it is business of importance and should be attended to with as little delay as possible, I most respectfully inform you that I shall give notice and have it recorded in the minits of the meeting on Monday next, that I resign my seat as a Member of the Guardians after Monday 20th August, as long as Dr. Greenidge holds the Situation, he insulted me at the Board on the 6th Inst, and I shall avoid giving him an opportunity of repeating it, so much for a Public man doing his duty fearlessly, if a months notice is necessary, but I shall enquire of the Attorney General to-morrow about that. I advise that we pay him in advance and send him about his business, and look for some other Gentleman and pay piece work until we can replace one permanently,

Yours very Truly
W. F. Crowley.

Evan. McG. Sealy
Rector.

Barbados Parish of Saint John

At a meeting of the Freeholders of this Parish, held on Monday the fifth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, James. Francis. Browne Esq.r was duly elected to serve as a Vestryman in the place of Peter L. Kirton Esq.re lately deceased

Henry F. Hart
Par. Treasurer & Vestry Clerk.

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Monday 26th. November 1883.

Present. I. A. Haynes W. F. Croney.
W. A. Toppin Esquires. I. N. Thomas.
The Hon. Sir John Sealy K.C.M.G. John Sealy. M.D.
George A. Sealy. Esquires
The Rector.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. I. N. Thomas offered an excuse from Dr. G.E. Thomas, and The Rector offered one from Dr. E.L. Louis for their absence from the meeting of today.

The Chairman stated, that in accordance with the instructions of the Vestry, he had signed the Report on the "Document" and correspondence of Dr. W. F. Croney and forwarded the same to the Colonial Secretary, from whom he had received the following Communication.

No. 814.

Colonial Secretary's Office
Barbados.
19th. November 1883.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor, to acknowledge the Communication from the Vestry of St. John's, commenting upon the letters complaining of the maladministration of Poor Relief in the Parish, which were sent to His Excellency by Dr. Croney, with a request that they should be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

The Governor notices with regret that the Vestry in making use of the opportunity afforded them of furnishing any information they deemed called for by the charges contained in Dr. Croney's letters, have introduced into their report certain insinuations with regard to the nature and object of the Communications between the Government and Dr. Croney, insinuations unwarranted by anything the Government has done

has done, aimed at, or is responsible for in this matter.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
C. C. Knolly,
Colonial Secretary

Revd. E. McG. Seely.
Chairman of Vestry, St. John's.

Dr. Seely, then proposed, that the Chairman be requested to reply to the letter from the Colonial Secretary just read, and to state that the Vestry could not admit that they had introduced into their Report unwarranted insinuations, that they had merely stated facts and drawn inferences from those facts; that the facts are not denied, and of the correctness or incorrectness of the inferences all who read the Report and the documents to which it refers will have an opportunity of judging.

This was seconded by Dr. J. O. Thomas and unanimously agreed to.

Dr. George A. Seely proposed that the Committee appointed to draw up the Report on Dr. Carney's Correspondence, be requested to arrange for the publishing of it and the documents referring thereto.

This was seconded by Dr. W. A. Loppin and agreed to unanimously.

Evan. McG. Seely.
Rector

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Freeholders of this Parish on Monday the Seventh day of January. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four the following Gentlemen were duly elected Vestrymen for the Current year.

Grant E. Thomas Esq.
Joseph A. Haynes Esq.
Walter A. Shepin Esq.
The Hon. Sir John Sealy. K. C. M. G.
George A. Sealy Esq.
William L. Chaney Esq.
John A. Thomas Esq.
John Sealy M. D. Esq.
Elliot G. Lewis Esq.
James Francis Browne Esq.

Evan. Mc G. Sealy. Auditor.

Henry F. Hart
Par. Treas.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Freeholders of this —
Parish on Monday, the twenty-first day of January,
One thousand eight hundred and eighty-four,
Allan Belfield Esqre was duly elected a Vestryman
of this Parish for the current year, in the place of
Elliot G. Louis Esqre. Dr. Louis having been also
elected a Vestryman of the Parish of Saint Michael,
for which Parish he had duly notified to the Chairman
of the Vestry of this Parish, he had elected to serve —

Henry D. Hart
Par. Treasr.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Monday, 28th January 1884.

Present. Joseph A. Haynes. C.W. W. F. Crosby
Walter A. Toppin Esqrs John H. Thomas Esquires
The Hon. Sir John Sealy K.C.M.G.
The Rector.

