The Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

The Court Records 1619 - 1829

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INTRODUCTION

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The Company's record of its Court proceedings, in manuscript ledgers, starts from November 1619. Earlier documents exist but not in the same form. This first book has the manuscript record of the Company's proceedings from 1619 until 1829 with a partial list of members at the back of the book. **This digital edition** of the original manuscript has been made primarily for the use of a 21st century Clerk and for the Company's understanding of its own historical records and activity.

During this period, the relationship between such mercantile companies and the Monarch and Council had a significant influence on the companies' activities. For ease of historical context, the text has been divided by each Monarch's reign - with hyperlinks:

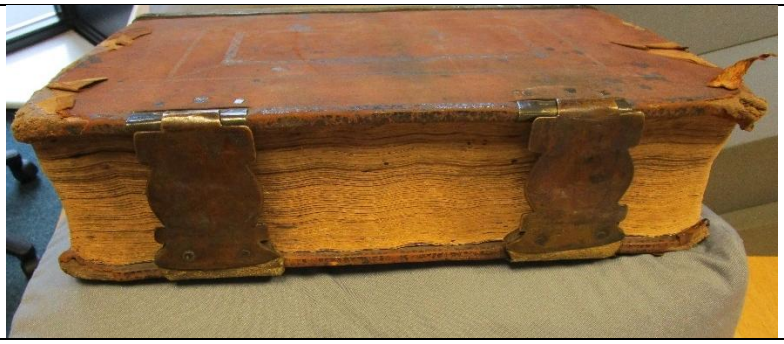
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Clarity of information has been given priority over traditional conventions of academic transcription. Especially for the earlier parts of the text, this has required a translation of the orthography to render it comprehensible. Many abbreviations have been expanded for ease of reading or comprehension. The Company's original manuscript records were photographed by the editor. Each 'Sheet' of this text refers to the photo images using 'IMG' numbers. The stored digital images allow easy referral to the original manuscript for further research and review. Names can be searched using the 'Find' facility.

LAYOUT

The book is described by the British Museum and the Borthwick Institute in the University of York, where it is currently kept, as: *Paper register; 430 x 285 mm.; fos.463, foliated i-iii,1-86,86A,87-459; blank: fos.tr-iiiv,86v-86Ar,100r, 170r, 178r, 198r,202r,213r,215r,224r,226r,245r,332r,342r,35 lv,409v-410r,426r,429r,440r,457r,458r-459v; hide binding, with metal clasps.\formerly British Library, Additional Manuscript 43849.* In the original manuscripts, each 'folio' is numbered in pencil only at the top right of the front side of the right-hand page in the book. The reverse side (the left-hand page in the book) is not numbered. This numbering is believed to have been made either by later clerks or by the British Museum which held the books in the 1930s and 40s. A few pages do not have these folio numbers.







The original manuscript has margin notes, usually on the left-hand side. The amount of handwritten text on each page varies; some clerks were more expansive than others. When accounts were recorded in the book, these were usually in paired pages consisting of a list of 'Charge' (later 'Debtor') receipts, with an audit memorandum on one sheet, and a list of 'Discharge' (later 'Creditor') payments on the next.

In this digital edition, in square brackets at the top of each page, there is a 'Sheet' number and an image (IMG) number referring to the photograph of the original: e.g. [Sheet 432 REV IMG 1157] is the reverse side of the folio sheet marked 432 and the photograph is number 1157. As with modern meeting record-keeping, a table layout keeps the main text in line with the margin notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Handwriting. The Clerks wrote in 'Secretary' or 'Secretarial Hand' - a shorthand approach for record keeping in the period 1500 – 1700. However, the individual writers were inconsistent and had a very personal approach to their writing. The legacy of this 'Hand' can be seen in the later record writing. Abbreviations – inconsistent – were frequently used to aid the speed of recording and also to save paper, although the latter did not seem to be an issue in the Company's books. See The Society of Genealogists on Palaeography
https://www.sog.org.uk/education/learning-hub/guides-tips/palaeography-part-2/
and 'Reading The Past' by Hoskin, Slinn and Webb, University of York (2001)
https://www.york.ac.uk/media/borthwick/documents/publications/Reading%20the%20Past%20Sixteenth%20and%20Seventeenth%20Century%20English%20Handwriting.pdf
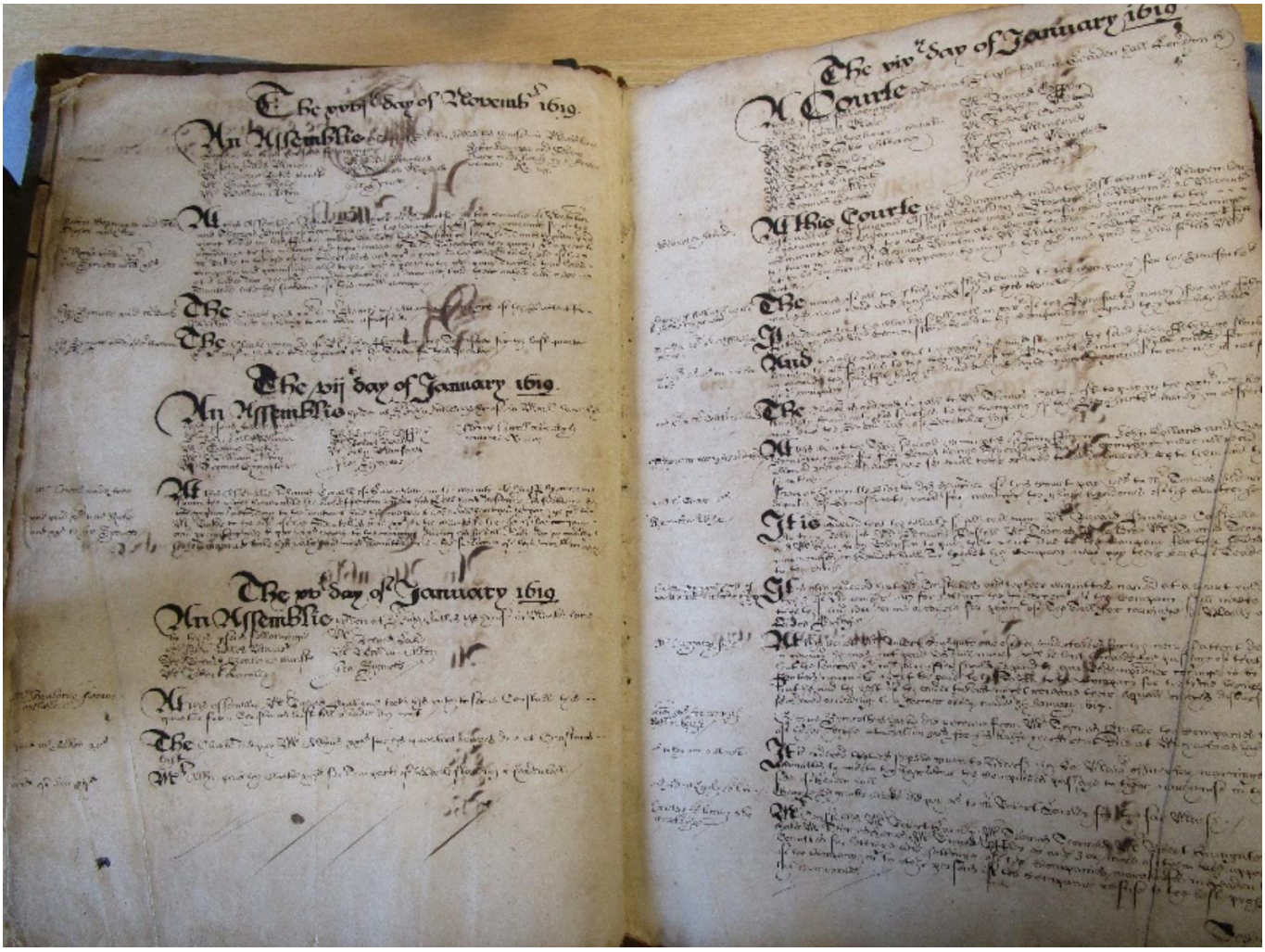
Spelling and Syntax. Capital letters were used indiscriminately; punctuation marks were infrequent and inconsistent; lists of names within a sentence sometimes had commas and often not; the possessive apostrophe was not used. Thus the grammatical sequence was not always the same as in modern English. The word 'several' means 'individual'. The handwriting in this manuscript has wide personal variations. Spelling was subject to the whim of the writer, phonetic and inconsistent (sometimes of the same name in the same paragraph):

-i and y were interchangeable
i was often used for j
-ei (instead of ie) was common e.g. 'Mansfield' was spelt 'Manfeild' or 'Mansfeild'
-ie was common at the end of words instead of y e.g. Assembly was spelt Assemblie

Where auditors, who were members of the Company, signed the book, there is an indication of how they themselves spelt their name. Variations of the names spelling have been retained to assist digital searches. The record writers did not necessarily follow that spelling.

Side and Footnotes. The clerks and secretaries of the time wrote notes in the margins. Square brackets [ ] enclose modern day notes. There are footnotes for explanations and references, drawn from internal Company knowledge and from external sources with internet reference page hyperlinks (active October 2025). Particularly useful are **British History Online** with information from the original 'Rolls', the government records of the day; https://www.history.ac.uk/library-digital/ihrs-digital-collections/british-history-online and **History of Parliament Online** – as many members of the Company were Members of Parliament. https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/

Numerals. Latin and English numerals were used indiscriminately in the manuscript. The written Roman numerals must be observed closely: there is only a slight difference between a handwritten v (5) and x (10) - the latter having a final anti-clockwise circular sweep. The superscript letters for £ (pound), s (shilling) and d (pence) are often indistinct. **For clarity in this digital edition, all numbers,** be they Latin or English numerals or full words, **have been written as English numerals.**



The Quarter Days and Legal Year. The 4 quarter days were used for administrative periods, payment and rent dates: (Our) **Lady Day**, **Midsummer**, **Michaelmas** and **Christmas**; there is an early clerks' use of Xmas as an abbreviation for Christmas. The English legal year started on 25 March – Lady Day. Beware of the potential for confusion: January to March 25th carried the previous year number. The actual calendar year is in bold in square brackets [ ]. Only in 1752, when England adopted the Gregorian calendar in favour of the previous Julian calendar, did the legal year then begin from 1 January. Scotland adopted the new calendar in 1600 and most other continental countries had already changed over. See the University of Nottingham's explanation: https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/manuscriptsandspecialcollections/researchguidance/datingdocuments/juliangregorian.aspx and https://aulis.org/Calendar/Day_of_the_Week.html for a day calculator.

Company Name. The Company was referred to as 'The Right Worshipful Company', as were the City livery companies such as the Mercers (many of whom were also Merchants of the Staple) and other mercantile companies. The Company was also referred to in the records as 'this Society'.

Titles. The abbreviation 'Mr' meant originally 'Master', not 'Mister', and denoted an appropriate status for those who were Freemen of a livery or mercantile company or of a city – or of similar status, but who had no other title. The word 'master' also referred to someone who had apprentices. Titles of members included Knight (Kt), Baronet (Bt), Esquire (Esq) [having a coat of arms], 'Deputy' meaning Deputy Lieutenant of a county or city], Sherriff and Alderman. The Mayor and nominees for Mayor were usually referred to as Right Worshipful.

Membership. All new members made a single payment called 'Hanse money' (as in the trading Hanseatic League) - this was constant at 6s 5d, although sometimes recorded in the accounts as 6s 6d). There is early apparent evidence of female membership: 28 August 1629 "… *widow Dayson* [sic] *a Freewoman of the Company…"*. It is believed she was the widow of Thomas Diason [Dyason], a Freeman, and continued her husband's business. Entry to the Company was by:

-Patrimony: a son of a Freeman of the Company;
-Apprenticeship: to a Freeman of the Company, usually for 7 years;
-Redemption: by application and then agreement by the Court; there was also an entry 'fine', the size of which was decided by the Court at the time. Redemptioners also paid an annual subscription fee (known as a 'pension').

Members List. At the back of the book there is a list: ' *The names of such Free Men of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple, England as are now resident in and about the City of London'.* This list seems to have been started in 1673: the Constables for 1673 are mentioned - Charles Crayker senior & Bernard Whittle, and John Wright as Treasurer. Many names are crossed through; a few of these are appended as 'Dead'. Other names crossed through may have been as dead or as no longer resident in London. Charles Crayker senior (Lieutenant 1680-1687) died in 1687, and Bernard Whittle died in about 1693.

Roles within the Company.

In the 1600s and 1700s the **Mayor** was an Alderman of the City of London and often a Knight. The Mayor was usually not already a member but was made a Freeman upon being first chosen. An exception was Sir William Withers who had joined the company as an apprentice to his father. The Mayor was elected for a year but held the role for many years, even decades, usually until he died – this practice continued until the early 1800's.

The **Lieutenant** was the deputy to the Mayor and elected from within the Company freemen for a year, but he might be in the role for several years. He and the Clerk were the managers of the administrative activities.

The **Constables** and the **Treasurer** were elected in the early 1600s to serve for a quarter but this changed to service for one year. Some were chosen to '*be continued for the year ensuing*'. There was an annual audit of the accounts by a committee usually led by the Lieutenant. Auditors were specifically chosen but later were any who had already served as Treasurer.

The **Clerk** became a freeman of the Company upon appointment. In the time of Lewes Marbury, he was already a freeman of the Company who took on the role of Clerk and was also referred to as the 'Husband', conducting apparently a greater managerial role.

The **Beadle** was an administrative servant. One important task was to deliver 'tickets' to members' homes warning of a meeting or Court. Sometimes the Beadle was recruited from outside but often he was an older or poorer freeman of the Company for whom this role was a useful paid employment.

The **Attorney** was a retained lawyer for essential counsel's opinion, e.g. Sir John Banks, who became Attorney General to King Charles I. However, senior members of the Company represented the Company in meetings with Parliamentary commissions and other meetings.

Leadenhall and Staple Hall. The name of the building Leaden Hall (on Leadenhall Street) was often written as two words, not one as today. Staple Hall and other company rooms and warehouses were within the Leaden Hall. This building was leased from the City of London and spare capacity sub-let.

Westminster. Although the Company's headquarters was within the City of London, the London 'Wool Staple' was at Westminster and controlled directly by the Company – not locally as in other cities. The Mayor and others of the Company were also the officials of the Staple at Westminster.

Money & Currency. The conventional abbreviations of £ s d are used in this text.

One *pound* Sterling (£) had 20 *shillings* (s); a shilling had 12 *pence* (d).

A *sovereign* was a gold coin worth 20 shillings.

The *guinea* is first mentioned in the book in 1682 when it was very new and had a variable worth due to the fluctuating value of gold. In 1682 it appears to have been worth £1 1s 6d. Only much later did it settle to being always 21 shillings.

The *mark* was 'money of account', worth 2/3 of a pound (13s 4d).

A n*oble – Rose Noble* or *Rose Ryal* – was worth 30 shillings.

The *angel* was a gold coin worth 10 shillings.

The *crown*, worth 5 shillings, was issued in both gold and silver; it was equal to a *Venetian ducat*, a *Flemish gelder*, or a *French êcu* (a *French crown*).

A half-crown was worth 2 shillings 6 pence.

The *shilling* was a silver coin worth 12 pence.
The *sixpence* was a silver coin worth 6 pence.
A *groat* was a silver coin worth 4 pence.
A threepence coin (thre'penny bit) was silver.

The *penny* was originally a silver coin.
A *half-penny* was called a *ha'penny*.
The *farthing* was a ¼ penny.

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A Short History of the Company

The Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England is one of the oldest mercantile corporations in England and still has its charter. It is rare in being 'of England' and not bounded by any city, municipality or provincial area. It may trace its ancestry back as far as 1282 or even further. A group of 26 wool merchants apparently first started the Company. The Dukes of Burgundy and Counts of Flanders granted it charters. The Merchants were in Bruges in 1282, Dordrecht in 1285, Antwerp in 1296 and St Omer in 1313. The Company controlled the export of wool to the continent from 1314 and was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1319. The Duke of Flanders awarded a grant to the English Merchants in 1341.

Commercial significance was in Calais, which was under English rule from 1347 and was the main port for wool. In 1359 King Edward III made an unequivocal grant giving control of the export trade in staple commodities to the Merchants in a collective capacity. Exports were restricted to the Freemen of the Company who, in return for their monopoly, paid a levy back to the Crown. With some two hundred merchants, in 1363 it was known as the "*New Company of English Merchants dwelling nowe at Calais*" and in 1369 as "*The Mayor and Company of the Staple at Calais*". The Company later paid for and managed the garrison in the city.

In January 1558 France (Henri II) regained control of Calais from England (Mary Tudor - "Calais engraved upon my heart") and the Company moved to Bruges. It was also briefly in Middleburgh in 1558/9 and continued in Bruges until 1569. It was awarded a grant to be a perpetual corporation, a legal unit with a common seal. In 1569 the English merchants were expelled from Netherlands (Elizabeth I in dispute with Phillip II) and moved to Hamburg until able to return to Bruges in 1573 where they stayed until 1614. In 1584 a principle established that the compulsory staple market was to be abandoned; only members of the Company were allowed to ship wools from England - to any continental port which did not lie in the hands of the Queen's enemies.

In 1614, the Cockayne project banned wool exports from England; wool was traded only in domestic 'staples'. The States-General of the Netherlands banned the import of cloth from England. The English lifted their ban in 1617 but the Dutch did not. King James I granted the Company a new charter in 1617 and it moved to Leadenhall in London. King Charles II confirmed the Company's privileges on 29th July 1669; this royal charter is in the Company's archives.

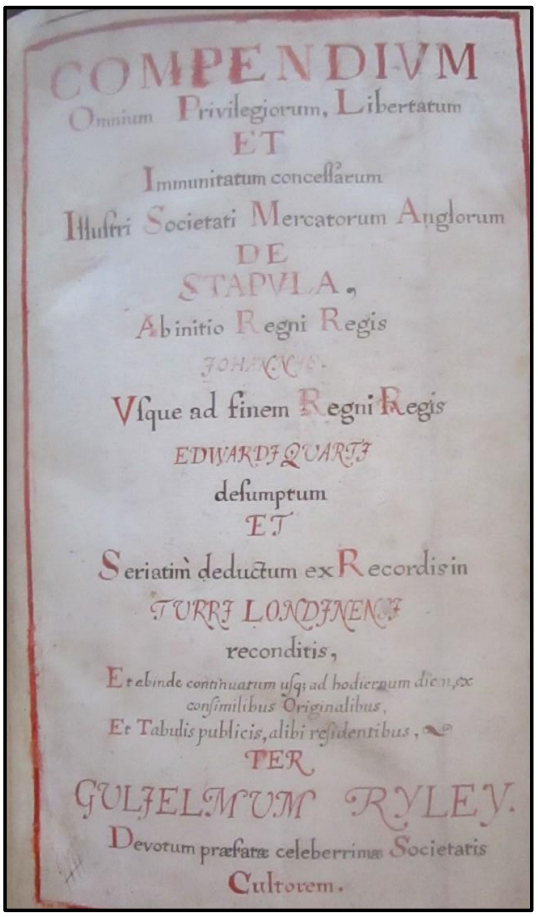
In the 17th and 18th centuries, The Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple managed the supply of wool to the clothing industry but the industrial revolution brought problems of supply and a decline in influence. In the 19th century, the Merchant Staplers still owned considerable property and intervened in the wool industry on standards for wool winding. By 1923 there were very few members in 1923 and a meeting in 1927 suspended the Company's operations. However, on legal counsel's advice, the Charter was not relinquished and a revival came in 1948. Today the Company has a Charitable Trust with grants to the wool and textile industry. More information is on the Company's website at www.merchantstaplers.co.uk

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The Arms of the Staple




COMPENDIVM
Omnium Privilegiorum, Libertatum
ET
Immunitatum concessarum
Illustri Societati Mercatorum Anglorum
DE
STAPVLA,
Ab initio Regni Regis
IOHANNIS
Vsque ad finem Regni Regis
EDWARDI QUARTI
desumptum
ET
Seriatim deductum ex Recordis in
TURRI LONDINENSI
reconditis,
Et ebinde continuatum usq; ad hodiernum diem, ex
consimilibus Originalibus,
Et Tabulis publicis, alibi residentibus,
PER
GULIELMUM RYLEY.
Devotum præfatæ celeberrimæ Societatis
Cultorem.

The Arms of the Staple from William Ryley's 'Compendium of Privileges Liberties and Immunities of the Worshipful Society of the Merchants of the Staple of England' which he made in 1667-1671 - a set of translations of the Company's grants from King John to Edward IV.

On 16 September 1667 William Ryley was made free of the Company in recognition of his work in 'searching out several ancient patents' which he registered in a book and gave to the Company.

The Clerk reported possession 29th August 1671. Ryley's book, believed earlier by the Company to have been lost, was found by the Company archivist, Anthony Robinson, in 2018 in the London Metropolitan Archives.

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Historical Background for the Period - Selected Events

1603 Plague outbreak in London. See: *Living Standards and Plague in London 1560–1665*, Cummins, Neil, Kelly, Morgan and Ó Gráda, Cormac (2016), . Economic History Review, 69 (1). pp. 3-34.
https://eprints.lse.ac.uk/60592/

1605 The 'Gunpowder Plot' to blow up the State opening of Parliament on 5th November.

1618-1648 The Thirty Years War. See: *The Thirty Years War as the Empire's Constitutional Crisis*, pp. 95–114, Peter H Wilson , OUP 2011
https://perspectivia.net/servlets/MCRFileNodeServlet/pnet_derivate_00004677/wilson_war.pdf

1625 Plague outbreak in London

1628 Massachusetts Bay Company incorporated.
See in this book: Sheet 23 REV - Samuel Vassall; Sheet 32 - Israel Stoughton.

1640 The Short Parliament; 1640–1660 The Long Parliament; 1648–1653 The Rump Parliament.
See in this book: Sheet 101 Sir Thomas Soame, Mayor, dismissed from parliament.
1659 The Rump Parliament restored. 1660 Previously-banned MPs return.

1665-66 The 'Great' Plague. See The National Archives.
https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/resources/great-plague/#:~:text=This%20was%20the%20worst%20outbreak,Parish%20officials%20provided%20food.

1666 The Great Fire of London.
See in this book: Sheet 125, William Ryley Keeper of the Records in the Tower of London.

1694 The Bank of England founded. See https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/about/history

1701 – 1714 The War of The Spanish Succession.
See: *Spanish Succession New Perspectives*, Pohlig & Schaich, OUP 2018
https://perspectivia.net/servlets/MCRFileNodeServlet/pnet_derivate_00006370/pohlig_schaich_succession.pdf

1704 Gibraltar captured by English-Dutch Fleet, 4 August; Battle of Blenheim, 13th August.

1707 The Act of Union of England and Scotland.

1756-63 The Seven Years War Great Britain and Prussia against France and Austria
1763 The Treaty of Paris – France renounces territories in North America to Great Britain
See: *A Global History of the Seven Years' War*, Burnard T, 2024 OUP, Introduction
475497351.pdf and Chapter 8, The Peace of Paris.
https://academic.oup.com/edited-volume/57923/chapter-abstract/475500185?redirectedFrom=fulltext

1775-1783 The Revolutionary War in America.
1789 Storming of the Bastille in Paris; start of French Revolution.

1790 – 1810 Canal Building in England.
https://www.bradford.gov.uk/media/2419/leeds_liverpool_2_historic_development.pdf

1803-1815 Napoleonic Wars.

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The Court Records

[King James I 1603 - 27 March 1625] [Back to Monarch list]

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<tr><td></td><td>[Sheet 1 IMG 0567]</td></tr>
<tr><td>Thomas Fitch and John Yeomans made free.</td><td>The 12th day of November 1619
An Assembly held at Sir John Jolles his house in Market Lane London
by these persons following
<table><tr><td>Sir John Jolles[1] Mayor</td><td>Mr Thomas Kynastone</td><td rowspan="4">Tho: Fitch and John Yeomans made free by my Lord Fenton's[2] warrants making in number 100</td></tr><tr><td>Mr George Rookes Constable</td><td>Mr Richard Offley</td></tr><tr><td>Mr Robert Lawley[3]</td><td>Mr Thomas Mansfeild[4]</td></tr><tr><td>Mr George Mole</td><td>Geo: Symcotts Clerk</td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td>Mr Rooks rcvd £10 of Mr Fitch and £5 of Mr Yeomans. Mr Mole promised to see the other £5 paid. Geo. Symcotts rcvd 40s</td><td>At this Assembly Thomas Fitch of Bocking in the county of Essex and John Yeomans of Keldon[5] in the same county by several warrants from the Lord Fenton under his Lords hand desiring their several freedoms by redemption according to the contract made with his lordship's hand their several warrants read whereupon Thomas Fitch paying £10 to Mr Rookes to the use of the undertakers and 20s to the Clerk to the use of the Company. And the said John Yeomans paying £5 to Mr Rookes to these aforesaid and Mr Mole promising to see Mr Rookes paid the other 5 and Yeomans also paying 20s to the Clerk to the use aforesaid and both of them promising that they would pay 20s apiece yearly to the Company during their life at Our Lady [6]day according to the ordinance took their oaths and were admitted into the freedom of this worshipful Company.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Committees for Leaden Hall</td><td>Mr Constable Rookes Mr Lawley Mr Mole Mr Kynastone Mr Lake Mr Holland Mr Offley and Mr Thomas Manfeild with the Clerk are appointed to meet at Leaden Hall on Monday next between 8 and 9 o'clock in the forenoon to consider of Leaden Hall business.</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>The 16th day of November 1619
An Assembly held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London
by these persons following present
<table><tr><td>Sir John Jolles Mayor</td><td>Mr William Alkin</td><td rowspan="4">Tho. Brooke made free by my Lord Fenton's warrant No. 101</td></tr><tr><td>Mr George Rookes Constable</td><td>Mr Richard Offley</td></tr><tr><td>Mr Robert Lawley</td><td>Mr Francis Lawrence</td></tr><tr><td>Mr Richard Lake</td><td>Geo. Symcotts</td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td>Thomas Brooke made free and paid £10 to Mr Rooks and 20s to Geo: Symcotts.</td><td>At this Assembly Thomas Brooke of Sutton Coldfeild in the county of Warwick by warrant from the right honourable the Lord Fenton under his Lordship's hand desiring his freedom by redemption according to the contract that his warrant read. Whereupon he paying £10 to Mr Rookes to the use of the undertakers and 20s to the Clerk to the use of the Company and promising also to pay 20s to the Company during his life at Our Lady Day yearly according to the ordinance took his oath and was admitted into the freedom of this worshipful Company.</td></tr>
<tr><td>received of Mr Alkin 3s 10d</td><td>Mr Alkin did pay the Clerk 3s 10d for standing of Wools.</td></tr>
<tr><td>paid Mr Alkin 25s</td><td>The Clerk paid to Mr Alkin 25s for the quarter's wages due at Michaelmas last.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Geo Symcotts paid himself £4.</td><td>The Clerk paid himself £4 for his quarter's wages due at Michaelmas last.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Rent to be called for.</td><td>The Treasurer is ordered to call all the Tenants in Leaden Hall to pay their rents for the warehouses, wherewith to satisfy the rent to the City.</td></tr>
</table>

[1] Sir John Jolles (died 31 May 1621): Draper; knighted 23 July 1606. 1605-6 Sheriff of London. Lord Mayor of London 1615. A Colonel of the Trained Bands from 1618 to 1621. Mentioned as a Stapler in 1615, from which we might take it that he was Mayor of the Staple from at least then; ref: Metropolis Coronata 'The Triumphs of Ancient Drapery' on his becoming Lord Mayor 30 October 1615, https://mapoflondon.uvic.ca/METR1.htm#JOLL1

[2] Lord Fenton was one of several 'undertakers' with influence at Court. The undertakers - here a guarantor - were apparently being repaid for their efforts in obtaining the Company's patent from King James in 1617. 1611 Fenton mentioned as Baron and Captains of the Kings Guard.. http://www.british-history.ac.uk/cal-state-papers/venice/vol12/pp121-128

[3] Robert Lawley MP c1550-27 July 1636 of Much Wenlock, Salop http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/lawley-robert-1550-1636

[4] Manfeild and Mansfeild is consistently spelt with the letter 'e' before 'i'. Similarly Sutton Coldfeild.

[5] Kelvedon?

[6] Quarter days used for accounts : Lady Day 25 Mar; Midsummer 24 Jun; Michaelmas 29 Sep; Christmas 25th Dec.

[Sheet 1 REV IMG 0568 & IMG 0569]

The 26th day of November 1619
An Assembly held at Sir John Jolles his house in Market Lane London
by these persons following

Sir John Jolles Mayor	Mr John Manfeild	*Robert Barrenger and Thomas Diason*[7] *made free by my Lord Fenton's warrants. No 103*[8]
Mr George Rookes Constable	Mr Thomas Manfeild	
Mr George Mole	Geo. Symcotts	
Mr William Alkin		

Robert Barrenger and Tho. Diason made free. Mr Rooks rcvd £20. Geo. Symcotts rcvd 40s.

At this Assembly Robert Barrenger of Cromckle[9] in the county of Northampton and Thomas Diason of Shornechurch in the county of Essex by warrants from the right honourable the Lord Fenton under his Lordship's hand desiring their freedoms by redemption according to the contract had their warrants read. Whereupon they paying £10 apiece to Mr Rookes to the use of the undertakers and 20s apiece to the Clerk to the use of the Company; and promising also to pay 20s apiece to the Company during their lives at Our Lady day yearly according to the ordinance, took their oaths and were admitted into the freedom of this worshipful company.

Geo. Symcotts paid Mr Banks £15

The Clark paid £15 to Mr Banks the Attorney[10] for the wages of the Patent for Westminster lands according to an order aforesaid.

Geo. Symcotts rcvd of Mr Freeman £9 5s 8d

The Clerk received of Mr John Freeman the Treasurer for the last quarter £9 5s 8d which is to be delivered to the Treasurer for this quarter.

The 7th day of January 1619[11] **[1620]**
An Assembly held at Sir John Jolles his house in Market Lane
by these persons following

Sir John Jolles Mayor	Mr Richard Offley	*Thomas Cowell made free by warrant. No 104*
Mr George Rookes	Mr Robert Wilson	
Mr William Alkin	Mr John Manfeild	
Mr Thomas Kynastone	Geo. Symcotts	

Mr Cowell made free and paid £10 to Mr Rookes and 20s to Geo.Symcotts

At this Assembly Thomas Cowell of Lavenham in the county of Suffolk by warrant from the right honourable the Lord Fenton under his Lordship's hand desiring his freedom by redemption according to the contract had his warrant read. Whereupon he paying £10 s to Mr Rookes to the use of the undertakers and 20s to the Clerk to the use of the Company and promising also to pay 20s yearly to the Company during his life at Our Lady day according to the ordinance took his oath and was admitted into the freedom of this worshipful company.

The 15th day of January 1619 **[1620]**
An Assembly held at Sir John Jolles his house in Market Lane
by these persons following

Sir John Jolles Mayor	Mr Richard Lake
Mr Richard Braborne Constable	Mr William Alkin
Mr Robert Lawley	Geo. Symcotts

Mr Braborne sworn Constable

At this Assembly Mr Richard Brabourne took his oath to serve Constable this quarter from Christmas last till Our Lady day next.

Paid Mr Alkin 25s

The Clerk paid Mr Alkin 25s for his quarter's wages due at Christmas last.

Rcvd of him 12d

Mr Alkin paid the Clerk 12d for 2 packs of Wools standing in Leaden Hall.

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[7] Compare 'Diason' with the modern 'Dyson'
[8] New Freemen numbers 102 and 103.
[9] The place name Cromckle might be modern day Crick.
[10] First mention of the Attorney(lawyer) - this post still exists in the Company today.
[11] Thursday. Note that January 1619 follows November 1619. The legal year started on 25 March (Lady Day).

	[Sheet 2 IMG 0569]
	The 19th day of January 1619 **[1620]** **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** by these persons following

Sir John Jolles	Mayor	Mr Robert Hungate	Mr Robert Crewes
Mr Richard Brabourne	Constable	Mr William Alkin	Mr John Manfeild
Mr John Bankes	Attorney	Mr Thomas Lewes	Mr Thomas Manfeild
Mr Robert Lawley		Mr Richard Offley	Mr Henry Bradley
Mr Thomas Thorrold		Mr Stephen Mercer	Geo. Symcotts

Ordinances confirmed	At this Court the Ordinances made the last Court 3 November last and at the several Assemblies held 12 November, 16 November, 26 November 7 January and 15 January last were read and confirmed according to the ordinance Except the order made at a Court held 18 June last concerning the turning over of Thomas Newton to Mr Mathew Cradock which is thought fit not to be confirmed till it appear to whom the £10 was paid by him for his Master's brookes[12].
The names of such as have the Benefactors' moneys read.	The names of all the parties who stand bound to the Company for the Benefactors' moneys were read and considered of at this Court.
To call in £25 of Mr Fitzhugh's widow	It is ordered that the Clerk shall call in £25 of the Benefactors' money for which John Fitzhugh and Mr Vernon[13] stand bound to the Company in regard they are both dead.
and £33 6s 8d more in her hands	And it is also ordered that the £33 6s 8d for which the said John Fitzhugh stood bound with his sureties to the Company of the Benefactors' money shall be called for in regard the said Fitzhugh is dead and his wife married again to one who is not free of our company.
and £25 in Mr Colthurst hands	The Clerk is ordered to call to Mr Thomas Colthurst to pay in the £25 which he stands bound with his sureties to the Company of the Benefactors' money in respect it was due the second day of December last.
Treasurers accounts audited	At this Court the 3 several accounts of John Freeman, John Holland and George Symcotts made for John Lewes being Treasurers for the Company were all read aloud and abled, and their several bonds ordered to be delivered up to them and their sureties.
paid Mr Towers 18s	George Symcotts, Clerk, did by order of this Court pay 18s to Mr Towers, Alderman's deputy of Lime street ward for mending the glass windows of the Courthouse.
Rent to be called for	It is ordered that the Clerk shall call upon Mr Richard Braborne Constable, Mr Arthur Robinson, Mr Edmund Peshall, Mr Thomas Purslow, Mr Thomas Thorrold and Mr Humphrey Robinson to pay their rent due to the Company for their several warehouses in Leaden Hall to the end the Company may pay their rent for Leaden Hall to the City.
Committees for payment of toll of wools carried over London bridge	It is also ordered that Mr Constables and the other Committees named at a Court held the 3 of November 1617[14] for settling the government of the Company shall meet together and set down a course for payment of the Toll for carriage of Wools over London Bridge.
Mr Hungate's suit	At this Court Mr Robert Hungate one of the undertakers for the new Patent desired in regard he was not paid his full money which he lent towards the passing of that Patent that the several £10 which hereafter should be paid by any Redemptioner coming in by my Lord Fenton's warrants might be paid to the Treasurer to the Company for the time being to the end that he and the rest of the undertakers might receive their equal moneys disbursed, which is so ordered according to a former order made 30 January 1617.
recd 50s for rent of Boston house	George Symcotts, Clerk, did receive from Mr Thomas Butler the Company's tenant of their house at Boston 50s for his half year's rent due at Michaelmas last past.
5s to be given to Marsh and paid Mr Lawley for him	It is ordered that 5s shall be given to Marsh, the Lord Mayor's officer, for warning the Committees to meet together about the Company's passage to their warehouse in the East side of Leaden Hall. George Symcotts Clerk did pay 5s to Mr Robert Lawley for the said Marsh.
Committees for letting the warehouses	Mr Constables, Mr Robert Lawley, Mr Thomas Thorrold, Mr Robert Hungate, Mr Richard Lake, Mr Thomas Lewes, Mr Richard Offley or any 3 or more of them are appointed Committees for letting and setting of the Company's warehouses in Leaden Hall to some of the Company, or to other persons if the Company refuse, to the best profit of the Company.

[12] A 'brooke' or 'broke' appears to be a sort of fine.
[13] John Vernon (also Master of the Merchant Taylors) died 1615 - the Company has extracts of his will.
[14] In 1617 King James gave a new charter to the Company.

	[Sheet 2 REV IMG 0577 & IMG 0578]
Redemptions to be called to for their pensions	The Clerk is ordered to call to all the new Redemptioners that dwell in or near London for their several pensions[15]of 20s pa. And if they or any of them do refuse to pay the same to him, then he is appointed to warn them to appear at the next Court to answer the business upon pain of £5.
Redemptioners to be written to with Mr Townsend at Warwick	The Clerk is also ordered to write a letter in the name of the Company unto Mr John Townsend, a Brother of our Company dwelling in Warwick, to send up 40s which is due by him to the Company for 2 years' pension, And also to entreat him in the Company's behalf to call upon all such Redemptioners as dwell in Warwick or nearabouts for their several pensions due to the Company, and to return up the same moneys carefully to the Company, and to write his answer to the Company touching the same this term.[16]
To Mr Bedell at Coventry	The Clerk is also ordered to write another letter to Bedell a brother of our Company dwelling in Coventry to send up his pension money due to the Company, and to call upon all such Redemptioners as dwell in Coventry or near thereabouts for their several pensions due to the Company, and to write his answer this term to the Company touching the same.
To Tho. Holmes at Ratsdale	The Clerk is also ordered to write to Mr Thomas Holmes a brother of our Company dwelling in Ratsdale[17] to call upon such Redemptioners as dwell in that town or near thereabouts as are behind with their several pensions due to the Company and to return the same pensions and return up the same to the Clerk forthwith with his answer touching the same.
To Mr Freeman	The Clerk is also ordered to speak to Mr John Freeman of Lecester and to advise with him to whom the Company might write to receive the pension money due to them by Redemptioners dwelling there or near thereabouts.
All carrying wool over the bridge to pay toll unless they bring a ticket under the Weigher's hand	It is ordered that all persons which do carry any Wool over London Bridge do pay Toll for the same Wools there unless the owners of the said Wools do bring a Ticket from the Company under the Weigher's hand of Leaden Hall that they have paid the duties for the said Wools to him.
The Treasurer to charge his account with brokes.	The Treasurer William Romsey is ordered to charge his account with Mr Edmund Manlies' broke[18] of 40 marks for not serving Constable the last quarter. As also with Mr John Lewes his broke of £5 for not serving Treasurer the last quarter, and if there be any others that have made default in the like, the Treasurer is also to charge his account thereto.
The Clerk to serve in Treasurer's absence	The Clerk is ordered to serve Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer for this quarter if he come not to take his oath.
Mr Farrar to be called to for money received of Redemptioners	The Clerk is ordered to call to Francis Farrar, Sir Richard Lidall's Clerk, for all the money as he has received of the redemptioners since Mr Gwyn's death and also for all such bonds as he has taken of the Redemptioners in his own name for payment of 20s yearly pension due to the Company.
Notice that Mr Robinson will leave his warehouse	The Clerk gave notice that Mr Arthur Robinson would leave his warehouse in Leaden Hall.
Order to be drawn for the Inquest	The Clerk is ordered to draw an order from the Company for the letting of the Inhabitants of Lime street ward London have the use of the Court house in Leaden Hall and of the Kitchen and 3 new little rooms thereunto adjoining in the Christmas time yearly during the Company's pleasure for the keeping of their Inquests of Wardemote,[19] and other occasions touching the same, and also for meeting there at times as the Company may conveniently spare the same.
	The 9th day of February 1619 **[1620]** **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** by these persons whose names follow:

Sir John Jolles Mayor	Mr Thomas Lewes	Mr Humfrey Gulson
Mr Richard Brabourne Constable	Mr William Alkin	Mr Samuel Scarborough
Mr Robert Lawley	Mr Thomas Kynastone	Mr Edward Porter
Mr Richard Lake	Mr John Freeman	Mr Thomas Swarland
Mr Richard Welby	Mr Hugh Kingsland	Geo. Symcotts

Ordinances confirmed	At this Court the Ordinances made the last Court held the 9th of January last were read and confirmed according to the ordinances.
Notice given that Mr Fisher will pay benefactors money	At this Court Mr Edward Porter said that Master Arthur Fisher, Grocer, dwelling in Abchurch Lane who married John Fitzhughes wife would pay in the several moneys which John Fitzhugh had of the Benefactors : £33 6s 8d and £25 and thereupon desired that Mr Fisher might have notice of the next Court to bring in the same.

[15] The word ‘pension’ equates to the modern ‘subscription’.
[16] 3 traditional terms in the year: Michaelmas (Autumn), Hilary (Spring), Trinity (Summer) - naming conventions vary.
[17] Possibly Rochdale in Lancashire.
[18] A 'broke' or 'brooke' means a penalty 'fine'.
[19] The ward’s (district) court which appoints officers, holds inquests, elects the Alderman and councilmen.

