

As stated before, the Society was formed on the 26th day of March, 1768. The first meeting was held at the house which still stands at the corner of Granville and Salter Streets, then the residence of Mr. John Taylor; and at that meeting the Constitution and Bye-Laws which follow, and which bear evidence of that careful thought and good principle which have secured the stability and usefulness of the Institution, were unanimously adopted.

"Articles of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, to be held at the house where the members of said Society shall think most proper, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, to commence from this day, 26th March, 1768."

"The due consideration of these articles are such, that *Whereas* sickness and death are the common lot of all mankind, in order therefore to assist each other, as much as in us lays, we the subscribers do bind ourselves into a Society under the name of THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, or SCOTS CLUB, for the benefit of ourselves and assistance of each other, who may be afflicted with disease, or any other casualty or misfortune, in body, which God of his providence shall be pleased to send upon us. We do therefore by these presents, for the benefit of said society, agree to and oblige ourselves to each other, to observe the following articles, under all the restrictions and penalties hereafter mentioned."

"ARTICLE 1. Every member joining this Society shall pay seven shillings and sixpence, to be deposited into the Box, and one shilling for the good of the house the first night."