The Clerk stated he had received a letter from Dr. J. H. Browne, asking him to offer an excuse for his non-attendance at the Board today.

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been called today to appoint the Assessors for the current year as required by Sec. 41 of Act of 24th March, 1874 also to appoint the Committee to prepare the annual Estimates for the Levy of the Rates and Taxes for 1884, and to receive from the Poor Law Board, the Returns for the half year ended 31st December 1883.

Sir John Sealy proposed that the following Gentlemen be appointed a Committee to prepare the Estimates for the Current year, viz

Joseph A Haynes
Walter A. Toppin Esquires

This was Seconded by Dr. J. H. Thomas and agreed to unanimously.

Dr. W. A. Toppin proposed that an Assessor be appointed at the remuneration of Ten Dollars, and that Mr. James H. Puckerin be such Assessor.

This was seconded by Mr. J. H. Thomas and agreed to unanimously.

The Churchwardens

The Churchwarden presented the Poor Relief Returns for the half year ended 31st. Dec. 1883, which were passed by the Board.

The Board then adjourned sine die.

Evan. W. G. Sealy.
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Saturday 8th March 1884.

Present. Joseph A. Haynes C.W. George A. Sealy
Walter A. Tolpin Esquires. John A. Thomas.
Sir John Sealy K.C.M.G. John Sealy M.D. Esquires

The Rector.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been called to prepare, in conjunction with the Local Boards of Guardians, the Estimate for the Relief of the Poor of this Parish, for this year, as required by Section 22 of the Poor Relief Act of 1880.

The Estimates were then prepared, and are as follow

Alms House—	Salaries and Wages	£. 324.	
	Provisions	846.	
	Clothing	100.	
	Cleaning	25.	
	Lighting	72.	
	Burials	25.	
	Furniture	100.	
	Stationery	25.	
	Other Expenses	120.	
	Repairs and Improvements	480—	£2,116.
Out Door—	Pensions.	30.	
	Provisions	2,055.	
	Clothing	132.	
	Burials	72.	
	Extra Medical Fees.	150.	
	Medecine	150.	
Salaries—	Poor Law Guardians	192.	
	Clerk to do.	120.	
	Inspector	480.	
	Medical Officer	960	
	Dispenser	360	£4,701
		£6,817.	

Evan. McG. Sealy.
Rector.

Estimated Revenue for the Year Ending 24th March 1885.

Land Tax on 8,560 acres of land @ £1- pace	8,560	
Occupancy. 130 " " 2½d	31	20.
do £172 House Rents. @ 5. in the £	17	20.
Trade Tax on Shopkeepers.	53	00.
Pew-Rents at the Parish Church.	250	00
Dog Licenses 250. @ 5/- ea	300	00
The Massiah Bequest.	18	48
Balance Cr. from last year	632	01
£	9,861	89

Estimated Expenditure for the Year Ending 24th March 1885.

Poor Relief			
Rep Estimate.			6.817 00.
Education.			
Exhibitions to Lodge School	288	..	
Annual Grant to the Education Board.	360	.	648
Church and Chapels.			
Parish Church. Officers. £183- Organist £264-	447	.	
Chapels. do. £25- do. £144.	169		
Repairs. Parish Church. £100. Rectory £100.	200		
do. St Margaret. £150- St Mark. -	150		
Expenses at Parish Church £52- Tuning Organ £40	92		1,058
Salaries and Allowances.			
£120. Vestry Clerk — £36 Auditor — £83. Inspector of Trees.	239		
Sanitary Inspector and Surposes.	170		
Parochial Treasurer £600. Assessor. £10.	610		
Stationery, Printing &c	25		
Legal Expenses, confirming Levy	4	80.	1,048 80
Incidentals and Sundries			
Dog Labels.	30.		
Insurance of Rectory and Alms House.	32.		62
		£	9,633 80

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on the Seventh of April 1884.

Present. Grant E. Thomas. Esqr. John H. Thomas Esqr
Walter R. Toppin " John Sealy M.D. Esqr.
George A. Sealy " J. Francis Browne "
Wm F. Croney " Allan Belfield "
" The Rector.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Joseph Alleyne Hayues Esqr was appointed Churchwarden for present year.

Ordered - That an assessment at the rate of ($1.) One dollar on each, be assessed on all Owners of Land in this Parish, being (80^c) Eighty cents, for the Relief of the Poor, (16^c) Sixteen cents for the necessary Parochial Expenses, and (4^c) Four cents for Extraordinary Expenses.