	[Sheet 3 IMG 0577 & 0581]
Order for turning over of Newton confirmed.	At this Court the order made at a Court held the 18th of June last concerning the turning over of Thomas Newton unto Mathew Cradock[20] was agreed upon to be confirmed.
Rent rcd of Jones.	Mr John Jones paid Geo. Symcotts Clerk 20s for his quarter's rent of the Meale house in Leaden Hall due at Christmas last. And he also paid Clerk 7s for a quarter's rent of the Tackle house then due.
Money to be taken.. at interest Persons to be bound for it	Forasmuch as the Company's moneys are out of their hands and that there is present use of money to pay the rent of the Chapel and Wool houses to the City and also to pay Mr Attorney Bankes money for passing the new Patent of Westminster houses and for payment of Officers' Fees and other charges. Therefore it is ordered that £60 shall be taken up at interest by some of the Company for 6 months or till the Company's money come in. Thereupon it was thought fit and so ordered that Mr Constable Brabourne, Mr Robert Lawley and Mr Geo. Mole should be bound for the £60 and they to have the Company's seal to save them harmless.[21]
Letters written for pensions	The Clerk gave notice that he had written several letters to Mr Townsend, Mr Bedell, Mr Holmes Mr Turner & Mr Romley from the Company for receiving of the yearly pensions of 20s of such Freemen of the Company as dwell near unto them.
The Lord Fenton's Articles to be brought in	Mr George Mole and Mr Arthur Kynastone are ordered to bring in the Articles of Agreement made between the Lord Fenton & themselves concerning Freemen to be taken into the Company.
Rent and officers Fees to be paid. and for passing the Patent for Westm'r houses	The Clerk is ordered to pay the rent for the Chapel and wool houses in Leaden Hall to the City and also to pay Mr Banks such money as he is to pay for the passing of the Patent of Westminster houses and also to pay Mr Bankes and other the officers their Fees and wages for the last quarter.
Tickets to be sent to Redemptioners	The Clerk is ordered to send tickets to all the Redemptioners dwelling in London and the Suburbs thereof to pay in their yearly pensions of 20s due to the Company and to charge them to pay it upon pain of £5 apiece.
Draft of an order for the Inquest read.	The draft of the Order made on behalf of the inhabitants of Limestreet ward concerning the lettings of the use of the Chapel and new rooms unto them was read and the same referred to be considered of till the next Court.
Suitors for the benefactors money/ £33 6s 8d granted to Mr Swarland and £25 to Mr Manfeild	At this Court Mr Thomas Swarland and Mr Thomas Manfeild were suitors for some of the Benefactors' money. Whereupon it is ordered that Thomas Swarland shall have £33 6s 8d of the money in John Fitzhughes' hand when it is paid in. The said Swarland entering bond for the same to the Company with Mr Edmund Peshall and John Swarland for payment of the same at 4 years end without interest. And it is also ordered that Mr Thomas Manfeild shall have £25 in John Fitzhughes hands when it is paid in, he entering bond therefore to the Company with Mr George Mole and Mr John Manfeild his brother for payment thereof at 4 years end without interest, and to pay his pension money due to the Company and enter into bond to the Company to pay the same during his life.
Indentures inrolled	These indentures following are ordered to be Inrolled : Inrolled the Indenture of Thomas Haiye apprentice to William Ingram Merchant of the Staple bound for 9 years from the fealte of Phillip and Jacob last past before the date of the Indenture which bears date the Tenth day of May 1618. Inrolled the Indenture of Stephen Dodd apprentice to Robert Allen Merchant of the Staple bound for 9 years from the date of the Indenture, which bears date the 11th day of June 1618. Inrolled the Indenture of William Stone apprentice to Richard Welby Merchant of the Staple bound for 9 years from the date of the Indenture, which bears date the 17th of April 1619. Inrolled the Indenture of William Kinge apprentice to his father William King Merchant of the Staple bound for 9 years from the date of the Indenture, which bears date the 20th of August last past.
	Inrolled the Indenture of William Dyve apprentice to Daniel Dyve Merchant of the Staple bound for 9 years from Midsomer before the date of the Indenture, which bears date the 11th day of July 1618. Inrolled the Indenture of John Smith apprentice to Samuel Scarborough Merchant of the Staple bound for 9 years from the 21st day of July last before the date of the Indentures which bears date the Second day of November last. Inrolled the Indenture of Thomas Rookes bound to his father George Rookes Merchant of the Staple for 9 years from Christmas last before the date of the Indenture which bears date the First day of June 1619.
Inrolled Inrolled Inrolled Inrolled	These Indentures following are ordered to be inrolled when the Masters pay their yearly pension of £20 due to the Company at Our Lady day :. The Indenture of John Ingram bound to William Ingram The Indenture from William Metherill bound to William Watson The Indenture from Daniel Mawde bound to John Mawde The Indenture from John Spiwior bound to Henry Hattsell The Indenture from Owen Edwards bound to Thomas Manfeild.

[20] Mathew Cradock (various spellings) 1584-1636 of Stafford. His father also a wool merchant. Member of Inner Temple. See http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/cradock-matthew-1584-1636

[21] 'harmeless' means without liability in the legal sense.

[Sheet 3 REV IMG 0584 IMG 0585]

Indentures Inrolled

The Indenture from William Brigdon bound to John Mansfeild. Inrolled
The Indenture from Thomas Sugden bound to John Sugden. Inrolled
The Indenture from Barnabas Mawde bound to John Mawde. Inrolled
The Indenture from John Hassard bound to John Jeffrey. -
The Indenture from Richard Richardson bound to William Richardson. Inrolled
The Indenture from Nicholas Sage bound to Alexander Leakey.
The Indenture from John Gilbert bound to Walter Gilbert.

The Indenture from Henry Moore to Richard Moore is ordered not to be inrolled till Henry Moore show himself to the Court or sufficient testimony of his age.

The Indenture of Samuel Hill son of Tobias Hill Merchant of the Staple deceased being read at the Court to the infant Samuel Hill might be turned over serve Henry Bradley Merchant of the Staple, was ordered to stay till Mr Bradley had paid his pension of 20s yearly due to the Company.

The 11th day of February 1619 **[1620]**

An Assembly held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Mr Richard Brabant Constable	Mr William Alkin	*John Gooday made free by warr. No 105*
Mr George Mole	Mr Richard Offley	
Mr Thomas Kynastone	Geo. Symcotts	

Mr Gooday made free

At this Assembly John Gooday of Fearney in county Essex by warrant from the Lord Fenton desiring his freedom by redemption according to the contract had his warrant read. And he thereupon paying £10 to Thomas Kynastone to the use of the undertakers and 20s to the Clerk to the use of the Company and promising to pay 20s yearly pension to the Company at Our Lady day during his life and to enter bond to the Company for the same, took his oath and was admitted into the freedom of this worshipful Company.

A meeting concerning Lead.

The 25th day of February 1619 **[1620]**

Memorand that this present day Mr Arthur Kynastone Mr Banks Mr George Mole and George Symcotts met together at Whitehall before the Lords of the Council and there attended on behalf of the Company to answer and show cause for the Company for their right concerning Lead being an ancient Staple Commodity. At which time the Miners opposing Captain Bell's Patent and Mr Banks opening to the Lords the orders of the Company concerning their government in case where Staple Commodities were abused. It pleased the Lords in general absolutely to damn the Patent and to take notice of the Company' claim to that commodity of Lead. George Symcotts did lay out then 6s 6d for the dinner of the said Company which attended that business.

The First day of March 1619 **[1620]**

A Court held at Sir John Jolles his house in Market Lane London

by these persons following :

Sir John Jolles Mayor	Mr John Holland
Sir Richard Lydall[22]	Mr Robert Wilson
Mr Joseph Banks Attorney	Mr Henry Bradley
Mr Robert Lawley	Mr Robert Crewes
Mr Arthur Kynastone	Mr John Manfeild
Mr Richard Lake	Mr Thomas Manfeild
Mr George Mole	Mr Edward Porter
Mr Robert Hungate	Mr Thomas Swarland
Mr George Rookes	
Mr Thomas Kynastone	Geo. Symcotts

Ordinances confirmed

At this Court the Ordinances made the last Court held the 9th of February and at the Assembly held the 11th of February and meeting the 25th of February last were read and confirmed according to the ordinance except the ordinance made the last Court for Mr Arthur Kynastone and Mr George Mole bringing in of the Articles of Agreement made between the/ Lord Fenton and them the said Mr Mole and Mr Kynastone, which is ordered to rest till further order be taken therein.

Money to be taken up for the Company's use and the sureties bound for it to have the Company seal to save them harmless.

Whereas Mr Constable Brabant, Mr Robert Lawley and Mr George Mole were ordered to enter bond for £60 for the Company's use. In regard Mr Lawley certified this Court that Mr Constable would lend the money himself it is ordered Mr Lawley and Mr Mole shall enter bond to him for the said money and they 2 to have the Company's seal to save them harmless.

[22] Sir Richard Lidall, of Berkshire; knighted 1617.

	[Sheet 4 IMG 0584 & IMG 0586]
The seal to be taken out for that cause.	And it is ordered that Mr Mayor may call any 4 or 5 of the Company to him and open the purse and take out the seal of the Company and seal the bond to Masters Lawley and Mole, and after put up the seal again in to the purse and seal it up with the seals of the Company there present.
Time given to Mr Fisher for payment of his money.	Mr Arthur Fisher came to the Court and desired to have time till May day next for payment in of the £33 6s 11d remaining in his hands of the Benefactors money which his predecessor John Fitzhugh had upon his bond made to the Company which is so ordered.
Committees for making of Ordinances.	Insofar as the Company's business is much hindered and delayed in regards there is no settled government thereof since the last new Patent. It is thereupon ordered that the Committees appointed for settling and establishing the order manner and government of the said Company shall meet at the Staple Hall on Monday next between 8 and 9 o'clock in the forenoon and begin the said business. And that thereupon the said Committees shall then appoint a further day to meet again, and so to appoint further days for meetings till the ordinances be fully made and established. And it is also ordered that Mr Robert Offley Mr Richard Welby Mr Arthur Kynastone Mr George Rookes Mr John Holland Mr Thomas Manfeild Mr Robert Crewes and Mr Henry Bradley shall be joined Committees with the former Committees named in this business.
Francis Farrar	A Letter brought from my Lord of Kelley directed to Mr Mayor Constables and Company of the Staple concerning the confirmation of Francis Farrar to be Solicitor to the Company was read. Whereupon question was made at this Court whether they would choose the said Francis Farrar Solicitor collector or receiver for the Company only for the collecting of the 20s pension of every Redemptioner coming in by my Lord Fenton's warrant during their lives, which matter is also referred to the Committees named for settling the government of the Company. And they are to consider whether the Company shall have use of any solicitor collector or receiver and what allowance he shall have for executing the place.
Mr Lawleys bill of Charges to be paid.	A Bill was presented to the Company by Mr Robert Lawley of charges disbursed for the making of the way to the Company's warehouses in Leaden Hall laid forth by the East India Company which Bill is ordered to be paid and that there shall be 2 new locks made for the 2 doors belonging to the Company's warehouses.
warehouses to be let	The aforesaid Committees are ordered to let the Warehouses in Leaden Hall to some of the Company if they can, if not, to some other that will give reasonable rent for the same, and they are also ordered to consider of the rent of the Warehouses for the best profit of the Company.
Arthur Robinson to be sent	It is ordered that Mr Arthur Robinson shall be sent for to be at Leaden Hall on Monday morning to meet with the other Committees.
Mr Porter made free	Edward Porter late apprentice to Mr John Fitzhugh deceased brought a letter from his widow Mrs Fisher directed to the Company that he had served her and her husband all the term in his Indentures mentioned, and signifying her desire to have the Company to confirm his freedom, which the Company have confirmed accordingly.
Inrolled	The Indenture of Edmund Smith bound to John Goodaye Merchant of the Staple for 9 years from the date of the same Indenture, bearing date 24th day of February last is ordered to be inrolled.
Mr Banks and officers' wages to be paid	The Clerk is ordered to pay Mr Banks such money as is due to him for charges of the Patent and other charges for his fee and to pay the officers' wages out of the moneys he receives for the Company.
	The 22 day of March 1619 **[1620]** **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** by these persons following :.

Sir John Jolles Mayor	Mr Richard Offley
Mr Arthur Robinson	Mr Thomas Lewes
Mr Richard Welby	Mr William Alkin
Mr Robert Lawley	Mr Thomas Colthurst
Mr Richard Lake	Mr John Manfeild
Mr Thomas Thorold	Mr Thomas Manfeild
Mr George Mole	Mr Robert Crewes
Mr Robert Hungate	Geo. Symcotts

Ordinances confirmed	At this Court the Ordinances made the last Court held the First day of March present were read and confirmed according to the Ordinance.

[Sheet 4 REV IMG 0587 and 0588]

Mr Robinson's offer for the warehouses £60 and refused

Mr Arthur Robinson did offer to take a Lease of all the Company's rooms and Warehouses in Leadenhall (except the Court house & rooms therein newly made & the use of the same & Scales in the Warehouse the free ingress therein for the Company to & from the same beam and scales at all times) for all the term let by the City to the Company saving One year. And the said Mr Robinson offered to give £60 yearly rent for the same which offer was refused by the Committee.

Mr Hungate's offer accepted

Thereupon Mr Robert Hungate plead suit and did offer to take the like lease of the same rooms and warehouses before mentioned of the Company, (except as aforesaid) and for the term before mentioned, and alleged that he would give the Company £70 yearly rent for the same during that term and to pay the same half yearly: at Midsummer and Christmas and to have his term begin at Our Lady Day next. To which the Court and Committees present agreed, and ordered that the said Robert Hungate should presently become their tenant and have his lease sealed with as convenient speed as might be.

Letters Patent for a Staple at Ireland[23]

Mr George Mole informing the Court that his Majesty had granted unto him and certain other persons, as well Free as not Free, of our Company his Highness' Letters Patent for a Staple of Wools and Fells in Ireland to ship only to England, and delivering that the Lords of the Council would have the Staple there governed according to the ordinances of our Company here, and that they had seen our ancient book of the Ordinances for shipping. He the said Mr Mole desired to have a copy of so many of the Ordinances in our said ancient book for the perfecting of the ordinances in Ireland as he should think meet. And Mr Mole then declaring our offering that any of our Company which would be free of the Staple of Ireland desiring the same should be admitted to the same Freedom gratis. Thereupon it was ordered that Mr Mole should have such copies of the ordinances as he should think fit.

The 10th day of April 1620

An Assembly held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Mr Thomas Lewes Constable	Mr Robert Hungate	Geo. Symcotts
Mr John Banks Attor.	Mr John Holland	
Mr Robert Lawley	Mr George Rookes	
Mr Arthur Kynastone	Mr Thomas Kynastone	*Geo. Ruggell made free by warr. No 106*
Mr Richard Lake	Mr Richard Offley	
Mr George Mole	Mr William Alkin	

Mr Ruggell made free

At this Assembly George Ruggell of Sudbury in the county of Suffolk by warrant from the Lord Fenton desiring his freedom by Redemption according to the Contract had his warrant read. And he thereupon paying only £10 to Mr Rooks to the use of the Treasurer for the undertakers was admitted to the freedom of this worshipful Company and took his oath. And Francis Farrar received the 20s.

Constable sworn

Mr Thomas Lewes took his oath to serve Constable for this quarter.

8s of Mr Alkin

George Symcotts received 8s of Mr Alkin which Mr Wightman the vintner paid him for wines lying in the lower loop hole in Leadenhall.

25s pd him

George Symcotts paid Mr Alkin 25s by order of Court for this quarter's wages due at Our Lady day last.

Letter to be answered concerning Farrar

Mr Constable, Mr Attorney, Mr Lawley, Mr Lake, Mr Mole, Mr Hungate, Mr Rooks, Mr Thomas Kynastone and Mr Holland or any 4 or 3 of them are appointed to go to my Lord of Kelley to give answer to his letter touching Francis Farrar.

£25 received of Mr Colthurst

Geo. Symcotts received £25 due by Mr Tho Colthurst to the Company of the Benefactors' money and delivered up the bond cancelled to the said Mr Colthurst by him and his sureties entered into.

£10 paid Mr Banks

The said George Symcotts according to a former order did pay Mr Banks, attorney, £10 which he disbursed for the Company about the Patent of the lands at Westminster.

The 10th day of May 1620

A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Sir John Jolles Mayor	Mr John Holland	*Wm Tirrell made free by warr. No 107*
Mr John Banks Attorney	Mr William Alkin	
Mr Walter Write	Mr Richard Offley	
Mr Richard Lake	Mr Stephen Mercer	
Mr Robert Hungate	Mr Henry Bradley	
Mr George Mole	Mr Samuel Scarborough	
Mr Richard Brabant	Mr George Ruggell	
Mr Daniel Dyve	George Symcotts	
Mr Thomas Kynastone		

Ordinances confirmed

At this Court the Ordinances made the last Court held the 22nd of March last and at the assembly held the 10th of April last were read and confirmed according to the ordinances.

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[23] Staple in Ireland see https://www.historyireland.com/early-modern-history-1500-1700/the-statute-staple-in-early-modern-ireland/ and J. Ohlmeyer and É. Ó Ciardha (Eds.), The Irish Staple Books, 1596-1687 (Dublin Corporation 1998).

	[Sheet 5 IMG 0587 and 0589]
Mr Tirrell made free	William Tirrel of the City of Exeter Clothier by warrant from the right honourable the Lord Fenton demanding his freedom by redemption according to the Contract had his warrant read, And he thereupon paying £10 to Mr Thomas Kynastone to the use of the undertakers and 20s to Francis Farrar to the use of the Company and promising to pay 20s at Our Lady day yearly during his life to the use of the Company was admitted to the said freedom & sworn accordingly.
recd of Jones 20s and 7s 6d	John Jones paid George Symcotts 20s for his quarters rent of the Warehouse due at Our Lady day last. The said John Jones paid George Symcott 7s 6d for the quarters rent of the Tackle house due at Our Lady day last.
and of Mr Fisher £58 6s 8d	Mr Arthur Fisher paid George Symcotts £33 6s 8d and £25 for which John Fitzhugh stood bound to the Company of the Benefactors money and the bonds for the same delivered up to him cancelled.
Mr Farrar is to receive the money of the redemptioners	Whereas all Redemptioners that have been made free and which are to be made free by contract between the Lord Fenton and the Company have paid and are to pay 20s apiece to the use of the Company at their several admittances, and 20s more apiece during their several lives at every feast of the annunciation of our Lady yearly towards the discharging of Officers fees and other duties belonging to the said Company, And whereas some of the said Redemptioners are behind with their pension money and do neglect to pay the same, Now Francis Farrar gent. did at this Court make suit to the Company that they would be pleased to authorise him to collect and receive as well the some 20s apiece of every Redemptioner which shall thereafter be made free of the Company by virtue of the Contract aforesaid, as also such and so many several sums of 20s which are behind and unpaid by any the Redemptioners already made free, together with the several yearly sums of 20s which every Redemptioner aforesaid shall hereafter pay for their several pensions during their lives and all arrears therefore behind and unpaid by any of the said Redemptioners at Our Lady day last, And the said Francis Farrar to give the Company full testimony of his diligent service in his business and such other business wherein he shall be employed by the Company, did offer to pay £60 to the said Company and to receive it again out of the sums aforesaid, part whereof he has received already. It is whereupon ordered that the said Francis Farrar after he has paid the said £60 to the Clerk of the Company shall collect and receive of the Redemptioners aforesaid so many of the said sums of 20s as shall be paid by them or any of them for their several admittances together with all the arrears of the same due to the Company and the yearly pensions hereafter to be paid and which shall be payable by every Redemptioner until such time as the said Francis Farrar shall be fully satisfied the said some of £60. And it is also ordered that the said Francis Farrar so soon as he shall be satisfied the said £60 shall collect of the Redemptioners aforesaid the several sums of 20s payable at their several admittances together with the several sums of 20s payable yearly at the feast of the annunciation of Our Lady and that it shall be lawful for him the said Francis Farrar to retain the one half of the same to himself for his pains and service in the said business during the good liking and pleasure of the Company. So as the said Francis Farrar do pay the other half of the said sums to the Treasurer appointed to the Company for the time being within convenient time next after the said Francis Farrar shall have received the same. And so as also the said Francis Farrar do and shall enter into bond to the Company in a sufficient penalty with 2 sufficient persons not free of the said Company to pay the half of all such sums of money which he shall receive of the Redemptioners and to give a just and true account and reconning of the same to the said Company upon demand. And it is also ordered that the said Francis Farrar shall forthwith deliver to the Clerk of the Company all such bonds as he has already taken of any of the Redemptioners for payment of their said pension money to the end the same may be kept amongst the Company's other writing. And likewise that the said Francis Farrar shall make all the bonds which he shall take of any Redemptioner in the name only of the Company and not in the name of any other, and that all the same bonds shall be delivered by the said Francis Farrar to the said Clerk to be kept as aforesaid.

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Lincoln.	At this Court Mr Attorney gave information that certain inhabitants of the City of Lincoln were with him, and did on behalf of themselves and some other of the said City know him to be a means to the Company that they might have a Staple government settled within the said City according to the government of our Company the City being already one of the Staple Towns appointed by his Majesty's Letters Patent made to our Company and has ancient privileges granted unto them for a Staple trade by several Laws Patent and acts of Parliament, and that the said Inhabitants did offer at their own charge to bring in 3 persons of the said Company that should have the freedom of this Company by virtue of several warrants under the Lord Fenton's hand and the trader. And their desire was that the Company would be pleased to make so many other persons of the said City free of the Company as should be assistant to the said 3 persons for the making up of a complete number only for the keeping of Courts and Assemblies for their said company and for no other purpose, and that the same freemen should have no other benefit by their freedom nor make child or apprentice free. It is thereupon thought fit and ordered by this Court that the said inhabitants settling their business without charge to this Company and with Attorneys direction and advise shall upon Mr Attorneys report to the Company of the state of the business receive sure order for making free of the said persons as aforesaid, as the Court shall set down.

[Sheet 5 REV IMG 0590 & 0591]

The 12th of May 1620

An Assembly held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Mr Mayor	Mr Tho. Kynastone	Geo. Symcotts
Mr Mole	Mr William Alkin	*Geo. Abbott made free by warrant No 108*
Mr Dyve	Mr Rich. Offley	

Geo. Abbott made free

At this Assembly George Abbott of the City of Lincoln gent. by warrant from the Lord Fenton demanding his freedom by redemption according to the contract and paying £10 to Mr Thomas Kynastone to the use of the Undertakers and 20s to Francis Farrar to the use of the Company and promising to pay 20s at Our Lady day yearly during his life to the use of the Company took his oath and was/ admitted to the freedom of the Staple.

The 17th of May 1620

A Court of Election held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Sir John Jolles Mayor	Mr Tho. Kynastone	Mr Hugh Bradley
Mr Tho. Lewes Constable	Mr William Alkin	Mr Richard Rue ?
Mr Edmund Peshall[24]	Mr Richard Offley	Mr Robert Crewes
Mr Richard Lake	Mr Tho. Colthurst	Mr Samuel Scarborough
Mr Geo. Mole	Mr John Freeman	Geo. Symcotts
Mr Robt. Hungate	Mr Gryme	
Mr George Rooks	Mr Stephen Mercer	
Mr Rich. Braborne	Mr Tho. Manfeild	

Ordinances read

At this Court the ordinances made the last Court held the 10th day of this present month of May and at the Assembly held the 12th and 17th days of the same month were read and confirmed according to the Ordinance except the ordinance for the making free of Lincoln men, which is to stay till Mr Attorney be present.

Charter read

The Company's great Charter was read as much as concerned the Election of a Mayor and Constables, and other orders thereupon made by the Company were also read, and thereupon the right worthy Sir John Jolles did discharge himself of his office of Mayoralty.

persons nominated for Mayor.
Elected Sir John Jolles

Sir John Jolles, Sir Thomas Smith and Sir William Garway[25] were nominated to be put in election for Mayor of the Staple of England for the year ensuing or less and the Court being examined by hands the election rested upon Sir John Jolles and Sir Thomas Smith. The right worshipful Sir John Jolles by balloting chosen Mayor of the Staple of England for the year ensuing or less and took his oath for the office of Mayoralty and put in sureties for himself and his said office Mr Peshall and Mr Lake.

Mr Freeman Mr Gulson - Constable.

Nominated to be put in election for Constables for the quarter from Midsummer next till Michaelmas following Mr Freeman Mr Gulson Mr Dyve and Mr Tho. Kynastone.
Elected and Chosen Mr Freeman and Mr Gulson.

Mr Dyve Mr Kynastone Constable.

Nominated to be put in election for Constables for the quarter from Michaelmas next till Christmas following Mr Dyve Mr Tho Kynastone, Mr Sarjant and Mr Tho. Colthurst. Elected and Chosen Mr Dyve and Mr Kynastone.

Mr Sarjant Mr Colthurst Const.

Nominated to be put in election for Constables for the quarter from Christmas next till Our Lady day following Mr He. Sarjant, Mr Tho. Colthurst, Mr John Holland, Mr Calcott Chamber elected and Chosen Mr Sargeant and Mr Colthurst.

Mr Holland Mr Chambers Constables.

Nominated to be put in election for Constables for the quarter from Our Lady day next till Midsummer following Mr Holland Mr Chambers Mr Rich. Croswell Mr Wm Horsepoole.
Elected and chosen Mr Holland and Mr Chambers.

Mr Crews Treasurer.

Nominated to be put in election for Treasurer for the quarter from Midsummer next till Michaelmas following Mr Robert Crewes and Mr Paul Cope. Elected and chosen Mr Crewes.

Mr Manfeild Treasurer.

Nominated to be put in election for Treasurer for the quarter from Michaelmas next till Christmas following Mr Erasmus Cope and Mr John Manfeild. Elected and chosen Mr Manfeild

Mr Wilson Treasurer

Nominated to be put in election for Treasurer for the quarter from Xrmas next till Our Lady day then following Mr Paul Cope and Mr Robert Wilson. Elected and chosen Mr Wilson.

Mr Bradley Treasurer

Nominated to be put in election for Treasurer for the quarter from Our Lady day next till Midsummer following Mr Henry Bradley and Mr Paul Cope. Elected and chosen Mr Bradley.

Mr Braborne paid £17 and had £x repaid.

Mr Richard Braborne paid £17 to Geo. Symcotts for a year's rent of the warehouse in Leadenhall due at Christmas last, and for a fine whereof the said George Symcotts by order of this Court did pay again to him for the fine £10.

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[24] Also spelt Pearsall & Pershall, b 1531-26 Mar 1629 Also a Grocer. Full note held from reference: https://www.geni.com/people/Edmund-Pearsall/6000000003658612573

[25] Also spelt Garraway. 1537-26 Sep1625. Draper; East Indies; Levant Companies. Son of John G.- Mercer. https://www.geni.com/people/Sir-William-Garraway/6000000004263397677 . Could be Sir William Garvey mentioned in 'North-East England, 1569-1625 Governance, Culture and Identity', Newton Diana, The Boydell Press 2006.

	[Sheet 6 IMG 0590 and 0592]
Letter to be sent to Mr Robinson	The Clerk to write a letter to Mr Robinson to rectifie him that his Key will not be arrived before he pay the rent for his Warehouse, and for the standing of his Wools.
the City rent to be paid	It is ordered that the Clerk shall pay the half years rent of the Chapel and Rooms in Leaden Hall due to the City at Christmas last, and to receive an acquittance for the same.
Mr Hungate	At this Court Mr Robert Hungate entreated to be freed of his agreement in taking the Lease of the Company of the Rooms in Leaden Hall according to a former order. The Court thought it meet that he should hold his bargain still according to the said order. Whereupon Mr Hungate desired that the Court would refer the matter to Mr Mayors sentence, and promised to submit himself to Mr Mayor's order. Whereupon the Court assented And thereupon Mr Mayor pronounced his sentence that he thought meet that if Mr Hungate would pay £17 10s to the Treasurer for the use of the Company being this quarter's rent due for the premises, that then upon such payment the said Mr Hungate giving notice to the Clerk before the First day of June next that he would leave the premisses and no longer hold the same should be clearly discharged of this said bargain. Which order Mr Hungate refused to stand unto, And thereupon it is ordered that Mr Hungate shall hold his bargain according to the first order.
Tho. Yeomans turned over to Mr Mole	Thomas Yeomans, late apprentice to John Fitzhugh deceased, upon Mr Moles motion was ordered to be turned over to Mr Mole to serve the rest of his term.
Wm Yeomans apprentice	William Yeomans son of [blank] Yeomans, a brother of this Company, being presented by his father at this Court was ordered to be bound apprentice to his said father for 9 years according to the ordinance.
Officers wages to be paid	The Clerk is ordered to pay Mr Mayor's fees and all the officers their wages, out of such moneys as he shall receive for the Company.
John Bromley	John Bromley nephew of John Bromley deceased the Company's late officer for warning of the Court and other business was a petitioner to this Court for his uncle's place, Whereupon it is ordered that the said John Bromley shall have his uncle's place with the fee thereunto appertaining during so long time as he shall behave himself therein to the good liking of the Company or the major part of them and not otherwise.
Phillip Boulton	At this Court Phillip Boulton was a petitioner to the Company to search and oversee the Woolwinders according to a Proclamation in that behalf. And the Company have granted his request, he performing his duty therein carefully.
	The 19th of May 1620 **An Assembly held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London** by these persons following: Mr Tho. Lewes Constable; Mr Richard Braborne; Mr Edmund Peshall; Mr Richard Offley; Mr Rich. Lake; Mr William Alkin; Mr Tho. Kynastone; Geo. Symcotts *Ro. Butler made free by warrant No. 109*
Ro. Butler made free	At this Assembly Robert Butler the younger of Kacklestone[26] in the County of Wilts, yeoman, by Warrant from the Lord Fenton demanding his freedom by redemption according to the contract and paying £10 to Mr Tho. Kynastone to the use of the undertakers and 20s to Francis Farrar to the use of the Company and promising to pay 20s at Our Lady day yearly during his life to the Company took his oath and was admitted to the freedom of the Staple.
Brooks to be charged in account.	The Treasurer Robert Allen is ordered to charge his account with Mr Daniel Dyve's broker of £26 13s 4d for not serving as Constable the last quarter, as also with Mr William Romsey's broker of £5 for not serving Treasurer that quarter.
paid Mr Manfeild £25	George Symcotts delivered unto Thomas Manfeild £25 of the Benefactors' money received of Mr Fisher and took bond of him according to the former order.
and to Mr Swarland £33 6s 8d	The said George Symcotts did likewise pay Thomas Swarland £33 6s 8d of the Benefactors' money received of the said Mr Fisher and took bond of him according to the former order.
City rent paid	The said George Symcotts did pay £37 10s to Edward Hodson receiver in the Chamber of London for half a year's rent of the Company's Rooms in Leaden Hall due at Midsummer last and paid 6d for the acquittance[27]. And did also pay £37 10s more for half a year's rent of the same Rooms due at Christmas last and paid 6d for the quittance, both acquittances being dated accordingly.

[26] Possibly 'Calstone'
[27] A receipt.

	[Sheet 6 REV IMG 0593 and 0594]
	The 24th Day of May 1620 **A Court held at Staple hall within Leaden Hall London** by these persons following :. Mr Thomas Lewes Constable — Mr Richard Braborne Mr John Banks Attorney — Mr Thomas Kynastone Mr Edmond Peshall — Mr William Alkin Mr William Lusson — Mr Richard Offley Mr Thomas Purslow — Mr Stephen Mercer Mr Richard Lake — Mr Tho. Manfeild Mr Geo. Mole — Mr Robert Wilson Mr Robert Hungate — Geo. Symcotts Clerk Mr George Rooks
Ordinances read	At this Court the ordinances made the last Court held the 17th day of this present month of May and at the Assembly held the 19th day of the month were read and confirmed according to the ordinance.
Lincoln	Whereas by a former order made at a Court held the tenth day of this present month of May upon Mr Attorneys information that certain inhabitants of the City of Lincoln desired to have a Staple government settled within the same City according to the government of our Staple here (the City being already a Staple town appointed by Letters Patents and having ancient privileges granted to them for a Staple government by Letters Patents and acts of Parliament) and that the said inhabitants did in that regard voluntarily offer unto this Company that they would at their own charge bring in 3 persons of the said City that should take the freedom of this Company by and under several warrants from the right honourable the Lord Fenton to be traders, and that the same Inhabitants for the better government of the said Staple desired that our Company would be pleased to make so many of other persons of the said City of Lincoln free of our Company as should be assistance to the said 3 persons for making of a Compleat number only for keeping of Courts and Assemblies for the government of the said Company and for no other purpose, the same freemen not to have any other benefit or privileges by their freedom nor make any child or apprentice free. This matter being at large debated at this Court upon the reading of Sir Richard Lydall's Certificate of the Lord Fenton's consent for the making free of the said persons, And Robert Morecroft of the City of Lincoln gent being present and affirming on behalf of the inhabitants of the said City of Lincoln to pay £50 upon the making free of the said persons that is to say £30 to the undertakers of this Company and the other £20 residue to the Treasurer of this Company for the time being to the use of the Company. It is thereupon ordered that the said Mr Morecroft for the better settling of the Staple government within the City of Lincoln shall be Lieutenant to the Company for the said City during one whole year now next ensuing which office this Company hopes the said Mr Morecroft will carefully perform. And the said Mr Morecroft is also ordered and desired to return up the names of 12 sufficient and discreet persons dwelling in or about the City of Lincoln to the Company under the seal of the same City, out of which this Company shall and may at their discretions choose 9 of them to be free to serve only for keeping of Courts and Assemblies in Lincoln with the other Freemen aforesaid. And this Court thinks fit that upon the choosing of the said 9 persons by this Company a letter shall be written from our Company to the Mayor of the said City of Lincoln testifying the consent of this Company for the taking in of the said 9 persons as aforesaid and that the said Mayor of Lincoln may give them an oath for performance of their duties according to the form of an oath to be conceived by this Company which shall be enclosed in this Company's said letter to the Mayor of the said City of Lincoln.
Lieutenant of Lincoln sworn	At this Court the said Mr Robert Moorecroft took the oath to serve Lieutenant within the said City of Lincoln for one whole year now next ensuing and has promised to put in sureties to the Company for performance of his office according to the ordinance of the Company in that behalf provided.

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Mr Moorecroft	The said Mr Moorecroft informing this Court that Robert Bartholomew Robert Kelke and Robert Richardson, glovers within the said City of Lincoln, and certain others there not being free of the Company did without authority or licence drive a trade there in buying and selling of Wools to the prejudice of our Company this Court thereupon minding to reform these abuses did request and order the said Mr Moorecroft to take notice of such persons that have so offend and which should hereafter offend in that or any other kind and to return up unto the Mayor of our Company the names of all such persons so offending to the end such order may be taken for their punishment and restraint as to the Mayor and Company should be thought fit.
Mr Hungate promise to pay £17 10s	Mr Robert Hungate promised that he would bring in £17 10s to the Clerk before this day following for the quarter's rent of the rooms in Leaden Hall according to Mr Mayor's order and did submit himself to the Company touching the same, and thereupon certified this Court that he would have no lease of the said Rooms according to his former agreement but would relinquish his bargain.
Mr Purslow	Mr Thomas Purslow desired the Court that he might have their licence to seek his remedy against Mr Robert Hungate touching his warehouse in Leaden Hall and for £10 which Mr Hungate promised to pay him. Which the Court granted unto him accordingly yet wished that 2 of the Company might end the difference between them touching the same.
Mr Moles offer to take the south end of the hall	Mr George Mole offered that he would take the South end of the hall of the Company and that he would give £23 per annum for the same, and also offered that if the Company would have Mr Bulwell's warehouse that then he would give £20 a year for the rest of the rooms.
A Proclamation read for reforming abuses in wool.	At this Court a Proclamation was read for reformation of abuses touching Woolwinders. Thereupon the Company did order that Phillip Boulton who is chosen searcher for the Company should have authority under the seal of the Company to question any that shall do contrary to the Proclamation.

[Sheet 7 IMG 0593 & 0595]

The 26th day of May 1620

An Assembly held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Mr Thomas Lewes Constable	Mr Tho. Kynastone	*Tho. Sympson and Robert Jackson made free by warrant No. 111*
Mr Richard Lake	Mr Rich. Offley	
Mr William Alkin		

Tho Sympson and Robt. Jackson made free

At this Assembly Thomas Simpson of Spalding in the county of Lincoln, Fishmonger, and Robert Jackson of Owndell[28] in the county of Northampton yeoman by warrants from the Lord Fenton demanding their freedom by redemption according to the contract and they paying £10 apiece to Mr Tho. Kynastone to the use of the undertakers and 20s apiece to Francis Farrar to the use of the Company and either of them promising to pay 20s at Our Lady day yearly during his own life and to enter into bond to the Company for the same took their oaths and were admitted to the freedom of this Company.

The 1st day of June 1620

An Assembly held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Mr Tho. Lewes Constable	Mr William Alkin	*Joseph Hillary made free by warrant No 112*
Mr Edmund Peshall	Geo. Symcotts	
Mr Richard Lake		

Joseph Hillary made free

At this Assembly Joseph Hillary of Leeds in the County of York by warrant from the Lord Fenton demanding his freedom by redemption according to the Contract and paying £10 to Mr Thomas Kynastone to the use of the undertakers and 20s to Francis Farrar to the use of the Company and promising to pay 20s at Our Lady day yearly during his life to the use of the Company and to enter into bond to the Company for the same took his oath and was admitted to the freedom of this Company.

The 1st day of July 1620

An Assembly held at Sir John Jolles his house in Market Lane London by these persons following:

Sir John Jolles Mayor	Mr Thomas Colthurst
Mr William Freeman	Mr William Alkin
Mr Gulson	Geo. Symcotts

Constables sworn

At this Assembly Mr Freeman and Mr Gulson took their oaths to serve Constables for their quarters.

The 6th day of July 1620

A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Sir John Jolles Mayor	Mr Thomas Kynastone
Mr John Freeman	Mr Richard Offley
Mr Edmund Peshall	Mr William Alkin
Mr John Banks	Mr Thomas Manfeild
Mr Walter Write	Mr Robert Wilson
Mr Richard Lake	Mr John Goodhay
Mr George Rooks	Mr William Sheene
Mr Richard Brabant	Mr Robert Crewes Treasurer
	Mr Henry Bradley

Ordinances read

At this Court the Ordinances made the Last Court held the 24th day of May and at the Assemblies held the 26th of May, the First day of June, and the First day of July were read and confirmed.

Treasurer sworn

At this Court Mr Crewes took his oath to serve Treasurer for this quarter and put in surety Mr Lake and Mr Wilson.

Committees to attend the Lords about the Woolgrowers.

Mr Constable Freeman, Mr Banks, Mr Write, Mr Lake, Mr Rooks, Mr Goodhay, Mr Thomas Kynastone, Mr Wilson, Mr Thomas Manfeild, Mr Treasurer, Mr Sheene and Mr Bradley are appointed to go to Westminster to attend the Lords of the Councell to answer the Woolgrowers petition against the Company.

The Woolgrowers petition read

The Woolgrowers petition was read and considered of.

Mr Hungate to be demanded £17 10s

The Clerk is ordered to demand £17 10s of Mr Hungate for rent, which if he refuse to pay he is ordered to pay the rent according to his bargain.

[28] Oundle

	[Sheet 7 REV IMG 0596 & 0597]
Court at Westminster	The Clerk is ordered to repair to Sir John Jolles to set down a day for a Court at Westminster
Indentures inrolled	Inrolled the Indenture of Henry Sheene apprentice to his father William Sheene, Merchant of the Staple, bound for 9 years from the date of the indenture, which bears date 25 November 1619. Inrolled the Indenture of Thomas Sheene apprentice to his father William Sheene bound for 9 years from the date of the indenture which bears date 25 November 1619. The 2 certificates of their ages read.
	The 17th Day of October 1620 **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London** by these persons following: Mr Mayor [Sir John Jolles] — Mr William Alkin Mr John Banks Attorney — Mr Stephen Mercer Mr Daniel Dyve, Mr Tho. Kynastone } Constable — Mr Tho. Manfeild, Mr Robert Crewes Mr George Mole — Mr Henry Bradley Mr Richard Lake — Mr Samuel Scarborough Mr Robert Hungate — Mr William Tirrell Mr George Rookes Mr Walter Write Mr Richard Brabant — Geo. Symcotts Mr John Manfeild
Ordinances read	At this Court the ordinances made the last Court were read and confirmed according to the ordinance.
Constables Sworn	Mr Dyve and Mr Kynastone sworn Constables for this quarter.
Mr Mole to serve Const. in Mr Dyve's stead.	Mr Dyve entreated liberty to depart and to have Mr Mole to serve in his stead, which the company granted so as Mr Dyve do stay a convenient time here to dispatch the business of the Company to the Lords of the Council.
Treasurer sworn	Mr John Manfeild sworn Treasurer for this quarter and put in sureties Mr Wilson and Mr Thomas Manfeild.
Committees to let the warehouses	Mr Mayor informing the Court that the City would take some of our warehouses of the Company. It is ordered that Mr Lake Mr Mole Mr Rookes Mr Crewes Mr Lewes and Mr Offley, or any 4 of them are appointed Committees for the disposing of the Warehouses in Leaden Hall to the best benefit of the Company which Mr Mayor advise.
Mr Hungate denied to pay his rent.	Mr Robert Hungate being demanded the rent due for the warehouses at Our Lady day last refused to pay the same, or to hold the Warehouses any longer. Thereupon it is ordered that some course shall be taken against him for the rent now due.
Committees to attend about the woolgrowers	It is informed to this Court that the Woolgrowers are suitors to the Lords of the Council that there might be a toleration for every man to buy and sell Wools, which will be the subversion of the Company if the suit be obtained. Therefore it is ordered that Mr Constable Dyve, Mr Mole, Mr Slaney Mr Peshall Mr Welby Mr Robert Offley Mr Lake Mr Hungate Mr Rooks Mr Lewes Mr Braborne, Mr John Manfeild Mr Crewes and Mr Tho. Manfeild shall follow the business for the Company and attend the Lords from time to time.
Officers wages to be paid	The Clerk is ordered to pay the officers fees and wages out of the moneys he shall receive for the Company.
Evry trader to pay 20s towards the common charge	It is also ordered that every Merchant of the Staple that is a trader shall forthwith pay 20s apiece to the Treasurer towards the public charge of the company
Accompts to be audited	The Constables, Mr Lake Mr Mole Mr Brabourne, and Mr Lewes or any 3 of them are appointed committees to audit the last Treasurers accounts and Mr Attorney Banks his account for the Patent at Westminster.
Money received	Mr Thomas Kynastone paid 20s to the Treasurer for Mr Arthur Kynastone. Mr Mole paid to the Treasurer 20s for himself. Mr Daniel Dyve paid 20s to the Treasurer for himself. Mr Richard Braborne paid 20s to the Treasurer for himself. Mr Thomas Lewes paid 20s to the Treasurer for himself.
Received of Mr Alkin 10s 10d. Paid him 25s	George Symcotts received of Mr Alkin for standing of hops 10s 10d. George Symcotts paid him for his quarter's wages due at Midsummer last 25s.
	The 30th day of January 1620 **[1621]**
Constable sworn	**An Assembly held at Sir John Jolles his house in Market lane London** by these persons following: Sir John Jolles Mayor — Mr William Alkin Mr Tho. Colthurst Constable — Geo. Symcotts At this Assembly Mr Thomas Colthurst took his oath to serve Constable this quarter.

