



SALISBURY, Nov. 11, 1766.

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente,*

THAT the Thanks of this General Meeting be returned to the Rev. Dr. STONEHOUSE, for his very great Care and Trouble in compiling the Statutes and Rules for the Government of the SALISBURY INFIRMARY; that the President return the said Thanks; and that this Resolution be printed opposite to the Title-Page of the said Statutes and Rules.

RADNOR, President.

By Order of the General Court,

JOHN TURNER, Secretary.



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For the GOVERNMENT of the

GENERAL INFIRMARY,

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The City of SALISBURY,

FOR THE

Relief of the Sick and Lame P O O R,

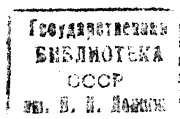
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The OFFICERS appointed at the Establishment
of this INFIRMARY, 1767, were

VISITOR, HENRY Earl of PEMBROKE and
MONTGOMERY.

PRESIDENT, WILLIAM Earl of RADNOR.

CHAIRMAN for the ensuing Year, Sir Alexander
Powell, Knt.

AUDITORS for the { Rev. Dr. Dodwell.
ensuing Year, { Rev. Mr. Foster.

TREASURER, Mr. Cooper, sen.

ASSISTANT TREASURER, Mr. Cooper, jun.

PHYSICIANS, { Dr. Hele.
{ Dr. Jacob.

SURGEONS. { Mr. Tatum.
{ Mr. Wick.

CHAPLAIN, Rev. Mr. *

SUPERINTENDING APOTHECARY for the ensuing
Year, Mr. Smith.

HOUSE APOTHECARY, Mr. Horler.

SECRETARY, Mr. Turner.

MATRON, Mrs. Caufway.

* The Election of the Chaplain was deferred.

Present OFFICERS of the INFIRMARY,

1792.

VISITOR, HENRY Earl of PEMBROKE and
MONTGOMERY.

PRESIDENT, JACOB Earl of RADNOR.

CHAIRMAN for the present Year, Mr. Alderman
John Cooper.

AUDITORS for the { Rev. Edward Emily.
ensuing Year, { Rev. John Henry Jacob.

TREASURER, Mr. Freemantle.

ASSISTANT TREASURER, Mr. George Ambrose
Baker.

PHYSICIANS, { Dr. Grove.
 { Dr. Dobson.

SURGEONS, { Mr. Still.
 { Mr. White.

CHAPLAIN, Rev. Edward Moore.

SUPERINTENDING APOTHECARY for the present
Year, Mr. Edgar.

HOUSE APOTHECARY, Mr. Wallen.

SECRETARY, Mr. Turner.

MATRON, Mrs. Kellow.

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S T A T U T E S
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SALIBURY INFIRMARY.

N. B. These Statutes cannot be repealed, nor can any new ones be added, without the Consent of at least Thirty Governors assembled at the annual Court.

I.

RESOLVED,

THAT this Society shall consist of a The Society and its Members. Visitor, President, Governors, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Auditors, Physicians, Surgeons, and Chaplain, with such other Officers as shall hereafter be specified, as likewise a proper Number of Servants, and that this Society act and be distinguished by the Name or Title of THE GOVERNORS OF THE SALISBURY INFIRMARY, *for the Relief of the sick and lame Poor, from whatever County recommended.*

II.

THAT all Benefactors of Fifty Pounds The Qualification of a Governor. and upwards, given at one Time, or in the Course of any one Year, be Governors during *Life*; and that all Subscribers of Two Guineas a Year and upwards be Governors during *Payment*; (by which is to be understood that no Governor or

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Member of the Committee can have a *Right* to vote whose Subscription is not paid to the *Time* of his voting; and the Secretary is to satisfy the Chairman, that every one's Subscription is paid before they proceed to Business;) and likewise the Physicians and Surgeons of the Infirmary during their *Attendance*, whether they are Subscribers or not

III.

Four general Courts.

THAT a general Court of Governors shall be held four Times in every Year, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon; namely, on the thirty-first Day of August, on the Saturday in Easter Week, on the first Saturday in July, and on the Saturday after Christmas-Day; which general * Courts are to take the Reports of the Committee, inspect the Accounts, and transact such other Business as shall be then laid before them; and of these Courts public Notice shall be given, as specified in the *sixth* Statute.

IV.

Election of the Visitor, President, &c.