Ordered - That an assessment at the rate of (24^c) Twenty-four cents on each on the rental, be assessed on all Occupiers of land in this Parish, not being the Owners thereof, of or above the yearly rental of Ten pounds, Sterling, in respect of such occupancy.

Ordered - That an assessment at the rate of (5^d) Five pence in the Pound Sterling on the rental, be assessed on all Occupiers of Houses in this Parish, not being the Owners thereof, of or above the yearly rental of Ten pounds, Sterling in respect of such occupancy.

Ordered - That the undermentioned Persons, Shopkeepers, do pay as a Tax on Trade, the amounts respectively set against their names.

Baker, Thomas	2	Guy, Robt. H.	1	Grant E. Thomas
Bradshaw W. D.	1	Grosvenor R. S. H.	1	W. R. Toppin
Brooker, Benj.	1	Gibbons, Mrs. Rebecca	"	Geo. A. Sealy.
Brooker, Geo. E.	1	Goddard, Josiah	1	Wm F. Croney
Beckles, Eliza W.	1	Gordon E. T.	1	J. H. Thomas
Burrows, Jas. R.	1	Mayers, Albert D.	1	J. Sealy
Croney, W. F.	3	Mayers, Abram T.	1	
Clarke, W. F.	1	Mayers, Jas: Tho:	1	J. Francis Browne
Collins Geo. C.	4	Miller, Jas. T.	2	
Codrington J. Robt.	1	Motley, Julius A.	1	Allan Belfield.
Crawford, Fredk.	1	Nicholls, James H.	1	
Divines, Nat	1	Newton, E. P.	1	
Downey J. Wilson	1	Ramsey, John W.	2	
Edwards, Robt. A.	1	Rebelli, Francis N.	1	
Howard, Jno. H	1	Rous. Hester J.	1	
Harding Geo. J.	1	Sainthill, Abel	1	
King, W. E.	1	Small, George T.	1	
Lee, Robt. H.	1	Spencer, James E.	1	
Gay. John R.	2	Stoute, Richd E.	1	
Goddard, W. W.	3	Tempro, Amos.	1	
Gill, Henry	1	Wilkie, James E.	1	
Greaves, John C.	1	Total	53	

Exam. W. G. Sealy.
Rector and Churchwarden

Ordered - That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following Pensioners the amounts respectively set against their names.

Sarah Goddard* 8. — Jane Clearwood* 6.
Jane Standards 6. Anne Miller 4.
Elizabeth Weekes 6. Thirty dollars. £30

Ordered. That the Parochial Treasurer do pay the following poor White Widows the amount of three dollars and eight cents each, under the Will of Isaac H. Massiah decd.

Sarah Goddard — Elonia Gibson — Jane Clearwood
Mary H. Bridgelock — Hannes J. H. Moore — Caroline Wood

The following Committees were appointed.

Poor Law Guardians.

The Churchwarden -
W. R. Toppin
W. H. Crosby Esqrs

Education.

Grant E. Thomas Esq.
Sir John Sealy K. C. M. G.
The Rector

Commissioners of Health.

The Churchwarden.
The Medical Officer
Grant E. Thomas Esqr.
Walter A. Toppin "
George A. Sealy "
Wm H. Crosby "

Commissioners of Highways.

Walter A. Toppin - Joseph A. Haynes - and George A. Sealy Esquires

Building Committee.

The Churchwarden — John Sealy M. D. Esqr.
W. A. Toppin Esq — John H. Thomas Esq
G. A. Sealy "

Inspector of Trees.

Walter A. Toppin Esq

Lay Representative to the Church Council.

George A. Sealy Esqrs

The Chairman laid before the Board, the Auditor's annual report of the Parochial Treasurer's books and accounts, shewing a balance of $632.01¢. Six hundred and thirty-two dollars and one cent, due by him to the Parish on 24th March 1884.

The Chairman stated to the Board that had received due notice that no meeting of the Poor Law Guardians had been held on Monday 31st March ult. the usual day in course -

The Auditor's Report was ordered to be filed

Grant E. Thomas
W. H. Gaskin
Geo. A. Sealy.
W. H. Croney.
J. H. Thomas
V. Sealy
J. Francis Thorne
Allan Belfield.

Evan. M. G. Sealy.
Rector and Chairman

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

This is to certify, that the Levy, appointed by the Gentlemen of this Vestry, for the present year, and the Tax upon Shopkeepers, for defraying the Parochial Expenses have been duly published according to Law, and no legal objection made thereto.