	[Sheet 8 IMG 0598 & 0596]
	The 14th day of February 1620 **[1621]**
	A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London by these person following: Mr Thomas Colthurst Constable — Mr William Alkin Mr [Thomas] Thorold — Mr Richard Offley Mr Walter Vintt — Mr John Manfeild Mr Richard Lake — Mr Robert Wilson Treasurer Mr George Mole — Mr Hugh Kingsland Mr Thomas Purslow — Mr Stephen Mercer Mr Tho. Kynastone — Geo Symcotts Mr [Humfrey] Gulson
Ordinances confirmed	At this Court the Ordinances made the last Court held the 18th day of October last and at the Assembly held the 30th day of January last were read and confirmed according to the ordinance.
Treasurer sworn	Mr Wilson took his oath to serve Treasurer for this quarter and put in sureties for his office Mr Mole and Mr John Manfeild.
Accompts to be audited	The Constable, Mr Peshall Mr Thorold, Mr Lake Mr Mole and Mr Thomas Kynastone or any 3 of them are ordered to audit the 3 last Treasurers' accounts and examine Mr Banks account of the charges in passing the Patent Letter for the houses at Westminster.
Warehouses to be let	It is also ordered that Mr Mole shall do his best to let the 4 warehouses on the East side of Leadenhall and the Loop between Mr Bell's house and Mr Wroth's[29] house there and the Weighhouse unto the East India Company, to hold for term year from Lady day next, yielding and paying therefore yearly to the Company £50 payable half yearly.
Benefactors money called in	The Clerk is ordered to give William Ensor Stephen Mercer and Thomas Mercer and their sureties notice to pay in the moneys they stand bound to the Company for the £100 of the Benefactors' money due at several days past.
weights at the Custom house to be called for	It is further ordered that the Treasurer and 2 such other of the Company as he shall choose shall cause the weights belonging to the Company lying in the weighhouse of the custom house to be brought from thence to Leaden Hall there to remain and be kept for the use of the Company.
Concerning a Bill to be preferred in Parliament	Whereas the Company are much grieved in regard their trade has been and is greatly hindered and impeached by dyers growers and other persons. Forasmuch as it is thought by the Company that their said trade may be better settled to them this Parliament. It is therefore thought fit and ordered that Mr Constable Mr Arthur Kynastone Mr Mole Mr Lake Mr Tho. Kynastone Mr Treasurer and the Clerk shall forthwith attend Mr Attorney Banks with the Company's books and Charter to the end the same may be viewed and considered as well concerning the ancient privileges of the Staple as otherwise, and thereupon to advise with some other Council concerning a Bill to be preferred in Parliament to the good of the Company as also for the answering of any Bill or objections that shall be put in against the Company by any person whatsoever.
Mr Purslow and Mr Hungate's warehouse	It is also ordered that the Treasurer and the Clerk shall peruse over the books and accounts of the Company to see how much rent has been received for Mr Purslow's warehouse which we let to him in Leaden Hall which Mr Hungate holds and to consider what Mr Hungate is to pay for the same warehouse to the end Mr Purslow may receive satisfaction for the £10 paid by him to the Company for a fine of the Warehouse which the Treasurer is to pay unto him accordingly.
Rent to be paid with the Benefactors money	Whereas 3 score and £15 was due at Christmas last past to the City for a whole year's rent of the warehouses, rooms and chapel in Leaden Hall which the company do hold by lease from the City, which rent has been divers times demanded of the Company/by the City's officer whereby the said lease is subject to a forfeiture if the City should take advantage thereof. Now forasmuch as the City's officer came to the Court and demanded the said £25 of the Company which was not then ready. Whereupon at the Company's request he gave them a fortnight longer time to pay the said rent to him, which the Company did by that time promise and undertake to perform. It is thereupon ordered that the now Treasurer and Clerk or one of them shall forthwith call in the £100 of the Benefactors' money now due to the Company in the hands of William Ensor, Stephen Mercer and Thomas Mercer upon their bond and after the receipt thereof shall presently carry £25 thereof to the City's officer appointed to receive the said rent of the Company and pay in the same rent to the said Company, and thereupon receive an acquittance for the same for the Company's use, which £25 shall be made up again by the said Company and the money disposed of to certain of the Company for 4 years gratis according to the meaning of the giver thereof.
The Treasurer and Clerk to layout money in suit	It is also ordered that the Treasurer and Clerk shall deliver such moneys to Mr Mole and Mr Kynastone to the prosecuting and defending of the Company's business in Parliament before mentioned as by the said Mr Mole and Mr Kynastone shall be thought fit Council and charges of suit in regard they 2 are appointed to follow the business.

[29] Could be Sir Thomas Wroth, 1584-1672 (later an MP) or Sir Peter Wroth (both of the Inner Temple). See History of Parliament http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1660-1690/member/wroth-sir-thomas-1584-1672

	[Sheet 8 REV IMG 0599 & 0600]
	The 21st day of February 1620 **[1621]** **A Court held at Staple Hall in leaden Hall London** by these persons following:

Mr Thomas Colthurst Constable	Mr Tho. Kynastone Treasurer
Mr John Banks Attorney	Mr Robert Wilson
Mr Craddock	Mr Richard Offley
Mr Thomas Thorrold	Mr John Manfeild
Mr Richard Lake	Mr Tho. Manfeild
Mr Geo. Mole	Mr Henry Bradley
Mr Geo. Rookes	Geo. Symcotts Clerk
Mr Gulson	
Mr Tho. Lewes	

Ordinances confirmed	At this Court the Ordinances made the last Court held the 14th of this present month were read and confirmed according to the ordinance.
Mr Braborne to be spoken to about the warehouses.	It is ordered that the Treasurer and some other of the Company shall forthwith speak with Mr Richard Braborne to know whether he will take the warehouses and rooms belonging to the Company in Leaden Hall at £50 a year which were offered to the East India Company, and if he do refuse to take them at that rate, that then the said Treasurer shall require him to surrender up that warehouse which he now keeps in his hands in Leaden Hall, into the Company's hands, to the end the said company may let the same with the other rooms there to the said East India Company for £50 a year whereby our Company may be no further damnified[30] in paying the rent to the City.
Reasons to be drawn and showed in Parliament	Forasmuch as our Company were warned to attend the lower house of Parliament on the 22nd day this present month of February and to bring their last Patent together with them to show unto the said house, and to answer some grievances supposed to be done by them. It is thought moot that some heads[31] and reasons should be conceived at this Court to be delivered unto the said house on behalf of our Company whereby the said house might consider of the same and of our said Patent. These be the heads thought fit to draw Reasons upon to acquaint the lower house with all. -That the first grievance came by my Lord Fenton's Patent, and that our Company now enforced to compound with his Lordship and to show the reasons thereof. -To set down some reasons why the Staplers and Clothiers should be the only buyers of Wools and why the Broggers[32] should be suppressed, being very ill members. -To show why some of the Clothiers were admitted to the freedom of our Company. -To justify our Company that they have not shipped Wools. -That if Broggers should be admitted to come into our Company, we desire that there might be a convenient number of them appointed and that they might be under our government.
Committees to attend at the Parliament	Mr Constable, Mr Slany, Mr Robert Offley, Mr Peshall, Mr Welby, Mr Arthur Kynastone, Mr Mole, Mr Rooks, Mr Hungate, Mr Wilson, Mr Jo. Manfeild, Mr Tho. Manfeild, Mr Bradley and Geo. Symcotts or any 6 of them ordered to agree upon the reasons aforesaid and to attend the lower house in Parliament with them and with the Patent on the said 22nd day of this present month And to the better doing thereof.
Counsel to be retained	It is ordered that Mr Arthur Kynastone and Mr Mole with the Clerk shall retain Mr Banks and Mr Holt to be of Counsel for the Company and to get them to peruse the said reasons and to go with the Company to the lower house to show such reasons and the behalf of the Company for the maintenance of our Patent as they should think meet for the good of our Company.
Our Patent delivered in Parliament	**The 21st day of February** 1620 **[1621]** Be it remembered that this day according to the former order Mr Constable Colthurst, Mr Thorrold, Mr Arthur Kynastone, Mr Mole, Mr Rooks, Mr Hungate, Mr Wilson, Mr Jo. Manfeild, Mr Tho. Manfeild, Mr Bradley and the Clerk came to the lower house in Parliament with Mr Attorney Banks and Mr Holte and there showed some reasons for maintenance of our Patent and trade. Whereupon the house taking consideration caused the said Constable and the rest of the said Company to deliver up our Patent into the hands of Sir Robert Heath Solicitor to his Majesty then speaker appointed to that Committee.

[30] damnified meaning damaged (legal) (Old French).
[31] 'head's in the sense of main points; as in the sense, still used today, of 'heads of terms'.
[32] broker - an agent for the sale and purchase of goods and services; from the Anglo-French word brocour.

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The 20th day of March 1620 **[1621]**

An Assembly held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Mr Arthur Kynastone	Mr Tho. Manfeild
Mr Tho. Thorrold	Mr Robert Wilson Treasurer
Mr George Mole	Mr Robert Crewes
Mr George Rooks	Mr Richard Rue
Mr Tho. Lewes	Mr Henry Bradley
Mr Richard Offley	Geo. Symcotts
Mr William Alkin	

The Bill to be preferred in Parliament read.

At this Assembly a draft of an Act of Parliament made in the Company's behalf for the shipment and carrying of cloths and all kind of stuffs made of wool or mixed with wool not only to Flanders, Brabant, Zealand and other parts that were there under the obedience of the Duke of Burgundy, but also into other countries beyond the seas where Merchants of the Staple have used heretofore to put to sale wool or other kinds of cloth and stuffs made of wool without impairment of the governors, assistants or Fellowship of the Merchant Adventurers of England or any other, was read and considered of and thereupon thought fit the same Act should be preferred and delivered to the Speaker and read by him in the house, and that Mr Kynastone and Mr Mole should follow the same and pay the fees for the same.

The Clerk to pay money to defray all payments.

And it was further ordered that the Clerk should deliver Mr Arthur Kynastone and Mr Mole moneys out of the Company's stock to defray charges of Council and other fees about the procuring and defending of the said Act in the Parliament house.

	[Sheet 9 IMG 0599 & 0601]
	The 16th day of May 1621 **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** by these persons following:

Mr Joseph Holland Constable	Mr William Alkin	*Samuel Kynastone made free by Patrimony.*
Mr Joseph Banks Attorney	Mr Tho. Kynastone	
Mr Joseph Slaney	Mr Rich. Offley	
Mr Edmund Peshall	Mr John Lewes	
Mr Arthur Kynastone	Mr Hugh Kingsland	
Mr George Mole	Mr Thomas Swarland	
Mr Richard Lake	Mr John Manfeild	
Mr Thomas Purslow	Mr Henry Bradley	
Mr Daniel Dyve	Geo. Symcotts	
Mr George Rookes		

Ordinances confirmed	At this Court the Ordinances made the last Court held the 21st of February last and at the Assembly held the 20th of March were read and confirmed according to the ordinance.
Mr Kynastone and Mr Mole to attend the Parliament.	Mr Arthur Kynastone and Mr George Mole did inform the Court that the Company's Bill for shipping of cloths was preferred into the lower house of Parliament, and that the same had been twice read there and once at a committee and that some of the Company were ordered to attend the said committee in the Star[33] chamber at Westminster at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Whereupon it is ordered that the said Mr Kynastone and Mr Mole should attend the said committee this afternoon and follow the business on behalf of the Company and that they should give notice at the next Court what they had done in the Company's said business.
and by warrant to be agent for the Company	And it is likewise ordered that the said Mr Kynastone and Mr Mole shall have a warrant in writing under the common seal of the Company to authorise them to be agents and to follow the business for the Company touching the passing of the Act of Parliament for the Company upon the said Bill, and that the said warrant should be drawn by the advice and direction of Mr Banks, Attorney to the said Company.
Sam. Kynastone made free	Samuel Kynastone, son of the said Arthur Kynastone, desiring the freedom of this worshipful Company by patrimony was admitted and took his oath and paid 6s 5d for his Hance[34] to Geo. Symcotts
A petition which the redemptioners had preferred against the company read	A petition made on behalf of 120 now Merchants of the Staple preferred to the house of Parliament for restitution of £111 which every one of them did pay for their several freedoms was read. Wherein was delivered to the said house of Parliament that the Company's Bill aforesaid was preferred but by 6 of Ten of the Company without the consent of the rest. Whereupon Mr John Manfeild and Mr Bradley being present it was demanded by this Court whether they 2 were parties petitioners in the said petition and who did solicit the business touching the same petition on behalf of all the petitioners. Thereupon the said Mr Manfeild and Mr Bradley did acknowledge themselves to be 2 of the same petitioners and that Dawkes the Informer is the solicitor for the petitioners. An answer is to be made to the petition preferred by the said 120 now Merchants to this effect.
Answer to be made to it	That by reason the Company were much troubled by suits in the Exchequer and Starr chamber by the Patents upon the Statute of 5 Edward 6 they were enforced to compound with the said Patents and to give them 200 men's freedoms, the benefit of every one of which said Freemen is but £10 apiece to the Company.
	The difference between Mr Purslow and Mr Hungate touching the £10 in question between them for the warehouse in Leaden Hall is referred to the examination of Mr Constable, Mr Slany, Mr Peshall, Mr Lake, Mr Mole or any 2 of them and they to certify how the matter stands and then the Court will order the business between them accordingly
Persons attending the Court	Certain persons that desired to be free of this Company attended at the Chapel door to know the Company's pleasure in that behalf. It was thought fit that the said persons should not be admitted to come into the Court, And therefore Masters Arthur Kynastone and Mole were ordered to go forth unto them, and to signify that the Company would have consideration of their suit after the Company's Bill should be passed in the Court of Parliament.
Mr Mole and Mr Kynastone to receive the redemptioners £10	Mr Arthur Kynastone & Mr George Mole informed this Court that they were not paid all their moneys which they had laid out to my Lord Fenton about the passing of the Company's former Patent and therefore they desired that seeing they were the persons specially employed by the Company for following the Company's business in Parliament that they might receive the £10 in hereafter by the Redemptioners upon their admission to the Freedom of this Company until they were satisfied their money by them so disbursed. Whereupon the Court agreed.

[33] Star chamber was a court of Privy councillors and judges in Westminster.
[34] Hance: from old French *'hanse'* meaning guild fee.

	[Sheet 9 REV IMG 0602 & 0603]
	The 30th day of May 1621 **A Court of Election held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London** by these persons following: Mr John Holland Constable Mr John Banks Attorney Mr Arthur Kynastone Mr George Mole Mr Robert Hungate Mr William Alkin Mr Richard Braborne Mr Thomas Kynastone Mr Richard Offley Mr Hugh Kingsland Mr Edward Porter Mr Sam. Kynastone Geo Symcotts
Ordinances confirmed	At this Court the ordinances made the last Court held the 16th day of this present month of May were read and confirmed according to the Ordinance.
Charter read	The Company Charter ,as much as concerned the election of a Mayor and Constables, and other orders thereupon made by the Company were also read.
Old Mayor discharged	Sir John Jolles being very sick desired to leave his office of Mayoralty whereupon he was discharged accordingly.
New Mayor chosen	Whereas the Mayor of the Staple has ever been an ancient knight or alderman of London for the better Countenance and government of the whole company, And whereas Sir Thomas Smith & Sir William Garway being the ancient knights of the Company and resident in London have been formerly put in election with Sir John Jolles for Mayor of the Staple. More in regard the said Sir Thomas Smith and Sir William Garway were both very aged and employed in business for other companies and thereby cannot give that attendance on the Company as is required. And for that also there are no other knights or aldermen of London free of the Company to be Mayor, it was therefore moved that some of the aldermen of London should be made free of the Company gratis for their own persons to the intent to be made Mayor of the Staple. To which purpose the Court have made choice of Mr James Cambell, one of the aldermen of London, to be made free of the Company gratis to his own person and have nominated him to be Mayor of the Staple if he will accept of the same and have ordered that Mr Mole with some other of the Company and the Clerk shall repair to the said Mr Alderman Cambell[35] and give him notice thereof to the end he may be made free of the Company accordingly.
and respited[36]	It is also ordered that the election of the Mayor shall be respited until Alderman Cambell shall be made free of the Company as aforesaid.
Mr Constable Holland spared and Mr Mole serves in his stead.	At this Court Mr Holland, Constable, desired to be spared from serving the residue of his quarter in regard of his present employment beyond sea, and did offer that if the Company would spare him he would serve Constable the next quarter. Thereupon Mr Georg. Mole is ordered to serve Deputy Constable for him during this quarter and did take his oath accordingly.
Mr Holland and Mr Sarjant - Constable.	Nominated to be put in Election for Constables for the quarter from Midsummer next till Michaelmas following Mr John Holland Mr Robert Crewes Mr John Sarjant[37] and Mr Calcott Chambers. Elected and chosen Mr Holland and Mr Sarjant.
Mr Kingsland Treasurer	Nominated to be put in Election for Treasurer for the quarter from Midsummer next till Michaelmas following Mr John Lewes and Mr Hugh Kingsland. Elected and chosen Mr Kingsland.
Mr Braborne departed without leave	Mr Richard Braborne being demanded by the Court to stay till it was ended would not obey but departed away.
Committees to attend Alderman Cambells answer	It is also ordered that Mr Constable, Mr Peshall, Mr Arthur Kynastone, Mr Arthur Robinson, Mr Langton, Mr Mole, Mr Hungate, or any 2 of them shall attend Alderman Cambell for his answer touching the Mayoralty of the Staple, and if he shall refuse the same that then they choose any other alderman of the City of London or any other of the ancient freemen of the Company of ability to be Mayor of the Staple for the year ensuing as they shall think meet.
Election of Constable and Treasurer respited	The Election of the Constables and Treasurers for Michaelmas Christmas and Our Lady day quarters next ensuing are ordered to stay till another time.
Suits for benefactors money	Mr Richard Offley desired to have £33 6s 8d of Mr John Vernon's money for 4 years gratis and offered Mr Edward Delves and Mr Richard Weld, goldsmiths in Lombard Street, to be his sureties. Richard Franklyn, servant to Sir Valentine Kingsley, desired to have £33 6s 8d of Mr Vernon's money 4 years gratis and offered Mr Edw. Yate Esquire and Mr Purisie Esquire to be his sureties. William Hawford, servant to Mr Gifford Watkin, desired also some of the Benefactors' money gratis for 4 years and offered surety as the Court shall think fit.

[35] James Cambell was Mayor for 20 years - until his death in January 1642. 3 times Master of the Ironmongers Company; Lord Mayor of London 1629-30; knighted 1630. Governor of the French Company and on the East India Company committee.
[36] respited = postponed
[37] John Sarjant could be a younger brother of Roger Sarjant, 1562-1649 Mayor of Northampton and a Mercer. Ref: https://www.geni.com/people/Roger-Sargent-Mayor-of-Northampton/6000000006445000832

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	The 7th day of June 1621 **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall** by these persons following:

Mr Geo Mole Constable	Mr Richard Offley	Geo. Symcotts
Mr Edmund Peshall	Mr John Manfeild	
Mr Arthur Kynastone	Mr Robert Wilson	*Tho. Alkin made free by Patrimony*
Thomas Thorrold	Mr Robert Crewes	
Mr Richard Lake	Mr Thomas Manfeild	
Mr Richard Braborne	Mr Nicholas Rue	
Mr George Rookes	Mr Stephen Mercer	
Mr William Alkin	Mr Samuel Kynastone	
Mr Geo. Kynastone		

Ordinance of Hances dispensed with	At this Court the Ordinance of Hances are dispensed with for 14 days to the intent to admit Mr Alderman Cambell free of our Company.
Court of 16 May last excepted against	Most of the Company now present took exception to the Court held the 16th of May last and desired to have some of the Ordinances then made to be altered but because there were many of the Company present at that Court absent at this Court, it is now therefore ordered that all those differences shall rest in suspense till there shall be a more ample Court.
Const. elect out of town	Whereas Mr John Holland and Mr John Sarjant were at the Court held the 30th of May last chosen Constables for this next quarter and are both out of town and the said Court not confirmed, it is ordered that there shall be a new election of Constables for the said quarter.
Mr Welby & Mr Rooks chosen Constables	Thereupon were nominated to be put in election for Constables, for the quarter from Midsummer next till Michaelmas following, Mr Welby Mr Holland Mr Rookes and Mr John Sarjant. Elected and chosen Mr Welby and Mr Rookes.
Mr Kingsland Treasurer	Nominated to be put in election for Treasurer, for the quarter from Midsummer next till Michaelmas following, Mr Hugh Kingsland and Mr John Lewes. Elected and chosen Mr Hugh Kingsland.
Election of others respited	The election of Constables and Treasurers for the other quarters next ensuing is ordered to stay till an ample Court.
Ald. Cambell to be made free and then Mayor.	At this Court Mr James Cambell, Alderman, is ordered to be admitted to the freedom of this Company gratis to his own person. And that after his acceptance of the oath he shall be then chosen Mayor of the Company if he pleases to accept the same.
Jo. Hardwick admitted Beadle	John Hardwick dwelling in Shaft Alley London making his request to the company to be Beadle for the said Company for the year ensuing, upon his promise to be perform the place diligently and carefully, was admitted and thereupon ordered to have 40s for his year's wages and to be paid to him by the Treasurer of the Company for the time being.
Jo. Bromley displaced [as Beadle]	Thereupon John Bromley, the former Beadle, for his negligent service to the Company is ordered to be discharged of that place.

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The 23rd day of June 1621
An Assembly held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Mr Geo. Mole Constable	Mr Robert Crewes	
Mr Richard Lake	Mr John Manfeild	Geo. Symcotts
Mr Geo. Rookes	Mr Henry Bradley	
Mr Tho. Kynastone	Mr Tho. Manfeild	
Mr William Alkin	Mr Samuel Scarborough	

Alderman Cambell made free

At this Assembly Mr James Cambell[38] Alderman was admitted to be free of this Company gratis for his own person only and took his oath accordingly.

and sworn Mayor

The said Mr Alderman Cambell took also his oath to perform the office of Mayor of the Staple for the year ensuing and is to put in sureties for his office according to the ordinance.

Court at Westminster.

Thereupon Mr Mayor appointed Wednesday next for the keeping of a Court at Westminster.

Mr Rooks sworn Const.

Mr George Rooks was sworn to serve the office of Constable for the quarter from Midsummer next till Michaelmas following.

The 30th day of January 1621 **[1622]**
A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Mr James Cambell Alderman Mayor	Mr Hugh Kingsley
Mr Robert Lawley	Mr Stephen Mercer
Mr Tho. Langton	Mr John Mansfeild
Mr Richard Lake	Mr Tho. Mansfeild
Mr Geo. Mole	Mr Henry Bradley
Mr Robert Hungate	Mr Edward Porter
Mr Geo. Rooks	Mr Richard Franklyn
Mr Rich. Brabant	Mr Ralph Ruddyard
Mr William Alkin	Mr Samuel Scarborough
Mr Hugh Gulson	Geo. Symcotts
Mr Richard Offley	
Mr Robert Crewes	

Ordinances confirmed

At this Court the ordinances made the last Court held the 7th day of June last and the Assembly held the 23rd of the same month were read and confirmed.

Mr Gulson paid in £25

Mr Hugh Gulson did pay which he had of the Benefactors' money unto Geo. Symcotts and thereupon the bond which he entered into for the same was delivered up unto him to be Cancelled.

rent recd for the Tacklehouse

Mr John Jones did also pay unto the said Geo. Symcotts 22s 6d due to the Company for rent of the tackle house for the 3 last quarters ended at Christmas last. Thereupon it is ordered that the said Jones shall give his attendance at the next Court.

Mr Porter to pay in £33 6s 8d
Mr Kingsland to pay in £33 6s 8d

Mr Edward Porter promised that he would pay in £33 6s 8d he has in his hands of the Benefactors' money upon the 26th day of February next. Mr Hugh Kingsland then also promised that he would pay in the £33 6s 8d which he has in his hands of the Benefactors' money unto the person that shall be ordered to have it.

Mr Hungate

Mr Robert Hungate, being demanded by the Court to pay the £17 10s which he was formerly ordered to pay for the rent of the rooms in Leaden Hall, desired to stay till the next Court, and promised that if Mr Mayor should then order him to pay the same, that then he would pay it accordingly.

recd £3 10s of Mr Jacob
recd of Mr Mole £20
of Mr Lake 20s

Mr Richard Braborne did pay £3 10s in light gold to George Symcotts for a quarter's rent of the 2 upper warehouses on the East side of Leaden Hall due to the Company at Midsummer last by Mr Jacob, the loss of which gold is ordered to be borne by the Company. Mr George Mole being demanded £24 due by him to the Company for a year's rent of his warehouses in Leaden Hall ending at Christmas last, did pay to Geo. Symcotts by order of this Court £20 and desired that that might be disposed of by the Company until the next Court. Mr Richard Lake did also pay to Geo. Symcotts 20s due to the Company for half a year's rent of his room in Leaden Hall ended at Christmas last.

The City rent to be paid

It is also ordered that the said George Symcotts shall pay into the Chamber of London the sum of £75 owed by the Company to the City for a whole year's rent for the Company's rooms in Leaden Hall ended at Christmas last and that he shall receive an acquittance for the receipt thereof and pay for the same. And it is also ordered that the £25 paid by Mr Gulson as aforesaid shall be by the said George Symcotts disbursed toward the said payment. And the said George is requested to lay out the residue of the money to make up the whole rent And thereupon it is ordered he shall receive the same again out of the Company's money to be received.

Mr Franklyn to have £33 6s 8d

Richard Franklyn is ordered to have £33 6s 8d of the Benefactors money in Mr Kingsland's hands, entering into bond with Mr Edward Yate of Buckland in the county of Bucks, Esquire, and Solomon Whitehorne of Stanford in the same County, Yeoman, for repayment thereof at 4 years end to the Company.

[38] Sir James Cambell 1570-1642; Alderman for Billingsgate & later Lime St, Lord Mayor & knighted in 1630, Sheriff 1619, Master of the Ironmongers 3 times; on the Committee of the East India Company; Governor of the 'French Company'.

	[Sheet 11 IMG 0606 & 0608]
Mr Offley to have £33 6s 8d	Mr Richard Offley is also ordered to have the £33 6s 8d of the Benefactors' money in Mr Edward Porter's hands entering into bond with Mr Richard Cherney, citizen and Goldsmith of London and Mr Richard Wold, citizen and Goldsmith of London, for repayment thereof at 4 year's end to the Company.
Suitors for Benefactors' money	Robert Springe of Daggenham in the County of Essex desired to have some of the Benefactors' money, when it is paid in, for 4 years gratis and offered Mr Robert Hungate and Mr Edmund Peshall to be his sureties. Mr John Manfeild also desired some of the Benefactors' money, when it is paid in, for 4 years gratis and offered Mr Richard Edwards gent. in Fetter Lane and Mr Tho. Manfeild to be his sureties.
	Mr Robert Lawley, Mr Peshall, Mr Mole, Mr Rookes, Mr Lake, Mr Hungate, Mr Brabant or any 4 or 3 of them are appointed auditors to audit all the Treasurers' accounts not audited.
Mr Braborne's goods to be distrained	Mr Braborne being demanded £28 rent due to the Company for his warehouse in Leaden Hall for 2 years ended at Christmas last denied to pay the same in regard of some agreement between him and Mr Peshall. Thereupon it is ordered that his goods in his warehouse shall be distrained for the same rent.
The City rent paid	Memorand that the said 30th day of January [1622] George Symcotts did pay to Edward Hodgson the City's officer the sum of £75 due by the Company Christmas last, and paid also 12d for the acquittance.
	The 9th day of February 1621 **[1622]** **An Assembly held at Mr James Cambell's house Mayor of the Staple of England situated in the parish of St Andrew Undershaft[39] London** by these persons following:

Mr Mayor	Mr William Alkin	*Jo. Bowater, Mathew Stones and Mr James Monger made free by my lord Fenton's warrants No 115*
Mr Robert Lawley	Geo. Symcotts	
Mr Geo. Mole		

Mr Bowater Mr Stones Mr Monger made free	At this Assembly Mr John Bowater, Mr Mathew Stones and Mr James Monger, by warrants from the right honourable the Lord Fenton under his Lordship's hand, desiring their several freedoms by redemption according to a contract made with his Lordships hand the warrants read. And thereupon paying £11 apiece to George Symcotts by order of the said Company put to the use of the said Company and promising also to pay 20s apiece yearly pension to the Company at Our Lady day during their lives were admitted into the freedom of this worshipful Company.
	The 19th day of February 1621 **[1622]** **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London** by these persons following:

Mr Mayor	Mr Tho. Langton	*Ferdinando Cope made free by Patrimony*
Mr Robert Lawley Constable	Mr Richard Braborne	
Sir John Dormer[40]	Mr Edmund Peshall	
Mr John Banks Attorney	Mr Hugh Gulson	
Mr Calcott Chambers	Mr John Holland	
Mr Erasmus Cope	Mr Richard Offley	
Mr Robert Bamebrigg	Mr Tho. Talbot	
Mr Richard Lake	Mr Stephen Mercer	
Mr Geo. Mole	Mr Tho. Manfeild	
Mr Geo. Rookes	Mr Richard Rue	
Mr William Alkin	Mr Robert Wilson	
Mr Tho. Kynastone	Mr Edw. Porter	Geo. Symcotts

Ordinances confirmed	At this Court the Ordinances made the Last Court held the 30th day of January last and at the last Assembly held the 9th of this present month were read and confirmed according to the Ordinance.
Ferdinando Cope made free	Ferdinando Cope gent., son of Sir Edward Cope Kt deceased, desired to be made free of this Company by Patrimony and thereupon he paying 6s 5d for his Hance to Geo. Symcotts was made free accordingly.
Mr Lawley Constable	Nominated to be put in election to Constables, from this day till Midsummer day now next ensuing, Mr Robert Lawley, Mr Thomas Thorold, Mr Robert Hungate and Mr Robert Crewe. Thereupon Mr Robert Lawley took his oath to serve Constable accordingly.
Mr Langton for his man's £22	Mr Thomas Langton moved to have the £22, which his man did pay to the Company when he was made free. Thereupon it was reserved to the next Court to be considered of.

[39] On the corner of St Mary Axe & Leadenhall St, City of London. Burial place of John Stow (a Merchant Taylor)who wrote the 'Survey of London' in 1598. https://londonunveiled.com/2015/02/17/st-andrew-undershaft/

[40] Sir John Dormer 1556-10 Mar 1627 of Long Crendon, Bucks.MP for Aylesbury. His great grandfather, Geoffrey D. of West Wycombe was a merchant of the Calais Staple. His grandfather Sir Michael D was Lord Mayor of London 1541. Ref History of Parliament Online http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/dormer-sir-john-1556-1627

	[Sheet 11 Rev IMG 0609 & 0610]
Mr Braborne to pay £28	Mr Braborne being demanded the £28 rent due by him to the Company promised to pay the same to the Clerk when Mr Peshall should deliver him his bond. Whereupon Mr Peshall promised to bring the bond to the Clerk within a day or 2.
Mr Kingsland's bond of £25	Mr Brabourne brought a bond into the Court, wherein Hugh Kingsland and others stand bound to the Company for payment of £25 on the 25th of March 1621, whereupon it is ordered that the Clerk shall call to Mr Kingsland for the same.
No freemen to be admitted but at a Court.	It was put to hands at this Court whether there shall be any more Freemen admitted at an Assembly or at a Court, and it was ordered there shall be none admitted but at a Court only.
Mr Brabant tenant to Mr Peshall's warehouse	It is ordered that Mr Brabant shall be immediate Tenant to the Company for Mr Peshall's warehouse and shall have the £10 which was paid for the fine according to the order of the 10th February 1617[1618] .
Mr Mole debt to the Company	It is delivered by Mr Brabant that Mr Mole is indebted to the Company £36 upon his account audited by Mr Peshall, Mr Lawley and others. Whereupon it is ordered that the Clerk shall seek out Mr Mole and Mr Kynastone's accounts again the Court day, and then the same shall be considered of. Mr Brabant also delivered that when he was Treasurer for the Company he delivered Mr Mole £11 and £9 18s and that Mr Mole did lend these moneys to certain persons. Whereupon Mr Brabant desired to know whether these moneys were paid again to the Company, and it is ordered that search shall be made in the accounts for the same.
paid Elinor Kilby 13s 4d	Elinor Kilby, wife of Symon Kilby a late officer of the Company, in respect of her husband's poverty preferred a petition to this Court for some relief. Whereupon the Court ordered that she should have a Mark paid her by the Clerk. Thereupon Geo. Symcotts the Clerk paid her 13s 4d accordingly.
Mr Dickinson	Whereas Mr Robert Dickinson brought a warrant from Lord Fenton for his admittance to the Freedom of the Company. He is referred till the next Court for his answer.
Rents of rooms to be considered of.	The next Court is appointed to consider of the rents of the rooms in Leaden Hall in Mr Mole's and the other tenants' hands, and to consider whether they were lawfully let.
Our Patent to be petitioned for	Whereas our Patent was taken from us by the Parliament, it is ordered that a petition shall be drawn to the Lords of the Council concerning the same, and that some committees shall be appointed to follow that business. Whereupon Mr Constables, Mr Peshall, Mr Thorold ,Mr Mole, Mr Rookes and Mr Lake are chosen committees to follow that business.
Officers wages to be paid	It is ordered that the Clerk shall pay Mr Mayor his fee and all the officers their wages and moneys due to them by the Company till Christmas last.
	The 27th day of February 1621 **[1622]** **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** by these persons following:

Mr Robert Lawley }	Mr Rich. Offley	Edw. Woodroff made free by Patrimony
Mr Robert Crewes } Constables	Mr John Manfeild	
Mr John Banks Attorney	Mr Robert Wilson	
Mr Calcott Chambers	Mr Henry Bradley Treasurer	Robert Dickenson, Edward Grace and Thomas White made free by my Lord Fenton's warrant No.118
Mr Edmund Peshall	Mr Tho. Talbott	
Mr Arthur Kynastone	Mr James Monger	
Mr Richard Lake	Mr Mathew Stones	
Mr Richard Braborne	Mr Tho. Manfeild	
Mr Geo. Mole	Mr Edw. Porter	
Mr Geo. Rookes	Mr Ralph Riddiard	
Mr William Alkin	Mr Ferdinand Cope	
Mr Tho. Kynastone	Geo. Symcotts	

Ordinances confirmed	At this Court the ordinances made the last Court held the 19th of this present month were read and confirmed according to the ordinance.
Constable sworn	Mr Robert Crewes took his oath to serve Constable from the last Court until Midsummer next.
Mr Bradley Treasurer	There were nominated to be put in election for Treasurer from this present day until Midsummer now next ensuing Mr Stephen Mercer & Mr Henry Bradley. Elected & chosen Mr Bradley. Thereupon the said Mr Bradley took his oath to serve Treasurer for that time & Mr Rookes and Mr Tho. Manfeild did undertake to be his surety for the performance of the office & are to enter bond according to the ordinance.
Mr Woodrofe made free	Mr Edward Woodrofe, citizen and Mercer of London son of Robert Woodroff the elder a brother of the Company, desired his freedom by Patrimony and thereupon he paying 6s 5d for his Hance to Mr Bradley Treasurer and Messrs Chambers & Mole undertaking to pay his father's brookes (if any) took his oath and was made free accordingly.
recvd of Mr Braborne £18	Mr Richard Braborne did pay £18 to Mr Hen. Bradley Treasurer due by him for his year's rent for his Warehouse in Leaden Hall ended at Christmas last and thereupon Mr Peshall delivered him a bond wherein the said Mr Braborne stood bound to the said Mr Peshall for payment of the said rent.

	[Sheet 12 IMG 0611 & 0609]
Mr Riddiard	Mr Riddiard moved to have the £22 which he paid to the Company at his admittance to be repaid him again. Thereupon it is ordered that the business shall be deferred till the Company shall be better settled.
Any of the Co to peruse the ordinances	It is ordered that it shall be lawful for any brother of the Company at his pleasure to peruse over all the ordinances made for the Company.
Mr Dickenson and Mr Grace made free.	At this Court Mr Robert Dickenson and Mr Edward Grace by virtue of several warrants from the right noble the Lord Fenton under his Lordships hand desiring their several freedoms by redemption according to a contract made with his Lordship had their several warrants read, and they thereupon paying £11 apiece to Mr Bradley treasurer to the use of the Company and promising to pay £20 apiece yearly pension to the Company at Our Lady day during their several lives took their oaths and were admitted into the Freedom of this worshipful Company.
More persons may be admitted	Motion was made by some of the Court whether there should be a competent number of Freemen admitted by my Lord Fenton's warrants besides the foresaid 2 persons admitted at this Court. Thereupon it was agreed by general consent that there should be more persons taken in, and so many as the Company shall think moot.
Mr White made free	Thereupon Mr Thomas White presented himself to this Court and desired his freedom by redemption by virtue of my Lord Fenton's warrant which was read. Whereupon it was put to hands whether he should be made free or no, and the most hands were for his admittance. And thereupon it was ordered he should be made free. At which time he paid £11 to Mr Bradley Treasurer to the use of the Company and promised to pay £20 yearly pension to the Company at Our Lady day during his life and so took his oath and was admitted into the Freedom of this worshipful company accordingly.
Committees to attend my Lord Fenton	Mr Constable, Mr Banks, Mr Peshall, Mr Arthur Kynastone, Mr Lake, Mr Mole, Mr Rookes, Mr Hungate, Mr Braborne, Mr Munger and Mr Stones and Mr Bradley are appointed to attend the Lord Fenton on Friday next about the taking in of Freemen into the Company by virtue of his Lordship's warrants and thereupon the said Company appointed to meet at 3 o'clock that afternoon at the new exchange in the Strand[41].
Committees to survey Mr Mole's Kynastone's & Hungate's accounts	Mr Constables, Mr Rookes, Mr Lake, Mr Braborne, Mr White and Mr Bradley or any 3 of them are appointed committees to survey Mr Mole's Mr Arthur Kynastone's and Mr Hungate's accounts with the several notes of their receipts and payments of money to the end the same may be reported.
Beam & scales at the Custom house to be called for	Mr Constables, Mr Arthur Kynastone and Mr Mole are appointed to call for the Company's Beam and Scales remaining at the Customs house.
Mr Hungate to be sued	Mr Robert Hungate, being demanded the £17 10s due by him to the Company for rent of the warehouse in Leaden Hall by a former order, denied to pay the rent and he being put apart it was put to question what course should be taken against him for the same, and thereupon it was ordered by general consent of the whole Company present that Mr Hungate should be sued for the whole year's rent.
	The 13th day of March 1621 **[1622]** **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** by these persons following:

Mr Robert Lawley Constable	Mr Henry Bradley Treasurer	*Samuel Mercer made free by Patrimony*
Mr Calcott Chambers	Mr Richard Rue	
Mr Richard Lake	Mr Stephen Mercer	
Mr Thomas Thorrold	Mr Tho. Manfeild	*Adrian Evans & Robert Holloway made free by my Lord Fenton's warrant No. 120*
Mr Arthur Kynastone	Mr Mathew Stones	
Mr Richard Braborne	Mr James Munger	
Mr Geo. Mole	Mr John Bowater	
Mr Geo. Rookes	Mr Robert Dickinson	
Mr Tho. Lewes	Mr Edw. Woodroffe	
Mr William Alkin	Geo. Symcotts	
Mr Rich. Offley		

Ordinances confirmed	At this Court the Ordinances made the last Court held the 27th day of February last were read and confirmed according to the Ordinance.
Sam. Mercer made free	Mr Samuel Mercer, son of Thomas Mercer a brother of this Company, desired his freedom by Patrimony and thereupon paying 6s 5d for his Hance to Mr Bradley Treasurer took his oath and was admitted accordingly.

[41] The New Exchange was built on part of the gardens of Durham House in 1608-9, facing the Strand; it was eventually destroyed in 1737. reference: The London Encyclopaedia p539, Weinreb Hibbert Keay & Keay, 2008 Pan MacMillan.

