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OCCEDINGS of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MALI-FAX POOR MAN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, held on MONDAY EVEN-ING. JANUARY 21st, in the ROYAL ACADIAN SCHOOL,

#### The Honorable JUDGE HALIBURTON in the Chair.

The Report of the committee having been read, it was resolved unanimously;

On motion of J. W. Nutting, Esq. That the report now read be adopted, printed under the direction of the Committee of the Society.

2. On motion of Mr. William Ford, That the thanks of this meeting be given all the officers of the institution for their services during the past year, and all donors and subscribers, for their donations and subscriptions to the funds the Society.

. On metion of Michael Tobie, Esq. That the proceedings of the last meet-

(The following was then read from the records of the Committee:—The Secratry having communicated by letter to the Committee that the charity of the secrety has been distributed in a mode which has occasioned him so much trouble to put it utterly out of his power to discharge the duties of that office, and to Committee being themselves of opinion that the funds of the Society will not duit of relief being extended to the poor in the great variety of articles hereofore supplied them; It was therefore moved and resolved unanimously. That the recommended to the Society at the ensuing general meeting to direct their ands to be expended in the articles of Wood and Potatoes, and in cases of very not distress, such other relief as may be afforded under the directions of the mmittee; and that all the issues of the Society bereafter be confined between the 1st day of January, and the 1sth day of April: also, That Dr. Hume, (chaires to prepare the business of the General Meeting, and to revise the rules of the institution, that they may comport with the above resolution, should it be approved.)

 On motion of H. M. Cogswell, Esq. after much discussion, it was then reved unanimously, That the recommendation of the Committee now read be opted.

5. On motion of J. G. Marshall, Esq. That the rules prepared to compare ith the mode now adopted for the operations of the Seciety be read.

(The following were then read as the proposed rules :

1. This institution shall be designated "THE HALIFAX POOR MAN'S FRIEND SOCIETY," the object of which shall be to relieve the distresser of the poor of the town of Halifax with a supply of wood and positions during the winter mouths, and such other relief, in extreme cases, as may in the judgment of the Committee be deemed expedient: and a general meeting shall be field annually under the direction of the Committee.

2. Twenty persons shall be annually chosen as a Committee, also a Treasurer and Secretary, from among the members of this Society, to conduct its business, and five of its members shall constitute a quorum.

3. The Committee shall meet as often as business may require—it shall be furnished with a map of the town to be divided into wards, and shall appoint it us time to time as many and such persons as Visiters in those wards, as it may judge expedient.

4. The acting visitors, donors of 20s. or sub-cribers of 12s. annually paid in adcance, shall be considered the members of the Society, and entitled to vote at the General Meeting.

5. It shall be the duty of the Visitors of this Charity in their several wards; lat, to circulate extensively the Society's annual Report; 2d, to solicit and collect as much as possible towards the funds of the Society; 3d, to relieve the wants of those knose cases upon personal fragection are found to come within the spirit of the institution, agreeably to the instructions given them from time to time by the Committee; 4th, to make correct returns of their expenditure and its amount to the Committee, at such times as they may direct—and 5th, to farnish the Secretary with an alphabetical list of subscribers when called for.

6. A subscription of one shifting per month to be collected in the different wards by the Visitors, shall be selicited as extensively as possible, and any donations which the friends of this Society may be inclined to bestow, shall be thankfully received.

7. As journeymen and servants who are now receiving wages, may throug sickness or other causes be thrown out of employ, and may become objects e attention from the Society, they shall also be requested to contribute sixpeac monthly.

Any sum remaining in the hands of the Visitors at the meeting of the Committee, shall be then paid in to the said Committee, and by them paid over to the Treasurer.

9. As this Society is formed solely for benevolent purposes, none of its members shall receive the least remuneration for their services, and each subscribs shall at any time be at liberty to withdraw his name.

10. The books of this Society shall be always open to the inspection of the public.)

6. On motion of J. I. Chipman, Esq. resolved ununimously, That the rule new read be adopted, as the Rules of the Halifax Poer Man's Friend Seciety.