Given under my hand this twenty-ninth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

Evan. McG. Sealy.

Rector, and Chairman of the Vestry.

Barbados.

By His Excellency The Governor

I do hereby allow and confirm The levy laid by The Vestry Of The Parish Of St: John for The present year, and do declare This my allowance and confirmation Thereof accordingly.

Given under my hand at Government House This fifth day Of May, 1884.

William Robinson Governor

Barbados. Parish Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Monday 28th. July 1884.

Present. W. A. Toppin Esqr. . I. A. Thomas Esqr
L. A. Sealy " John Sealy M.D. Esqre
W. F. Crokey "
The Rector -

Letters from. J. F. Browne and A. Belfield. Esqres offering excuses for non attendance were read -

Wm. Thomas also explained his absence from last meeting

Wm. W. A. Toppin, presented the Poor Relief Returns for the half year ending 30th June 1884, which were passed and signed by the Chairman

A discussion took place as to the advisability of providing a residence for the Curate of St. Margaret's at some convenient place in the District itself. At its close the following Resolutions moved by Wm. Toppin, seconded by Wm. Sealy, were unanimously agreed to -

i That application be made by the Vestry to Joseph A. Haynes Esqre to let Quintyne's House as a residence for the Curate of St. Margaret's at a rent of $20- p month, the house to be put by him in suitable repair for the purpose

ii. That Wm. Haynes consenting, the above arrangement begin from 1st August next -

iii. That a rent of $6. six dollars. p month be charged for the house now occupied by the Poor Law Inspector and recently used as the Curates' residence

The Chairman was requested to communicate the above Resolutions to Wm. Haynes and Wm. Darilton respectively -

Evan. McG. Sealy
Rector.

Barbados. Parish of Saint John.

At a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish on Monday 27th. October 1884.

Present. J. A. Haynes. C.W.
W. A. Toppin Esqrs
Sir. John Sealy K.C.M.G.
George A. Sealy
W. F. Croney.
J. A. Thomas.
John Sealy Jr. D. Esqrs

The Rector.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and Confirmed.

The Chairman stated he had called the meeting today to consider two Communications he had received from the Central Poor Law Board, one dated 14th. Oct. inst. in reference to the Latrines at the Alms House, the other dated 16th. Oct. inst. a Circular, with reference to cases of gangrene at the Alms House.

Sir John Sealy said he thought, that instead of confining themselves to those points brought to the notice of the Vestry by the Central Poor Law Board, it would be as well for them to take into consideration that part of the Poor Law Inspector's last Report, relating to this Parish, which was anything but favourable.

The Inspector's Report was then taken in detail.

On Par. 58 being read; "About thirty-eight per cent of the casual Medical cases were given by a Vestryman without reference to the Inspector, and in some cases without previous personal inspection. Some of them were not deserving cases, and certainly the system is not satisfactory except in urgent cases." after some discussion, Dr. Sealy proposed seconded by Mr. W.F. Croney that a committee be appointed to enquire into the circumstances referred to. This was agreed to, and the Chairman appointed, the Mover, the Seconder and

Wm. L. H. Thomas, a Committee for this purpose

On Par. 60 being read, which relates to the Slieve House, and in which it is stated "the death rate is high but there is no Medical Journal, and I have no means of ascertaining the cause of death, or of knowing if the sick are carefully treated" - the Vestry were of opinion that this should be remedied and a Medical Journal be kept, and the Guardians were requested to see that it was done.

The Board however were unanimous in considering that the Medical treatment of Patients was not a matter to be submitted to the criticisms of the Poor Law Inspector -

On Par.s 61 & 62 being read, the Board considered that the matters refered to might well be dealt with by the Poor Law Guardians -

On Par. 63 being read, which refers to the Latrines "the Latrines are unchanged, there are no Asylum Latrines so bad in the whole colony. The excreta have been accumulating now for about five years" - Wm. George A. Healy proposed, seconded by Wm. L. H. Thomas, that new Latrines should be built on a suitable site to W. of the present building, and that the building Committee be requested to take the matter in hand at once. This was agreed to Mr. Cooney objecting to its being done this year -

The Chairman was requested to reply to the Communication from the Central Poor Law Board about the Latrines, in accordance with this resolution -

The Board then adjourned sine die.

Evan. McG. Healy.
Rector.