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Mr Evans and Mr Holloway made free	At this Court Mr Adrian Evans and Mr Robert Holloway, by virtue of several warrants from the right honourable the Lord Fenton under his Lordship's hand desiring their several freedoms by redemption according to a contract made with his Lordship, had their several warrants read and thereupon Mr Holloway paying £11 to Mr Bradley Treasurer for the use of this Company, and Mr Dickinson and Mr Monger undertaking to pay to the Treasurer £11 for Mr Evans to the Company's use, and Mr Evans and Mr Holloway promising to pay 20s apiece yearly pension to the Company at Our Lady's day during their several lives according to the ordinance took their oaths and were admitted into the freedom of this worshipful Company.
Mr Mole to hold his warehouse at £20 per annum	Whereas Mr George Mole hold of the Company his warehouse in Leaden Hall at £20 per annum, which rent Mr Rooks and Mr Braborne do inform this Court is too little for the same, it was therefore questioned and put to hands whether Mr Mole should hold the same warehouse during the Company's pleasure at £20 per annum from Christmas last and the most hands were for his enjoying them whereupon it is ordered that Mr Mole shall hold the warehouses accordingly.

	[Sheet 12 REV IMG 0612 & 0613]
Committee to attend the Lords	Mr Mole informed this Court that himself Mr Crewes and some others of the Company have preferred a petition to the Lords of the Privy Council that our Company may have leave to ship cloth, and that their honours thereupon willed the Company to attend their further pleasure. Whereupon this Court was well contented, and have appointed Mr Constables Mr Mole Mr Arthur Kynastone Mr Rookes Mr Thorold Mr Braborne Mr Lake Mr Lewes Mr Peshall Mr Slany Mr Holland Mr Monger Mr Evans Mr Bowater Mr Stones Mr Bradley Mr Holloway or any 6 or more of them to attend the Lords of the Council about that business and to treat with the Merchants Adventurers concerning the same.
Accounts to be examined	The Committee appointed to examine Mr Hungate and Mr Kynastone's accounts have appointed to meet at Leaden Hall on Friday next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the doing thereof.
paid Mr Alkin 25s	Mr Bradley Treasurer paid Mr Alkin 25s for his quarters wages due at Christmas.
The state of Mr Kynastone's and Mr Hungate's accounts	**The 15th day of March** 1621 **[1622]** This day Mr Robert Lawley Constable Richard Lake George Rooke and Richard Braborne, committee appointed by order made at a Court held at Staple Hall 27th February last for the surveying and reviewing of Mr Arthur Kynastone and Mr Robert Hungate's accounts, did meet in the Staple Hall and did view over the same accounts upon which view we found there was a difference between the said Mr Kynastone and Mr Hungate due to the Company the sum of £36 13s 9d which money Mr Hungate charged his account to have paid to Mr Kynastone, but Mr Kynastone denies the receipt thereof. Yet alleged that if Mr Hungate did pay it to him that then he gave Mr Hungate receipts under his hand, but these acquittances could not be seen, whereby the truth might appear. And therefore Mr Hungate offered to take his oath that he delivered so much money to Mr Kynastone, and Mr Kynastone offered to take his oath that if Mr Hungate did pay him so much money that he the said Mr Kynastone had paid the same in charge for the Company's use and £3 more besides, and that he delivered a particular account in writing of all sure sums of money as he charged him with and the said £3 besides.
	The 6th day of April 1622 **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** by these persons following:

Mr Mayor	Mr Richard Offley
Mr Robert Lawley }	Mr Robert Wilson
Mr Robert Crewes } Constables	Mr Thomas Manfeild
Mr Henry Bradley Treasurer	Mr Mathew Stones
Mr Welby	Mr Robert Dickinson
Mr Richard Lake	Mr Stephen Mercer
Mr Geo. Mole	Mr Ralph Ruddiard
Mr Richard Braborne	Mr Edw. Woodroffe
Mr William Alkin	Geo. Symcotts

Ordinances read	At this Court the Ordinances made at the last Court held the 13th day of March last were read and confirmed except the ordinance for Mr Mole's holding of the warehouses in Leaden Hall made the same Court which is ordered to stay till the next Court.
£33 6s 8d to be called in, Mr Swarland being dead.	The bonds for the Benefactors' money were read and Tho. Swarland, who has £33 8s 6d of Mr Vernon's money, being informed to be dead it is ordered his sureties shall be spoken to for payment of the money.
A course to be taken to make up the Benefactors' moneys.	Mr Constables, Mr Welby Mr Lake Mr Mole Mr Rookes Mr Stones and Mr Dickinson or any 4 of them are appointed to look into the Company's estate touching the Benefactors' money diminished and to set down some course how the same moneys shall be made good again, to the end it might be employed and put out according to the Benefactor's intent.
M Kynastone's & Mr Hungate's accounts respited	The business concerning Mr Hungate's and Mr Arthur Kynastone's accounts are ordered to stay till the next Court that Mr Kynastone and Mr Hungate be both in town and present to answer.
Search to be made for payment of toll on the bridge	Mr Constables Mr Mole Mr Rookes Mr Braborne Mr Bradley Treasurer Mr Hungate and Mr Wilson or any 4 of them are appointed to look into the Staple books to see how the toll for wools over London Bridge has been paid and in what manner it is to be paid. The Collector of the Bridge is ordered to attend Mr Mayor this afternoon or some other time. If any man will be a suitor to the Company the next Court to farm the Company's interest of the toll for wools passing over London Bridge and for the bringing of wools to Leaden Hall they shall then know the Company's pleasure therein.
Committee to serve Westminster houses.	Mr Constables Mr Welby Mr Langton Mr Lake Mr Thorold Mr Mole Mr Rookes Mr Braborne Mr Stones Mr Dickinson Mr Bradley and Mr Wilson or any 4 or more of them are appointed Committee to serve the houses at Westminster to the end Mr Keeling or any other Suitor may be answered for taking the same of the Company.

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Mr Kingsland's bond of Treasurer to call in the money.

Mr Hugh Kingsland's bond for £25 of the Benefactors' money long since due was delivered to Mr Bradley the Treasurer to call in the money.

Mr Welby's broke discharged

Whereas there is a brooke[42] of 40 marks set upon Mr Welby for not serving Constable in the quarter from Midsummer last till Michaelmas next following forasmuch as the said Mr Welby informed the Court that he had no notice thereof it is ordered he shall be discharged of the said Brooke.

Mr Ruddiard suitor for the Benefactors' money

Mr Ralph Ruddiard, late servant to Mr Tho. Langton, was a suitor to the Court to have some of the Benefactors' money, which was so ordered.

The 16th day of May 1622

A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Mr Mayor	Mr William Alkin
Mr Robert Lawley }	Mr James Munger
Mr Robert Crewes } Constables	Mr Adrian Evans
Mr Jo. Banks Attorney	Mr John Manfeild
Mr Richard Lake	Mr Tho. Manfeild
Mr Geo. Mole	Mr Stephen Mercer
Mr Calcott Chambers	Mr Tho. Alkin
Mr Daniel Dyve	Mr Robert Holloway
Mr Thomas Kynastone	Mr Ralph Ruddiard
Mr Richard Offley	Geo. Symcotts

Ordinances confirmed, Mr Mole's excepted

At this Court the ordinances made the last Court held the 6th of April last were read and confirmed according to the ordinance, except the order for Mr Mole's holding of the warehouses in Leaden Hall made at a Court held the 13th of March last which is ordered to stay till the next court.

Alderman Cambell Mayor

Election of Constables and Treasurers respited

Mr Mayor did at this Court discharge himself of his office of Mayor of the Staple. The Worshipful James Cambell Alderman, Sir Tho. Smith and Sir William Garway now nominated to be put in election for Mayor of the Staple of England for the year ensuing, but the Court being examined by voices the election rested upon Messrs James Cambell and Thomas Smith. The Worshipful Mr James Cambell is by balloting chosen Mayor of the Staple of England for the year ensuing. Whereupon Mr Mayor took his oath for the said office and put in Mr Robert Lawley and Mr Geo. Mole for his sureties for the discharging of the said office.

The Election of Constables and Treasurers for the year ensuing is ordered to stay till the next Court.

Orders touching Mr Hungate to be showed Mr Banks

The Clerk is ordered to show all the orders to Mr Banks, Attorney, touching Mr Hungate's taking of the warehouses in Leaden Hall, and concerning the payment of the rent for the same to the Company to the end he may give direction for the suing of the said Mr Hungate for the rent.

Westminster houses to be viewed

The Committees before appointed to view the houses at Westminster belonging to the Company are appointed to view the same with as much speed as they can convenient.

Committee to attend Sir John Suckling

Whereas the Company is to give an answer to Sir John Suckling and the other Commissioners and to certify them how many of the Company will ship cloths and what quantity, Mr Constables Mr Mole Mr Rookes Mr Monger Mr Bowater Mr Stones Mr Evans Mr White Mr Holloway Mr Dyve Mr Dickinson or any 4 or more of them are ordered to attend the said Commissioners and to certify accordingly.

Search to be made for Mr Dyve's brokes.

The Clerk is ordered to search what brokes are put on Mr Dyve for not serving Constable and to give notice thereof to the Mayor or Constables, to the end such order shall be taken for his discharge as to them or one of them shall be thought fit.

Phillip Boulton had 20s given him

A petition was read of Phillipp Boulton, a sworn wool winder, concerning a warrant made to him by the late Mayor of the Staple for the apprehending of such persons as should wind fold and lap wool contrary to the Statute, he being imprisoned and disgraced for executing the same and he now suing for some redress. It is ordered that the Court books shall be searched concerning the granting of that warrant, to the end order might be taken for the poor man, and in the meantime the Treasurer is ordered to pay unto the said Phillip Boulton 20s for his relief which the Treasurer paid accordingly.

The Treasurer to pay Mr Lawley & Mr Mole such moneys as they disbursed.

Whereas Mr Constable Lawley did declare unto this Court that he and Mr Geo. Mole had disbursed moneys about the Company's business, and that they were to disburse further sums as occasion required. It is ordered that the Treasurer shall pay unto them all such moneys as they have already laid out for the said Company, and such money as they shall necessarily hereafter disburse in the Company's business.

Recvd of Mr Evans £11

Mr Adrian Evans did pay £11 to Mr Bradley Treasurer being the money promised when he was made free for which Mr Monger and Mr Dickinson gave their words, which is for the use of the Company as aforesaid.

[42] 'Brooke /broke' appears to mean a fine in this context.

	[Sheet 13 REV IMG 0615 & 0616]
	The 22nd day of May 1622 **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** by these persons following: Mr Mayor — Mr Tho. Kynastone Mr Robert Lawley } — Mr John Manfeild Mr Robert Crewes } Constables — Mr Tho. Manfeild Mr Calcott Chambers — Mr Robert Dickinson Mr Henry Bradley Treasurer — Mr Nicholas Rue Mr Richard Lake — Mr Richard Offley Mr Geo. Mole — Mr Ralph Riddiard Mr William Alkin — Mr Tho Alkin — Geo. Symcotts
Ordinances confirmed except Mr Moles	At this Court the Ordinances made at the last Court held the 16th of this present month were read and confirmed according to the ordinance except the order for Mr Mole's warehouses mentioned at the last Court which is ordered to stay till next Court.
Mr Lawley and Mr Crewes Constable	There were nominated to be put in election for Constables for the quarter from Midsummer next till Michaelmas following Mr Lawley Mr Crewes Mr Langton and Mr Purslow. Elected and chosen Mr Lawley and Mr Crewes.
Mr Manfeild Treasurer	Nominated to be put in election for Treasurer for the quarter from Midsummer next to Michaelmas following Mr Tho. Manfeild and Mr Nicholas Rue. Elected and chosen Mr Manfeild.
other Election respited	The election of Constables and Treasurers for the other quarters ensuing is ordered to stay till Michaelmas next.
Mr Lawley and Mr Mole to attend the Commissioners	Mr Lawley Constable and Mr Mole certified the Court that they with some other of the Company did attend the Commissioners about the business between our Company and the Merchant Adventurers, and the Commissioners had appointed them to attend them again this afternoon about the same business.
A letter from Mr Kynastone for redemptioners £10	Mr Arthur Kynastone wrote a letter to the Mayor Constables & Society to have certain £10 repaid unto him which have been paid to the Treasurer, for the admittance of Freemen late come into the Company by virtue of my Lord Fenton's warrants which letter was read at this Court. And whereupon it is ordered that the Court books shall be searched to see how many £10 have been paid of late to the Treasurer and that then the Court will take order therein accordingly.
Westminster houses to be viewed	The Committee formerly appointed for viewing the Company's houses at Westminster are ordered again to view the said houses & ground belonging to the Company & thereupon to certify at the next Court what they have done.
Mr Dyve's broke released	Whereas Mr Daniel Dyve was chosen Constable to serve in the quarter from Christmas last till Our Lady day following and did not come to take his oath and do his service whereupon a broke of 40 marks was put upon him according to the Ordinance Forasmuch as he has informed this Court that he was sick that quarter and that he did serve Constable in the quarter from Michaelmas last till Christmas following and has made his Suit to this Court to be released of the said broke It is ordered that Mr Dyve shall be absolutely released of the same Broke and no advantage to be taken against him to the same.
Mr Banks to be attended about Mr Hungate	It is again ordered that the Clerk shall attend Mr Banks, Attorney, with the Court books to peruse the orders therein made concerning Mr Hungate taking the lease of the warehouses in Leaden Hall of the Company and for the payment of such rent as he is ordered to pay for the same to the end a Course may be taken against Mr Hungate for recovery of the said rent to the Company.
John Jones	Whereas John Jones holds the Room in Leaden Hall called the Mealehouse of the Company by virtue of a former order for which he pays but £4 and which is thought too small a rent. Forasmuch as the said Jones did inform this Court that he had paid 5 Marks at his admittance to the Company which was imposed upon him by the Company and also that he had bestowed £20 upon the repairing and making of the said room fit for his use and was to be at other charges about the same. It is ordered upon the reading of a petition preferred by the said Jones to the Court for the holding of the said room at the said yearly rent of £4 that the said Jones for the reasons aforesaid shall hold the said rooms still at £4 per annum during the Company's pleasure and no longer.
	The 5th day of June 1622 **An Assembly held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London** by these persons following: Mr Robert Lawley Constable — Mr James Monger Mr George Mole — Mr Richard Offley Mr Henry Bradley Treasurer — Mr Jo. Manfeild Mr Tho. Lewes — Mr Tho. Manfeild Mr William Alkin — Geo. Symcotts
Letter to be written to Boston about the Feoffment	At this Assembly the Clerk is ordered to write a letter to the Company's tenant Mr Butler dwelling at Boston that he should inform the Mayor of the Staple at Boston that whereas there is a feoffment[43] anciently made and executed of the Company's houses in Boston to 8 feoffees free of the Company,

[43] Feoffment: a grant of ownership of freehold property. Feoffee: either a freeholder or a trustee holding a freehold, typically a charitable one.

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	whereof 4 were then resident in London and the other 4 then resident in or near Boston. That in regard there are but 2 of the same feoffees of London now living, and that the Company know not how many of the feoffees of Boston be still living That therefore the Company's desire is to be certain from thence how many of the old feoffees of Boston are now living, and also to send the names of 4 new feoffees resident in or near Boston freemen of our Company to the end a new feoffment may be made and executed of the said houses at Boston according as the Company shall think fit.

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The 17th day of June 1622
An Assembly held at Mr Robert Lawley the Constable's house on Cornhill London
by these persons following:

Mr Robert Lawley	Mr John Holland
Mr Richard Lake	Mr James Monger
Mr Richard Braborne	Geo Symcotts

Accounts audited

At this Assembly the accounts of John Lewes, William Ramsey, Robert Allen, Robert Crewes, George Symcotts, Robert Wilson, Geo Symcotts, Geo Symcotts, Geo Symcotts and Geo Symcotts who supplied the places for the Treasurers chosen for these several quarters were read perused and audited and thought fit to be abled at the next Court.

The 19th day of June 1622
An Assembly held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Mr Robert Lawley Constable	Mr Robert Holloway	Geo. Symcotts
Mr Arthur Kynastone	Mr Robert Dickinson	
Mr William Alkin	Mr Samuel Scarborough	
Mr Richard Offley	Mr Tho. Alkin	
Mr Robert Wilson	Mr Ralph Ruddiard	

Ordinances read

At this Assembly the ordinances made at the last Court held 22nd May last and at the 2 Assemblies the one held 5th June and the other 17th June last were only read, but put over to be confirmed till the next Court.

Accounts thought fit to be abled

The accounts of William Ramsey, Robert Allen, Robert Crewes, George Symcotts, Robert Wilson, Geo Symcotts, Geo Symcotts, Geo Symcotts and Geo Symcotts read at the last Assembly and audited were thought fit to be abled at the next Court.

Mr Lawley Constable desired to be spared

Mr Robert Lawley being chosen to serve Constable in the quarter from Midsummer next till Michaelmas following desired to be spared for executing of the said office, and to have another to be chosen in his stead, which is left to be considered of at the next Court.

Westminster houses have been viewed

Mr Constable Lawley certified that he and Mr Tho. Langton had been at Westminster and had viewed the Company's houses there with a Workman, and showed a note of the particulars which was read.

Rent to be called for & paid to the City

The Treasurer is ordered to call for the rents of the Company's Warehouses in Leaden Hall and to pay the rent of the said Warehouses and rooms in Leadenhall to the City at Midsummer next.

Henry Lewes Beadle

Henry Lewes is thought fit to supply the place of Beadle belonging to the Company in Hardwick's place deceased and to have the wages of 40s paid him for the same.

A letter to be sent to Mr Robinson

The Clerk is required to write a letter to Mr Arthur Robinson concerning the payment of his rent due to the Company and for standing of his wools in Leaden Hall and to attend Mr Mayor about the same.

Mr Hungate to be sued

The matters in question between the Company and Mr Robert Hungate touching his account and payment of rent due to the Company, is thought fit to be put in suit according as Mr Attorney shall direct.

£33 6s 8d in Mr Swarland's hands deceased to be called in

The Treasurer is required to call upon Mr Peshall to pay £33 6s 8d of the benefactor's money in Tho. Swarland's hands who is dead.

Mr Ruddiard to have £25

It is agreed that Ralph Ruddiard shall have the £25 in Mr Kingsland's hands of the benefactor's money for 4 years gratis entering into bond with sureties according to the ordinance and giving the Company a release for the £22 by him paid to the Company at his admittance to the freedom of this Company.

Book of Ordinances to be delivered to Mr Mayor

The Clerk is ordered to deliver the book of ordinances to Mr Mayor whensoever he shall require the same.

Mr Marbury

Some consideration thought fit to be had at the next Court for giving of Mr Lewes Marbury money for his pains in following the Company's business before the Lords of the Council and Commissioners.

Mr Kynastone

Mr Arthur Kynastone desired to have his accounts perused and to have an order for the money by him laid out in the same, which is thought fit to be considered of at the next Court.

	[Sheet 14 REV IMG 0618 & 0619]
	The 16th day of July 1622 **A Court kept in Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London** by these persons following: Mr James Cambell Mayor — Mr James Monger Mr Robert Lawley } — Mr Robert Holloway Mr Robert Crewes } Constables — Mr Robert Dickinson Mr Thomas Thorold — Mr William Alkin Mr Richard Lake — Mr Richard Offley Mr George Rookes — Mr Ralph Ruddiard Mr Thomas Lewes — Mr Stephen Mercer Mr Tho. Manfeild Treasurer — Mr Samuel Mercer Mr Thomas Kynastone — Geo. Symcotts
Ordinances confirmed	At this Court the Ordinances made the last Court held the 22nd day of May last and at the Assemblies held the 5th 17th and 19th day of June last were read and confirmed according to the Ordinance except the order for Mr Mole's warehouse before mentioned to be excepted, which is now ordered to stay till the next full Court.
Constables sworn. Mr Lake to serve in Mr Lawley's stead	Mr Robert Lawley and Mr Robert Crewes took their several oaths to serve Constables for this quarter from Midsummer last till Michaelmas following. Mr Robert Lawley being forthwith to ride into the country about of personal business desired to have the Company's license to depart, and that Mr Richard Lake might serve as his deputy. To which Mr Lake being present and condescending, the Court were well pleased he should serve in Mr Lawley's stead.
Mr Hungate to be sued	It is also ordered that when Mr Attorney Banks shall come to town suits shall be pursued in the Company's name against Mr Robert Hungate for the rent of the warehouses in Leaden Hall, and for the remainder of the Company's money due upon his account according as Mr Attorney shall direct.
And a letter of Attorney to be made to Mr Clark for the	And a Letter of Attorney is ordered to be made by the Mayor and Company to George Symcotts, Clerk, for the presenting of the same suits, and that the Treasurer shall deliver money to the said George from time to time to defray the charges of the said suits.
£5 given to Mr Marbury	It is ordered that the Treasurer and Clerk or some of them shall deliver £5 to Mr Lewes Marbury for following the Company's business at the Council table and before the Commissioners at the Parliament.
Mr Kynastone's account respited	Mr Arthur Kynastone's account is ordered to stay until a full Court.
Mr Mayor restored the book of ordinances	Mr Mayor did deliver in the Book of Ordinances which he had to the Clerk to be kept in the hall as formerly it was.
Rent to be paid	The Treasurer is ordered to receive the Company's rents of the warehouses in Leaden Hall and of the houses at Westminster, and to pay the Company's rent due to the City for Leaden Hall at Midsummer last.
Treasurer sworn	At this Court Mr Thomas Manfeild took his oath to serve treasurer for the quarter from Midsummer last till Michaelmas following and put in sureties for him and his office Mr Lake and Mr John Manfeild.
The letting at Westminster houses to stay til l Christmas 1622 & the tenants to repair them	Consideration is to be had by the Company whether they will let the houses at Westminster to a stranger or whether they will keep them in their own hands. And for that cause it is thought fit the letting of the same houses should stay till Christmas next and then to give a full resolution, that Court might then speedily be taken for the disposing of the houses. The Treasurer is ordered to cause the Tenants of Westminster houses to repair them.
	William Brend who married one of Savage's[44] daughters, the late Clerk, moved the Court to let him have £7 10s which he said was due to him for his part of the rent of Westminster houses, the whole rent of them being divided between him and William[45] Brend who married the other daughter of Savage. But for that it was said the houses were much decayed, the Treasurer was ordered to pay him £5 and to keep the rest in his hands till the tenements were repaired, and that he and his brother entered into bond to the Company to repair the same houses and to deliver up the possession of the houses to the Company when the lease should be expired, and also to deliver all such writings as they have belonging to the Company concerning the said houses.
Mr Mercer ... for a lease of Westminster houses	Samuel Mercer, a Brother of the Company, moved the Court that he might have lease of the houses at Westminster from the Company for such term and fine as any other stranger did offer or would bonafide give to the same. And in this respect he offered that the Company should yearly hold their Court in the best rooms belonging to the said houses without charge to the Company, and that he would bestow 20s a year upon a repair for the Company every year during this lease when the Court should be there kept, which motion the Company liked of, but has referred their answer till Christmas next when they shall resolve of keeping or letting the rooms as aforesaid.

[44] Mention of 'Savage', the Clerk before George Symcotts - at least pre-1619 so before this first surviving Minute Book.
[45] This appears to be an erroneous clerical repeat of 'Wm Brend' and should be the name of the other husband.

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Mr Rookes and Mr Manfeild paid 12d apiece for coming late.	Mr George Rookes and Mr Thomas Manfeild coming very late to this Court being warned by the officer were both fined at 2s 6d apiece to the use of the poor of the Company. But upon their entreaty and promising to be more careful to appear, the Court were contented to take but 12d apiece of them, which the Treasurer has and is to account for to the Company.
persons absent to be noted	The Beadle is to deliver up the names of such of the Company as he warned to the Court at the next Court, to the end such order should be taken to the fine of those that were absent as the Court shall think fit.
Accounts abled	All the Accounts mentioned at the 2 last Assemblies were again read and considered of, and thereupon all abled. And the Treasurers and their deputies with their sureties are all ordered to be discharged and to have their bonds delivered up to cancelled.
Accounts to be audited	The Constables Mr Lake, Mr Munger, Mr Holloway, Mr Dickinson, Mr Holland or any 3 or 4 of them are appointed Auditors to audit Mr Arthur Kynastone's and Mr Bradley's accounts.
	The 14th day of October 1622 **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London** by these persons following: Mr Mayor — Mr Richard Offley Mr Robert Crewes Constable — Mr Richard Rue Mr Thomas Thorrold — Mr Robert Holloway Mr Tho. Kynastone — Mr John Bowater Mr Tho Manfeild Treasurer — Mr Ralph Ruddiard Mr Hugh Gulston — Mr Samuel Scarborough Mr William Alkin — Geo. Symcotts
Ordinances confirmed	At this Court the ordinances made the last Court held the 16th day of July last were read and confirmed according to the ordinance except the order for Mr Mole's warehouses which is ordered to stay till a more ample Court.
Mr Kingsland & Mr Porter	Mr Hugh Kingsland and Mr Edward Porter are to be warned by the Beadle to appear at the next Court upon pain of 20s apiece, and to bring in the Benefactors' money which is in their hands.
Mr Hungate	The Beadle is ordered to warn Mr Robert Hungate to appear at the next Court upon pain of 20s.
The City rent to be paid	The Treasurer is ordered to pay the Company's rent to the City's officer, due at Midsummer last, and to take an acquittance for the same.
Mr Thorold	Mr Thorold demanded £6 which he said was due to him for part of his fine for his warehouse, which is ordered to stay till a more ample Court.
persons absent to be fined	It is ordered that all those that were warned by the Beadle to appear at this Court and were absent shall be fined at the next Court according to the Ordinance. The Beadle certified that he warned these persons to appear at this Court who were all absent. Mr Hugh Kingsland Mr Edward Porter Mr John Holland Mr Thomas Langton Mr Tho Colthurst Mr Henry Bradley Mr James Munger Mr George Rookes Mr Robert Wilson Mr Robert Dickinson.
	Wednesday the 23rd of this present October appointed next Court to be held at Staple Hall.
	The 20th day of November 1622 **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** by these persons following: Mr Mayor — Mr William Alkin Mr Robert Crewes Constable — Mr Richard Offley Mr Thomas Thorrold — Mr Nicholas Rue Mr Richard Lake — Mr Robert Dickinson Mr George Mole — Mr John Bowater Mr Thomas Lewes — Mr Adrian Evans Mr Thomas Kynastone — Mr Stephen Mercer Mr Thomas Manfeild — Mr Samuel Mercer — Geo. Symcotts
ordinances confirmed	At this Court the ordinances made the last Court held the 14th day of October last were read and confirmed except the ordinance for Mr Mole's warehouses which is ordered to stay till another Court.

	[Sheet 15 REV IMG 0621 & 0622]
Constable & Treasurer to continue till Xmas next	It is ordered that Mr Crewes shall continue and serve Constable till Christmas next and that Mr Thomas Manfeild shall serve Treasurer till Christmas next.
Mr Thorold & Jo. Manfeild Constable	There were nominated to be put in election to serve Constables from Christmas next till Midsummer then next ensuing Mr Thomas Thorold, Mr Thomas Lewes, Mr John Manfeild and Mr Robert Wilson. elected Mr Thorold and Mr Jo. Manfeild
Mr Bowater Treasurer	There were nominated to be put in election to serve Treasurer from Christmas next till Midsummer then following Mr John Bowater and Mr James Monger. Elected Mr Bowater. Whereupon Mr Thorold being present did take his oath to serve Constable for the time before limited. And Mr Bowater being also present took his oath to serve Treasurer for the same time, and put in sureties thereupon of the said office Mr Monger and Mr Adrian Evans who are to enter bond according to the Ordinance.
Mr Kingsland respited for payment of £25	Mr Thomas Lewes desired that Mr Hugh Kingsland might have time for payment of the £25 of the Benefactors' money having been long remaining in his hands since it was due by bond until the 20th day of December next in regard the said Mr Kingsland was sick. And the said Mr Lewes promising that if the said Mr Kingsland did then fail in payment of the money that then he himself would pay it to the Company. Thereupon it is ordered that Mr Kingsland shall have so long time given him as aforesaid.
The Treasurer to call Mr Swarland's £33 6s 8d	The Treasurer is ordered forthwith to call to Mr Edward Peshall to pay in the £33 6s 8d of the Benefactors money lent to Mr Swarland for which he is surety in regard the said Swarland is dead.
Persons absent to be fined	It is ordered that such of the Company that had been warned to appear at this Court by the Beadle and have not appeared be also fined according to the ordinance. Whereupon the Beadle was called before the Court and being demanded who were now absent of these whom he warned, did present the names of these persons following:

Mr Richard Braborne	Mr Thomas Langton	Mr Robert Hungate	Mr Robert Wilson
Mr Thomas White	Mr Calcott Chambers	Mr Mathew Stones	Mr Robert Holloway
Mr Edward Porter	Mr Hugh Gulston	Mr James Monger	
Mr John Holland	Mr Tho. Colthurst	Mr George Rooks	

Mr Hungate & Mr Porter fined 20s apiece.	Whereupon it is ordered that Mr Hungate shall pay 20s to the Company for being absent being warned by the Beadle upon that pain, And also that Mr Porter shall pay 20s more for his absence being also warned by the Beadle to appear upon the like pain.
The rest 12d apiece	It is also ordered that the persons before named to be absent at this Court shall pay 12d apiece to the Treasurer for their several absences, and that the persons set down at the last Court to be absent shall pay 12d apiece for their several absences.
Mr Braborne to be warned to the next Court.	Mr Richard Braborne is ordered to be warned by the Beadle to appear at the next Court upon pain of 10s to answer a Complaint made against him by Sir William Cockayne[46] touching his warehouse.
Mr Hungate & Mr Porter to be sued.	The Clerk is ordered to take out processes against Robert Hungate and against Edward Porter and his sureties according to Mr Bank's direction.
Committees to attend the Commissioners for trade.	Whereas the Commissioners concerning trade are purposed to call some of our Company before them and to have conference with them concerning Wools and Cloths, It is thought moot that Mr Constable, Mr Thorold Mr Mole Mr Holland Mr Bowater Mr Munger, Mr Lake Mr Holloway Mr Dickinson Mr Rookes Mr Evans Mr Crewe Mr Stone Mr White and Mr Thomas Manfeild shall meet at Leaden Hall in the Courthouse upon Monday morning between 8 and 9 o'clock in the forenoon to consider of the Company's business and to be instructed to give answers to the said Commissioners as also to prepare matters to be handled at the next Court.
Duties for weighing of wool to be gathered.	Whereas all foreigners ought to pay duties to the Company's beam in Leaden Hall for the weighing of all such Wools as they shall bring to London or within 3 miles of the same City, which duties have been neglected to the Company's loss. It is thought fit that this business shall be considered of on Monday next when the Company shall meet as aforesaid, and that they shall certify their opinions at the next Court to the end an officer may be appointed to receive those duties according to the former course taken by the Company in that behalf, And this Court have nominated Mr Richard Offley to be the officer for that business.

[46] Sir William Cockayne 1561-1626, Lord Mayor 1619

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The 28th day of November 1622
An Assembly held at the Worshipful Mr James Cambell's house, Mayor, in the parish of St Andrew Undershaft[47] London by these persons following:

Mr Mayor	Mr William Alkin	Geo. Symcotts Clerk
Mr George Mole	Mr Richard Rue	
Mr Daniel Dive	Mr Stephen Mercer	*William Dodd made free. No. 121*
Mr Calcott Chambers	Mr Richard Offley	
Mr Thomas Manfeild Treasurer	Mr Thomas Alkin	

William Dodd made free

At this Assembly William Dodd of Little Soudley in the County of Salop[48] by virtue of a Warrant made by the Right Honourable the Lord Fenton desiring his freedom by redemption, according to a contract made with his Lordship and the Company, was admitted into the freedom of this worshipful Company and took his oath and paid £11 to the Treasurer for the use of the said Company, and being made acquainted with the payment of 20s a year yearly to the Treasurer for the time being for the use of the said Company during his life at the Feast of The Annunciation of Our Lady yearly, he promised payment thereof accordingly.

The 18th day of December 1622
A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Mr Mayor	Mr Thomas Manfeild Treasurer	
Mr Calcott Chambers	Mr Edward Woodrofe	*Clement Underhill Lewis Marbury made free by the Lord Fenton's Patent No. 123*
Mr George Mole	Mr Adrian Evans	
Mr George Rookes	Mr Robert Dickinson	
Mr Thomas Kynastone	Mr Mathew Stones	
Mr Thomas Lewes	Mr Robert Holloway	
Mr William Alkin	Mr John Bowater	
Mr Richard Offley	Mr James Munger	
Mr John Manfeild	Mr Thomas Alkin	
Mr Henry Bradley	Mr Stephen Mercer	
	Geo. Symcotts	

Ordinances confirmed

At this Court the Ordinances made the last Court held the 20th day of November last and at the Assembly held the 28th day of the same month were read and confirmed according to the ordinance, except the Ordinance for Mr Moles warehouse which is now ordered to stay till another Court.

Mr Underhill made free.

At this Court, Clement Underhill of London, Draper, by virtue of a warrant from the right honourable the Lord Fenton desiring his freedom by redemption according to a contract made with his Lordship, had his warrant read, whereupon Mr Bowater undertaking he should pay £11 to the Treasurer for the Company's use, and Mr Underhill promising to pay 20s yearly at Our Lady's Day during his life according to the ordinance was admitted to the freedom of this Worshipful Company and took his oath accordingly.

Mr Marbury made free.

Also at this Court Lewis Marburie, gentleman, by virtue of a like warrant from the right honourable the Lord Fenton desiring his freedom by redemption had his warrant read. Whereupon Mr Mole undertaking he should pay £11 to the Treasurer for the Company's use, and Mr Marburie promising to pay 20s yearly at Our Lady's day during his life according to the ordinance was admitted to the freedom of this Worshipful Company and took his oath accordingly.

Commissioners to be attended

It is ordered and thought fit that Mr Mayor and the rest of the Company now present shall meet at Haberdashers hall tomorrow at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to go from there to the Commissioners.

The brief answers of the Merchants of the Staple to certain questions propounded by his Majesty's Commissioners concerning the decay of trade were read and considered of at this Court.

Committee to audit accounts

The Constables, Mr Mole, Mr Lake, Mr Lewes, Mr Thomas Kynastone, Mr Munger, Mr Rookes, Mr Bowater, Mr Evans, Mr Holloway, Mr Stone and Mr Dickinson or any 4 or 6 of them are appointed Auditors for the auditing of the last treasurer's accounts unaudited. They are also appointed Committees to enquire of the State of the Company, and to settle the Company's business.

Mr Marbury paid £11 and had it restored.

The said Mr Marburie laid down his £11 which he was to pay to the Treasurer for his admission, and it being put to hands whether he should have the same repaid him again or no. The Court agreed that in respect of his pains taken for the Company the same £11 should be restored, which was repaid him accordingly.

[47] The church of the parish is on St Mary Axe street, within the Aldgate ward, next to Leadenhall.
[48] Shropshire

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The 20th day of January 1622 **[1623]**
A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Mr Mayor	Mr Richard Rue
Mr Thomas Thorold	Mr Robert Dickinson
Mr George Mole	Mr Clement Underhill
Mr William Alkin	Mr Mathew Stones
Mr Richard Offley	Mr Adrian Evans
Mr Thomas Manfeild	Mr Lewis Marburie
Mr Stephen Mercer	Geo. Symcotts

Ordinances confirmed

At this Court the Ordinances made the last Court held the 18th of December last were read and confirmed according to the ordinance. Except the ordinance for Mr Moles before mentioned to be excepted.

Ordinance of Hances dispensed with.

Mr Cletherowe made free

The Ordinance of Hances according to a former ordinance and precedent is ordered to be dispensed with for 14 days to the end that in the meantime Mr Robert Johnson Alderman of the City of London and Mr Trafer Cletherowe Merchant at the special request of and denomination of Mr Mayor for the general good of the Company should be admitted into the freedom of our Company gratis for their own persons only. Whereupon the said Mr Trafer Cletherowe came to this present Court and desiring his freedom he took his oath and was admitted accordingly gratis for his own person only without paying of any fees.

Committees to attend the Commissioners

Mr Constables Mr Mole Mr Bowater Mr Munger Mr Evans Mr Stones Mr Dickinson Mr Marburie or any 4 of them are appointed to attend the Commissioners for Trade upon Friday next or at any other time when the Company shall be sent for by the said Commissioners. And it is ordered that they shall certify their proceedings at the next Court ensuing.

Mr Hungate & Mr Porter to fined

It is again ordered that Mr Hungate, and Mr Porter and his sureties shall be presently put in suit according to the former orders and that the Clerk shall solicit the same business and take out process, and receive money of the Treasurer for the charges of the suits.

The 13th day of February 1622 **[1623]**
A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Mr Mayor	Mr John Bowater Treasurer	Geo. Symcotts
Mr William Welby	Mr James Munger	
Mr Geo. Mole	Mr Richard Rue	
Mr Richard Lake	Mr Adrian Evans	
Mr George Rookes	Mr Robert Holloway	
Mr Richard Brabourne	Mr Mathew Stones	
Mr Hugh Gulston	Mr Thomas White	
Mr Tho. Manfeild	Mr Edward Woodroffe	
Mr Wm Alkin	Mr Lewis Marbury	
Mr Stephen Mercer	Mr Tho. Alkin	

Ordinances confirmed

At this Court the Ordinances held at Staple Hall, made the last Court held the 20th January last were read and confirmed according to the ordinance. Except the ordinance for Mr Moles before mentioned to be excepted.

The Commissioners for Trade desire to know the names of such of the Company as will be free of the Merchant Adventurers.
At which the Company refuse and give their reasons

Mr Mole and Mr Bowater declared at this Court that they had attended the Commissioners for Trade according to the terms of the last order and that the Commissioners had willed them to call our Company together and agree upon so many of the Company as would be free of the Merchants Adventurers company and trade in cloths and thereupon to bring the names of such as would be free and trade, to them the said Commissioners.
Whereupon it was put to consideration at this court whether there should be names delivered or not, and it was generally agreed upon that no names would be given for the reasons hereafter mentioned.
First because the greatest part of the Company are not in town, and that those who are in town cannot be gotten together in regard of the shortness of time appointed.
Secondly as many of our Company as were in town and did meet together about this business, did concern of a kind of undertaking when their names are set down.

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	Thirdly because we understand it shall be general for all Companies to come in therefore we desire to stay till the other Companies do bring in their names. Fourthly we desire first to know the Merchant Adventurers' fines conditions and debts which are unknown. Fifthly the inconveniences of their oaths arts and institutions which are also unknown.
	And it is also ordered that Reasons shall be drawn by Mr Mole Mr Bowater Mr Rooks Mr Evans Mr Marbury Mr Holloway Mr Dickinson and Mr Stones according to heads aforesaid, and that they or any 6 of them shall attend the said Commissioners with the same reasons tomorrow at Haberdashers hall being the time appointed by the Commissioners themselves.
	The 19th day of March 1622 **[1623]** **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** by these persons following:

Mr Thomas Thorold Constable	Mr Adrian Evans
Mr John Manfeild Constable	Mr Robert Dickinson
Mr Robert Lawley	Mr Stephen Mercer
Mr Geo. Mole	Mr Richard Offley
Mr Richard Lake	Mr Robert Holloway
Mr John Holland	Mr Mathew Stones
Mr Richard Braborne	Mr Nicholas Rue
Mr Robert Crewes	Mr Thomas White
Mr William Alkin	Mr Edward Woodroffe
Mr Thomas Manfeild	Mr Edward Porter
Mr Henry Bradley	Mr Tho. Alkin
	Geo. Symcotts

Ordinances confirmed	At this Court the Ordinances made at the last Court held the 13th day of February last were read and confirmed according to the ordinance except the ordinance for Mr Mole before at the former Courts mentioned to be excepted.
Mr Lake to pay his rent and give notice whether he will hold his warehouse.	Mr Richard Lake is ordered to pay 50s for the rent of his loop hole [49] in Leaden Hall due to the Company on Monday next being Our Lady Day and that the said Mr Lake shall then give notice in writing to the Mayor or Constables whether he will hold the said loop hole any longer to the end that if he do refuse to hold it himself that then the Company may let it to Mr Richard Braborne or any other of the Company that will take it.
None of the Company taking warehouses, to let them to strangers.	It is also ordered that if any one of the Company shall hereafter take any of the warehouses in Leaden Hall of the Company, and shall be minded to let the same out again, that every such person taking any such warehouse shall not let it to any stranger if any other brother of the Company will take it at the same rent that any other will give for the same.
Accounts to be audited.	Saturday next at 8 o'clock in the forenoon is appointed for the auditors before named to audit Mr Bradley's and Mr Manfeild's accounts, and for the settling of the estate belonging to the Company, and Mr Lawley Mr Lake Mr Lewes and Mr Braborne are appointed Auditors also with the other auditors for the settling of the said businesses.
Mr Lake for indecent speech to Mr Lawley.	Mr Richard Lake using indecent speech to Mr Robert Lawley in the face of the Court, Mr Lawley desired the Court to consider thereof, which is ordered to stay till Mr Mayor should be present at a Court.
Westminster Houses	It is to be ordered on Saturday next by the Committee formerly appointed what shall be done about the Staple houses at Westminster and for the receiving of the rents of the same houses, and Mr Thomas Manfeild is appointed to be there with the said Committees.
Rent to be paid	It is ordered that the Treasurer shall pay the Company's rent of the rooms in Leaden Hall to the Chamberlain of London, and that all the tenants of the warehouses in Leaden Hall shall pay their rents to the Treasurer upon Saturday next whereby the Company's rent may be paid to the Chamberlain.
Mr Porter & Mr Peshall to be sued.	It is also ordered that the suits shall proceed against Mr Porter and his sureties and against Mr Peshall if he pay not in the money forthwith.
Mr Offley to have £33 6s 8d	It is also ordered that if there be any money in the Company's hands that £33 6s 8d be delivered to Mr Richard Offley upon bond with sufficient surety for 4 years gratis.