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> Treasurer-Mr. M. G. Black, Secretary-Mr. J. A. Barry.

(The Honorable Judge Haliburtos having left the chair, which was taken by Samuel Head, Esq.)

John Clark.

It was moved by John Starr Esq and resolved ananimously,

Walter Bromley, Esq.

Saml, Fairbanks, Esq.

That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Honorable Judge Haliburton, r the favor of his attendance upon the present occasion, and his able discharge the duties of the evening.

#### COMMITTEE.

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amuel Head, Esq. M. D. Mr. Patrick Ryan. lobert Hume, Esq. M. D. Hugh Bell. lichael Tobin, Esq. W. K. Reynolds, G Marshall, Esq. John M'Neil, David Hare, . Bromley, Esq. . Starr, Esq. Charles Loveland. . H. Cogswell, Esq. Andrew Richardson, Ir. John Clark, J. W. Morris, John Tremain, James Purvis, James Bain, Rev. Mr. Knox.

Treasurer, Mr. M. G. Black, Secretary, Mr. J. A Barry.

## REPORT.

A SECOND annual general meeting of the Halifax Foor Man's Friend Society replacing within itself the choice of its officers for the ensuing year, your Committee in resigning that authority with which they have been invested, will now proceed to give a statement of their transactions from December 6th, 1820, to January 2d, 1822, inclusive, a period of nearly thirteen months, during which it will be seen, from the numbers relieved, and the amount and the extent of the issues, that the importance and usefulness of the Institution have been but little diminished.

Relieved from 7th Dec. 1829 to 3d Jan. 1821, 124 cases, cont g' 486 persons.

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In the month of January last, the distress among many families from the want of clothing being very great, the Committee were kindly furnished by the order of his Excellency the Governor, with 20 great coats and 50 pairs of stockings, with which they were enabled to afford very seasonable relief. In addition to these, the Secretary of the Society was requested to purchase two pieces of flannel, to be made up into garments of different descriptions for women and children: and here the Committee cannot refrain from expressing, in the warmest manner, their thanks to those ladies who so very generously volunteered their services to manufacture for the Society 45 articles of clothing of the above description.

The Committee also acknowledge the kindness of A.F. Jones, Esq. and Mr. James Ritchie, who, in addition to their subscriptions, forwarded to the Secretary, the former, 12 shirts and 12 pairs of stockings; the latter, 6 shirts and 6 pairs of stockings.

Taking the example of the Committee of the preceding year for their guide, and experiencing the beneficial consequences of a store of wood having been provided with the grant of fifty pounds made by the Legislature, the Committee in the month of February, again presented a petition to the Legislature, for aid in behalf of the benevolent objects embraced by the Society; and with the accustomed liberality of that Honorable Body, the sum of £66: 13:4 was voted to be placed at the disposal of the Committee: being two thirds of £100, the other one third of which was given for conducting the soup establishment. With this sum the Committee contemplated purchasing a stock of wood for the requirements of the present winter, when it might be bought for 9s6d or 10s. per cord; but not having received it at the time that opportunity offered, they have not been enabled to lay in any part of their present stock under 12:6d, and some part at not less than 14s. per cord.

There are now in the Society's depots 1077 cords.

The Sub-Committee, in the month of February, reported to the Committee that the Visitors in distributing the articles of clothing among the poor, had found such great distress among their children from the want of apparel, that they had been enabled to afford them only a very partial relief. The Committee, therefore, requested the Secretary of the Society again to purchase two pieces of flannel to be made up, mostly, into articles for children's use. This was immediately done, and the ladies to whom the Committee have above acknowledged their obligations, were again the benevolent channel through