THAT the *Visitor* and *President* shall be considered as standing Officers *for Life*, provided they shall so long continue their Subscriptions; and that all other Officers,

* The first of these *quarterly* Courts (namely, the August Court) is sometimes called the *annual* Court, and the other three are, by Way of Distinction, frequently called *quarterly* Courts, tho' the Division is *not* (strictly speaking) *quarterly*.

as likewise the Chaplain, Apothecary, Secretary, and Matron, shall be annually chosen by Ballot, (to be taken as all Ballots at the Infirmary are to be) in the Manner prescribed in the Supplement, † at the Annual Court, and enter on their Offices immediately after the Adjournment of the said Court.

Whereas it is the common Practice to solicit Votes on a Vacancy in the Offices of Physician, Surgeon, Apothecary, Secretary, &c. and as many and great Inconveniences have frequently arisen from a too hasty Compliance with such Solicitations, to the Exclusion of the most worthy Candidates, and the permanent Detriment of the Charity; and as such inconsiderate Promises may render even the most judicious Statutes and prudential Rules of any Society ineffectual, it is hoped that every Governor of this charitable Institution will, on all such Occasions, keep himself entirely disengaged till the Day of Election; and then, after a due Examination into the real Merits of the Candidates, give his Vote according to what he apprehends most beneficial to that Charity, of which he is the Guardian, as well as the Benefactor. The Reasonableness of not promising Votes will be further evident, when it is considered that such Promises, previous to the Day of Election, prevent perhaps him who is the best qualified, from appearing as a Candidate, well knowing it would be impossible for him to succeed.

V.

The Office
of the Vi-
sitor.

THAT the *Visitor* (notwithstanding the *President* should be then present) shall in all Cases where an Appeal† is made for his Decision, be *Chairman*; that by his *sole* Authority he may summon a *special* Court of Governors, on giving the Notice required by the *sixth* Statute; and that all the Monies belonging to the Society, which shall be vested in the Stocks, shall stand in his Name, or the *President's*, with those of any two other Governors; and that the Treasurer and Assistant-Treasurer's Bond shall, if any be required, be deposited either with him or the *President*.

VI.

Special
Court.

THAT the *Visitor*, the weekly *Committee*, or any *twelve* of the Governors, (by a Writing under their Hands, delivered to the Secretary) shall have Power to summon a *special* Court, on five Days Notice given in the SALISBURY JOURNAL, (the Day on which the said Journal is dated being considered the first Day of the five) and that the particular Business to be transacted shall be expressed in every Advertisement for a *special* Court. Moreover, such Notice shall be affixed in Writing on the Door of the Infirmary, and on the West Corner of the Pillar under the Council-House at

† See Statute XII.

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Salisbury. The same Method of Proceeding is likewise to be observed with Regard to the annual Court and the three quarterly Courts.

VII.

THAT there be a weekly Committee of ^{The weekly} Governors, which shall meet every Saturday, except the same be Christmas-Day, and then on the preceding Day, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, at the Infirmary, four Members of which, and the Chairman, namely, five in the Whole, shall be deemed sufficient to transact the common Business at those Times, when a *full Committee* [see Statute X.] is not by these Statutes appointed.

VIII.

THAT all Governors, and the Treasurer ^{of whom} and Assistant-Treasurer during their Office, be standing Members of the said Committee. ^{composed.}

IX.

THAT the said Committee regulate ^{Business of} whatever relates to the Admission and Discharge of Patients, inquire into the Behaviour of Officers and Servants, examine and pass Accounts, order Payments, prepare what is requisite for the Inspection of general Courts, and transact such other Affairs as shall be committed to them by ^{the Com-} general ^{mittee.}

general or special Courts:—But that no Business be transacted, except what is here specified, without having been proposed *in Form*, at least a Week before hand, to a *full* Committee.

X.

The Power
of a full
Com-
mittee.

THAT a *full* Committee, by which is to be understood the Consent of *nine* or more Members, have Power to lay out, on Securities, as they shall think fit, such Sums as shall be given by Will, or otherwise, to the Use of the Infirmary, and likewise any Overplus Money which shall remain in the Treasurer's Hands; but that no Alterations, no additional Buildings, no new Purchases, except the Purchases here specified, shall be made without the Directions of a *quarterly*, or *annual* Court, at which *twelve* at least shall be present, and the Majority consenting.

XI.

Visitation
of Patients.

THAT the Committee shall hold a general Visitation of all the *Out*, as well as the *In* Patients, on the Saturday or the Saturday se'nnight *preceding* every quarterly or annual Court. The Manner of the Visitation is specified in the Supplement.