[49] 'loop hole' refers to the doors on the outside of a building allowing goods to be hoisted up to a warehouse upper level.

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Mr Lake & Mr White departed the Court and fined 3s 4d apiece

Mr Lake and Mr White when business of the Court was in question went from the Court without licence contrary to the ordinance. Whereupon it was put to hands what fine should be imposed upon them for their misdemeanour whether 6s 8d or 3s 4d apiece and it was then generally agreed by most of the Company present that the said Mr Lake & Mr White should be fined 3s 4d apiece.

£4 10s of Mr Brabourne

Mr Richard Brabourne paid £4 10s to the Treasurer for his half year's rent of his warehouses ended at Christmas last.

Mr Goddard desiring his freedom by redemption is respited.

Mr John Goddard desired to be admitted to the freedom of the Staple by virtue of my Lord Fenton's warrant. Whereupon question was made whether he should be made free at this Court or to stay till the next Court when Mr Mayor should be there, and it was then generally agreed upon that the said Mr Goddard should stay till the next Court, where with the said Goddard being made acquainted by the Court, he thereupon sent the Company word that he would not stay till the next Court but would acquaint my Lord Fenton that the Company did refuse to make him free by virtue of his warrant.

Each of the Company left at liberty to be free of the Merchant Adventurers or not.

Whereas the Merchant Adventurers are agreed to take any merchant into the freedom of their company for £10 apiece and that our Company are appointed to attend the Commissioners tomorrow to give their answers thereto, it is thought fit by this Court that every particular brother of our Company shall be left to his own choice either to take his freedom or to refuse at his pleasure.

The 21st of May 1623

A Court kept at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London by these persons following:

Mr Mayor	Mr Robert Allen	Geo. Symcotts
Mr Thomas Thorold Constable	Mr William Alkin	
Mr John Slaney[50]	Mr James Munger	
Mr Robert Lawley	Mr Robert Dickinson	
Mr Richard Lake	Mr Mathew Stones	
Mr Geo. Mole	Mr Adrian Evans	
Mr Calcott Chambers	Mr Henry Bradley	
Mr Edmund Manley	Mr Francis Jones	
Mr Geo Rookes	Mr Lewis Marbury	
Mr Tho. Kynastone	Mr William Dodd	
Mr John Bowater Treasurer	Mr Richard Rue	

Ordinances confirmed

At this Court the Ordinances made the last court held the 19th day of March last were read and confirmed according to the ordinance except the ordinance for Mr Mole before excepted.

Francis Forster made free by patrimony, paid 6s 5d.
Wm Forster also made free, paid 6s 5d.

Francis Forster son of William Forster of Watling Street in the county of Salop, Merchant of the Staple, desiring his freedom by patrimony being found in no brookes to the Company was admitted and took his oath and paid 6s 5d for his Hance to the Treasurer. And Mr Lawley did certify that the said Francis was the son of Wm Forster.
William Forster son of Francis before named desiring his freedom by patrimony was also admitted and took his oath and paid 6s 5d for his Hance to the Treasurer.

Mr Manly to have £33 6s 8d.

Mr Edmund Manley made suit to have £33 6s 8d of the Benefactors' money 4 years gratis and nominated Mr George Mole and Mr Thomas Manfeild to be his sureties which money was granted to him, and order given for the making of the bond accordingly.

Mr Offley to have £33 6s 8d.

Also Mr Richard Offley was ordered to have £33 6s 8d of the Benefactors' money 4 years gratis, whereupon he nominated Mr John Hill and Mr Richard Weld goldsmiths to be his sureties who were allowed of and order thereupon given for the making of the bond accordingly.

Mr Lake acknowledges his offence to Mr Lawley.

At this Court Mr Richard Lake was questioned for his abuse offered to Mr Robert Lawley at the last Court. Whereupon it was put to hands whether he should be fined for the same offence or whether he should only make an acknowledgement of his offence and be sorry for it. And it was generally agreed upon that he should make an acknowledgement of his offence which Mr Lake did accordingly. And whereupon Mr Lawley being present was for his own part contented and the court also for this time satisfied.

Mr Peshall to pay £33 6s 8d.

Also Mr Edmund Peshall was ordered to pay £33 6s 8d which was due by Thomas Swarland by his bond to the Company which was delivered to the said Mr Peshall by Thomas Swarland's father presently upon the death of the said Thomas Swarland, the same to be paid to the Treasurer before 25th day of this month.

and 30s for interest

And because the said Mr Peshall being an ancient Stapler had kept the money in his hand half a year, and did not pay it in to the Company, to be put out again according to the will of the donor, therefore he is ordered to pay 30s to the Treasurer for the use of the poor of the Company, with such other charges as has been laid out by the Clerk per his arrest.

[50] John Slaney - Merchant Taylor

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Mr Lake paid 3s 4d for his fine & had 2s 4d back.	Mr Richard Lake did pay 3s 4d to the Treasurer for his fine imposed upon him at the last court for his offence in departing the court and he thereupon intreating the court not to take the fine, and being sorry for his offence the court though fit to keep 12d of the fine for this first time, and thereupon it was ordered that the Treasurer should give Mr Lake the residue of his money, which was done accordingly.
Mr White to be called for 3s 4d.	The Treasurer is ordered to call to Mr Thomas White for 3s 4d imposed on him at the last court for a fine for departing the court without licence.
Mr Lake to pay 50s rent.	Mr Richard Lake did promise and undertake to this court that he would pay 50s to the Treasurer which is now due to the Company for the rent of the Loope hole in Leaden Hall at Our Lady Day last and thereupon Mr Lake desiring liberty that he might let the said Loope hole to another the court thereto yielded.
Mr Brabourne to pay £3	It is ordered that Mr Richard Brabourne shall forthwith pay £3 to the Treasurer due by him to the Company for the standing of his wools in the lower rooms in Leaden Hall in the year 1618.[51]
Mr Thorold promised to speak with Mr Butler about Boston house.	Mr George Smith of Louth in the county of Lincoln gave notice to the Court that the Company's house at Boston in lease to Mr Butler is very much decayed and out of repair. Whereupon it was ordered that Mr Butler's lease should be considered of and that a letter should be written to Mr Butler to come up to answer the business. Whereupon Mr Constable Thorold informing the court that he was shortly himself to ride to Boston about some business, the court entreated him to speak with Mr Butler about the said house which Mr Constable promised to do.
A letter to be sent to Mr Robinson for £3 10s rent and 44s standing of wool.	It is ordered that a letter shall be forthwith written to Mr Arthur Robinson to make payment of £3 10s due by him for the rent for his warehouse and of 44s due by him also for the standing of his wools and to signify to him also that if he pay not the money to the Treasurer before the last day of this month that the Company would set a fine of 20s upon him.
Mr Smith desires a lease of Boston house.	Mr George Smith desired to have a lease from the Company of the house at Boston and did offer to give £5 yearly rent for the same which the court said they would consider of.
Mr Bradley's and Mr Manfeild's accounts abled.	The accounts of Mr Bradley and Mr Tho. Manfeild were read and ordered to be abled and their sureties and bonds to be discharged.
Mr Mole departs the court with licence.	Mr Mole desired liberty to depart the court being to go about some present urgent occasion which the court granted to him accordingly.
Mr Dodd's complaint against Mr Allen referred to committees.	William Dodd complained to the Court against Robert Allen for turning away his son out of his service being his apprentice, Whereupon the Court upon both their desires have referred the hearing of the business to Mr Slaney Mr Robert Lawley and Mr Mole and have entreated them to end the same if they can or otherwise to certify them at a Court of their proceedings.
Mr Banks to be called to for assurance of W'minster houses. A viewer to be at W'minster.	Mr Mole and Mr Marbury are desired to Mr Attorney Banks for the assurance of Westminster houses and to bring them to the next Court. It is ordered that a viewer shall be appointed to be at the next Court at Westminster to view the Company's houses there and to see how they will be repaired.
Order for election of officers	A Court of Election of officers is appointed to be this day sennight[52] in the afternoon at the Staple Hall.
Jones to hold the mealhouse a year longer.	Question being made at this Court for the raising of John Jones the mealman's rent of his rooms in Leaden Hall which he holds of the Company. It is thereupon ordered that in regard of the charge the said Jones has been at with his rooms, that the said Jones should hold the same rooms at the rent he now pays for a year longer.
The tacklehouse rent to be 40s yearly.	It is now ordered that the rent of the tacklehouse in Leaden Hall shall be 40s a year to begin at Midsummer next.
Mr Banks Mr Mole & Mr Symcotts to bring in all writings belonging to the Company.	Mr Marbury is desired to speak to Mr Banks Mr Mole and the Clerk of the Company to bring all such books and writings as that they have in their hands belonging to the Company to the Courthouse there to remain as formerly they have done.
A rental of W'minster houses brought into Court. Mr Manfeild to make a new rental.	Mr Tho. Manfeild has brought in an old rental of the tenants of Westminster houses belonging to the Company which was made by John Hutton and George Symcotts. And Mr Manfeild is also desired by the Court to make a perfect rental of the said tenants of Westminster houses and to bring it to the next Court.
Mr Mayor's fee to be paid.	The Treasurer is ordered to pay Mr Mayor's fee now due to him for his office of Mayor of the Company.
Mr Swarland's bond given to the Treasurer	Mr Treasurer had Thomas Swarland's bond for £33 6s 8d due to the Company delivered to him to receive the said money of Mr Edmond Peshall and also the said Treasurer is appointed to receive 30s besides of the said Mr Peshall for the interest of the said £33 6s 8d which is to be for the use of the poor of the said Company.

[51] It is interesting that this due was for 'storage' made in 1618 .

[52] 'sennight' here means in seven days' time.

	[Sheet 18 REV IMG 0630, 0631, 0632]
	Names appointed to be feoffees[53] for the Company of the Staple at Boston. Mr Thomas Thorold Constable Mr George Mole Mr George Rookes Mr Richard Lake Mr Richard Brabourne Mr Robert Allen of Brockton in County Salop Mr Robert Dickinson Mr James Munger Mr John Bowater Mr Adrian Evans Mr Tho. White Mr William Forster of Watling Street in the County of Salop Mr Samuel Kynastone of Shrewsbury
Mr Brabourne fined 5 marks.	Mr Richard Brabourne carrying himself very uncivilly in the face of the Court, and taxing the Court that they did him wrong, and being commanded by Mr Mayor to depart the Court for a season till his offence was questioned and he refusing to go out, it was thereupon put to hands what fine should be imposed upon him for his offence whether £5 or 5 marks. Whereupon it was generally agreed that Mr Brabourne should pay 5 marks forthwith to the Treasurer for the Company's use.
The 35s rent in difference between Mr Alkin & Mr Bradley remitted.	The difference between Mr Alkin, Weigher, and Mr Bradley for 35s for half a year's rent due at Christmas 1622 was by them both referred to the Court to end as they should think. Whereupon the Court ordered that the debt should be remitted, and that Mr Alkin hence forwards should take acquittances when he paid any more moneys and bring them to the Court.
	The 10th day of June 1623 **An Assembly held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** by these person following: Mr John Manfeild Constable — Mr Wm Alkin Mr Robert Lawley — Mr Stephen Mercer Mr Geo. Mole — Mr Tho. Alkin Mr Arthur Kynastone — Geo. Symcotts
Hungate to be prosecuted.	It is ordered that the suits in Chancery and in the Kings Bench shall be prosecuted against Mr Hungate.
Mr Peshall to pay in 33.6.8 and 30s	Whereas it was ordered at the last Court that Mr Peshall should pay £33 6s 8d due upon Tho. Swarland's bond to the Company and 30s besides before the 25th day of May last past which he has not yet paid, it is now ordered that if Mr Peshall does not pay the same money to the Treasurer before Midsummer day next that then a fine of £5 shall be imposed upon him for his default and the said bond to be put in suit against him and the other obliges therein named.
Mr Lake to pay 50s.	And whereas Mr Richard Lake did at the last Court undertake and promise that he would pay 50s for the rent of the Loop hole in Leaden Hall which he holds of the Company to the Treasurer of the Company and has not paid the same as yet, it is now ordered that if he do not pay the same money to the Treasurer at or before the next Court that then he shall pay a fine of 10s to the Company for his default.
Mr Brabourne to pay £3.	And whereas also Mr Richard Brabourne was at the last Court ordered to pay £3 to the Treasurer which he has not paid, it is now also ordered that if he do not pay the same money to the Treasurer at or before the next Court that then he shall pay a fine of 10s to the Company for his default.
The Treasurer Clerk and hallkeeper fee suspended.	Forasmuch as it appears that the Company is much impoverished in that they have paid for diverse years past more money that they have received and that they now pay £42 3s 4d a year more money than they do receive which will in short time consume their stock, if remedy be not speedily provided for in that behalf. It is therefore thought fit and so ordered that the fee and wages allowed to the Treasurer, Clerk and hallkeeper belonging to the Company shall be from Midsummer next suspended till further order be taken by the Company for the same.
Mr Beadle's fee suspended.	It is ordered that the Beadle shall receive his wages of 40s a year but till Midsummer next.
Mr Lawley delivered in Rentals.	Mr Robert Lawley has brought into the Court a true Rental of all the tenants names of the Company's houses at Westminster and of the several rent they pay for the same which do amount to £50 20s a year. As also a Rental of the names of the Company's tenants in Leaden Hall and of the several rent which they pay amounting to £66 per annum.

[53] Trustees.

	[Sheet 19 IMG 0630 & 0633]
Mr Lawley in a note of plate etc.	Also the said Mr Lawley has brought into the Court a note in writing of the plate and linen belonging to the Company now remaining in the iron chest[54] within the Staple Hall as also a note of writings delivered out of the Staple Hall to some of the Company which are to be called for in again.
An offer made of £8 per annum for the wool staple wharf.	Also Mr Lawley did inform the Court that Mr Thomas Manfeild did tell him that one did offer to give the Company £8 per annum for the Wool Staple wharf as it stands.
Concerning Mr Dodd & Mr Allen's controversy.	Also the said Mr Lawley and Mr Mole have delivered into the Court their certificate of their proceeding in the matter between Mr Dodd and Mr Allen mentioned at the last Court.
Mr Manfeild rcvd W'minster rent.	Mr Lawley did also inform the Court that Mr Thomas Manfeild had received the most part of the quarter's rent of Westminster houses due at Our Lady Day last past to Mr Brend.
Mr Mercer to take 2d a pack on wool brought to London.	It is thought fit that a writing shall be drawn from the Company to Mr Stephen Mercer according to Mr Banks his discretion for the collecting of 2d upon every pack of wool that shall be brought to any Inn within the City of London or the suburbs by any person not free of our Company for the use of the Company.
The Clerk to have 5s a Court.	Whereas Geo. Symcotts the now Clerk to the Company has voluntarily agreed to the suspension of his annual fee of £16 as aforesaid, it is nevertheless thought fit and so ordered that he shall be paid 5 shillings for the keeping of every Court hereafter and for entering and registering the same and shall be also paid what shall be fitting for the making of any other writing for the Company beside. And whereas Thomas Alkin made suit to be the Company's under clerk, the Court has accepted him and given him his oath and has ordered that he shall have the said fee of 5 shillings for keeping every Court as aforesaid, and such other duties as belong to the Clerk himself if the said Clerk will not perform the said business himself.
	The 11th day of June 1623 **Court of Election -A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** by these persons following:

Mr Mayor	Mr Richard Offley
Mr John Manfeild Constable	Mr William Alkin
Mr Banks Attorney	Mr Stephen Mercer
Mr Robert Lawley	Mr Nicholas Rue
Mr Arthur Kynastone	Mr Robert Dickinson
Mr Calcott Chambers	Mr Adrian Evans
Mr Geo. Mole	Mr Lewis Marbury
Mr Rich. Lake	Mr Edward Woodroffe
Mr Hugh Gulston	Mr Samuel Kynastone
Mr Richard Brabourne	Mr William Alkin
Mr John Bowater Treasurer	Mr Samuel Mercer
Mr Thomas Kynastone	Geo. Symcotts

Ordinances confirmed.	At this Court the ordinances made at the last Court held the 21st day of May last and at the Assembly held the 10th day of June last were read and confirmed according to the ordinance except the ordinance for Mr Mole before mentioned to be excepted.
Charter read.	So much of the late Queen's[55] Majesty's Charter granted to the Company of Merchants of the Staple concerning the Election of a Mayor Constables and other officers yearly and the ordinances thereupon made were read.
Mr Mayor discharged.	Thereupon the Worshipful James Cambell Mayor of the said Staple discharged himself of the office of Mayoralty. The said Mr James Cambell, Sir Thomas Smith and Sir Wm Garraway are nominated to be put in election for Mayor of the said Staple for the year ensuing. Whereupon the Court being examined by voices, the election rested upon Mr James Cambell and Sir Thomas Smith.
Again elected.	The Worshipful James Cambell Alderman is with general consent elected and chosen Mayor of the said Staple for the year ensuing and was sworn and thereupon put in surety for himself and his office Mr Robert Lawley and Mr Geo. Mole.
Mr Bradley & Mr Manfeild Constables	There were nominated to be put in election for Constables for the half year from Midsummer next till Christmas following Mr Henry Bradley Mr Tho. Manfeild Mr Robert Wilson and Mr Robert Allen.
	Elected and chosen Mr Bradley and Mr Manfeild.

[54] This may be the same iron chest containing plate mentioned in the Minutes 21 November 1666. Staple Archivist found and made a photographic copy of William Riley's book held in the London Metropolitan Archives.
[55] Queen Elizabeth

	[Sheet 19 REV IMG 0634 & 0635]
Mr Wilson & Mr Bowater Constables	There were nominated to be put in election for Constables for the half year from Christmas next till Midsummer 1624 Mr Robert Wilson Mr John Bowater Mr Robert Allen and Mr John Freeman. Elected and chosen Mr Wilson and Mr Bowater.
Mr Mercer Treasurer	There were nominated to be put in election for Treasurer for the half year from Midsummer next till Christmas following Mr Stephen Mercer Mr Nicholas Rue Mr James Munger and Mr Robert Dickinson. Elected and chosen Mr Mercer.
Mr Munger Treasurer	There were nominated to be put in election for Treasurer for the half year from Christmas next till Midsummer following 1624 Mr Nicholas Rue Mr James Munger Mr Robert Dickinson and Mr Adrian Evans. Elected and chosen Mr Munger.
Tho. Alkin to have £25	Mr Tho. Alkin was a suitor for £25 of the Benefactors' money for 4 years gratis and offered Tho. Hukeley, Haberdasher at Debtford, and Tho. Pate, Cutler in Gracious Street, to be his sureties. Whereupon it is ordered that the said Tho. Alkin shall have the £25 in the Treasurers hands if Ralph Riddiard who is formerly ordered to have the same do not enter bond for it before Midsummer day next and in the meantime Mr Alkin's sureties are to be enquired of for their sufficiency.
Mr Rue suitor for some of the Benefactors money.	Mr Richard Rue was also a suitor for some of the Benefactors' money when is paid in, which the Company have granted him putting in good sureties as the Court shall like of.
Mr Peshall to be warned	Mr Edmund Peshall is ordered to be warned to appear at the next Court to answer to such objections as Mr Richard Brabourne will put against him concerning his warehouse in Leaden Hall. And it is also ordered that the former orders against Mr Brabourne.
and to pay in £33 6s 8d & 30s.	It is ordered that a messenger shall be forthwith sent to Mr Edmund Peshall to his house at Bromly in Kent to pay the Treasurer the £33 6s 8d due upon Thomas Swarland's bond deceased and 30s besides to the use of the poor of the Company according to the former order upon or before Midsummer day next upon the pain of £5 imposed upon him by the last order.
Mr Mayor's fee paid.	The Treasurer did pay to Mr Mayor £10 due for his year's fee ended at Midsummer next.
New Patent of W'mster houses	Mr Banks Attorney did deliver to this Court the new Patent, of the Company's houses at Westminster, purchased by the Company of his Majesty.
Jo. Manfeild to give account of the several 20s by him received.	Whereas Mr John Manfeild Constable has heretofore received £6 at a Court held the [blank] day of [blank] for which he has as yet made no account, and whereas some of the Court now present did say that the said Mr Manfeild had received more money of certain others of the said Company, it is ordered that the said Mr Manfeild shall at the next Court bring in his account for the said £6 so by him received as also of all such other sums of 20s by him received in the like case and set down particularly of who he received the same and what he has done with all these moneys. And Mr Richard Brabourne declaring that others of the Company have likewise paid 20s apiece to some of the Company, it is also ordered that the said Mr Brabourne shall at the next Court declare the names of the parties which have paid the said several 20s and to whom the same was paid, to the end those parties which received the same may account therefore, and to this end also that all others of the Company which have not paid their 20s according to the former order may be called to for the same.
Mr Symcotts to bring in his account.	Geo. Symcotts is ordered to bring in his account at the next Court and whereas question was made that he had received the rent of Westminster houses due by Brend at Our Lady Day 1622 last which the said George has not put to his account. The said George did voluntarily offer that look what sums he shall justly be charged with all which he has forgotten or that by his man's default was omitted out of his account that he will pay the same to the full.
A certificate of Mr Dodd's and Mr Allen's controversy read.	The certificate of Mr Robert Lawley and Mr Geo. Mole concerning Mr Dodd and Mr Allen was read and delivered up to this Court.
Mr Banks remitted his fee.	Whereas it appeared to this Court that the Company's payments were more than their receipts and a motion being made to the taking of some course to lessen the Company's charge, Mr Banks Attorney being present was pleased of his own accord to forbear his annual fee of £10 per annum until the Company were better able, and yet tendered his best service to be performed by him for the same Company in all their orations. Which offer this Court did thankfully accept.

[Sheet 20 IMG 0634 & 0636]

[56]A Court held at Westminster the 9th day of July 1623 after dinner in a chamber in the tavern called the Dog.

Present:

The Worshipful Mr James Cambell Alderman Mayor	Mr Lewis Marbury
Mr John Slany	Mr Robert Dickinson
Mr Edmond Peshall	Mr Thomas Manfeild
Mr Robert Lawley	Mr Henry Bradley
Mr Calcott Chambers	Mr William Alkin
Mr George Mole	Mr Woodroffe
Mr Thomas Thorrold	Mr Stephen Mercer
Mr Thomas Kynastone	Mr Thomas Mercer
Mr James Munger	Mr Thomas Alkin
Mr Adryan Evans	Clerk Thomas Alkin

Ordinances confirmed.

Forasmuch as Mr George Simcotts absented himself from this Court having the Company's books in his hands whereby the ordinances made at the last Court could not be read. It is therefore ordered that the said ordinances shall be respited to be confirmed until the next Court.

Mr Peshall paid £33 6s 8d.

& 30s for interest.

At this Court Mr Edmund Peshall paid £33 6s 8d of Benefactors' money, late in the hands of Thomas Swarland deceased, to James Munger to be delivered to Mr John Bowater Treasurer of the Company to be put out again, according to the will of the Benefactor. And whereas a fine of £5 was imposed upon the said Mr Peshall for nonpayment of the said money according to an order of Court, it is now agreed that the said fine shall be pardoned and wholly remitted. And where also the said Mr Peshall has deposited 30s in the hands of the said Mr Munger to be likewise delivered to the said Treasurer, which was also charged upon the said Mr Peshall for refusing to pay the said £33 6s 8d contrary to a former order of Court. It is ordered that the said Treasurer shall keep the said 30s until further consideration be taken thereof at the next Court.

Mr Lake his £3 to be doubled.

Whereas Mr Lake owes to the Company 50s for a year and a quarter's rent end at Our Lady Day last, due for a Loophole he holds of the Company in Leaden Hall, and 10s for a fine imposed upon him for not paying the said rent before the rising of the last Court himself being then present in person. It is now ordered of if the said Mr Richard Lake do not pay the said rent and fine being £3 to the Treasurer of the Company at or before Bartholomew[57] day next having notice through given him in writing, both the said rent and fine shall be doubled for such his refusal and neglect.

Mr Brabourne owes £3 10s

Whereas Mr Richard Brabourne owes to the Company for standing of Wools and Hopsacks in the Lower Rooms in Leadenhall[58] the sum of £3 and at the last Court was fined at 10s for not paying the same £3 before the rising of the same Court himself being then present in person, it is now ordered that if he pay not the said £3 10s to the Treasurer on or before Bartholomew day next, then the said rent and fine shall be doubled for such his refusal and neglect.

Mr Arthur Robinson owes £11 & 14s.

Whereas Mr Arthur Robinson owes to the Company £4 10s for half a year's rent of a warehouse he lately held in Leadenhall as by an account extant in the hall appears and 44s for standing of his wools there which is yet unpaid, it is ordered that if he pay not both the said sums of £4 10s and 44s to the treasurer at or before Bartholomew day next having notice thereof in writing then he shall pay both the said rent double for such his refusal and neglect.

Mr Banks to be paid.

It is ordered that the Treasurer shall pay Mr Banks Attorney of the Staple all such money as is due to him for his fee.

The City's rent to be paid.

It is likewise ordered that the Treasurer shall call to the tenants at Leadenhall for the rent due for their warehouses there and to pay to the Chamberlain of London the Company's rent due for half a year for their part of Leadenhall at Midsummer last being £37 10s.

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[56] The written 'hand' is different - presumably that of Thomas Alkyn who had become the Under Clerk.

[57] 24th August

[58] A first (in this minute book) writing of Leadenhall as one word.

	[Sheet 20 REV IMG 0637 & 0638]
To call for the deeds of Feoffment to Mr Banks	At this Court Thomas Alkin Clerk is commanded to call to Mr Banks for the Deed of Feoffment and other writings concerning the Company's house at Bolton in the county of Lincoln, to the end a new feoffment may be made and perfected to such more feoffees as the Company has already appointed.
To proceed in the Chancery against Mr Hungate.	Whereas there is a suit commenced in the Chancery against Mr Hungate for not accepting the bargain he made with the Company concerning certain warehouses in Leadenhall. It is therefore ordered that the Clerk shall proceed against him on behalf of the Company in that court the next Term according to order.
Freemen's names and Apprentices Indentures to be registered.	It is ordered at the Court that all Freemen's names of the Company that are not registered and the enrolments of all Apprentices that are not already entered shall be written and enrolled in the Company's books by the Clerk at the Company's charge. But such as have been omitted to be entered since Mr George Simcotts came last to be Clerk are to be entered by him or else he to give consent for the writing thereof.
All brokes & fines to be registered	It is also ordered that all brookes and fines imposed upon any person free of this Company shall be collected out of the Court books and entered into the Debt books by the Clerk at the Company's charge but such as have been omitted since Mr Simcotts came to be Clerk are to be entered by him or else he to pay for the writing thereof.
Redemptioners names to be registered	Whereas at a former Court it has been ordered that all persons which have been or shall be made free of this Company by redemption shall pay a yearly contribution of 20s apiece at Our Lady Day in Lent. It is now ordered that the names of all such Redemptioners shall be registered in a book for that purpose to be provided that the said contribution of 20s yearly to be paid may be considered of.
The Company's books and writings to be called for and kept in the Hall.	At this Court it is ordered that all books writing and other things concerning the Company remaining in the hands of Mr Banks Mr Mole Mr Symcotts or any other of the Company shall be called for by the Clerk and placed in the Staple Hall there to remain for the Company's use. And the Clerk is commanded to make an inventory thereof for the Company's better satisfaction and more ready finding such things as shall be required upon any occasion.
£30 Benefactors money granted to Thomas Alkin.	Thomas Alkin nominated 2 sureties at this Court for £30 of Benefactors' money granted to him : Thomas Pate, Cutler, and Stephen Mercer, Grocer, who are allowed.
Mr Manfeild to pay £5 to the Treasurer of the rents at Westminster.	This Court being informed that Mr Thomas Manfeild has received of the tenants at Westminster most part of their rents due at Our Lady Day and Midsummer 1623. It is therefore ordered that the said Manfeild shall pay forthwith to the Treasurer of the Company £5 thereof for the Company's use and the rest to Savadge his executor.
Mr Symcotts to bring in his account which is to be charged with £5 of Westminster rents.	Mr George Symcotts is ordered by this Court to bring in his Account and to pay such money to the Treasurer as he is charged to have received for the Company's use from Christmas 1622 till this day. And that his Account shall be charged with £5 he received of the tenants of Westminster for rent due to the Company at Our Lady Day 1622. For proof whereof an acquittance under his own hand was now produced and examined in open Court well known diverse then present.
Mr Burrell's lease ends at Michaelmas 1625	Mr Lawley signified to this Court that Mr Burrell his lease of certain rooms in Leadenhall belonging to this Company did commence at Michaelmas 1604 to continue for 21 years which lease ends at Michaelmas 1625.
Mr Burnett a shoemaker lays claim to the wharf at Westminster.	This Court was informed that one Mr Burnett, a shoemaker, dwelling in Kings Street in Westminster lays claim to a house standing upon the wharf called the Wool Staple Wharf at Westminster belonging to the Company and also to the wharf itself. And that a suit is commenced between him and Mr Smith concerning the same, which is to be considered of at the next Court.

	[Sheet 21 IMG 0637 & 0639
A letter written to Mr Butler of Boston for payment of his rent.	It was likewise certified at this Court that Thomas Alkin has written a letter to Mr Thomas Butler the Company's tenant at Boston in the Company's name willing him to pay such rent as he owes to the Company for the house he holds of them by lease there, to Mr Francis Hampton of Boston, and to warn him to repair the house where it is deficient, and to deliver his last acquittance to Mr Hampton, that the Company may be informed to whom his last rent was paid. And that another letter was directed to the said Mr Hampton to desire him to speak with Mr Butler, and to demand and receive the rent of him to the Company's use, and likewise the acquittance aforesaid, and to send both rent and acquittance to the Worshipful Mr James Cambell Mayor with all convenient speed.
	The 6th day of August 1623 **An Assembly held at Staple Hall within Leadenhall** by these persons whose names hereafter follow: The Worshipful Mr James Cambell Mayor — Mr William Alkin Mr Robert Lawley — Mr Richard Offley Mr Thomas Kinastone — Mr Stephen Mercer Mr Thomas Manfeild — Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr Tho. Manfeild sworn Constable.	At which time Mr Thomas Manfeild elected to be Constable of this Company from Midsummer last until Christmas following being present took his oath to the office of Constable appertaining.
Mr Stephen Mercer sworn Treasurer.	Mr Stephen Mercer elected to be Treasurer of this Company from Midsummer last till Christmas following being present took his oath to the office of Treasurer appertaining, and nominated for his sureties Mr William Alkin and Mr Richard Offley who being accepted, a bond was ordered to be made and sealed according to custom.
An inventory to be registered.	An inventory made by Mr Robert Lawley and the Clerk of some material things belonging to the Company remaining in the Staple Hall in Leadenhall London was read, and the same ordered to be registered in a book.
Auditors appointed.	It is ordered that the same persons which were appointed for Mr Bradley and Mr Thomas Manfeild their accounts, shall likewise audit the accounts of Mr john Bowater Treasurer and Mr Symcotts.
Keys delivered to the Clerk.	On this day Mr Robert Lawley delivered the keys of all the doors and such other things as belong to the Chapel in Leadenhall to Thomas Alkin Clerk who is appointed to keep the same.
The Treasurer to pay the City's rent.	Mr Mercer Treasurer is appointed to call to Mr Bowater for the money due upon the foot of his account, and also to the Company tenants at Leadenhall for their rent and to pay the City's officer the Company's rent due for Leadenhall at Midsummer last and to take an acquittance for receipt thereof being £37 10s.
Persons ordered to be fined.	Whereas Mr Rookes Mr Chambers Mr Dickinson Mr Welby Mr Holland Mr Crewes Mr stone Mr Colethurst Mr Gulson Mr Bradley and Mr Underhill refused to make their appearance on this day being in Town and having notice given them by the Beadle. It is ordered that all the said parties shall be fined therefore at the discretion of the next Court.
	The 9th day of September 1623 **An Assembly held at Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these persons whose names hereafter follow: The Worshipful Mr James Cambell Mayor — Mr Lewis Marbury Mr Thomas Manfeild Constable — Mr Robert Dickenson Mr Robert Lawley — Mr William Alkin Mr Calcott Chambers — Mr Robert Offley Mr Thomas Kinaston — Thomas Alkin Clerk Mr Humfrey Gulson

	[Sheet 21 REV IMG 0640 & 0641]
Letters from Mr Francis Hampton of Boston read.	At this assembly 2 letters received from Mr Francis Hampton of Boston concerning the rent of the Company's house there were read, whereupon Mr Thomas Manfeild Constable Mr Robert Lawley Mr Robert Dickenson and the Clerk were desired to return an answer thereof to him, and to take order for the conveyance of 2 deeds of feoffment made to certain feoffees of the Company's house at Boston, to the said Mr Hampton, who is desired to procure Sir Richard Cony to enseal the same, and to send them back to the Company with all convenient speed.
Bonds for Benefactors' moneys to be kept in the poor's box.	Mr Lawley is instructed to deliver the key of the poor's box remaining in the press in the Chapel in Leadenhall, wherein diverse bonds for Benefactors' moneys are contained, to Mr Stephen Mercer Treasurer who is appointed to keep the same. And it is agreed that the said key shall be delivered from treasurer to treasurer accordingly.
Mr Marbury to search in the Exchequer.	Mr Marbury is requested to search in the Exchequer what the Company is indebted for Estreat[59] for their house at Boston, and to take out a copy thereof at the Company's charge against the next Court.
To enquire of Mr Banks for books and writings.	Mr Lawley showed a note of diverse books and writings belonging to the Company delivered to Mr Banks which are not again received. Whereupon it is ordered that the Clerk shall enquire for them according to the note and bring them to the Chapel to remain amongst the other writings of the Company there.
Mr Thorrold to enquire about the wharf at Westminster.	Mr Thorrold is desired to confer with such persons as lay claim to the Company's house and wharf at Westminster to understand what right they pretend to the same, that the Company may be informed at the next Court to the end some order may be taken therein.
Notice to be given to Mr Brabourne and Mr Lake.	Mr Richard Brabourne and Mr Richard Lake are appointed to have notice given them to repair to Mr Mayor his house on Thursday next before 8 o'clock in the morning to give satisfaction for such sums of money as are due by them to the Company which if they refuse, then it is ordered that some severe course shall be forthwith taken against them by defraying their goods or otherwise at the Company's pleasure.
Mr Stephen Mercer fined 2s 6d	Mr Stephen Mercer Treasurer was fined at 2s 6d for absenting himself from this Assembly having knowledge thereof in the forenoon of the same day.
	The 10th day of November 1623 **At a Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall London** by these persons whose names hereafter follow:

The Worshipful Mr James Cambell Alderman Mayor	Mr Lewis Marbury
Mr Thomas Manfeild Constable	Mr Adrian Evans
Mr Thomas Thorrold	Mr Clement Underhill
Mr George Mole	Mr Edward Woodroffe
Mr Thomas Kinaston	Mr William Alkin
Mr John Bowater	Mr Richard Offley
Mr James Monger	Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr Thomas Lewes	
Mr Henry Bradley	
Mr Robert Dickenson	

Ordinances confirmed	The ordinances made at the 2 last Courts :. the 11th of June and the 9th of July 1623 and at the 2 last Assemblies :. the 6th of August and the 9th of September 1623 were read and confirmed saving such matters as were referred to this Court. which for want of time are now again referred to the consideration of the next Court.

[59] Estreat: a legally certified copy or extract of a record or document.

	[Sheet 22 IMG 642]
Every Freeman to pay 2s a year quarterly to the Treasurer for the Company's use	Forasmuch as the stock of the Company by reason of sundry necessary expenses concerning the benefit and keen utility of this whole society is much wasted and confirmed, which this Court taking into consideration, and being willing and desirous to provide some means whereby the same money be received and advanced for the time to come, have thought good and with one consent agreed and so ordered that every Freeman of this Company whatsoever shall from henceforth pay to the Treasurer for the time being, or to such other person as shall be appointed to collect the same every year, yearly 2s apiece :it by 6d every quarter, the first payment to begin and to be made at the Feast of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Chris 1623 and so to continue during their natural lives.
Ordinances about shipping of Wools to be dispensed with.	Forasmuch as all the Ordinances heretofore made concerning shipping of Wools are now of no use for that the expectation of Wools and Wool fells out of the Kingdom into foreign parts are prohibited, it is now ordered that the same ordinances shall be dispensed with all and suspended till occasion be offered to put the same again in operation, which nevertheless is referred to the aforementioned of the next Court.
Ordinances of Hances to be dispensed with	Whereas the Ordinances of Hances by diverses of this Society are deemed too heavy and overburdensome as the stock of the Company now stands, this Court therefore thinks fit the same should be dispensed with, and one particular Hance to be indifferently inflicted to serve for all brethren of this Company equally alike, the infliction whereof is to be made by the discretion of the next Court, and to this end the Beadle is to have special notice to warn all the Ancients of the Company that they fail to appear at the next Court to signify their approbation or dislike of the proceeding in this behalf.
Ordinance for payment 20s yearly by every Redemptioner dispensed with.	The Ordinance heretofore made concerning the yearly payment of 20s to this Company by every Redemptioner admitted to the freedom of this society by warrant from the right honourable the Lord Fenton according to the composition made between his Lordship and the Company, for that diverse deny to pay the same, is likewise to be considered of at the next Court.
Mr Marbery to prosecute against Mr Hungate	Mr Marbery is instructed to prosecute the suit in Chancery by this Company against Mr Hungate at the Company's charge, which he promised to perform accordingly.
The Treasurer to pay the Clerk £5 for his pains.	Thomas Alkin declaring to this Court what business he has performed for this Company since Midsummer last according to the Company's initiation, and desiring payment for the same, it is ordered that the Treasurer shall pay to him £5 in lieu of his pains aforesaid.
The Treasurer to pay the Beadle his fee.	The Treasurer is appointed to pay Henry Lewes, the Beadle, his quarter's wages for warning Courts due at Michaelmas last 1623.
Mr Bowater his account abled.	The account of Mr John Bowater late treasurer to this Company being formally audited was now abled and himself and his sureties thereof discharged.
Mr Mercer & Thomas Alkin appointed Weighers of wools coming to Leadenhall.	Mr Stephen Mercer and Thomas Alkin are appointed to go to all the Inns and Warehouses in and about London, where wools are sold by foreigners and such as are not free of this Company to warn them to forbear to bring any more wool thither at their peril, but to carry them to Leadenhall there to be weighed proved and registered as by his Majesty's proclamation is provided. And it is ordered that they shall receive all fees and profits due and accustomed for weighing registering and housing of the said wools for one whole year next ensuing in recompense of their pains to be taken therein to their own uses without yielding any account thereof.
Mr Bradley sworn Constable	Mr Henry Bradley elected to serve Constable from Midsummer last until Christmas following being present at this Court took his oath to the office of Constable appertaining.
Mr Mansfeild appointed Auditor	Mr Thomas Manfeild Constable is desired to join with the rest of the Auditors appointed for the auditing of Mr Symcott his account.

	[Sheet 22 REV IMG 0643 & 0644]
	The 12th day of December 1623
	A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall London by these persons hereafter following:

The Worshipful Mr James Cambell Alderman Mayor	
Mr John Banks Attorney	Mr Thomas Kinaston
Mr Thomas Manfeild Constable	Mr Lewes Marbery
Mr Calcott Chambers	Mr Clement Underhill
Mr Stephen Mercer Treasurer	Mr Richard Offley
Mr John Bowater	Mr William Alkin
Mr James Monger	Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr Adrian Evans	

Ordinances confirmed	The Ordinances made at the last Court for payment of 2s a year by every Freeman of this Company is by this Court ratified and confirmed.
6s 5d appointed for the Hance of every Freeman.	Forasmuch as the Hances formerly paid by such persons as have been admitted into the Freedom of this Company are indeed too heavy as the Company now stands. This Court has therefore ordained instructed and appointed that 6s 5d shall from henceforth be paid by every person that shall hereafter be admitted in the Freedom of this Society only by any means otherwise than by Redemption.
The yearly payment of 20s referred	The consideration of the yearly payment of 20s by every Redemptioner which has been admitted into the Freedom of this Society by warrants from the right honourable the Lord Fenton is again referred to a more ample Court.
Westminster houses ordered not to be leased to one particular person	Whereas question was propounded whether this Company would let out their houses at Westminster by lease to some particular person, for a certain yearly rent, or else refer them in their own hands to be let out to several tenants to the most profit and advantage, It is ordered that the Company shall keep the same houses in their own hands to dispose them at their discretion for improvement of the rent, to the end to repair the Benefactors' money diminished, and also for the general good of the whole society.
Letters from Mr Hampton of Boston read.	At this Court a letter directed to this Company from Mr Francis Hampton of Boston in the county of Lincoln was read, purporting the resending of 2 deeds of feofment formerly sent to him, which were now again received in the same manner they were sent. And also that he had sent £3 3s 6d for part of the rent due for the Company's house at Boston, which was delivered to Mr Stephen Mercer, Treasurer, and that he could receive no more of the tenant there. Whereupon it was ordered that the lease granted to Mr Thomas Butler, the Company's immediate tenant there, with the old deed of feofment should be carried to Mr John Banks, that by his advice the said Mr Butler may be sued for the residue of the rent behind and so paid.
Mr John Bowater sworn Constable	Mr John Bowater, elected to serve Constable of this Company from Christmas 1623 until Midsummer following, being present at this Court took his oath to the place of Constable appertaining.
Mr James Monger sworn Treasurer	Mr James Monger, elected to serve Treasurer of this Company from Christmas 1623 until Midsummer then next following, being present at this Court took his oath to the office of Treasurer appertaining. And nominated for his sureties Mr John Bowater and Mr Adrian Evans who are well liked and accepted, and willed to enter into bond according to custom.