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In the month of April, the Committee suspected that the mantity of 60 bo funds of the Society were in numerous cases applied to the relief of persons who were more properly objects of attention from the Commissioners of the Poor-House, and they direct ed the Visitors to make returns of the cases so situated .- Fron ton in making t these it appeared that the suspicions of your committee were seed time to that well grounded, and judging that a continuance of relief from were about to do the funds of this Society, would only have a tendency to in only an ordinary duce such persons to decline making application for admit three thrusand by tance into the Poor-House, they directed the Visitors to dis what was their or continue giving relief in such cases, and to apply to the act. Aware that th ing Commissioner of the Poor-House for the month, for their of necessity from Admission into that establishment. This in several cases watwinter, be very done with success, and this Charity thereby relieved of a bur ar much provis then hitherto submitted to, though not contemplated at it the hands of the

Early in the season, the Committee received a communical tion from Captain Scott, R. N. at Dartmouth, stating the des titute condition of many of the colored and other settlers of that side of the harbour, and offering to undertake the dis tribution of whatever relief the committee might feel them sould purchase selves at liberty to grant. To this the Committee directed the Secretary to reply, that they fully appreciated Captain Scott kind offer, but that neither the funds nor the rules of the So ciety would admit of any relief being granted.\* Your Commit tee were induced to this from observing what had been th conduct of their predecessors in office, who, though they ha under the pressure of an uncommonly severe winter, granted supply of meal and molasses, and in the ensuing spring, quantity of seed potatoes, yet had left upon the books of the society the following Resolution, " That it is not the object this Society to relieve any cases of distress, but such as are foun resident within the wards of the different Visitors."

Your Committee, however, in the month of May, felt then selves warranted, from the situation of many individuals, w had neither seed nor wherewith to purchase it, to do some thing for their relief, and accordingly voted three hundre bushels of seed potatoes, two hundred bushels of which we distributed among the poor on the other side of the harbou and the remaining 100 bushels to those in the vicinity of the

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Although the Committee could not but consider themselves departing from the strict letter of the rules of the Institue o situated.—From tion in making the above grants, yet in looking forward from ir committee were teed time to that of harvest, and recollecting that what they nce of relief from were about to do, would be equal, under the advantages of a tendency to in only an ordinary season, to giving at the latter period at least ication for admit three thousand bushels, they could not hesitate a moment as to

apply to the act Aware that the field for the operations of this society, must e month, for their necessity from the pressure of the times, during the present several cases wat winter, be very large, the Committee were anxious to leave relieved of a bur as much provision as possible for the wants of the poor, in ontemplated at it the hands of their successors in office, particularly of wood nd potatoes, but on examining the state of the funds for this rpose, they found them completely exhausted. nevolent individuals, however, who were also sensible of importance of having a stock of the latter article on hand, ndly offered for the use of the Society as much money as could purchase a thousand bushels, and the Committee cordingly secured that quantity, while at the low price of shilling per bushel, which, with the permission of the mmittee of the Acadian School, are deposited in the cellar that building.

> The Committee are sorry to be under the necessity of anuncing a defalcation of about forty-pounds in the collecns of the year, compared with those of the preceding onee whole amount collected and paid into the hands of the easurer exclusive of the Legislative Grant, has been £319 : 11; that of the year before £360:9:9. They are, hower, in some degree, enabled to account for it, and they do t conceive it is so much owing to the diminished means of community, or to any abatement in its liberality, as to the ry great difficulty they have experienced in finding gentlen willing to accept the office of Visitors.

> To this difficulty it has also been owing that in some wards the town, it is possible some cases of distress may not have en attended to with that promptitude the Committee could ve wished, and that in others some impositions may have curred. The Committee did indulge the hope, that from hat had been said in the last Report, a sufficient number of ntlemen would have stepped forward to carry into effect the paritable intentions of the Society in every ward of the town;

but they are sorry to be obliged to express the disappointment of that hope: yet, they trust that rather than so noble an Institution should be permitted to totter, and finally to fall, a sufficient number of gentlemen to enable the committee during the ensuing year to appoint two to each ward, will offer their services as Visitors, and will scrupulously perform the duties required of them:—duties, which to a benevolent mind must be pleasing in the extreme.

As the Committee are led to believe that many fit and proper persons for Visitors, decline offering their services, under an impression of the duty required of them being very great, they will take this opportunity of defining it.