XII.

The Vali-
dity of the
Proceed-
ings.

That at every quarterly Court, the Minutes of the last preceding quarterly Court,

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Court, and of every Committee since, shall be read, and no Order shall continue in Force, unless the same shall be then confirmed: That at every annual Court the Minutes of the preceding Year shall be read, and no Order either of a Committee or quarterly Court shall continue in Force, unless it be then confirmed; but in case any *twelve* Governors shall think the Order of any quarterly Court or Committee improperly over-ruled by a *subsequent* quarterly Court, they have the Liberty of an *immediate* Appeal to the Visitor. The Orders nevertheless of the *annual* Court shall be obligatory without any Confirmation or Appeal.

XIII.

THAT at every Court and Committee the Names of all the Members present shall be entered, and a proper Index to the Minutes shall be made from Time to Time in the *foul*, and transcribed into the *fair* Minute-Book, previous to every general Court, whether quarterly, special, or annual, that by such an Assistance the President or Chairman may more readily refer to any Transaction.

XIV.

THAT the *President* be *Chairman* at all Meetings, except in such Cases where an Appeal

Appeal shall be made for the Decision of the Visitor; [see Stat. V.] that to every Order and Resolution made by the Courts or Committees, which shall be made public, it shall be in his Power to affix his Name, or not to affix it, as he shall judge proper; and that he shall have the Liberty at every annual Court, of nominating for the ensuing Year, from the Members of the Committee, a *Chairman*, to be approved by the said Meeting or Court, who shall be considered as a *standing* Officer, and preside in his Absence; but that the *same* Chairman shall not be nominated for *two* Years successively; and in Case the *President* shall omit or decline to nominate such *Chairman*, or in Case the *Chairman* so nominated should at any Time be absent, the Majority at such general Court, or weekly Committee, shall chuse their *own* Chairman for that Day; and whoever presides in the Chair shall have a casting Vote at all Elections and on all Questions where the Votes are equal.

XV.

Regulation of the
Chairman's Authority.

THAT neither the *President*, or his *Chairman*, or any other *acting* as Chairman, shall refuse to propose any Question, (provided such Question be *seconded*) nor shall he have Power to adjourn or dissolve any Meeting, without the Consent of a Majority, till the Business

Business be wholly finished; and in Case of such Refusal or Attempt to adjourn or dissolve any Meeting, the Majority of those present may constitute and appoint some other to preside in the Chair, in the same Manner as if the first Chairman was not then present.

XVI.

THAT at every annual Court, a Treasurer^{Treasurer} and an Assistant-Treasurer shall be chosen^{and Assistant Treasurer.} by Ballot out of such Governors as are Inhabitants of the City or Suburbs of SALISBURY; and that each of the Treasurers then elected shall, if required, join as Sureties for each other in a Bond of One Thousand Pounds, for the due accounting for and paying the Money which either of them shall receive for the Use of the Infirmary; which Bond shall be executed either *then* or at the *first* weekly Committee after the said Court, and that such Bond shall be deposited in the Hands of the *Visitor*, or *President*, subject to the Order of the *annual* Court. But in Case either of the Treasurer's or the Assistant-Treasurer's Death, the Survivor shall act *alone* till the next annual Court. Both the Treasurers, during their Office, are precluded from being Chairmen on any Occasion whatever.

XVII. That

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The two
Auditors.

THAT two Auditors be chosen at every annual Court, from the Members of the Committee, to inspect and audit the Accounts of the Infirmary, and to report the same from Time to Time, when required, and to transact such other Business as is specified in the Rules relating to the Auditors. But the same Persons shall not be elected two Years successively, or ever act, during their Office, as Chairman. And in Case either of them shall die within the Year, another Auditor shall be appointed by the next quarterly Court, or by a *full* Committee.

XVIII.

Two
House Vi-
sitors.

THAT two of the Subscribers (as they stand in the List alphabetically) be appointed in Course at every weekly Committee, to visit the Infirmary alternately, once every Day for the ensuing Week: That they have a printed Letter, signed by the Chairman and Secretary, delivered to them immediately, either by the Messenger or Porter; and if they are unwilling to attend, or cannot then engage to do it, the Committee shall appoint the next in Order in their Stead: And if one or both of these should at any Time be indisposed, or from any other Cause not be able to visit the Infirmary, it is desired, that he or they will appoint some other Subscriber
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