	Sheet 23 [IMG 0643 & 0645]
	The 18th day of February 1623 [1624]
	A Court held at Staple Hall within Leadenhall London by these persons whose names thereafter follow: Mr John Bowater Constable — Mr Adrian Evans Mr James Monger Treasurer — Mr Thomas Manfeild Mr George Mole — Mr Robert Dickenson Mr Calcott Chambers — Mr Clement Underhill Mr Daniel Dyve — Mr Lewes Marbery Mr George Rooks — Mr William Alkin Mr Richard Braborne — Mr Richard Offley Mr Thomas White — Thomas Alkin Clerk
Ordinances confirmed	At this Court the Ordinances made at the last Court : the 12th of December 1623 were read and confirmed.
Inrollment of Apprentices Indentures ordered	Whereas all such persons as were admitted into the freedom of this Worshipful Company by warrants from the right honourable the Lord Fenton have hitherto been deprived of the benefit of binding their apprentices and inrolling their indentures by reason of the nonpayment of the yearly contribution of 20s imposed upon them and which they promised to pay. It is now agreed and so ordered that notwithstanding the want of payment thereof, their apprentices shall be from henceforth admitted and their indentures inrolled.
Mr Francis Blizard made free and paid	At this Court Mr Francis Blizart[60] Merchant came and desired the freedom of this worshipful Company whose request being taken into consideration after some dispute thereof had, the Court signified their consent to his admission by election of hands, and agreed that the Ordinance of Hance should be for that time suspended. Whereupon the said Mr Francis Blizart upon payment of £11 6s 5d to the Treasurer for the use of the Company was received into the freedom of this worshipful society and took his oath of Hances thereto appertaining.
Stephen Mercer to bring in his account. Auditors appointed	Mr Constable Bowater, Mr Evans, Mr White, Mr Dickenson, Mr Thomas Manfeild, Mr Marbery & Mr Underhill or any 3 of them are appointed auditors for the account of Mr Stephen Mercer late Treasurer and Mr George Symcott. And the Clerk is willed to certify Mr Mercer that the Company's pleasure is he should make up his account in writing and deliver the same, together with the money which shall appear to be due upon the foot thereof, to Mr Monger now Treasurer on or before the 27th day of this instant month of February without further delay.
Lieutenant to be chosen	Whereas it was propounded at this Court that it would be very requisite both for the ease of the worshipful Mr Mayor and better presentation of the Company's business upon any occasion to choose some fit and able person of this Society to be Lieutenant as formerly has been accustomed. It is agreed that the nomination and election of such person shall be referred to the consideration of the next Court.
The houses at Westminster to be viewed.	Forasmuch as the lease of the Company's tenants at Westminster granted to one Savage will be expired at Our Lady Day next, and the said tenements come into the Company's hands to be disposed of. It is therefore thought fit that at the next Court some committees be appointed to view the reparations of the said houses, and if any defect be found to cause them to be amended, to the end that the charge thereof may be defaulted out of the rent which shall be due to the leases at Our Lady Day quarter.
Ordinance of Hances dispensed with.	It is agreed by and with the general consent and assent of this Court, that the Ordinance of Hances shall be suspended and disposed with according to a former precedent in that behalf, to the end that certain able and discreet persons be received into the freedom of this worshipful Company for the greater credit and better support thereof.

[60] Spelling variations of Blizzard, Blizard, Blizart, Blissarde.

	Sheet 23 REV [IMG 0646&7]
	The 2nd day of March 1623 [1624] **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall** by these persons whose names hereafter follow:

The Worshipful Mr James Cambell, Alderman	Mayor	
Mr John Bowater	Constable	Mr Henry Bradley
Mr James Monger	Treasurer	Mr Nicholas Rue
Mr John Slany		Mr Thomas Manfeild
Mr Robert Offley		Mr William Willson
Mr John English		Mr Thomas Lewes
Mr Richard Welby		Mr Robert Dickenson
Mr George Mole		Mr Thomas White
Mr Calcott Chambers		Mr Clement Underhill
Mr Christofer Cletherow		Mr William Alkin
Mr George Rookes		Mr Richard Offley
Mr Humfrey Gulson		Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr Richard Braborne		
Mr Lewes Marbery		
Mr Thomas Thorold		

Ordinances confirmed	The Ordinances made at the last Court the 18th of February 1623[1624] were now read and confirmed.
Committees appointed to view Westminster houses.	Mr James Monger Treasurer, Mr Adrian Evans, Mr Lewes Marbery and Mr Thomas Manfeild or any 3 of them are appointed committees to view the reparations of the Company's houses at Westminster. And if any defects be found to cause them to be repaired against Our Lady Day next according to an order made at the last Court.
Mr George Mole sworn Lieutenant	This Court proceeded to the choice of Lieutenant according to the proposition made at the last Court, and to that purpose Mr George Mole, Mr Calcott Chambers and Mr George Rookes were nominated and put in election, who being referred to the trial of the Court, it appeared by the erection of hands that the choice fell upon Mr George Mole, which was approved and being present took his oath to the place appertaining.
Committees appointed to treat with the Merchant Adventurers.	Mr Mole making relation at this Court how far he had proceeded in the Company's business did certify that the fellowship of Merchant Adventurers had appointed certain selected persons of their society to meet at Mercers hall on Wednesday morning next with some of this Company to treat about special business concerning both societies. And therefore desired the Court to depute some able and discreet persons for that purpose, whereupon Mr John Slany, Mr Christofer Cletherow, Mr George Mole, Mr John English, Mr Richard Welby, Mr Calcott Chambers, Mr Abraham Cartwright, Mr John Bowater, Mr James Monger, Mr Lewes Marbery, Mr Thomas Thorrold, Mr George Rookes, Mr Mathew Stone, Mr Thomas White, Mr Thomas Lewes and Mr William Ashwell or the greater number of them were requested to confer with them, and to report the issue of their conference at the next Court.
Freemen sworn	At this Court Mr Abraham Cartwright, Mr Richard Waltham, Mr William Ashwell and Mr Samuel Vassall[61], merchants, came and desired the freedom of this worshipful Company, who were admitted upon their promise to submit themselves to the Company's order for their fines as others formerly have done and took their oath of Hances thereto appertaining.
Freemen referred to the next Court	And whereas divers other merchants of this City were nominated at the last Court with intent to be received into the freedom of this Company and to that purpose have been made acquainted some of whom now attended. It was thought fit and so agreed that the former persons last above nominated should at this time be only admitted, and all others desired to forbear until the next or some other Court.

[61] Samuel Vassall: believed to be 1586-1667, Clothworkers Company, Alderman, later MP for City of London 1640-8 in the 'short parliament'. Among the Presbyterian members excluded by Pride's Purge, December 6, 1648. Ref: British History on Line https://www.british-history.ac.uk/no-series/london-aldermen/hen3-1912/pp261-297#h3-0218 and Vassall family history {13.3.c} http://e-familyhistory.com/content/VASSAL_ANNEX.htm Baptized 5 June 1586 at Stepney, Middlesex County, England. Of St. George's Southwark in Surrey County, England and of Bedale in York County, England. One of the original incorporators of the Massachusetts Bay Company in 1628. Married Frances Cartwright, daughter of Abraham and Joan (Wade) Cartwright of St. Andrew's Undershaft, London, daughter of William Wade of Bildeston in Suffolk County. Died in New England.

	[Sheet 24 IMG 0646 & 0648]
John Sadler made free by Apprenticeship	John Sadler Apprentice to Mr Thomas Lewes Merchant of the Staple of England came and desired the freedom of this worshipful Company by Indenture within Terms who upon payment of 6s 5d for his Hance to the Treasurer for the use of the Company was admitted and took his oath thereto appertaining.
Mr Robert Wilson sworn Constable	Mr Robert Willson elected to serve Constable of this Company from Christmas last until Midsomer following being present at this Court took his oath to the office of Constable appertaining.
18s 11d demanded by Mr Alkin	It is to be remembered that Mr William Alkin and Mr Richard Offley upon payment of £3 10s to the Treasurer for the use of the Company at this Court for half a year's rent due at Christmas last for their warehouse in Leadenhall which they hold at the Company's pleasure, demanded the sum of 18s 11d which they disbursed for repairing and strengthening the floor of the said warehouse and other defective places there, according to a note now produced by them. Their demand in this particular was referred to the consideration of the next Court.
Mr Alkin demanded 25s	Mr William Alkin also demanded at this Court the sum of 25s for one quarter's wages due to him at Midsummer last for the office of Hallkeeper, allowed by this Company which is yet unpaid, whose demand herein is likewise referred to the consideration of the next Court.
	The 5th of March 1623 [1624] **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall London** by these persons whose names hereafter follow:

Mr George Mole	Lieutenant	Mr Henry Bradley
Mr John Bowater	Constable	Mr Robert Dickenson
Mr James Monger	Treasurer	Mr William Ashwell
Mr Calcott Chambers		Mr Nicholas Rue
Mr Thomas Thorrold		Mr Clement Underhill
Mr George Rookes		Mr William Alkin
Mr Humfrey Gulson		Mr Thomas Manfeild
Mr Edward Grace		Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr Lewes Marbery		
Mr Abraham Cartwright		

Ordinances confirmed	The Ordinances made at the last Court : the 2nd of March 1623[1624] were at this Court read and confirmed.
Mr Mercer to make a true account.	Upon view of Mr Stephen Mercer his account late Treasurer to this Company exhibited to this Court and found unperfect. It is ordered that notice shall be given him, or left at his house in writing, to make a true account of all such sums of money as he has receipt for the use of the Company since he was chosen Treasurer and to bring the same together with the money which shall appear to be due upon the foot thereof to the next Court intended to be held on Wednesday next, whereof if he fails to perform, the Company proposes to proceed against his sureties for the same.
Mr Job Harby made free by patrimony.	Mr Job Harby[62] came to this Court, and demanded the freedom of this Worshipful Company by patrimony, whose right thereto appearing upon record he was admitted and upon payment of the Hance of 6s 5d to the Treasurer for the use of the Company he took his oath thereto appertaining.
Mr Alkin to deduct 25s out of his rent.	Upon Mr William Alkin his demand of 25s for his quarter's fee for the office of hallkeeper and due to him at Midsummer 1623. It is ordered that search shall be made in the company's books whether the said Office was not suspended before Midsummer last, and if it appear that it was not, now be paid. Then it is agreed that the said Mr William Alkin shall deduct so much money as 25s out of his rent which will be due to the Company at Midsummer next 1624.

[62] Could be Sir Job Harby c1690-1663 1st Baronet Merchant Commissioner of the Customs. So he would be aged c 34 at the time of his patrimony application. There must accordingly have been a Harby as a Merchant Stapler as his father. Reference: Signed will of Sir Job Harby of Aldenham, Herts. Letters of administration to Dame Elizabeth Harby, 9 May 1663. Proved by Dame Elizabeth Harby, relict and executrix, 18 Oct 1664.
https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C2747831

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Mr Mole reported the proceedings with the Merchant Adventurers	Mr George Mole reporting to this Court the proceedings of the Committee appointed at the last Court to treat with the Merchant Adventurers about special business concerning both Societies, declared that the Merchant Adventurers desired some propositions to be delivered to them by this Company in writing for composing the differences now in question between them concerning exportation of cloth into the Low Countries and Germany, which request of theirs being taken into consideration after much dispute thereof (for and against). It was at last resolved by the greatest number then present that the safest way for this Company would be to deliver nothing in writing to them, and to signify this their resolution thither to the committee together, or else to Mr Tomerson, Deputy in particular as occasion should be offered, Mr George Mole, Lieutenant, and Mr John Bowater, Constable, and Mr Calcott Chambers were appointed by this Court in the Company's name. And if further cause of communication should be ministered, this Court authorised the committee selected at the last Court to treat with them and to report the issue of their conference to the next Court.
	The 12th day of March 1623 [1624] **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall** by these persons whose names hereafter follow: The Worshipful Mr James Cambell Alderman Mayor Mr George Mole Lieutenant Mr John Bowater Constable Mr James Monger Treasurer Mr Calcott Chambers Mr Abraham Cartwright Mr George Rookes Mr Lewis Marbery Mr Adrian Evans Mr Thomas Manfeild Mr Robert Dickenson Mr William Ashwell Mr Richard Offley Thomas Alkin Clerk
Ordinances confirmed	The Ordinances made at the last Court : the 5th day of March 1623 [1624] were now read and confirmed.
The wharf at Westminster to be let for yearly rent.	Forasmuch as the wharf at Westminster called the Woolstaple Wharf will come into this Company's hands at Our Lady Day next to be disposed of. It is thought fit by this Court that the same shall be let out to some sufficient person for a certain yearly rent. And to that end Mr Treasurer is instructed to endeavour to provide the Company a tenant for the same against that time.
Committees appointed to follow the company's business in Parliament	Whereas it was moved at this Court that it would be very requisite to authorize some able and discreet persons of this Society to follow the Company's business now in Parliament concerning their liberty to ship cloth, or any other affairs touching this Fellowship. Whereupon this Court did appoint Mr George Mole Lieutenant, Mr John Bowater Constable, Mr James Monger Treasurer Mr Calcott Chambers, Mr Abraham Cartwright, Mr George Rookes, Mr Lewis Marbery, Mr Mathew Stone, Mr Adrian Evans, Mr William Ashwell and the Clerk or any 6 of them to prosecute the same. And what moneys they or any of them shall disburse upon necessary occasion on behalf of the Company shall be borne and allowed out of the Company's stock.
Persons appointed to attend the Committee of the Parliament about the Company's bill	Mr John Slarry, Mr Robert Offley, Mr Christopher Cletherow, Mr Thomas Thorrold, Mr Richard Waltham, Mr Samuel Vassell, Mr Thomas Manfeild, Mr Robert Dickenson, or so many of them as conveniently may, are appointed to accompany the forenamed persons to attend the Committee deputed by the house of Parliament to sit about this Company's Bill preferred upon Tuesday next.

	[Sheet 25 IMG 0649 & 0651]
Mr Timothy Cartwright made free & paid £10 6s 5d	At this Court Mr Timothy Cartwright came and desired the freedom of this Company by redemption, whose request being taken into consideration after some dispute thereupon, the Court at length agreed to admit him upon payment £11 6s 5d to the use of the Company, which being declared to him, he presently paid to the Treasurer £10 6s 5d. And for the other 20s Mr Abraham Cartwright being present promised on behalf of the said Tymothie that the Company should be satisfied if they would not remit the same, which was referred to consideration of the next Court. And thereupon the said Mr Tymothie Cartwright was received into the freedom of this Worshipful Company and took the oath of Hance thereto appertaining.
Mr Stephen Mercer his bond to be put in suit	The aforenamed committees or any 2 of them are appointed to audit Mr Stephen Mercer his account. and it is ordered that if the said Mr Mercer do not pay all such money as shall appear to be due to the Company upon the foot of his account to the Treasurer at or before the next Court, that then his bond shall put into suit against himself and his sureties without any further delay.
Difference between Rich. Offley & Thomas Alkin about housing of Wool.	The difference between Mr Richard Offley and Thomas Alkin touching a bargain made betwixt them about the housing and weighing of wools in the weigh house in Leadenhall : that the said Thomas Alkin should receive the moytie or one half part of the benefit of housing of the same wools, and the Richard Offley the moytie for weighing thereof, which the said Alkin protested and affirmed, and the said Offley denied, was for want of time referred to be reconciled at the next Court.
Indentures to be inrolled.	2 indentures of Apprenticehoods exhibited to this Court by Mr Thomas Manfeild were ordered to be inrolled. : Owen Edwardes son of John Edwardes of Bodewride in the county of Anglesey gent apprentice to Thomas Manfeild Merchant of the Staple of England from the first day of January 1618 [1619] for the term of nine years. John Best some of George Best of Hartby in the county of Kent yeoman apprentice to the said Thomas Manfeild from the feast of Simon & Jude[63] AD 1621 for nine years.
	The Third Day of April 1624 **An Assembly held in the house of Mr James Cambell, Alderman, Mayor of the Staple of England in the parish of St Andrew Undershaft in London** by these persons whose names hereafter follow:

The Worshipful Mr James Cambell Alderman	Mayor	Mr Thomas Thorrold	
Mr George Mole	Lieutenant	Mr George Rookes	
Mr John Bowater	Constable	Mr Thomas Manfeild	
Mr James Monger	Treasurer	Thomas Alkin	Clerk

Mr Clement Harby made free by patrimony	At this assembly Mr Clement Harby Merchant came and desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company by patrimony whose right thereto appearing upon record in the Company's books, he was admitted and upon payment of 6s 5d to the Treasurer for his Hance, for the use of the Company, he took the oath of Hance thereto appertaining.

[63] 28th October

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	The 16th day of April 1624 **A Court held at the Staple Hall in Leadenhall London** by these persons whose names hereafter follow:

Mr George Mole Lieutenant	Mr Thomas Manfeild
Mr John Bowater Constable	Mr Robert Dickenson
Mr Calcott Chambers	Mr William Ashwell
Mr Robert Crewes	Mr Timothy Cartwright
Mr Abraham Cartwright	Mr William Alkin
Mr Adrian Evans	Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr Lewes Marbery	

Ordinances confirmed	The Ordinances made at the last Court : the 12th of March 1623 [1624] were now read and confirmed.
Mr Thomas Symondes made free.	At this Court Mr Thomas Symondes came and desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company, who being demanded whether he would condescend to perform such conditions as Mr Abraham Cartwright had yielded to at his admission, he willingly consent thereto. Whereupon he was received into the fellowship of this Worshipful Company and took the oath of Hance thereto appertaining.
20s remitted to Mr Timothy Cartwright.	Whereas it was moved at this Court, that the Company would be pleased to remit the 20s which Mr Timothy Cartwright left to pay of his fine when he was admitted into the freedom of this Society and for which Mr Abraham Cartwright passed his word. It is agreed that the said 20s shall be wholly remitted, and the said Mr Abraham Cartwright of his promise in this behalf discharged.
Mr Edmond Wyme made free.	Mr Edmond Wyme also came to this Court also came to this Court and desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company, whose request being taken into consideration, the Court agreed to receive him upon payment of the sum of £10 for the use of the Company, which the said Mr Wyme promised to pay to the Treasurer upon demand, and for performance thereof Mr Lewes Marbery passed his word, whereupon the said Mr Wyme was admitted into the fellowship of this Worshipful Company and took his oath of Hances thereto appertaining.
to yield to no proviso	It is ordered that the Committees formerly appointed to prosecute the Company's Bill in Parliament or any of them shall not yield to any provisos or limitations to be inserted or added to the said Bill, but only to such as shall be limited to all other Companies of Merchants.
A breviate of the Bill in Parliament to be drawn.	It is also ordered that a Breviate[64] of the Company's desire concerning their Bill in Parliament shall be drawn and ingrossed and delivered to the Committee appointed to consider of the said Bill, at their next sitting.
	The 16th day of June 1624 **An Assembly held at the Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these persons following:

Mr George Rookes	Mr Timothy Cartwright
Mr Thomas Thorrold	Mr Thomas Symonds
Mr Adrian Evans	Mr Clement Underhill
Mr Thomas Manfeild	Mr William Ashwell
Mr Robert Dickenson	Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr Thomas White	
Mr Lewis Marbery	

[64] Lawyer's brief /legal copy.

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The government of the trade of coloured cloths not to be undertaken.

It being propounded at this assembly whether it were to prove fit and convenient for this Company to accept the government of the trade of coloured cloths to be exported out of this realm into foreign parts when as the Merchant Adventurers shall be likewise permitted to trade therein under their government. Which proposition being then taken into consideration after much dispute and argument thereupon, it was finally resolved and generally considered that the acceptance thereof in such a manner would not only be greatly prejudicial to this Society, but also impossible to be governed by both Companies without manifest damage to the Merchants and apparent detriment to the Commonwealth. And therefore it was ordered that this their opinion should be signified to the right honourable his Majesty's commissioners for trade at their next sitting, and that this declaration ensuing by them conceived by way of accommodation might be opened to them :

A declaration how to accommodate the government of the trade of cloth.

That if it please the State to allot to the Merchant Adventurers the sole exportation of white cloth under their government, and the sole exportation of coloured cloth under the government of the Merchants of the Staple, with this proviso that so many of the Merchant Adventurers as shall deal in coloured cloths may have the freedom of the Staple Company either gratis or for such reasonable fine as shall be thought fit. And that so many of the Merchants of the Staple as shall desire to deal in white cloth, may have the freedom of the Merchant Adventurers' Company upon the like conditions. By this means there will be a free trade of both commodities under government most fit and proper for both sorts of cloths, which are so different in nature and quality, that they cannot be well and orderly managed under the government of one alone Company, which is conceived will be without prejudice to other Society and suitable to the opinion of the house of Parliament. Otherwise the Merchants of the Staple and the Merchant Adventurers may have liberty to export and put to sale coloured cloths in all places beyond the seas where either company may find best vent for the same.

A Court of Election the 28th day of July 1624
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall London

by these persons whose names hereafter follow:

The Worshipful Mr James Cambell Alderman	Mayor	
Mr John Bowater	Constable	Mr Robert Dickenson
Mr James Monger	Treasurer	Mr Clement Harby
Mr Richard Braborne		Mr Thomas Symonds
Mr Thomas Manfeild		Mr Edward Woodroffe
Mr Robert Crewes		Mr William Alkin
Mr Adrian Evans		Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr Lewis Marbery		

ordinances confirmed

At this Court the ordinances made at the last Court : the 16th day of June 1624 were now read and confirmed.

So much of the late Queen's Majesty Charter granted to the Company of Merchants of the Staple concerning the election of Mayor Constable and other Officers yearly and the ordinances thereupon were read.

The Mayor discharged

Thereupon the Worshipful Mr James Cambell Alderman Mayor of the Staple for the year precedent discharged himself of his office of Mayoralty.

Persons nominated for Mayor.

The Court proceeded to the election of a Mayor Constables and Treasurer for the year ensuing, and for Mayor the Right Worshipful Sir Thomas Smith, Knight; Sir William Garvey Knight and the above named Mr James Cambell Alderman were nominated to be put in election, concerning whom the Court being examined which 2 of the said 3 persons should stand in election, it appeared by the erection of hands that the choice rested upon Sir Thomas Smith and Mr James Cambell.

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Mr James Cambell Ald. chosen Mayor.	The Worshipful Mr James Cambell Alderman was by balloting according to custom with general consent elected Mayor of this Company for the year ensuing, who being present took his oath to the office of Mayoralty appertaining.
Persons nominated for Constables. Mr Rich. Braborne Mr James Monger Constable.	There were nominated to be put in election for Constable for the year ensuing Mr George Rookes, Mr Thomas Thorrold, Mr Richard Braborne and Mr James Monger. Elected and chosen Mr Richard Braborne and Mr James Monger who being both present took their oaths to the office of Constable appertaining.
Persons nominated for Treasurer. Mr Adrian Evans chosen Treasurer	There were nominated to be put in election for Treasurer of this Company for this year ensuing Mr Adrian Evans, Mr Robert Dickenson, Mr Mathew Stone and Mr Thomas White. Elected and chosen Mr Adrian Evans who being present took his oath to the office of Treasurer appertaining and nominated for sureties Mr John Bowater and Mr James Monger who were well liked of by the Court.
Auditors for accounts	Mr George Mole, Mr Richard Braborne, Mr Adrian Evans, Mr George Rookes, Mr Lewis Marbery, Mr Thomas Manfeild and Mr Clement Harby or any 3 of them are appointed auditors for the accounts of Mr James Monger late Treasurer and of Mr George Symcotts, who are desired to meet for that purpose at the Staple Hall upon Wednesday next being the 4th day of August at 8 o'clock in the forenoon.
Mr Marbery promises payment of £10 owing by Mr Edmond Wyme	Whereas Mr Edmond Wym is indebted to this Company the sum of £10, which he promised to pay at his admission into the freedom of this Company for a fine, and for which Mr Lewes Marbery gave his word, being not yet satisfied. The said Mr Marbery promised at this Court that if the said Mr Wym did not pay the said £10 to the Treasurer before the next Court that then he would be answerable to the Company for the same.
Mr Mercer obtains liberty till Michaelmas next.	Mrs Mercer wife of Stephen Mercer later Treasurer of this Company came to this Court, desired that this Company would be pleased to forbear to trouble her husband or his sureties for such money as are due upon the foot of her husband his account until Michaelmas next, whose request in that behalf was granted. And ordered that if the said Mr Mercer do not pay the said moneys at or before Michaelmas next, that then himself and his sureties shall be proceeded against without any more favour or further delay.
A letter from the Right Honourable the Earl of Kelly read.	A letter directed to this Company from the Right Honourable the Earl of Kelly[65] on behalf of Francis Farrar servant to Sir [Richard] Lydall was now read, and the consideration thereof referred to the next Court, in the meantime the Company books are ordered to be perused what ordinances have been made and agreed upon concerning the said Farrar his demand of £60 by him pretended to be best to this Company.
Moneys disbursed to be referred to the next Court	Whereas certain persons of this Company have disbursed divers sums of money about this Company's business during the time of the last Parliament, which by a former ordinance was ordered to be borne at the Company's charge. It is agreed that the same shall be referred to the consideration of the next Court.
Thomas Alkin his reward referred to the next Court.	Thomas Alkin, Clerk, demanding reward for his pains taken about the Company's business in the time of the last Parliament. The same also was referred to be considered of at the next Court.

[65] Scottish Earldom for Sir Thomas Erskine 1619 Captain of the Guard for James VI. The Journal of the House of Commons for Wed 26 May 1624: "Upon another question, in the opinion of this House, it is fit all those which have had money drawn from them by coercion of process or threats by the Lord Kellie : *[Sir Richard]* Lydall, *[George]* Mole, [Arthur] Kynaston, or any other, shall be restored by those which have received the same to their own use and benefit." https://www.british-history.ac.uk/no-series/proceedings-1624-parl/may-26#highlight-first

	[Sheet 27 IMG 0655 & 0657]
	The 17th day of August 1624 **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall London** by these persons following: The Worshipful Mr James Cambell Alderman Mayor Mr James Monger Constable — Mr Lewis Marbery Mr Adrian Evans Treasurer — Mr Clement Underhill Mr Calcott Chambers — Mr Francis Blizart Mr Thomas Thorrold — Mr Timothy Cartwright Mr George Rookes — Mr William Alkin Mr Thomas Manfeild — Thomas Alkin Clerk Mr Mathew Stone Mr Robert Dickenson
ordinances confirmed	At this Court the Ordinances made at the Court : the 28th day of July 1624 were now read and confirmed.
Mr George Symcotts indebted to the Company.	Whereas the account of Mr George Symcotts late Clerk of this Company have been of late perused by Thomas Alkin now Clerk, who certified this Court that it evidently appear by the said account that the said Mr Symcotts is in the Company's debt, whereas he affirms that the Company is indebted to him. Whereupon this Court ordered the Committees, formerly appointed to audit the account of Mr James Monger late Treasurer, shall examine the aforesaid account and what moneys shall thereby appear to be due to the Company. The Treasurer is desired to call to Mr Symcotts to make payment thereof to the Company's use.
Court at Westminster	It is ordered that a Court shall be held at Westminster on Thursday next in the forenoon.
Answer to the Earl of Kelly his letter referred.	The consideration of the letter directed from the Right Honourable the Earl of Kelly to this Company on behalf of Francis Farrar is referred to the next Court, for that Mr George Mole and some others and some others who are best acquainted with that business are now absent.
Mr Marbery pays £10 owing by Mr Wyme	Whereas Mr Lewis Marbery promised at the last Court that if Mr Edmund Wyme did not pay to the Treasurer of this Company £10 for a fine at his admission into the freedom of this Society at or before the next Court, that then he would be answerable for the sum. Now the said Mr Marbery having disbursed various sums of money on behalf of this Company during the last sessions of Parliament, which was ordered to be borne at the Company's charge, a note whereof he now produced in Court, desired that the said £10 might be allowed to him in part of payment whereto the Court considered, and acknowledged themselves to be thereof fully satisfied.
Auditors appointed	It is ordered that those persons which were formerly appointed to audit the account of Mr James Monger Treasurer and Mr Symcotts shall likewise audit the account of Mr Lewis Marbery and Thomas Alkin. And also to deliver their opinion what sum of money shall be bestowed upon the said Thomas Alkin in recompense of his pains taken about the Company's business the last Parliament and since Christmas last, and what allowance he shall have for the time to come.
Sir William Cockaine his request	At this Court Sir William Cockayne, Knight, who holds 3 warehouses of this Company in Leadenhall at £20 per annum desired by writing that the Company would be pleased to take 2 of the same warehouses into their hands at Michaelmas next, whose request in that particular is referred to the Committees appointed by this Company to view all their warehouses in Leadenhall whose names hereafter follows.

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Committees appointed to view the warehouses in Leadenhall.	Mr James Monger Constable, Mr Adrian Evans Treasurer, Mr Calcott Chambers Mr Thomas Thorrold Mr Lewis Marbery Mr Thomas Manfeild Mr Robert Dickenson Mr Clement Underhill Mr Richard Waltham and Mr Francis Blizart or the greater number of them are appointed Committees to view the Company's warehouses in Leadenhall and to set down their opinions what every one are worth to be let out by year rent, to the intent that the rents thereof may be improved to the most benefit of the Company.
Every Freeman to have the Company's seal set to their Bill of Entries before they go to the Custom house.	It is ordered by the general consent of this Court that every Freeman of this Company which shall from henceforth ship or export out of this Kingdom any cloths, stuffs or other Staple commodity of this Realm shall bring or send from time to time his Bill of entry to the Staple Hall, there to be sealed with the seal of the Company for that purpose provided, appointed to be kept in the custody of the Clerk, before he make entry thereof in the Custom house. And if any brother of this Company shall in any point neglect or transgress this order, then he shall pay for every time he so offends the sum of 5s for a fine to the Treasurer for the use of the Company.
Freemen formerly admitted to pay £10 apiece.	Whereas divers persons have been heretofore received into the freedom of this Company paying nothing for the same, yet promising to pay some sums of money as the Company shall at any time impose upon them for their fines. It is now ordered that all such persons which intend to ship any cloths or other Staple commodity by virtue of any privilege granted to this Society shall pay to the Treasurer for the use of the Company £10 apiece before they be permitted to trade therein as a brother of this fellowship.
Mr Alkin paying in £3 10s for rent had 25s repaid.	At this Court Mr William Alkin paid £3 10s for half a year's rent of his warehouse in Leadenhall to the Treasurer due at Midsummer 1624 and had 25s thereof allowed to him for one quarter's fee of the office of hallkeeper due at Midsummer 1623 according to a former order.
Mr James Monger his account abled	The account of Mr James Monger late Treasurer of this Company being formerly audited was at this Court abled and himself and his sureties of their bonds discharged.
Treasurer's accounts to be registered.	It is ordered that the Treasurer shall provide a paper book in folio bound with some strong cover at the Company's charge, wherein all the accounts of the Treasurer of this Company are to be registered by the Clerk likewise at the Company's charge and so to be continued from time to time hereafter.

The 20th day of August 1624
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall London

by these persons following:

The Worshipful Mr James Cambell Alderman Mayor	
Mr Richard Braborne }	
Mr James Monger } Constables	
Mr Adrian Evans Treasurer	Mr Lewis Marbery
Mr Thomas Thorrold	Mr Francis Blizart
Mr Thomas Manfeild	Mr Samuel Vassall
Mr Robert Crewes	Mr Tymothie Cartwright
Mr John Bowater	Mr Edmond Wymme
Mr Mathew Stone	Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr Robert Dickenson	

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ordinances confirmed	At this Court the ordinances made at the last Court : the 17th day of August last were now read and confirmed.
Mr Franklin Mr Baylie Mr Dod Mr Cotton Mr Edwardes made free.	At this Court Mr James Franklin, Mr William Baily, Mr Francis Dod, Mr John Cotton and Mr David Edwards came and desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company who being certified that they were to pay £10 apiece for a fine, and 6s 5d a year for their Hance, the said Mr James Franklin and Mr William Baily paid £10 apiece immediately to the Treasurer in open Court, promising to pay their Hance at some other time. Mr Francis Dod, Mr John Cotton and Mr David Edwards not bringing money with them promised to pay the same when the Treasurer should demand it. For sure payment whereof Mr Timothy Cartwright gave his word for Mr Francis Dod, and Mr Lewis Marbery for Mr John Cotton and Mr David Edwards, wherewith the Court being contented, the aforesaid persons were received into the freedom of this Worshipful Company and took the oath of Hance thereto appertaining.
Reparations to be viewed	Mr Richard Braborne certified this Court that the roofs of the warehouse which he holds of this Company are out of repair and desired that the same might be amended. It is thereupon ordered that the Committees formerly appointed to view the Company's warehouses in Leadenhall shall likewise view the said defects complained of by Mr Braborne, and report the same to the next Court at which time the Company will take order for repairing thereof.
	At this Court the grievances concerning the Company of Merchant Adventurers preferred to the King's Majesty by the House of Commons assembled in Parliament the last sessions : in the 21st year of his Majesty's reign was ordered to be registered in this book, which follows in these words:
Grievances preferred to the Kings Majesty by the Commons house of Parliament against the Merchant Adventurers	*Most gracious sovereign, Your Commons in all humble duty complain unto your Majesty of the late great decay of the trade of cloth in this Kingdom, which trade of cloth, at what time it flourished and was the ancient honour and breeder of wealth in this Realm, but now being in these late years so greatly decayed and diminished, it strongly menaces your loyal subjects with poverty, having already produced the evil effect ensuing.* ***First**, cloth being the great Staple commodity of this Kingdom, and by a ninefold proportion exceeding all the rest of our Nation commodities and setting an infinite number of able persons on work. It is too apparent that the decay of trade therein, has occasioned the turning of many thousands of clothiers out of their occupations and some hundred thousands of people depending upon them out of their work.*
	***Secondly** it has abated the price of Wool being the stock as it were of the Realm 10 shilling in a Todd[66] which after an easy estimation amounts to the diminution of the value of the Lands of this the Realm no less than 800 thousand pounds the year. And being in a merchantable commodity so much impoverishes the Kingdom.*
	***A Third** evil effect wherein the decay of the trade of cloth manifestly shows itself is the want of sale of our cloth in foreign parts fallen from 80 to 40 thousand or thereabouts, and the cloth often lying unsaleable in the hands of Clothiers and Merchants.*
	***A 4th** evil effect is the secret transporting of our wool undraped and unwrought both by the North and some of the Southern parts, which as it is to the defrauding of your Majesty in your customs, so it threatens an utter overthrow of all the clothing of this Realm, which the goodness and wisdom of your most renowned progenitors have so carefully set up, advanced and cherished.*

[66] Tod or Todd - an English unit of w8 used mainly for wool: 28 lbs = 2 stone = 12.7 kilogrammes.

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	Your Commons', most gracious Sovereign, after long and diligent search and information taken from the Merchants and Clothiers of this realm, have finally upon exact and careful debate resolved upon 2 principal and powerful causes of the unfortunate and great decay of this once so flourishing and beneficial trade to this Kingdom, which causes they humbly presume to offer here unto your Majesty's most gracious consideration, attending the remedies of both from your like wisdom and goodness.
	*The **First Cause** therefore of the present decay of this trade of cloth they conceive to be the restraining of the trade thereof for Germany and the Low Countries, the principal places for sale, to one Company only of the Merchant Adventurers, who in the 28th year of the late Queen Elizabeth, having by means and mediation procured the first patent ever granted to their company containing a restraint and prohibitions to all other Merchants not to trade into the parts and territories of their privileges, have since in the 15th year of your Majesty's reign renewed their charter, and therein obtained to have appropriated to themselves for the Low Countries and Germany all the new manufactures, and whatsoever else of which Wool is the ground and material.*
	Then for matter of restraint to all other Merchants, there is not anything omitted either for providence or power which the wit of man could almost devise to strengthen it.
	***First** there is a command to all masters of ships not to receive any of those wares for those parts from any other, which command they are also enjoined to enter into bond to observe.* ***Secondly**, there is a power granted of seizing all those commodities, if but intended to be transported contrary to their charter.* ***Thirdly** there is a grant to them of an officer of their own in every port to that end, without whose hand no cockett is to be made.* ***Fourthly** they have power to fine and imprison without bail or mainprize.[67]* ***Fifthly** they have power to minister an oath for transporting to the place by them appointed, and to take bond to your Majesty to bring certificate thereto from the foreign parts.* ***Sixthly** though in their charter there be the usual promise for the Staplers, yet by your Majesty's proclamation immediately ensuing the Staplers were also prohibited to trade into their parts.*
	And for a general fortifying of this their new patent they have procured a Command from your Majesty not to question their charter. Whereby it seems to decline the justice of the sea, which ought to be open for all your Majesty's subjects.
	They have also procured a command to all your Majesty's officers to be aiding and assisting for their privileges.
	Lastly by this charter they have power to impose upon the woollen cloth according to their discretion, and for use of their company, which power they have improved to that height and fullness, that what by

[67] 'Mainprize' : the process of delivering a person to sureties ('mainpernors') who undertook to produce him again at a future time.

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	name of imposition to defray the charges of their government, what by imprest (as they term it) to reimburse them of great sums disbursed for procuring this charter they have levied within 7 years above 4 score thousand pounds, by raising those impositions to 9 shilling upon a Short Cloth and 7 shillings 6d upon a Long, which is more than the Merchants do at this day clearly gain by this trade of cloth, whereby as they too much endear the native commodity abroad and thereby hinder the sale thereof, so on the contrary side they embase the price thereof at home by so large a deduction as these impositions contain.
	This being the state of the Merchant Adventurers' present Charter and company, your Commons having heard all their allegations at large, and having seriously weighed all reasons and matters of experience as well for the upholding of this restraint, as for some opening and enlarging thereof, together with the several answers and reasons on both sides, and finding to their best understanding and judgement, together with the general voice of other Merchants and Clothiers, that this over-great restraint and appropriating of all things made of Wool unto this only Company is ***one principal cause*** *of the decay of this great trade, and consequently of the impoverishing of this your Majesty's realm and people. They are forced in all humbleness to present unto your Majesty this Charter of the Merchant Adventurers as a general grievance derogatory to the laws of this your Majesty's realm, prejudicial to the right and liberty of your subjects and damaging to the trade and sale of this great Staple commodity.*
	Notwithstanding their desires being not utterly to break and dissolve this Company, but rather that it be reformed and reduced to that effect, or at leastwise near unto it, wherein that trade did greatly flourish, they have dutifully presumed to offer unto your royal Majesty their humble opinion in these particulars ensuing.
	First. *They conceive it fit as beneficial to the trade, and contentful to the rest of your Majesty's loving subjects that the new manufactures be left free for all merchants to all places, so likewise all Karsies all Western and Northern Dozens*[68] *all coloured cloths also, and cloths that are dressed and dyed out of Whites, which cloths they are credibly informed and believe that there are not above 6 of the Merchant Adventurers Company who trade in them at this day. So that this enlargement cannot be greatly grievous unto them who are said also not to sell above one 12th part of the quantity of those sort of Cloths made in this Realm.*
	Secondly. *For the White Cloths being the rich commodities of this Kingdom as being the greatest in number, most profitable to the Merchants and most welcome to foreign parts by setting their poor in work. They think fit that they remain appropriate to the Merchant Adventurers Company yet with this proviso in necessary favour of the disheartened and impoverished Clothiers that if the Merchant Adventurers forbear to buy any of those White Cloths during the space of one month after the time that they shall be set to sale in Blackwell hall, or some other public place appointed for that purpose, that then any other Merchant may have liberty to buy them, and by your Majesty's gracious permission to transport them into the same parts where the Merchant Adventurers now do.*
	And: *for matter of government to be established among Merchants trading in cloth which shall not be of the Merchant Adventurers Company going without order and government this great merchandise of cloth cannot be possibly managed to the public and assured benefit of this Realm, they humbly commend the same to your Majesty's great wisdom and judgement to be established by such orders as your Majesty shall please to deliver, the shortness of time not permitting your Commons to perform any service in that kind during this Session.*

[68] 'Dozens' was used for Kersey cloths of 12 yards length. British History Online https://www.british-history.ac.uk/no-series/traded-goods-dictionary/1550-1820/doublet-dozens

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	This much touching the first cause of the decay of this great trade, namely the too much restraining it to one only Company together with the means of redressing it with least innovation.
	*The **Second Cause of the decay** is the too much overburdening it with charges and duties, some whereof namely the customs subsidies due to your Majesty, they in no part complain, otherwise than that they conceive the addition of new burdens to have been a great diminution of your Majesty's ancient and undoubted right and reverences they hindering in great proportion the sale of these commodities. In proof whereof they humbly offer to your Majesty's royal consideration that the making of cloth being more ancient in the Low Countries and Germany than in this your realm, the cheapness of English cloth together with the goodness thereof has been in all times the true cause that it has been so saleable in these parts. But now by reason of the new burden laid upon it here at home, which according to the practice of all States (too well known to your subjects) draw for the most part a doubling of them abroad. And the wisdom of those foreign parts, sparing their own natural cloth and leaving it free from all burdens has been cause that their cloth being much cheaper than ours does necessarily hinder the sale of ours in these parts. Which reason is so strong and apparent that all the Merchants of this your Kingdom do generally inform and complain, that the overburdening of trade, especially in the native commodities of this realm, is of all other causes the most principal and potent of the decay of their trades and discouraging of the Merchants, and in truth is no less cause of the impoverishing of your people. The burden laid upon the Merchants setting finally upon the whole realm, which was the judgement of Parliament in 17 Edward III [1344], which Parliament for that reason disavowed those very impositions which had been laid on by the Merchants' own voluntary consent.*
	But the Merchant Adventurers who are complained of for their own late impositions of 5s upon a short cloth and 7s 6d upon a long, of which your Commons also do most humbly complain to your Majesty and desire that the same may be laid down without delay, themselves also complain of sundry other burdens which have of late time been charged upon their trade, which your Commons having taken into particular examination, and finding them to work those ill efforts forementioned do most humbly implore your Majesty's justice and grace in releasing them.
	They complain therefore that the Archduchess, contrary to ancient Treaties between this Crown and the House of Burgundy renewed in the 20th Article of your Majesty's late league with the King of Spain, has imposed 24 shillings upon every English long cloth brought into those dominions and so proportionally upon other cloths, there being due by the aforesaid Treaty 2 pence Flemish only upon a Cloth.
	They complain also that the States of the United Provinces [of the Netherlands] have imposed in like sort 32 shillings Sterling by the name of Consumption money upon every English long cloth spent within their territories, and so proportionally on other cloths, leaving their own cloths free, which being thereby cheaper hinder the use and wearing of ours and consequently the sale.