The performances required of a Visitor of this Charity, in the ward to which he is appointed, are, viz.—1st, an extensive circulation of the Society's annual report; 2d, to solicit and collect as much as possible towards the funds of the Society; 3d, to relieve the wants of those whose cases come within the spirit of the Institution; 4th, to make a correct monthly return to the Committee, embracing the articles expended, and shewing the amount of the expenditure; and 5th, to furnish the Secretary, when called for, an alphabetical list of the names of those persons who have paid their donations or subscriptions to the Society into his hands.

The Committee are not ignorant of its having been urged as an objection against the utility of this Institution, that pauperism has rather increased than diminished since its establishment; and that undeserving individuals having in some cases obtained its aid, has been given as a reason why some individuals, whose number the Committee are happy to say is small, have declined subscribing to its funds. those who wield such weapons as these against this Society. the Committee would offer the following questions, viz :-Whether it is not reasonable to suppose that the number of paupers would increase with the increasing pressure of the times, arising from the great difficulty experienced by poor persons in finding employment, during the two last years? Whether the extensive relief given to those paupers has not been much less felt by the community at large while given in subscriptions or donations to this Society, than if the same amount had been wrung from it by the clamorous entreaties of so many starving individuals? Whether a bare susceptibility of abuse in some of its remote ramifications, is a fair argument against the real utility of any Institution? Or, to speak more plainly, whether the Halifax Poor Man's Friend Society ought to cease its operations, and all our poor but deserving characters be passed by neglected, and suffered to remain without the necessaries of life, merely because it is possome degr

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Although the Committee are not prepared to deny that some improper objects may possibly have obtained a little relief from the funds, yet they are satisfied that the existence of the Society has been a great blessing to that part of the community in general, whose poverty has not been the consequence of indolence, but of misfortune; and many of these have shewn by their expressions of gratitude and respect, that they are not insensible of the favors received from the higher classes of Society, through the medium of this Charitable Institution.

The Committee would however impress upon the minds of the Visitors, the necessity of the greatest care on their part, that the funds of the Society are not applied to the relief of improper objects, many of whom, whose only recommendations were indolence and impertinence, have demanded its aid as a matter of right—They will therefore constantly bear in mind in dispensing the bounty of the members of this Society, that is not given to encourage indolence, or diminish industrious effort, but to relieve the distresses of those who are unable to resort to labour, or who, if able and willing, cannot obtain employment.

The Committee would here remark that a source of much perplexity and trouble has arisen from the conduct of some persons who are subscribers to the funds of the Society, and of many others who are not, who, as soon as an application is made to them for relief, refer the applicant to the Secretary of this Society, without taking any pains to inquire into the nature of the case. Numerous cases from almost every quarter in the province and therefore not within the cognizance of this Society, have, during the past year, been referred to its funds for that relief which could not be granted. The Committee would therefore remind those, to whom the above remarks apply, who are subscribers, that their money can only be expended under the particular rules of the Society; and they would request those who are not subscribers to desist in future, from attempting to take advantage of the existence of a charitable institution which is not indebted to them for any of its support.

The Committee acknowledge with gratitude the liberality of the public by which they have been enabled greatly to relieve the wants of many of their suffering fellow creatures during the past year, and in coming forward again with an appeal to the humanity and generosity of a benevolent community, they cannot avoid observing that the peculiar characteris-

tic of this Society which gives it the strongest claim upon its liberality is its providing a quantity of fuel for the winter—this being an article, from the total want of which, having no means of purchasing it while at the usual high prices of the winter months, our poor have always suffered exceedingly—and which, individuals, even if inclined, have not conveniencies for laying up. The benefits therefore arising from this Society making that particular provision in the article of fuel, which, if left to individuals would probably not be made, may easily be traced: 1st, in a supply of that article to that class of the poor who are unable to purchase; 2d, in its tendency to keep down the price in favour of those who are able to buy—and 3dly, in making that portion of the charity of the community with which it is purchased, reach to a much greater extent than if placed at the disposal of paupers themselves.