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	They complain also of the Governors of these United Provinces. That whereas the tare of cloth wont to be made in the Staple Towns of the commodity whereby the seller might be an eye witness of their just and equal proceeding with him, they are now forced to follow the buyer to 28 individual towns to their great charge and trouble. Besides the manner of their taring is now also grievous, they for want of breadth not regarding the recompense made by surplusage in length, as in equity they ought to do.
	These burdens and grievances befalling unto them in foreign parts they humbly leave to be remedied by your Majesty's princely wisdom, being assisted with those opportunities which the present time do now afford.
	The Merchant Adventurers complain at home of the exaction of fees by the officers of the Customs house, far beyond the precedents of former times and the ancient tables set up in the same house, daily also increasing without rate or measure, whereby there grows not only a charge to trade, but with all a great vexation to the Merchant, craving your royal hand in reformation thereof.
	But your Commons upon good and certain information from many the outports of this your Kingdom of the intolerable exactions upon the subjects by the officers of the Customs house in those outports, now grown to that height that the fees which they unduly exact do in many cases far exceed all the duties paid to your Majesty, yea and in passages only from port to port within this your realm where nothing is due nor answered to your Majesty and much less ought to be paid unto them. The exactions of these officers are so oppressive and intolerable that they draw to themselves the greatest part of the profit of the poor shippers' labour which also reflects upon your Majesty's subjects, for which being a general grievance they humbly crave due redress from your Majesty's justice and grace.
	Your Commons also upon complaint of the Merchant Adventurers and for easing of their trade of unnecessary burdens are most humble suitors unto your most glorious Majesty. That whereas by a grant in the 6th year of the late Queen continued and approved by your Majesty, they have a standing dispensation for the transporting of 30 thousand White Cloths out of this your realm notwithstanding Statute of 33 Henry 8 to the contrary. That your Majesty will be pleased to enlarge that free licence to 20 thousands cloths more whereby they may be eased of 2 shillings 8 pence the cloth, which they now pay to a subject for licence above that former number. And that this free licence may extend also to their benefit who shall buy the said White Cloths within one month after their first setting to sale, if the Merchant Adventurers shall forbear to take them. And this in favour of that native commodity and for comfort of the Merchant and restoring of the trade so greatly decayed by overburdening it. They humbly beseech your Majesty to vouchsafe to grant unto them.
	Now lastly your Commons do in all dutiful sort complain of one other most heavy burden lately laid upon cloth and other manufactures of Wool called the Pretermitted Customs, with burden so heavy and following after so many other is with great reason conceived and by experience proved to have been, together with the great impositions laid by the Merchants themselves, the very true cause of the great decay of this trade and of the sudden great fall of the price of Wool necessarily ensuing thereupon. Both which happened at or near about the same time when those impositions and these pretermitted customs were unfortunately laid. Which although in point of these now pretermitted customs may seem at the first view to touch upon your Majesty's profit, yet your Commons are humbly confident, if your Majesty shall be pleased at this their humble statement to lay them down that the increase of your Majesty's current duties by the multitude of cloth which will then be sold will make full recompense for this show of damage to your Majesty. And heresoever they rest assured in your Majesty's grace and goodness that no commodity, though much greater than those pretermitted customs amount to, shall ever prevail with your Majesty to continue such burden tending so greatly to the general detriment and distemper of your people.

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	And to the end your Majesty may receive from your Commons more perfect information of the true state and nature of these pretermitted customs which have been very exactly debated in their house they humbly offer to your Majesty this declaration ensuing.
	Whereas by a Statute made in the first year of your Majesty's reign of England, your people did grant to your Majesty during your life a subsidy called Poundage that is to say of all merchandise exported out of this realm of the value of 20 shillings 12 pence, and so after that rate, excepting out of same grant all woollen cloth made or wrought within the realm, and by any Merchant denizen not born alien, to be carried out of the same. And all manner Wool, Wool fells, Hides and Backs of Leather to be carried out thereof. And by the said Statute your said people did grant another subsidy of every sack of Wool to be transported by any Merchant Stranger not borne your said domain £3 6s 8d but by that Act no subsidy is granted upon cloth. One Edmond Nicholson intending a singular profit to himself did of late untruly suggest to your Majesty that by the said Act there ought to be paid to your Majesty above the duties before that time usually paid upon every Sorting Cloth of 60 pounds in weight transported 3s 1d and one third part a penny. And upon other cloths and draperies[69] made of Wool or part of Wool according to that proportion. And afterwards upon some certificate that the same was due by Same, your Majesty was leased to command that the said sums according to the rates aforesaid should be taken of cloths and Draperies transported by your natural subjects, and double that proportion should be taken of strangers. And your Majesty was pleased to reward the said Nicholson for that the said pretended right and duty was as he did untruly suggest discovered prosecuted and made evident by his industry and solicitation. And to that end your Majesty, by Indentures dated the 18th day of March in the twenty first year of your reign, did grant unto the said Edmond Nicholson for divers years yet unexpired the said pretended duty in some of your Majesty's ports, estimated to the sum of £1000 per annum. Now your Majesty's Commons do assure themselves that your Majesty would not have commanded the said pretended duty to be taken but that you were informed that the same was before of right due and payable and negligently pretermitted. *Therefore your loyal subjects the Commons do humbly show unto your Majesty that the said pretended pretermitted duty is not due by law and the said Statute. And that by levying thereof your people are more burden than accustomed, and is to the damage both of your Majesty and your subjects. They humbly therefore pray your Majesty to give order for the forbearing of the levying thereof. And that the said Edmond Nicholson for this his falsity may receive condign punishment.*
	Whereas this Company has of late been at great charge and trouble both in time of Parliament and also before the Right Honourable His Majesty's Commissioners for trade about the renewing of their ancient right of shipping cloth and transporting the same beyond the seas, whereof they were hindered by the Company of Merchant Adventurers by virtue of a proclamation by them procured in the 15th year of his Majesty's reign. Mr George Mole, Lieutenant of this Company, having taken great pains in endeavouring to restore this Company to their said right of shipping cloth at length obtained by his especial means and solicitation an Act of State confirmed and approved both by his Majesty and also by his Lords Privy Council whereby this Company is restored to ship and transport all dyed, dressed and coloured cloths and new Draperies made and wrought in this Kingdom to all places whatsoever. A copy whereof he produced at this Court which was ordered to be registered in this Company's Court book and follows in in these words:

[69] 'New Draperies': collective name for 'wool worsteds' and 'semi-worsteds' - lighter than broadcloths. - *The Wool and Cotton Textile Industries in England and Wales up to 1850* Keith Sugden & Anthony F Cockerill, Cambridge 2018.

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3 July 1624	A Report of the Commissioners of Trade which was read at the Board and afterwards to his Majesty sitting in Council at Wanstead and well allowed and commandment given by the Lord President to enter it as an Act of State.
A Report of his Majesty's Commissioners for trade concerning shipping of cloth.	*The Commissioners of Trade having treated by the King's direction with the Merchant Adventurers, the Staplers and other Merchants do present unto your Lordships this humble desire of theirs and with full consent of all these Merchants.* *For opening the restraint of trade the Merchant Adventurers do agree to receive into their Company all Merchant Staplers and also any other men that are mere Merchants and not shopkeepers.* *All the Merchant Staplers and other Merchants that shall be made free of the Merchant Adventurers shall for the future bear pay and perform all such orders payments and duties as the Merchant Adventurers do for government of their Company and shall be capable of all the privileges of the Company.* *All Merchants of the Staple, and all Merchants whosoever of any the out Ports shall freely trade in dyed dressed and coloured cloths to all places whither and when they will.* *All Merchant Staplers and all other men whosoever shall freely trade in Karsies[70], Western Dozens[71], Northern Dozens and in all new manufactures termed new Draperies[72] trade who will, when and whither they will.* *Hereby the trade of cloth will be enlarged. All the traders in cloth from the Port of London shall be under government, and the new manufactures shall be free, which is the scope of the Parliament, for if a government should be erected of these commodities the charge would eat up the gain and thereby hinder the trading.* ***For easing the new burdens upon trade.*** *The Commissioners do humbly advise that there may be a treaty had about the foreign impositions.* *For the 24 shillings Sterling imposed by the Archdukes for licence money, they hold it to be contrary to the ancient treaty between his Majesty's crown and the House of Burgundy which is only 2 pence Fleming upon a cloth, which treaty is confirmed in the 20th Article of the last League[73] with Spain.* *The 32 shillings imposed by the states in the names of consumption money laid upon our cloth and not upon their own ought quite to be taken off, or else that it be equally laid on their cloths as well as ours.* *As for the tare to have it made in those towns only where the cloth is sold and not in every of those towns whither the cloth is carried after it is sold and the overlength to be respected provided it equal the want of breadth.* *For the home impositions those 2 which touch upon the King's revenue as the licence and pretermitted customs, the Commissioners leave these to the consideration of your Lordships. But for this other third laid on by the Merchant Adventurers for the raising great sums of money, the Commissioners do think fit that a third part thereof should be abated for the time to come, and so to be but 10 groats[74] upon a Short Cloth and no more than 5 shilling upon a Long Cloth, whereas before the one was 5 shillings and the other 7 shillings 6d.* *And for satisfaction of this great debt for which this imposition was first laid and has now continued seven years and thereby that sum and more has been levied, nevertheless through extraordinary charges and forbearance money there yet remains a debt of 34 thousand pounds and more upon the company[75] as they confidently inform.*

[70] 'Kerseys': lighter and cheaper woollen textiles than broadcloths. - *The Wool and Cotton Textile Industries in England and Wales up to 1850* Keith Sugden & Anthony F Cockerill, Cambridge 2018.
[71] 'Dozens' was used for Kersey cloths of 12 yards length. British History Online https://www.british-history.ac.uk/no-series/traded-goods-dictionary/1550-1820/doublet-dozens
[72] 'New Draperies': collective name for 'wool worsteds' and 'semi-worsteds' - lighter than broadcloths. - Sugden & Cockerill
[73] Possibly a reference to the Treaty of London August 1604. https://www.british-history.ac.uk/london-record-soc/vol9/pp114-116#h3-0002
[74] A 'groat' was four pence.
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	We think fit to allow them the sum of 20 thousand pounds only toward the 34 thousand pounds. And this 20 thousand pounds to be raised by the imposition upon the White Cloth only after the proportion of 10 groats upon a Short Cloth and 5 shillings upon a Long. *And this charge upon the cloth not to be continued above the space of 3 years from Lammas[76] day next, and if it shall sooner be erased then also to cease.* *And for the more speedy raising thereof that commodity of the Merchant Adventurers inward as well as the commodity of the Merchant Adventurers outward is to be charged in an equal proportion.* *And for the better selling of dyed, dressed and coloured cloths outward we think meet that those died, dressed and coloured cloths be not charged at all with this imposition of 10 groats and 5 shillings but this to be laid only upon the White Cloths.* *For admittance of Merchants into the Company of Merchant Adventurers and the admittance of the first time to be made here and not fetched beyond the seas.* *And for the fine upon admittance the Merchant Adventurer in this will be ruled according to what the Lords shall think fit and reasonable but with all they desire to be admitted into the freedom of any other Company upon the like fine.* *subscribed Ext. T Meautys[77]*

	The 15th of September 1624 **A Court held at the Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these persons following: Mr James Monger Constable — Mr Lewis Marbery Mr Adrian Evans Treasurer — Mr Francis Blizart Mr Robert Crewes — Mr Thomas Kinaston Mr Thomas Manfeild — Mr Timothy Cartwright Mr Edward Crace — Mr John Franklin Mr Robert Dickenson — Mr David Edwards Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr John Wythers made free.	At this Court Mr John Wythers Merchant came and desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company by patrimony whose right thereto appearing upon record he was admitted upon payment of 50s for his Hance to the Treasurer according to the ordinance and took the oath thereto appertaining.
Mr Nehemiah Walter made free	Also at this Court came Mr Nehemiah Walter Merchant and desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company by redemption, who paying £10 for a fine and 6s 5d for his Hance to the Treasurer, he was admitted and took the oath thereto appertaining.
Mr George Sheppard made free	Mr George Sheppard Merchant, son in law to Mr George Mole, came likewise and desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company upon such conditions as Mr Abraham Cartwright and some others have formerly been admitted and whose request being taken into consideration, after some dispute thereupon forasmuch as the said Mr George Mole has taken great pains on behalf of this Company the said Mr George Sheppard for his life was admitted and upon payment of 6s 5d for his Hance to the Treasurer took his oath thereto appertaining.

[76] 1st August - celebration of the harvest.

[77] Thomas Meautys 1590-1649; Clerk of the Privy Council http://www.histparl.ac.uk/volume/1604-1629/member/meautys-thomas-1590-1649

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	The 22nd day of November 1624 **A Court held at the Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these persons following: The Worshipful Master James Cambell Alderman Mayor Mr Richard Braborne } Mr James Monger } Constables — Mr Edmund Wyme Mr Adrian Evans Treasurer — Mr John Franklin Mr Thomas Thorrold — Mr William Baylie Mr Thomas Kynaston — Mr John Wythers Mr Thomas Manfeild — Thomas Alkin Clerk Mr Abraham Cartwright
	The ordinances made at the last Courts : the 20th day of August 15th day of September 1624 were now read and confirmed.
Mr William Risby Mr Daniel Pennington Mr Israel Stoughton made free.	At this Court Mr William Risby, Mr Daniel Pennington[78] and Mr Israell Stoughton[79], Merchants, came and desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company by redemption whose request being taken into consideration after some dispute thereof it was agreed that the said persons upon payment of £10 apiece for a fine and 6s 5d for their Hance should be admitted, who making payment thereof to the Treasurer in open Court were received into the freedom of this Worshipful Company and took their oaths thereto appertaining.
John Kinge made free	John King, apprentice to Mr John Manfeild, Merchant of the Staple of England, came also and desired the freedom of this Worshipful by Indenture within termed who upon payment of 6s 5d to the Treasurer to the use of the Company was admitted and took his oath thereto appertaining.
Mr Mercer paid £5 upon account	Mr Adrian Evans, Treasurer to this Company, reported at this Court that he had received £5 of Mr Robert Crewes which the wife of Stephen Mercer had paid in part payment of the foot of his account due to this Company. And as touching the remainder of his said account it is ordered that if the said Stephen Mercer do not make payment thereof to the Treasurer of this Company before Christmas next that then some severe course shall be taken against him and his sureties for the same.
Mr Symcotts indebted to the Company	Whereas it appears that Mr George Symcotts is indebted to this Company upon account. It is ordered that after the end of this present Michaelmas Term the said Mr Symcotts shall be called upon to make payment thereof or else to give satisfaction to the Company for the same.
The weigh house in Leadenhall let to Tho. Alkin	Whereas the warehouse commonly called the Weigh house situated in the North corner in Leadenhall late in the possession of William Alkin and Mr Richard Offley is now fallen into this Company's hands to be disposed of by reason of the death of the said William and long absence of the said Richard. This Court intending to improve the rent of the said warehouse to the most benefit of this Company proceeded to the letting thereof accordingly. Whereupon Thomas Alkin, elected Weigher to this Company for the year ensuing, desired to rent the said warehouse being the place appointed to exercise his said office of Weigher therein, to whose request this Court willingly agreed and with a joint and general consent have let and do let to the foresaid Thomas Alkin all the forementioned warehouse or weighhouse with the appurtenances together with the benefit of housing weighing deposition and registering of all such Wools as shall be brought to the said Weighhouse by any person or persons whatsoever, and also the use of all such weights as are there kept and reserved belonged to this Company, from the feast day of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ now next ensuing for and during the space of one whole year from thence next ensuing and fully to be complete and ended at and for the yearly rent of £12 to be paid half yearly to the Treasurer of this Company for the use of this society by even portions.

[78] Daniel Pennington - could be: 1589-1665 son of Admiral Robert Pennington

[79] Israel Stoughton 1602-1645; colonist Massachusetts 1632; Lt Col-Parliamentarian Army 1644. https://www.geni.com/people/Lt-Col-Israel-Stoughton/6000000000951146967

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An inventory to be taken of the weights in the weighhouse	It is ordered that an inventory shall be taken of all such weights both brass and lead as belong to this Company and are remaining in the Weighhouse aforesaid and to be presented at the next Court.
Thomas Alkin to have £12	Thomas Alkin declaring at this Court what business he had performed for the Company during the last Sessions of Parliament. This Court taking the same into consideration ordered that the Treasurer shall pay to him £12 in reward of his pains aforesaid keeping of Courts and registering of the same excepted. And whereas motion was made to give satisfaction to Mr Lewis Marbery for his pains taken about this Company's business at the same time, it was though meet and so ordered that because the said Mr Marbery was now absent his reward should be referred to the consideration of the next Court whereat he is required to be present.
Wharf at Westminster	Whereas it was propounded at this Court that this Company would make some order for letting of the wharf at Westminster to the most benefit for the Company. It is ordered that, forasmuch as the Magistrates of the City of Westminster see to oppose of the letting thereof for a private benefit, that search shall be made in the Treasurer's accounts and Court books of this Company what precedents may be formed concerning the same against the next Court
A lease of ejectment to be sealed upon Crosse his house at Westminster.	Whereas it was reported at this Court that Crosse, one of the Company's tenants at Westminster had paid no rent for his dwelling house there, being £4 a year, since it came into the Company's hand as now long before. It is thereupon ordered that a lease of ejectment[80] shall be forthwith sealed upon the said house for the avoiding of the said Crosse. And to the end it may be followed with effect, Mr Lewis Marbery is instructed to perform the same at the Company's charge.
Letters from Mr Hampton concerning Boston house to be looked up.	Whereas it was declared at this Court that the rent of the Company's house at Boston has been long unpaid, being £5 per year, it is ordered that such letters as were lately directed to this Company from Mr Francis Hampton touching the said house shall be looked up by the Clerk and produced to be read at the next Court, that some order may be taken concerning the same.
Mr Marbery to prosecute suits against Mr Hungate.	Mr Lewis Marbery is instructed to enquire of Mr George Symcotts how far he has proceeded in the Company's suits against Mr Hungate and to prosecute the same at the Company's charge.
	The 25th day of January 1624 [1625] **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these persons following:

The Worshipful Master James Campbell Alderman	Mayor	Mr Lewis Marbery
Mr George Mole	Lieutenant	Mr Timothy Cartwright
Mr James Monger	Constable	Mr Edmond Wyme
Mr Adrian Evans	Treasurer	Mr James Franklin
Mr George Rookes		Mr John Wythers
Mr John Bowater		Mr William Baily
Mr Robert Dickenson		Thomas Alkin [Clerk]

The ordinances made at the last Court : the 23rd day of November 1624 were now read and confirmed, except the grant made to Thomas Alkin of the Weighhouse which is suspended until the next Court.

[80] A version of eviction.

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Mr Mercer his bond to be put in suit.	It is ordered that Mr Stephen Mercer his bond, which he entered into to yield a just account when he was Treasurer of this Company, and to pay such sums of money as should be due upon the foot of his account, shall be delivered to the Treasurer to put in suit against him and his sureties with all convenient speed.
A lease of ejectment	It is ordered that the Lease of Ejectment for the avoiding of Crosse, one of the Company's tenants at Westminster, shall be made to Thomas Alkin, Clerk, for 3 years now next ensuing.
The Treasurer to pay 26s 8d to the Clerk.	It is ordered that the Treasurer shall pay to Thomas Alkin, Clerk, 26s 8d for keeping Courts and registering the same until the 15th of September 1624, which the said Thomas thankfully accepted for full content.
Copy of privileges sent to Hambrough. [Hamburg]	It is also ordered at this Court that a copy of the Company's privileges granted by the Lords of the City of Hambrough[81] shall be written out by the Clerk, and a letter conceived, under the seal of the Company, and both to be sent to one Mr William Craddock now residing there, desiring him to acquaint the now Lords of the said City with the said privileges and to mediate that this Company may enjoy the same, now they intend to trade thither with cloth.
Mr Offley's share in the Weighhouse suspended.	Forasmuch as Mr Richard Offley stands bound by obligation to the Company together with Stephen Mercer, late Treasurer of the same, that he the said Stephen should yield a true account of all such money as should come to his hands during the time of his Treasurership, and also pay to the said Company or their assignees such moneys as should appear to be due upon the foot of the said account which as yet remains unsatisfied. And whereas the said Richard Offley or his assignees do really receive a certain benefit issuing out of the Weighhouse in Leadenhall London belonging to this Company together with Thomas Alkin, Clerk of this Society. It is now ordered that the share of the said benefit belonging to the said Richard Offley shall be reserved in the hands of the said Thomas Alkin for this Company's use in part of payment of such moneys as are due upon the foot of the account of the said Stephen Mercer.
Mr Hungate's suits to be proceeded in	Mr Lewis Marbery is desired to enquire of Mr George Symcotts how far the Company's suits against Mr Hungate have been proceeded in, and to prosecute the same at the Company's charge.
	Whereas the rent of the Company's house and land at Boston in the County of Lincoln has for certain years past been behind and unpaid. It is ordered that Mr Lewis Marbery shall take out a writ in the Company's name against Mr Butler, the Company's tenant there, which writ the Clerk is commanded to deliver to some attorney dwelling neat Boston by the direction of Mr George Rookes to serve the same and receive the rent to the Company's rent.
Thomas Alkin husband.	At this Court Thomas Alkin is appointed Husband of this Company to use his best endeavour that all business and affairs concerning this Company may redound to the benefit and profit, and nothing tend to the loss and detriment of the same.
£20 given to Mr Marbery	It is ordered that the Treasurer shall pay to Mr Lewis Marbery the sum of £20 in reward for his pains taken about the Company's business the last Sessions of Parliament and before his Majesty's Commissioners for Trade which the said Mr Marbery thankfully accepted.
40s for the Act of State	Whereas this Company has of late been at great charge and trouble both in the time of Parliament and before is Majesty's Commissioners for Trade about the reforming of their ancient right of shipping cloth into the Low Countries and Germany whereof they were hindered by the Company of Merchant Adventurers by virtue of his Majesty's Proclamation by them procured in the fifteenth year of his reign,

[81] Hambrough = Hamburg, Germany. After the loss of Calais in 1558, the Staplers had been active there (as well as Bruges) up to 1614. The House of Lords Journal Volume 12: 22 March 1673 refers to "Corporation of the Merchant Adventurers of *England*, commonly called the *Hambrough* Company" https://www.british-history.ac.uk/lords-jrnl/vol12/pp562-565 . The Adventurers had established formal relations with the City in 1567: *The Merchant Adventurers at Hamburg* William E Lingelbach, The American Historical Review Vol. 9, No. 2 (Jan., 1904), pp. 265-287

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40s for the Act of State	Mr George Mole[82], Lieutenant of this Company, having taken great pains by endeavouring to restore this Company to their said right in August last obtained by his official means and solicitations an Act of State confirmed both by his Majesty and his most honourable Privy Council, whereby this Company is enabled to ship and transport all dyed, dressed and coloured cloths and new Manufactures made of Wool or mixed with Wool to any place or places whatsoever beyond the seas. A copy whereof under the Clerk of the Council's hand he produced at a Court held the 20th day of August last for which he disbursed the sum of 40s. It is ordered that the Treasurer shall pay to the said Mr George Mole the said sum of 40s so by him disbursed as aforesaid and this order shall be his sufficient discharge.
	Whereas Mr Mayor ordered at this Court that one Mr Gerard Malines[83], gentleman, had delivered him a book lately by him published entitled the Centre of the Circle of Commerce, wherein he had set forth and ingeniously discoursed of divers matters tending to the honour and reputation of this Company, in which respect, and for that the said Mr Malines is fallen sick and in some want, he moved that this Court would bestow some gratuity upon him in reward of his said pains. It is therefore ordered that the Treasurer shall give to Mr George Mole the sum of 40s to be delivered to the said Mr Malines in the name of this Company.
	The 9th day of March 1624 [1625] **An Assembly held at Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these persons following: Mr George Mole Lieutenant — Mr Timothy Cartwright Mr James Monger Constable — Mr Edmund Wyme Mr George Rookes — Mr David Edwards Mr Thomas Manfeild — Thomas Alkin Clerk Mr Clement Underhill Mr Lewis Marbery
Mr Daniel Browning free	At this Assembly Mr Daniel Browning Merchant came and desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company by redemption, who upon payment of £10 for a fine and 6s 5d for his Hance to the Treasurer for the use of the Company he was admitted and took his oath thereto appertaining.
Privileges at Hamburg to be copied out.	It is ordered that the Clerk shall write out another copy of the Company's privileges granted by the Lords of the City of Hambrough to be sent thither with all convenient speed.
A letter to be sent to Hamburg	Mr George Mole is requested to conceive a letter on behalf of this Company to be directed to the Lords of Hambrough for the enjoying of the said privileges and to cause the same to be translated into Latin at this Company's charge and to present the same at the next Court.
Mr William Cradock restored to his freedom of this Company	It is ordered that Mr William Cradock, son of Mr Mathew Craddock, being formerly admitted into the freedom of this Company by patrimony, in respect of some service to be done by him for the Company at Hamburg, shall be enabled to enjoy all such old and new privileges, franchises and immunities as heretofore or of late have been granted to this Society without any further charge, and that a copy thereof under the seal of the Company shall be forthwith sent to him.

[82] George Mole was connected with the establishment of the Virginia Colony. https://www.british-history.ac.uk/cal-state-papers/colonial/america-west-indies/vol9/pp63-68

[83] Gerard Malynes 1586 - 1641 Flemish born merchant http://www.hetwebsite.net/het/profiles/malynes.htm, Book: Centre of the Circle of Commerce published 1623 John Dawson & sold by Nicholas Bourne at the Royal Exchange. Modern reprint: https://www.abebooks.co.uk/servlet/BookDetailsPL?bi=30385936325&searchurl=bi%3D0%26ds%3D20%26bx%3Doff%26sortby%3D17%26tn%3DCenter%2Bof%2BCommerce%26an%3DGerard%2BMalynes%26recentlyadded%3Dall&cm_sp=snippet-_-srp1-_-title1

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The 11th day of May 1625
A Court held at the Staple Hall within Leadenhall London

by these persons following:

Mr George Mole	Lieutenant	Mr Lewis Marbery	
Mr James Monger	Constable	Mr Robert Dickenson	
Mr Adrian Evans	Treasurer	Mr Francis Blizart	
Mr George Rooks		Mr David Edwardes	
Mr John Bowater		Mr James Franklin	
Mr Thomas Manfeild		Mr Francis Dodd	
Mr Henry Bradley		Mr Nehemiah Walter	
Mr Clement Underhill		Thomas Alkin	Clerk

Ordinances confirmed

The Ordinances made at the last Court : the 25th day of January and at the last Assembly : the 9th day of March 1624 [1625] were now read and confirmed except the grant made to Thomas Alkin on the 23rd day of November 1624 of the Weighhouse in Leadenhall which is respited till the next Court.

Mr Timothy Whitby made free

At this Court Mr Timothy Whitby, merchant, came and desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company by patrimony, whose right thereto appearing upon record, upon payment of 50s for a fine and 6s 5d for his Hance to the Treasurer for the use of the Company he was admitted and took the oath thereto appertaining.

Mr Jones to pay £6 a year

It is ordered that Mr John Jones, mealeman, shall pay £6 a year for the warehouse in Leadenhall which he holds of this Company, or else to leave the possession thereof, of which he is to have warning against the next Court to make answer thereto.

Mr Braborne to hold 2 warehouses

Whereas Mr Richard Braborne has of late held and possessed 2 warehouses belonging to this Company situate in the middle storey on the left side of Leadenhall, one whereof he has relinquished at Christmas last which now stands void. It is ordered that the said Mr Braborne shall continue to pay the accustomed rents of both the said warehouses : £9 and £6 13s 4d a year, or else to resign them both into the hands of the Company, whereof he is to have warning to give his answer at the next Court.

all moneys due to the Company to be paid

It is ordered that all persons which owe any money to this Company shall pay the same to the Treasurer or make an account thereof at or before the next Court.

Whereas this Company has lately sent to Mr William Craddock, resident at Hamburg, a letter together with a copy of certain privileges granted to them under common seal of the said city desiring him to treat with the Senate there for enjoyment thereof, who in his answer declared that the said Senate upon information that this Company had no privileges under the great Seal of England to trade into those parts, deferred to consider to their request until they should make it appear by some authentic testimony from this State that they are a Society of Merchants authorised to trade as aforesaid. Whereupon this Company exhibited their humble petition to the Lords and others of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council for their Lordships' Certificate to that purpose, which being obliged by the means and solicitation of Mr George Mole, Lieutenant of this Company, the same was by him produced and read at this Court. Upon consideration whereof, and also of the letter received from Mr William Craddock, the Court thought it fit to advise whither would be most fit to send some brother of this Company with the said Certificate to treat of this business with the Senate of Hamburg according to Mr Craddock his advice, or to send the said Certificate to Mr Craddock and to entreat him to deal with the Senate there concerning the same. But it was

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	resolved to desire some brother of this Company to undertake the performance of this service for the more speedy dispatch thereof, which being proposed to the said Mr George Mole at the special instance and request of this Court, he was content to take upon him the prosecution of this business, and so he was by free assent elected and deputed thereto, and ordered to have £40 to defray the charges of his journey. The Treasurer to pay him £20 in hand, and he to have a letter of credit to receive £20 at Hamburg, and for further satisfaction at his return, this Company will not be unmindful as occasion shall require.
The Council's Certificate to be translated into Latin	It is ordered that the Certificate procured from the Lords and others of his Majesty's honourable Privy Council to the Senate of Hamburg on behalf of this Company shall be translated into Latin, and afterwards carried to the Clerk of the Council, that by his means the Seal of State may be affixed thereto in such manner as the same is already set upon the original in English at this Company's charge.
	The 18th day of May 1625 **A Court held at the Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these persons following:

Mr George Mole Lieutenant	Mr Robert Dickenson
Mr James Monger }	Mr David Edwardes
Mr Richard Braborne } Constables	Mr Daniel Pennington
Mr Adrian Evans Treasurer	Mr Daniel Browning
Mr Cradocke	Mr Israel Stoughton
Mr George Rookes	Mr Nehemiah Walter
Mr Calcott Chambers	Mr John King
Mr John Manfeild	Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr Thomas Manfeild	
Mr Clement Underhill	
Mr Lewis Marbery	

Ordinances confirmed	The Ordinances made at the last Court : the 11th day of May AD 1625 were now read and confirmed, except the grant made to Thomas Alkin of the Weighhouse in Leadenhall on the 23 day of November 1624 which is referred to the next Court.
Committees for letting warehouses in Leadenhall	At this Court Mr Constable Monger, Mr Adrian Evans Treasurer, Mr Thomas Manfeild, Mr Lewis Marbery and Mr David Edwards or any 3 of them are appointed Committees to view the Company's warehouses at Leadenhall and to consider how the rent of the same may be imposed to the most benefit of the Company, wither by letting the same by lease to such persons as are now in possession or otherwise and to report their opinions at the next Court.
Mr Cradock and Mr Marbery to view writings	It is ordered that Mr [...] Cradock and Mr Lewis Marbery shall repair at their pleasurers to the Staple Hall to view and peruse such patents and other writings concerning the Company as they shall think good to call for to the intent the better to inform themselves against the next Parliament to answer on behalf of the Company as occasion shall require.
20s to be paid by traders in Wool	Whereas at a former Court held the 18th day of October Ad 1620 it was ordered that all brethren of this Company which were traders in Wool should pay 20s apiece, which sum has been collected of divers persons and neglected by others. It is now therefore ordered that all such brethren of this Company which were then traders and have not formerly paid the said sum of 20s shall forthwith make payment thereof to the Treasurer, or else be set down debtors to the Company for the same.

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A letter to be sent to Hamburg	It is ordered that a letter shall be conceived in English and translated into Latin directed from this Company to the Senate of Hamburg to signify to them, that the Company have authorised Mr George Mole, Lieutenant of this Society, their agent to treat with them concerning the enjoyment of such privileges as heretofore have been granted to this Society under the common seal of the said city. And also that they have sent a Certificate from the Lords of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council certifying that they are a Company of Merchants authorised to trade with dyed, dressed and mixed coloured clothes, Kersies and all other manufactures and new draperies whatsoever into those parts.
Mr John Manfeild paid £3 10s 6d	Whereas Mr John Manfeild received divers sums of 20s of sundry brethren of this Company when he was Treasurer, which were not accounted for but still remain in his hands, the said Mr John Manfeild being present at this Court produced an account thereof and paid to the Treasurer the sum of £3 10s 6d residue of the same.
Mr John Manfeild fined for reproaching the Court. His fine remitted.	And where also the said Mr John Manfeild being present at this Court desired that William Brigden his apprentice might be admitted into the freedom of this Worshipful Company by indenture within terms. Forasmuch as he showed himself very obstinate, reproaching the Court with opprobrious speeches, saying that they were in fault and that they were oppressors and extortioners. This Court taking the same into consideration intending to chastise him for such his delinquency and to make him a precedent for all others as shall hereafter offend in like nature, thought good to fine him at £20 and ordered that he should not be admitted to sit in Court, or take any benefit by this Company until he had acknowledged his offence and craved pardon for the same. Which being made known to him, the said Mr Manfeild persisted still in his error and denied to submit himself, and therefore the admittance of his said apprentice into the freedom of this Society was suspended and respite given to the said Mr Manfeild to take better advice thereof against the next Court. But the said Mr John Manfeild after more mature deliberation had with himself he voluntarily came, confessed his fault, humbly desiring pardon for his fact and remission of his fine. Whereupon and at the special instance of his brother Mr Thomas Manfeild, this Court was pleased freely to remit the fine aforesaid and enable him to partake and enjoy the privileges and immunities of this Company.
	It is ordered that the next Court shall be held upon Wednesday next being the 25th day of this May.
	The 25th day of May 1625 **A Court held at the Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these people following:

Mr George Mole Lieutenant	Mr David Edwardes
Mr James Monger }	Mr John Cotton
Mr Richard Braborne } Constables	Mr Robert Dickenson
Mr Adrian Evans Treasurer	Mr William Baylie
Mr Craddock	Mr Israel Stoughton
Mr Calcott Chambers	Mr Timothy Whitby
Mr John Manfeild	Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr Lewis Marbery	

Ordinances confirmed	The Ordinances made at the last Court : the 18th day of May 1625 were now read and confirmed, except the grant made to Thomas Alkin of the Weighhouse in Leadenhall at a Court held on the 23rd day of November 1624 and the Ordinance made at the last Court for reviving of the payment of 20s which every brother of this Company that trades in Wool was by a former Court held the 10th of October 1620 ordered to pay, both of which were respited until the next Court.

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Difference between Pywell and Alkin for rent put to compromise	Whereas there is a difference depending between Thomas Pywell, deputy to Mr Richard Offley, and Thomas Alkin concerning the payment of one half year's rent for the Weighhouse in Leadenhall due to this Company at Christmas last. It is now ordered that Mr Constable Braborne, Mr Constable Monger, Mr Treasurer, Mr Thomas Manfeild, Mr Lewis Marbery or any 3 of them shall with the mutual consent of the said parties hear and determine the same before the next Court which is appointed upon Wednesday next.
Committees to peruse the letter to be sent to Hamburg	At this Court upon reading the letter intended to be sent to the Senate of Hamburg, Mr George Mole, Mr Thomas Lewis, Mr Lewis Marbery, Mr David Edwardes and Mr John Cotton are appointed to peruse the same and to perfect it against the next Court.
Mr Daniel Bonnell made free	At this Court Mr Daniel Bonnell, Merchant, came and desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company by redemption, whose request being taken into consideration doubt was made whether he was born of English parents or not. For solution whereof the said Mr Bonnell produced a certificate under the Common Seal of the City of Norwich certifying that his grandfather, father and himself were all born and baptised in the city of Norwich aforesaid. Whereupon the said Mr Daniel Bonnell paying £10 for a fine and 6s 5d for his Hance to the Treasurer was admitted into the freedom of this Worshipful Society and took his oath thereto appertaining.
William Brigden made free	William Brigden, apprentice to Mr John Manfeild, Merchant of the Staple of England, came also at this Court and desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company by indenture within terms, who upon payment of 6s 5d for his Hance to the Treasurer for the use of the Company was admitted and took the oath thereto appertaining.
Ordinance to have the Staple seal before any goods be entered in the Customs house.	It is ordered that a former ordinance made at a Court held the 17th day of August 1624 that every freeman of this Company that shall transport any Staple commodities out of this realm into any parts beyond the seas shall bring or send his bill of parting to the Staple Hall there to be sealed with the Company's seal before he make entry thereof in the custom house, which has late been neglected, shall again be revived and the Clerk to have 2d for affixing the Seal to every bill that shall be brought subscribed by the owner of the goods so to be entered as aforesaid.
Mr Symcotts to be called to for moneys owing by him to the Company	The Treasurer is desired by this Court to call to Mr George Symcotts for £33 6s 8d of Benefactors money which he lately received of Mr Franklin, and also for £37 10s more which he owes to this Company upon account.
Fines and breaks to be registered	The Clerk informed this Court that the Freemen's names of this Company, indentures of apprentices, and fines and breaks imposed upon brethren of this Society, have not been registered and inrolled in the books for that purpose provided since Mr Symcotts came last to be Clerk of this Company, being seven years. The consideration thereof is referred to the next Court.
Mr John Manfeild a suitor for Benefactors' money.	Upon the request of Mr John Manfeild made to this Court for the use of some parcel of Benefactors' money now due to this Company according to the will of the Testator. It is ordered that the said Mr Manfeild shall give in the names of his sureties at the next Court and then the Company will consider thereof. The names of his sureties, Mr Thomas Manfeild and Mr Israel Stoughton.
	The next Court is appointed to be held upon Wednesday next being the first day of June for the election of officers.

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The First Day of June 1625
A Court held at the Staple Hall within Leadenhall London

by these persons following:

The Worshipful Mr James Cambell, Alderman, Mayor	Mr Richard Waltham
Mr George Mole Lieutenant	Mr Nehemiah Walter
Mr James Monger Constable	Mr David Edwardes
Mr Adrian Evans Treasurer	Mr William Risby
Mr Calcott Chambers	Mr Israel Stoughton
Mr John Manfeild	Mr John Wythers
Mr Thomas Manfeild	Mr Daniel Browning
Mr Clement Underhill	Mr John King
Mr Lewis Marbery	Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr William Ashwell	
Mr Robert Dickenson	

Ordinances confirmed.	The Ordinances made at the last Court : the 25th day of May 1625 were read and confirmed, except the grant made to Thomas Alkin of the Weighhouse, and the Ordinance for reviving of the payment of 20s formerly imposed upon every trader in Wool which is respited until a Court whereat a greater number of traders in Wool shall be present.
Committees appointed to meet to compose the difference between Pywell and Alkin.	It is ordered that the Beadle shall give notice to the Committees, formerly appointed to hear and determine the difference between Thomas Pywell and Thomas Alkin concerning the payment of one half year's rent of the Weighhouse due to this Company at Christmas last, to repair to the Staple Hall upon Friday next in the afternoon for that purpose. And if either the said Pywell or Alkin fail to appear at that time, the party absent to deposit the whole rent until the difference be composed. And also the said Committees are appointed to the Clerk's note of writing down and money disbursed for this Company which he produced at this Court, and to report their opinions at the next Court.
The Clerk appointed to register all fines, breaks, Freemen's names & apprentices & indentures.	It is ordered that the Clerk shall collect out of the Court books of this Company all freemen's names, Apprentices Indentures, and all breaks and fines imposed upon brethren of this Society and shall register and inroll the same in the books for that purpose provided, which should have been done by Mr Symcotts when he was Clerk of this Company but was by him omitted . For performance whereof if Mr Symcotts deny to give satisfaction, then this Company will recompense the Clerk for the same.
Mr Symcotts warned under the pain of £5.	Whereas Mr George Symcotts is indebted to this Company upon Account. It is ordered that the said Mr Symcotts shall be warned by ticket under pain of £5 to appear at the next Court to give satisfaction for the same.
All persons failing to appear at Courts to be fined according to the ordinance.	Whereas divers brethren of this Company have oftentimes heretofore failed to make their appearance at Court, being warned thereto. It is now therefore ordered that if from henceforth any brother of this Company shall absent himself from any Court hereafter to be appointed, having due warning given him by the Beadle to make his appearance thereat, and having no sufficient excuse for his absence, shall incur such forfeiture and penalty as by the Ordinance in that behalf made, is limited and provided, shall be made debtor to the Company for the same.
Tickets to be procured to warn to Courts.	It is ordered that the Clerk shall procure tickets to be printed, and given to the Beadle to leave at the house of every brother of this Company to warn him to Courts, at the Company's charge.