If any extraordinary consideration be wanting to make an appeal at this peculiar season more forcible, your Committee find it in the circumstance of disease being unhappily combined with the ordinary distresses of poverty. The measles are spreading their ravages throughout the habitations of the poor, and only this Society has it in its power to afford those who are labouring under them, that relief from the inclemency of the weather which is of the first consequence, and long before the season arrives at which the poor will be able to obtain employment and provide for themselves, the stock of wood in the Society's depots will be expended.

In addition to this it will be seen on reference to the Treasurer's account, that the funds of the Society are not only exhausted, but that the Society is in debt to the amount of £68:

3:6. The Committee therefore most respectfully, but earnestly, solicit those charitable persons who can afford it, and who are satisfied with the manner in which relief is afforded by this Charity, not to confine their benevolence within the limits of the sum necessary to create them members of the Institution, but to increase their subscriptions and donations as much as they conveniently can.

Next to relieving the spiritual wants of man, the liberality of christians cannot have an opportunity of displaying itself with more advantage or efficacy than in relieving his temporal wants. We have bread enough and to spare, while thousands are suffering from hunger. We have, many of us at least, not only the comforts, but the luxuries and superfluities of life, while thousands have not its necessaries—Can we then be backward in bestowing that charity by which in most cases we ourselves should lose nothing, and by which our suffering fellow creatures would gain so much? We feel ourselves obliged to press these considerations.

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The most excellent and exalted motives that can influence the mind of a christian, are to be found in the cause of charity. The command of God enforces it, " Give to him that a keth thee."-Matt.-Our regard for the favour and love of God promotes it-" God loves a cheerful giver."-2d Cor.-A regard to our own interests encourages it-" He that giveth to the poor shall not lack."-Prov. "Give to the poor and thou shalt have treasure in Heaven."- Matt. The nearness of our relation. ship to our fellow creature Man demands it-" God hath made of one blood all nations, for to dwell upon the earth." " The rich and the poor meet together, the Lord is the maker of them both." Our gratitude for our own privileges and enjoyments urges it; and our compassion for human misery recommends it. Shall we then he the objects of such boundless charity ourselves, and shew no charity to others? No, far be this from us-Let us rather manifest our gratitude by an humble imitation of HIM, who knowing the necessity of our being reminded of our duty, said " The poor ye have always with you" -of Him, "who though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor." Let us in humble imitation of, and dependance upon Him, spend and be spent in doing good; and in the spheres in which we severally move, and according to the abilities we possess, ever be found dispensing happiness and comfort, all around.

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## Halifax, 24th January, 1822.

We have examined the account of the expenditure made by the Halifax Poor Man's Friend Society as stated by the Treasurer at the conclusion of this Report, and find it correct and properly vouched, amounting to four hundred and sixty seven pounds seventeen shillings and four pence.

HENRY H. COGSWELL, JOHN STARR.

# Appendix.

which they have ever manifested for the principles upon which the Poor Man's Friend-Society was established has insured to them the confidence of the Legislature, and they therefore feel it a part of their duty to point out in an appendix the present causes of pauperism that have attracted the attention of the Visitors in their respective wards during the past year, which may be included under four principal heads, viz.

Age and Infirmity,
Want of Employment,
Intemperance,
Houses of ill fame.

1st. Age and Infirmity—This class is numerous, and has been considered entitled to the peculiar care and solicitude of the Society.

2d. Want of employment-This class is also numerous-Halifax is naturally the landing place of a great proportion of those persons who arrive in this country seeking a place of permanent abode. A great many needy and wretched beings, cast out of employment beyond the Atlantic Ocean, filled with visionary ideas of plenty and luxury, have been induced to visit this country. Many of them arrive here destitute of every necessary, and instead of seeking the interior, they remain in Halifax, depending on the incidents of time and charity for subsistence. They are consequently found destitute in our streets, or the habitations of wretchedness and woe; and frequently seek employment, but in vain, at our wharves. This Society however cannot afford relief to those persons during the summer months, neither will its funds enable it to supply them with necessaries sufficient for their support during the winter, so that this Institution is not chargeable with holding out any inducement for them to remain burthensome to the community-Yet they would nevertheless disclaim the idea of denying thema due proportion of the public bounty, at a season of the year when it is impossible for the labouring class of our own citizens to obtain employment, owing entirely to the extreme pressure of the times.

Many who arrive in this country from Europe have been servants or manufacturers, and do not understand the art of husbandry, yet many arrive in a destitute condition who have worked on the soil. Many others are vigorous, healthy, and capable of becoming farmers. Could some means of communication be opened with our farmers and land-holders, ways and means provided for their removal into the interior, and labour prepared for them, it appears to the Committee that beneficial consequences might flow from the expedient—they therefore beg leave to suggest to their successors in office the pre-priety of most respectfully recommending it to the notice of the Legislature.

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3d. Intemperance—The Committee have found that this has been an awfai source of pauperism, crime and wretchedness. The Visitors have found in their respective wards, that it has reduced whole families to rags—it has in many instances extinguished all social and moral feeling; it has steeled the heart of the husband against his wife, and that of the mother against her offspring; and the very money which should have purchased bread to satisfy the hunger of starying children, has often been spent in the dram shop:

The Visitors have not extended relief to such characters, except in cases of peculiar wetchedness where the innocent must have suffered with the guilty but for the aid afforded by this Society; and in some instances, the Committee have succeeded in obtaining the consent of immoral parents to have their children placed at service, in order to rescue the innocent offspring from the path of vice and infamy.

4th. Houses of ill fame—That houses of this description lead to every species of wretchedness, and tend to destroy the very sinews of industry, is a fact too notorious to be doubted by any member of the community:—in many instances the Visitors have found it extremely difficult to draw a line of distinction between the virtuous poor, and person of abandoned principles—many of the latter description are frequently found in a state of extreme poverty, and have attempted to impose upon the Society, but when through the vigilance of the Visitors their characters have been discovered, they have been refused relief.

#### Juvenile Beggars.

In many countries of Europe, and even the populous cities of America, Ignorunce has been very justly considered the first cause of pauperism, but at the prosent period the inhabitants of Halifax are left without excuse, as admission to one or other of the public schools is hardly ever refused to the most indigent children, and yet it is to be lamented that too many parents compel their children to follow the disgraceful practice of begging from door to door, to the destruction of their morals, and injury of society. Over juvenile beggars this Society can have no control. The Committee would however most respectfully recommend the interference of the civil magistrate. Two black children, a male and female have during the last summer been extremely troublesome at certain houses, and would hardly receive a denial. On being questioned respecting the pecuniary means of their father, it appeared that he received 3s. per diem from his employer, a sum adequate to the maintainance of any family of that deseription, and yet those children are kept from school, exposed to all the abominable practices peculiar to a life of street begging, such as theft, seduction, &c. and the Committee regret that the increase of juvenile beggars among the white population is also an alarming evil. The public will however perceive that the eperations of this Society since its establishment, could have had no influence on such characters, who cannot be removed from the streets without the interference of the civil magistrate, or the unanimous consent of the inhabitants throughout the town.

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The Committee in giving this bare on line of the principal causes of pauper-ism conceive that they are discharging a disty both to themselves and to their constituents—to themselves, in order to prove that in executing the important duties of their office, they have not extended relief to persons indiscriminately, but that a line of distinction has been made as far as practicable between the virtuous poor and the worthless vagrant—and to their constituents, as they will thereby perceive that the funds of the Institution have been judiciously applied and faithfully expended. The Committee therefore hope, that as a spirit of active hencevolence is the distinguishing characteristic of the people of NovaScotia, they may confidently apply the words of our Saviour, that "it is more biested to give than to receive."

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## Halifax Poor Man's Friend Society.

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# VISITORS

Appointed to each by the Committee, at a meeting on the evening of the 22d January, 1822.

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From Prince street to George street, and from the water up to Grafion st. Ward No. 7, J. Austen and G. Mitchell.
From Prince street to George street, and from Grafton street up to Barrack street,
From George street to Duke street, and from Barrack street down to Argyle Ward No. 9, Revd. Mr. Martin, and street,
From George street to Duke street, and from Barrington street down to the water side,
From Dukestreet to Buckingham street and from the water up to Argyle St. Ward No.11, D. Hare and J. Leishman.
From Duke street to Buckingham street, and from Augyle street up to Barrack street,
From Buckingham street to Jacob's street, and from Barrack street down to Atgyle street,
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J. A. BARRY, Secretary.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VISITORS FROM THE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting held at the Exchange, on the evening of January 24th, 1822.

The Visitors will go through their respective Wards immediately, and examine into the state of the poor.

They will be careful not to relieve any case without previous personal inspection; and by no means any case within the jurisdiction of other visitors.

They will, if possible, go through their several wards at least once in a fortnight, that paupers resident therein may not have an excuse for troubling Visiters of other Wards; and that they may not suffer from want of proper supplies.

They will, on discovering cases of distress, which are properly objects for relief in the Poor House, make application to the Commissioners for their admission into that Establishment, (the application to be signed by the Chairman of the Committee) and if paupers so situated, will not consent to be placed there if admission can be obtained, they will give them no relief from the funds of this Chasity.

They will afford relief in cases of extreme distress, to all persons, even although they may be of known profligate conduct; but they will immediately report such cases to the Committee, to be by them brought under the consideration of the Magistracy.

They will not exceed the sum of ten shillings per month, in addition to Wood and Potatoes, in relieving cases of great distress.—In ordinary cases, they will supply only Wood and Potatoes.

They will not supply money, except under very peculiar circumstances; but will expend it themselves, in the most judicious and economical manner.

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They will give no tickets for Polatoes except on Saturdays, to be delivered after 3 o'clock, nor for a less quantity than half bushel at one time. They will supply them in the proportion of half a bushel per week to a family of four persons.

They will circulate the Report as soon after they receive it from the Secretary as they conveniently can, and 2 or 3 days after, they will call for subscriptions.

They will be particular in making returns of expenditure to the Committee, as follows:

From the first to the last day of January, on the evening of the first Monday in February. From the first to the last day of February, on the evening of the first Monday in March. From the first to the last day of March, on the evening of the first Monday in April. From the first to the fifteenth day of April, on the evening of the first Monday after the latter date. Printed returns will be always kept in readiness by the Secretary, and these only will be received by the Committee.

They will be particular in paying over to the Committee whenever they meet, any sum which may be in their hands, the property of the society.

The Committee most earnestly solicit punctuality in the attendance of at least one Visitor from every Ward at the different meetings of the Committee, as without strict attention to this particular, the Committee can neither ascertain the state of the funds, nor regulate any business which may depend upon such knowledge.

By order of the Committee.

JOHN A. BARRY, Secretary.

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One thousand nine hundred and sixty six feet of wood, seventeen thousand and sixteen rounds of Indian meal, two thousand pine hundred and The Earl of Dalhousie's donation ... ve and a half pints molasses, seventy six and seven eighths pounds of tea, four hundred and sixty five and a quarter pounds of sugar, eight hunand fifteen loaves of bread, one hundred and seventeen and a quarter pounds of flour, one hundred and fifty one pounds of rye flour, one hundred and Legislative Grant ..... and thirty six and a half pounds of meat, two pounds of barley, twenty great coats, one pair of trowsers, one pair of shoes, eighteen shirts, sixty Last year's Balance...... pairs of stockings, three hundred and eighty nine pounds of salt fish, three hundred and salty and a half bushels of potatoes, ninety eight flange ents of different descriptions for women and children, one hundred and eighty nine pound of hard bread, four blankets, and eleves pounds eight ngs and ten pence halfpenny in money.

JOHN A. BARRY, secretary.

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