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Mr Thomas Thorrold requested to procure the payment of the rent due at Boston and to survey the house.	Whereas the rent of the Company's house at Boston has of late been unpaid, and the new feoffment[84] concerning the same house is not yet sealed by Sir Richard Corry, Knight, one of the surviving feoffees. It is ordered that the Clerk shall go to Mr Thomas Thorrold and entreat him un the name of this Company that he will procure the said Sir Richard Corry to seal the said deed of feoffment, and endeavour to recover and receive the Company's rent now due for the same house, and to survey and measure the house with the orchard and garden thereto belonging and learn the value thereof, which being effected and reported at the next Court after the same shall be performed the Company will proceed to dispose thereof as occasion shall require.
John Jones to pay £6 rent a year for his warehouse.	Whereas John Jones, Clerk of the Mealmarket in Leadenhall, holds a certain warehouse of this Company , adjoining to the said market at the yearly rent of £4 which is esteemed too little in regard this Company pays more rent to the City than they do receive. It is now ordered that the said John Jones shall pay from Midsummer next £6 a year for the said warehouse during such time as he shall continue in his office aforesaid, if he like thereof, if not to surrender the same into the Company's hands, of which he has respite given to him to consider and give his answer to this Company until Midsummer next.
Committees to meet to offer the freedom of the Company to certain Alderman gratis.	It is ordered that the Beadle shall give notice to Mr Constable Monger, Mr Treasurer, Mr Calcott Chambers, Mr Lewis Marbery, Mr William Ashwell and Mr David Edwardes or any 4 of them to meet together at the Staple Hall on Friday next in the afternoon, and from there to go to Mr Alderman Cotton, Mr Alderman Hammersly and Mr Sheriff Parkhurst to offer them the freedom of this Worshipful Company gratis and to signify to them that if they or any of them shall accept thereof if they please to come to the next Court, they shall be freely admitted for their own persons only and the oath of Hance ministered to them accordingly.
Mr Thomas Gee made free.	Mr Thomas Gee, Merchant, came to this Court and desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company by redemption, who upon payment of £10 for a fine and 6s 5d for his Hance to the Treasurer for the use of the Company he was admitted and took the oath of Hance thereto appertaining.
Tickets to be procured to warn to Courts.	It is ordered that the Clerk shall procure tickets to be printed, and given to the Beadle to leave at the house of every brother of this Company to warn him to Courts, at the Company's charge.
Court appointed to choose officers.	The next Court is appointed to be held on Wednesday next after Whitsun week for the election of officers.
A husband to be chosen.	It is ordered that a husband shall be chosen at the next Court for this Company as formerly has been accustomed.

[84] freehold

[Sheet 37 IMG 0689 & 0691]

The 15th day of June 1625
A Court of Election held at the Staple Hall within Leadenhall London

by these persons following:

The Worshipful Mr James Cambell Alderman Mayor	Mr Richard Waltham
Mr James Monger Constable	Mr William Ashwell
Mr Adrian Evans Treasurer	Mr David Edwards
Mr Calcott Chambers	Mr John Cotton
Mr Thomas Lewis	Mr Francis Franklin
Mr Robert Orwel	Mr Francis Dodd
Mr John Bowater	Mr Francis Blizard
Mr Trefor Cletherowe	Mr William Risby
Mr Abraham Cartwright	Mr Daniel Pennington
Mr Robert Dickenson	Mr Nehemiah Walter
Mr Thomas Manfeild	Mr Erasmus Stoughton
Mr John Manfeild	Mr Timothy Whitby
Mr Clement Underhill	Mr John King
Mr Edward Woodroffe	Mr Daniel Roomell
Mr Job Harby	Mr William Brigden
	Thomas Alkin Clerk

Ordinances confirmed	The ordinances made at the last Court : the first day of June 1625 were now read and confirmed, except the grant made to Thomas Alkin of the Weighhouse which is yet suspended and the ordinance for paying of 20s by every trader in Wool, until the next Court.
The Queen's Charter read	The Queen's Charter, so much as concerns the election of Mayor and Constables was now read according to the use and custom.
Mr Cambell discharged from being Mayor.	Thereupon the Worshipful Master James Cambell, Alderman, Mayor, discharged himself of the office of Mayoralty of this Company.
Officers to continue for 12 months.	Question being made at this Court whether the officers were intended to be chosen, should continue in their offices during the space of 12 months, 6 months or 3 months. It was concluded that the Mayor, Lieutenant and Constables should remain in their offices 12 months, and the Treasurer for 6 months only.
Persons nominated for Mayor.	The Court proceeded to the election of Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables, Treasurer and Husband for the year ensuing and there were nominated to be out in election for Mayor of this Company: Sir Thomas Smith, Knight, Sir William Garway, Knight, and Mr James Cambell, Alderman. Concerning whom the Court being examined which of the said persons should stand in election, it appeared by erection of hands that the choice rested upon Sir Thomas Smith and Mr James Cambell Alderman.
Mr James Cambell Mayor	The Worshipful Mr James Cambell, Alderman, was with general consent of this Court elected Mayor of this Company for the year ensuing who being present took his oath to the office of Mayoralty appertaining.
Mr Mole Lieutenant.	There nominated to be put in election for Lieutenant of this Company for the year ensuing Mr John Slany, Mr George Mole, Mr George Rooks and Mr John Bowater. Elected Mr George Mole who being absent from this Court about this Company's business his oath was respited until he be present in person.

	[Sheet 37 REV IMG 0692 & 0693]
Mr Chambers Mr Lewes Constables	There were nominated to be put in election for Constables of this Company for the year ensuing Mr Calcott Chambers, Mr Thomas Lewis, Mr Thomas Kynaston, Mr Henry Bradley and Mr Adrian Evans. Elected Mr Calcott Chambers and Mr Thomas Lewis who being both present took their oath to the office of Constable appertaining.
Mr Hawkins Mr Dickenson Treasurers	There were nominated to be put in election for Treasurer of this Company for the year ensuing Mr John Hawkins and Mr Robert Dickenson, : Mr John Hawkins to continue from Midsummer till Christmas next and Mr Robert Dickenson from Christmas until Midsummer 1626. The said Mr John Hawkins dwelling in the country and not being present in Court, it was ordered that the Clerk should give him notice thereof and warn him to the next Court to take his oath and put in sureties according to custom.
Mr Marbery sworn Husband.	There were put in election for Husband of this Company for the year ensuing Mr Lewis Marbery and Mr Thomas Manfeild. elected Mr Lewis Marbery who being present took his oath thereto appertaining.
Mr Jones to pay £5 rent.	Whereas John Jones, Clerk of the Meal Market in Leadenhall London presented his humble petition to this Court for mitigation of the yearly rent of £6 for the warehouse which he holds of this Company, imposed on him at the last Court. It is ordered that the said John Jones shall enjoy the said warehouse from Midsummer next until November 1626 at the yearly rent of £5 and from thenceforth the rent of £6 and during so long time as he shall continue in his office aforesaid.
Mr Cotton, Alderman, Mr Parkhurst made free.	At this Court Mr Allen Cotton[85], Alderman, and Mr Robert Parkhurst[86], Sheriff of London, came and desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company who were admitted gratis for their own persons only and took the oath of Hance thereto appertaining.
Auditors appointed for the account of Mr Evans	Mr Calcott Chambers, Mr John Bowater, Mr Robert Crewes, Mr James Monger, Mr Lewis Marbery, Mr Robert Dickenson, Mr Richard Waltham and Mr John Cotton or any 3 of them are appointed auditors for the account of Mr Adrian Evans, Treasurer.
A Court to be held at Westminster	It is ordered that the Court at Westminster shall be held on the 13th day of July next being Wednesday in the morning.
	The 18th day of January 1625 [1626][87] **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall London** by these persons following:

Mr James Cambell, Alderman, Mayor	Mr John Cotton
Mr George Mole, Lieutenant	Mr William Baylie
Mr John Bankes, Attorney	Mr Nehemiah Walter
Mr George Rookes	Mr Francis Dodd
Mr John Bowater	Mr Daniel Bonnell
Mr Thomas Manfeild	Thomas Alkin, Clerk
Mr Lewis Marbery	

[85] Sir Allen Cotton, 1558-1628, a Draper, Lord Mayor 1625. https://artuk.org/discover/ar2rks/sir-allen-cotton-lord-mayor-of-london-1624-51347
[86] Sir Robert Parkhurst c.1569-1636, a Mercer, Lord Mayor 1635.
[87] A curious 6 month gap from the previous meeting recorded - possibly due to the Plague in the second half of 1625.

	[Sheet 38 IMG 0692 & 0695]
Ordinances confirmed.	The Ordinances made at the last Court of Election : the 15th day of June 1625 were now read and confirmed except before excepted.
Mr Lawley made free.	At this Court Mr Thomas Lawly, Merchant, came and desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company whose request being taken into consideration the Court condescended to admit him a brother of this Society. And for that he is esteemed to prove a worthy member of this fellowship the fine which others are accustomed to give at their admission was referred to his own direction and thereupon he took the Oath of Hance accordingly.
Mr Mole proceeds with Hamburg.	Mr George Mole, having been formerly elected agent to treat with the Senate of Hamburg on behalf of this Company the reviving of certain privileges heretofore granted to this Society by the said Senate, being now returned from thence did at this Court make declaration of his proceeding thereon according to the tenor[88] of certain Letters was directed to his fellowship as well from the Senate there, Mr William Craddock there residing, as also from the same Mr Mole where to relation being had may appear. It is now thereupon ordered that the Lords and others of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council shall for the present be acquainted with the letters and oppositions which hindered the business from execution and bringing to effect, desiring their Lordships help and furtherance for removal thereof and if this may answer not their expectation then the Company for the future, according to the motion and proposition made at this Court by Mr John Banks, will, if occasion shall require, prefer a Bill in Parliament the next sessions to establish their shipping of cloth according to an Act of State late made and granted to them.
Persons appointed to attend the Commissioners at Whitehall.	The said Mr George Mole further signifies to this Court that he, having late conference with certain Lords of his Majesty's Council, was by them willed to make known to this Company that 4 of divers companies of merchants were to attend his Majesty's Commissioners for Trade this afternoon, in which number this Company was nominated for one and that was the reason an express messenger was sent to warn them thereof. Whereupon Mr George Mole, Mr John Bowater, Mr John Cotton and Mr Lewis Marbery were by this Court appointed to attend the said Commissioners at Whitehall this afternoon.
	The 24th of February 1625 [1626] **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall London** by these persons following:

Mr George Mole Lieutenant	Mr William Ashwell
Mr Calcott Chambers }	Mr Francis Blizard
Mr Thomas Lewis } Constables	Mr John Bowater
Mr Adrian Evans Treasurer	Mr Clement Underhill
Mr Richard Braborne	Mr John Withers
Mr Lewis Marbery	Mr Edmund Wym
Mr John Cotton	Mr Daniel Pennington
Mr William Baylie	Mr Thomas Sheppard
	Thomas Alkin Clark

Ordinances confirmed.	The ordinances made at the last Court : the 18th day of January 1625[1626] were now read and confirmed except before excepted.

[88] substance / content / meaning

	[Sheet 38 REV IMG 0696 & 0697]
Persons appointed to attend at the Parliament house.	At this Court, according to an order made at the last Court, consideration was had to procure the confirmation of this Company's right for shipping cloth into foreign parts, opportunity being now offered by means of this present Sessions of Parliament, what persons of this Society were fit to execute the same to effect, and how the charge thereof should be defrayed. It is thereupon ordered that a Bill by advice of learned Counsel shall with all convenient speed be drawn to that purpose and preferred to the Parliament for prosecution. Whereof Mr George Mole, Lieutenant, Mr Adrian Evans, Treasurer, Mr John Bowater, Mr Lewis Marbery, Mr John Cotton, Mr William Ashwell, Mr James Monger, Mr Francis Blizard and Mr William Baylie or any 2 of them are appointed by general consent of this Court, and upon any special occasion the whole Company will give their attendance, and it is agreed that the charge thereof shall be borne by this Company out of their common stock to be from time to time disbursed by the Treasurer, as occasion shall require.
Mr Strike a suitor to the Company for a tenement.	Touching the request of Benjamin Strike for one of this Company's tenements situated in the old Wool Staple in Westminster, late in the occupation of one Thomas Seymour, deceased, it is agreed and so ordered that the said Benjamin shall become tenant to the said tenement, paying the yearly rent of £3, bestowing £3 in repaying thereof before Our Lady Day next and paying the quarter's rent which shall be then due for the same, to hold at the Company's pleasure.
	The 15th day of March 1625 [1626] **An Assembly held at the house of the Worshipful James Cambell, Alderman of London, Mayor of the Staple of England, situated in the parish of St Andrew Undershaft in London** by these persons following: The Worshipful James Cambell, Alderman, Mayor Mr George Mole, Lieutenant Mr Adrian Evans, Treasurer Mr Thomas Manfeild Mr William Dodd Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr Dodd made free.	At this assembly Stephen Dodd, apprentice, to Mr Robert Allen, Merchant of the Staple of England, who by consent of Court was turned over to the said William Dodd, his father, came and desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company by Apprenticehood within terms, who was admitted and took the oath of Hance thereto appertaining and paid for his Hance 6s 5d to the Treasurer for the Company's use.
	The 30th day of March 1626[89] **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these persons following:

Mr George Mole Lieutenant	Mr William Baylie
Mr Thomas Lewis Constable	Mr Nicholas Rue
Mr Thomas Manfeild	Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr Henry Bradley	

[89] Charles Stuart (second son of King James) now King (since 27 March).

	[Sheet 39 IMG 0696 & 0698]
The freemen of this Company are to give satisfaction for their houses in Leadenhall. A letter to be sent to Mr Hampton.	It is ordered that all such persons as are indebted to this Company for rent due for any warehouses in Leadenhall London belonging to this Society shall make their personal appearance at a Court, to be held at Staple Hall on Tuesday next in the afternoon, to give satisfaction for the same, and that a letter shall be directed to one Francis Hampton of Boston to procure the rent due for the Company's house there and to signify that the Company are willing to accept him for their tenant according to the tenor of his letter directed to Mr Mayor.
	The 3rd day of April 1626 **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall London** by these persons following:

Mr George Mole Lieutenant	Mr Lewis Marbery
Mr Adrian Evans Treasurer	Mr Henry Bradley
Mr Arthur Kynaston	Mr Nicholas Rue
Mr Robert Hungate	Mr William Baylie
Mr George Rookes	Mr Francis Kynaston
Mr Richard Braborne	Mr William Brigden
Mr John Bowater	Mr John King
Mr James Monger	Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr Thomas Manfeild	

Ordinances Confirmed	The ordinances made at the last Court : the 24th of February 1625 [1626] and at the 2 last Assemblies : the 15th and 30th of March last were now all read and confirmed.
	At this Court Mr George Mole, Lieutenant, Mr Adrian Evans, Treasurer, Mr Arthur Kynastone, Mr Robert Hungate, Mr George Rookes, Mr Lewis Marbery, Mr James Monger and Mr Thomas Manfeild or any 3 of them, whereof Mr Evans and Mr Marbery to be 2, and the Clerk to attend them, are appointed to search and peruse the books and Treasurer's accounts of this Company since the time that the lease of the warehouses in Leadenhall belonging to this Society was taken of the Committees appointed for the disposing of the lands and tenements appertaining to this honourable City, to learn and understand the estate of this Company and to report their proceedings how they find the same at the next Court.
The said parties have power to dispose of the Company's warehouses in Leadenhall.	It is ordered that the aforesaid Committees or any 3 of them shall have power to let and dispose of this Company's warehouses in Leadenhall according to their discretion to the most benefit of this Society with consent of a Court before Midsummer next. And they are also appointed to view the defects about the said warehouses which need to be repaired and to report to the next Court what is fitting to be done therein. And also to take order for the receipt of the rent due for the warehouse, late in the occupation of Mr Richard Bourrell, to this Company by the Governors Christ's Hospital in London and to procure a lease of the same from the Committees of the City according to their covenant in that behalf made and provided.
Warning to be given to the Company's debtors.	It is ordered that all such persons as are indebted to this Company for rent shall have warning to bring in and pay the same to the Treasurer before the next Court.

[Sheet 39 REV IMG 0699 & 0700

Mr Alkin desired a mitigation of his rent.

Thomas Alkin, Clerk, exhibiting to this Court a note of disbursement and business by him done for this Company since July 1624 and also entreating a mitigation of the rent of the warehouse, which he holds of this Company for the last year, in respect of the visitation of the plague inflicted on this City. It is ordered that the same shall be referred to the consideration of the next Court.

The 10th day of May 1626
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall London

by these persons following:

Mr Thomas Lewis Constable	Mr Timothy Cartwright
Mr George Rookes	Mr Clement Underhill
Mr Robert Hungate	Mr John Wythers
Mr Richard Braborne	Mr William Baily
Mr Thomas Kynaston	Mr Samuel Kynaston
Mr Thomas Manfeild	Mr Israel Stoughton
Mr Henry Bradley	Mr John King
Mr Robert Dickenson	and Thomas Alkin Clerk

Ordinances confirmed except the order for the letting of the Company's warehouses.

The ordinances made at the last Court : the 3rd day of April 1626 were now read and confirmed, saving that whereas Mr Adrian Evans, Treasurer, and Mr Lewis Marbery, Husband, of this Company were appointed to be special committees for the perusing of the Company's books and Treasurer's accounts to understand the state of the Company and for the letting and disposing of the Company's warehouses in Leadenhall. This Court thought good to order that any 3 of the before mentioned Committees, whereof the Treasurer for the time being to be one, shall perform and accomplish that business with consent of the next Court.

A restraint to be procured for the buying and selling of Wools.

Upon motion made at this Court that it would be very beneficial for the Company to sue to the now present Sessions of Parliament to procure a restraint for the general buying and selling of Wool in this Kingdom, it was resolved the same should be attempted. Whereupon consideration was had what persons of this Society were fit to follow this business and what sum of money was necessary to be expended to defray the charge thereof. It is ordered that the charge, which shall be disbursed out of the stock of this Company towards the procuring of business aforesaid, shall not exceed the sum of £20 for performance whereof. Mr George Mole Lieutenant, the Treasurer for the time being Mr Arthur Kynaston Mr George Rookes Mr Robert Hungate Mr Richard Braborne Mr Thomas Manfeild Mr Henry Bradley and Mr Lewis Marbery are appointed and desired to take pains in this behalf.

A Court for election of officers.

It is ordered that the next Court shall be for the election of officers of this Company for the year ensuing.

The 18th day of August 1626
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall London

by these persons following:

Mr George Mole Lieutenant	Mr Thomas Manfeild
Mr Adrian Evans Treasurer	Mr Lewis Marbery
Mr Robert Hungate	Mr Henry Bradley
Mr George Rookes	Mr Nicholas Rue
Mr Richard Braborne	Mr Israel Stoughton
Mr John Hawkyns	Mr John King
	Thomas Alkin Clerk

	[Sheet 40 IMG 0699 & 0701]
The rates of the warehouses in Leaden Hall as they are now to be let.	At this Assembly it was thought fit for the warehouses in Leadenhall belonging to this Company should be offered to be let to those persons that now hold the same in manner following : the South and for £30 a year, the warehouses in the occupation of Sir William Cockaine Mr Craddock and Mr Braborne for £30 a year, and the lower rooms in the possession of John Jones and Thomas Alkin £26 a year, by lease during the Company's term. And if they refuse at the next Court to accept thereof at the rate aforesaid then the same to be let by the Committees formerly appointed to any others of the Company or stranger that will take the same , and the now tenants to depart at Michaelmas next. And if by that time they may not be let at the rates aforesaid, then the said Committees are appointed to be suitors to the City to accept the same again unto their hands, allowing the Company the Chapel at the rent of 5 marks as it was formerly let.
	The 21st day of August 1626 **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these persons following:

Mr Mole Lieutenant	Mr Bradley
Mr Evans Treasurer	Mr Stoughton
Mr Rookes	Mr King
Mr Marbery	Mr Hungate
Mr Manfeild	Mr [Andrew] Cater
Mr Brabourne	Mr [Richard] Frost Jurat[90] [sworn]
Mr Hawkins	Thomas Alkin Clerk
Mr Rue	

The rent of the warehouses in Leadenhall	At this Court it was thought fit that the warehouses at Leadenhall should be offered to be let to those that now hold the same in manner following : the South and for £30 a year, the warehouses in the occupation of Sir William Cockaine Mr Craddock and Mr Braborne for £30 a year, and the lower rooms in the possession of James and Thomas Alkin £26 a year, during the Company's term by lease from the Company. And if they shall refuse at the next Court to accept thereof at the rate aforesaid that then the same to be let by the Committees formerly appointed to any other of the Company or any other that will take the same. And the now tenants to depart at Michaelmas next. And if by that time they may not be let at the rates aforesaid, then the said Committees are appointed to be suitors to the City to accept the same again unto their hands, allowing the Company the Chapel at the rent of 5 marks as it was formerly let.
Parties appointed to peruse Mr Braborne's books.	Whereas Mr Braborne does demand £21 of this Company : £10 for a fine and £9 which he says he paid for Mr Peshall and 40s for Mr Lake. It is ordered that the Committees formerly appointed : Mr Mole, Mr Evans, Mr Arthur Kynaston, Mr Hungate, Mr Rookes, Mr Marbery, Mr Monger, Mr Manfeild or any 3 of them, whereof Mr Marbury and Mr Evans to be 2, or any other of the Company who are not ... shall peruse the books and report how they find the same at the next Court.
The said Committees are appointed to take the arrears of the Company rents.	It is also ordered that the said Committees shall, upon notice given to the tenants of the Company, take their account for their rents in arrear at Midsummer last. And also of such moneys as they or any of them shall demand of the Company and certify the next Court of their proceeding therein.

[90] 'jurat' is used by the Clerks for 'sworn' for those joining the Company or being sworn into a particular office.

	[Sheet 40 REV IMG 0702 &0703]
Mr Brabourne paid £5 satisfaction of his Richard Frost made free	Mr Brabourne desiring the Court to make his man Richard Frost free of this Company being in breaks £3 and 5 marks he paid to the Treasurer £3 which he was in debt to the Company and for the 5 marks imposed upon him for uncivil speeches together with fines imposed on him which came to £5. This Court put it to hands whether he should pay £4 &5 marks or £5. It was agreed that he should pay 40s in satisfaction of his breaks aforesaid which being paid to the Treasurer, his said man was made free of this Company and took his oath accordingly and paid his Hance of 6s 5d to the Treasurer.
Mr Cater made free	Mr Andrew Cater by warrant from the Lord Fenton was also made free of this Company on payment of £10, which Mr Rookes undertook for him to pay to the Company, and took his oath and paid his Hance of 6s 5d to the Treasurer.
The aforesaid Committees to dispose of the toll on London Bridge	It is ordered that the former Committees shall take into consideration the toll on London Bridge and to dispose thereof.
	The 23rd of August 1626 **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these persons following:

Mr Mole	Lieutenant	Mr Withers
Mr Chambers	Constable	Mr Dickenson
Mr Evans	Treasurer	Mr Baylie
Mr Fookes		Mr Rooke
Mr Brabourne		Mr Cater
Mr Manfeild		Mr Frost
Mr Bradley		Mr Marbury
Mr Wilson		

Ordinances confirmed	The ordinances made at the last Court held the [21st] day of this month were read and confirmed. And so much of them as were to be produced in and certified to this Court and are not come accordingly are by this Court adjourned to the next Court.
The said Committees are appointed to peruse Mr Alkin's accounts and Mr Alkin to put in security.	It is ordered that the Committees appointed by the former Court for this Company's business or any 3 of them shall take the accounts of Thomas Alkin for moneys arreared by him for rent or otherwise as also for moneys demanded by him for business done for the Company, and to allow and disallow thereof as they shall think fit. And the said Thomas Alkin is forthwith to put in security to pay so much to the Treasurer of the Company at Michaelmas next as shall be due upon account. And in default of giving security or payment of the money, the said Committees or any 3 of them are by this Court authorised to enter upon any warehouse of the Company in the said Alkin's hands or to distrain arrest sue or implead the said Thomas Alkin or his goods for the same at the Company's charge and in their names and to their use.
Mr Wilson to enter upon the tolls. The former Committees have power to sue any debtor to the Company.	It is also ordered that Robert Wilson shall forthwith enter upon the toll for Wool passing over the Bridge to the use of the Company to be disposed of at the next Court, and that the former Committees shall also have power to sue and implead[91] any other debtor to the Company.

[91] to implead: to prosecute.

[Sheet 41 IMG 0702 & 0704]

The 24th day of August 1626
A Court held at Staple Hall within Leadenhall London

by these persons following:

Mr Mole	Lieutenant	Mr Brabourne	
Mr Chambers	Constable	Mr Hawkins	
Mr Evans	Treasurer	Mr Bradley	
Mr Rookes		Mr Rue	
Mr Monger		Mr Wilson	
Mr Wym		Mr King	
Mr Manfeild		Mr Marbury	

ordinances confirmed

The ordinances made the last Court were read and confirmed and so many matters there as were afterwards to Committees to be proceeded in, and certified to this Court or were adjourned to this Court which for want of time have not been proceeded in as was ordered. And by this Court adjourned over to the next Court.

Mr Alkin found to be indebted to the Company £17 16s 11d

Whereas the account of Thomas Alkin as well for rent due by him to the Company as also for rents received by him. And for moneys demanded by him from the Company, was referred to Adrian Evans, Treasurer, James Monger, George Rookes, Lewis Marbury, Thomas Manfeild and others, which persons aforementioned (having taken the consideration thereof) have certified that they find the said Alkin indebted to the Company the sum of £17 16s 11d which the said Alkin refuses to pay, or to give surety for payment thereof, or to refer himself to the order of the Courts for the same.

An action to be entered against Mr Alkin and his goods to be distrained.

[92]It is therefore ordered that the said Committees, or any of them, shall with speed procure an action or actions to be entered in the Sheriff's court against the said Thomas Alkin, as shall be advised by counsel touching the same. And also that they or any 2 of them shall enter the warehouse called the Weighhouse and distrain the goods of the said Thomas Alkin. And that Robert Willson shall keep the possession thereof to the Company's use and be accountable.

The 20th day of September 1626
A Court for the election of officers held at the Staple Hall within Leadenhall London

by these persons following:

James Campbell	Mayor	Henry Bradley	
Thomas Lewis	Constable	Thomas Manfeild	
Adrian Evans	Treasurer	Robert Willson	
Thomas Thorrold		Nicholas Rue	
James Monger		Israel Stoughton	
Richard Brabourne		John King	
Timothy Cartwright		Thomas Alkin	
John Withers		Lewis Marbury	
		George Hunt	sworn

Ordinances confirmed

The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.

[92] Thomas Alkyn. This dispute may explain why his name does not appear (as Clerk) in the list of persons attending Court meetings. The minutes may have been written by another. This might explain the change in style.

	[Sheet 41 REV IMG 0705 & 0706]
Mr James Cambell Mayor	Persons nominated for Mayor Sir Allen Cotton, Knight, Lord Mayor James Cambell } Robert Parkhurst } Christopher Cletherow } Aldermen Elected and chosen, the Worshipful James Cambell, Alderman for the year ensuing, who being present took his oath thereunto appertaining.
Mr Moles Lieutenant	Persons nominated for Lieutenant Mr George Moles Mr George Rookes Mr Bowater Mr James Monger Elected Mr George Mole for the year ensuing, who being absent his oath was respited until the next Court when he shall be present.
Mr Manfeild Mr Evans } Constables	Persons nominated for Constables for the year ensuing Thomas Manfeild Adrian Evans Henry Bradley John Holland Elected and chosen Thomas Manfeild and Adrian Evans who being both present took their oaths thereunto appertaining.
Mr John Cotton Treasurer	Persons nominated for Treasurer for the year ensuing Mr Rue Mr Stone Mr John Cotton Mr David Edwards Elected and chosen Mr John Cotton who being absent his oath was respited until the next Court.
Mr Hunt made free	George Hunt, of Shrewsbury and haberdasher of London, desiring to be admitted into the freedom of this Worshipful Company was upon payment of £10 for a fine and 6s 5d for his Hance admitted thereunto and took his oath thereunto.
Mr Alkin's request concerning his account is not allowed.	Thomas Alkin at this Court desired the Company to be pleased to grant that Mr Thomas Thorold and Mr Timothy Cartwright or either of them might be joined with the Committees which have audited and subscribed their names to an account of his, referred unto them to review the said account and certify their opinions therein. Which was yielded unto, upon his submission to abide by the order of the Company for all matters in difference between him and them which he thankfully promised to perform, yet upon further deliberation did defy the Company then present to determine the differences between him and them. But in respect the said Thomas Alkin refuses to deliver up a writing under the seal of the Company touching the Wool market it was not done as he desired.
Thomas Lewes had 10s allowed him.	Thomas Lewis by petition became a humble suitor for some increase of his wages in respect of his age and weakness, whereof the Court taken consideration and gave order to the Treasurer to give to him £10 towards his relief over and above his wages.

	[Sheet 42 IMG 0705 & 0707]
Mr Mayor's fee unpaid for 2 years.	The Worshipful Mr Mayor signified to the Company that his fee due unto him was unpaid for 2 years and thereupon it was ordered that Mr Treasurer should forthwith pay the same.
Thomas Evans a suitor to the Company to continue their tenant.	Thomas Evans desired to continue as the Company's tenant upon payment of his rent arrear and 10s yearly, from Michaelmas next so long as he shall continue there, which the Company would not grant unless they could otherwise provide to satisfy the tenants to whom they had let the same at the last Court at Westminster.
	The 4th day of October 1626 **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these persons following:

James Cambell	Mayor	Mr Dickenson
Mr Evans }		Mr Thomas Lew
Mr Manfeild }	Constables	Mr Cater
Mr John Cotton		Mr Wilson
Mr Thomas Kynaston		Mr Stoughton
Mr James Monger		Mr Braborne
Mr Edwards		Mr Alkin
Mr Withers		Mr Marbery

Ordinances confirmed	The ordinances at the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mr John Cotton refusing to be Treasurer paid his fine. Mr Dickenson treasurer	Mr John Cotton being chosen Treasurer at the last Court, being absent his oath was respited, and now desired in regard of special business to be admitted to his fine which was granted. And 40s imposed upon him which he promised to pay to the Treasurer for the use of the Company. Whereupon there was put in election for Treasurer : Mr Dickenson, Mr Mathew Stone, Mr Clement Underhill. Elected and chosen Mr Dickenson who took his oath thereunto appertaining.
Mr Braborne and Mr Cradock gave warning to have their warehouses	Mr Braborne at this Court gave warning to the Company to leave a warehouse in his possession at Our Lady Day next. Mr Evans also signified that Mr Cradock gave the like warning for the warehouses in his possession. Which warehouses are left to be disposed by the Committees appointed according to the order of the 21st of August 1626. And the rest in Mr Moles possession left until his coming home.
Mr Marbery chosen Clerk for this Company.	The Company, taking into their consideration the necessity of one of the Company to take upon him the office of Husband and Clerk for the Company's business, as well for the yearly charging the Treasurer with the state of the Company and taking and keeping of their accounts and keeping and registering of Courts. Also for soliciting the Company's business in Parliament and otherwise, and for suits in law. For which purpose the Company made choice of Mr Lewis Marbury and agreed that he should have £20 a year for his pains therein, to be paid by the Treasurer quarterly to begin at Michaelmas last. Which he thankfully accepted and promised to do his best endeavour therein. And having formerly taken the oath of Husband did also take the oath of Clerk thereunto appertaining.
Order to be taken for the letting of the Company's houses at Westminster.	The Company, propounding some course for the letting of their tenements at Westminster to someone of the Company by lease for long time, whereby they that should take them might now build the same, it was agreed that Mr Thomas Lewis or any other of the Company will take view of the same before Allhallowtide[93] next and make the Company such an offer as shall be thought fit. The Company will be willing to deal with them before any other not being of the said Company.

[93] 31 October - Halloween, 1 November - All Hallows Day, and 2 November - All Souls Day.

	[Sheet 42 REV IMG 0708 & 0709]
Mr Jones to have £20 toward his lets.	The Company, upon the motion of Mr Evans late Treasurer on behalf of Mr Jones to abate him some part of his last year's rent in respect of the late sickness[94], were pleased to give him £20 towards his loss in that time he paying his rent arrear to the Company.
The Company to dispose of Mr Alkin's Wool.	The Company, debating the difference between them and Thomas Alkin, did at last leave him to pursue his desires by petition at the next Court. And in the interim if he can provide any [95]shapman for the Wool distrained by the Company for his rent arrear, that the Wool shall be delivered, the money being first deposited into the Treasurer's hands to be disposed as the Company shall think fit.
Order to be taken against the tenants at Westminster.	It is ordered that if the tenants at Westminster shall not before the end of the next week pay their rent arrears that then there shall be suit commenced against them at the Company's charge.
An action to be entered against Mr Hill.	It is ordered that an action shall be entered against Mr Hill in Lombard Street for moneys which he stands bound with others to the Company of the benefactors' money, and notice given to him thereof, and the suit to be prosecuted at the Company's charge for recovery thereof.
Order to be taken for the Company's house at Boston.	It is ordered that some course may be taken at the next Court for the Company's house at Boston and for the rent arrear, And in the meantime the letters and other things concerning the business to be perused.
Mr Edwards made free.	Owen Edwards, servant to Thomas Manfeild, was admitted to the freedom of this Worshipful Company, and to his oath, and the said Mr paid his Hance of 6s 5d to the Treasurer Mr Dickenson to the Company.
	The 26th day of October 1626 **An Assembly held at Leaden Hall** by these persons following: Mr James Cambell Mayor — Mr Braborne Mr Evans } — Mr Baylie Mr Manfeild } Constables — Mr Wilson Mr Dickenson Treasurer — Mr Alkin Mr Thorrold — Mr Marbury
Mr Toongue a suitor to the Company for their house at Boston.	Whereas Mr Mayor signified to the Company that one Mr Toongue of Boston was desirous to take a lease of the Company's house at Boston. It was thereupon debated what rent was fit to be demanded and what term to be let. And by most the present £8 a year was thought a convenient rent, the tenant being tied to repair the same. But in respect Mr Hampton, a brother of this Company, has taken some pains for the Company therein, And did signify unto them that he was willing to be their tenant and to bestow for reparations. It was thereupon ordered that a letter shall be forthwith sent to Mr Hampton to know what rent he will give for a lease for 20 years and return his offer to the Company with speed, for that there is someone desirous to deal with the Company for the same.
Persons appointed suitors to the Committees for the lease of Mr Burrell's warehouse.	It is ordered that the Constables and Treasurer and Husband to the Company shall, upon the payment of the rent due to the City, be suitors to the Committees for letting the City's land for a lease of Mr Burrell's warehouse, according to the covenant in the Company's lease of the rest of the warehouses.

[94] The Plague outbreak

[95] shapman = 'marketman', 'monger', 'merchant'; alternate spellings include caepmon, cepeman, chepmon, cypman. Derivation of surname 'Chapman'..

	[Sheet 43 IMG 0708 & 0710]
Mr Braborne to have the use of Mr Cradock's warehouse.	Mr Braborne desiring to have the use of the warehouse late in Mr Cradock's hands until Our Lady Day next which was yielded unto, he paying £20 for the same to the Treasurer of the Company at Our Lady Day next.
	The 13th day of December 1626 **An Assembly held at Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these persons following: Mr George Moles Lieutenant — Mr Wilson Mr Evans } — Mr Brigden Mr Manfeild } Constables — Mr Stoughton Mr Baylie — Lewis Marbury Mr Withers — Thomas Alkin
Mr Alkin's submission	At this Assembly, Thomas Alkin submitted and referred himself to the Company as well by his petition as by a note in writing published by his own hand concerning the differences between him and this Company. So many of the Company as were now present did think fit to accept of his said submission. And have thought fit that his petition shall be preferred to the next Court to be warned to meet on Tuesday next at 8 o'clock in the morning for determining the said difference. And in the meantime are content that Mr Alkin may make sale of part of his Wools so that there be deposited still in the hands of Mr Willson so much Wool as shall be worth £20 or so much money in one of the Constables' hands to the use of the Company.
	The 17th day of January 1626[96] [1627] **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** by these persons following: Mr Mole Lieutenant — Mr Bradley Mr Evans } — Mr Rewe [Rue] Mr Manfeild } Constables — Mr Wilson Mr Dickenson Treasurer — Mr Withers Mr Monger — Mr Alkin Mr Edwards — Mr Brigden Mr Brabourne — Lewes Marbury — Thomas Garnow
Ordinances confirmed.	The ordinances at the Court the 4th of October and at the Assembly the 26th of the same month and at the Assembly the 13th of December last were read and confirmed.
Mr Garnow made free.	Thomas Garnow of London, Grocer, desired the freedom of this Worshipful Company and upon payment of £10 for a fine and 6s 5d for his Hance was admitted thereunto and took his oath appertaining.
2 indentures preferred by Mr Brabourne.	2 indentures of apprentices were preferred to this Court by Mr Brabourne and were ordered to be inrolled.
John French apprentice to Mr Brabourne.	John French, son of John French of Tiverton deceased, apprentice to the said Richard Brabourne for nine years from the feast of St Michael 1626.

[96] The 'legal' year continued until Lady Day 25th March.

	[Sheet 43 REV IMG 0711 & 0712]
Thomas Richard apprentice to Mr Brabourne	Thomas Richards, son of John Richards of London, Haberdasher, apprentice to the said Richard Brabourne for ten years from the feast of St Michael 1626.
Mr Brigden preferred an indenture.	Mr Brigden preferred an indenture of apprenticeship which was ordered to be inrolled.
Mr Toong to enter upon the Company's house at Boston.	It is ordered that John Toong of Boston, Mercer, shall have authority from the Mayor, Constables and Society of this Company to enter their house at Boston and to take the possession thereof to keep it to the Company's use until Our Lady Day next, And from that time to have a lease for 21 years at the yearly rent of £5 and 20 marks for a fine whereof he is to pay 5 marks in hand and £10 at the sealing of the lease.
Mr Withers a suitor to the Company for their house at Westminster.	Mr Withers at this Court offering to take a lease from the Company of their houses and wharf at Westminster for 60 years and to give to them £55 payment during his lease, And suffer the Company to enjoy the Staple Hall[97] for their use until the same shall be new built, And when it shall be new built then to have the fairest room a withdrawing chamber during the lease, which offer of his the Company accepted and caused a lease to be made to commence at Our Lady Day next if Mr Withers his counsel, upon perusal of the Company's tythe, shall advise him. Thereunto the Husband is to attend his counsel with their evidences for the same.
Mr Mole's care taken for the Company.	Mr George Mole signified to this Court his care and pains in the affairs of the Company both before the Lords of the Council and at Chambers, desired them to take the same into their consideration and to make him such satisfaction for the same as they should think fit. But in respect of Mr Mayor's absence and the business is of great consequence the same is left to the consideration of the next Court to be held on Wednesday next.
Mr Wilson to prepare his account.	Mr Wilson is to prepare his account for the Weighhouse at the next Court and then the Company will consider of a course for settling the same.
Mr Alkin's business reserved.	It is ordered that Mr Alkin's business shall be considered at the next Court and determined if it may be.
	The last day of January 1626 [1627] **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London** by these persons following:

Mr Alderman Cambell	Mayor	Mr Cartwright
Mr Manfeild	Constable	Mr Wythers
Mr Dickenson	Treasurer	Mr Rewe [Rue]
Mr Kinastone		Mr Kynaston the younger
Mr Thorold		Mr Cater
Mr Rooks		Mr Alkin
Mr Brabourne		Mr Wilson
Mr Grace		Mr Marbury
Mr Edwards		

Ordinances confirmed.	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.

[97] This indicates there was a Staple hall at Westminster as well as in Leadenhall. There has previously been reference in these minutes to some Court meetings being held 'at Westminster'.

	[Sheet 44 IMG 0711 & 0712]
Persons nominated to consider of Mr Mole's proceedings in the Company's affairs.	The proposition made to the last Court concerning further satisfaction to be made to Mr Lieutenant for his cares and pains at Hamburg about the Company's business. It was thought fit that some of the Company as well traders in wool as in cloth should take view of the said Mr Mole's proceedings therein and report the same to the next Court. Whereupon Mr Kynastone, Mr Thorrold, Mr Brabourne, Mr Thomas Lewis, Mr Evans, Mr Bowater, Mr Ashwell, Mr Rooks, Mr Monger, Mr Edwards, Mr Bradley or any 3 of each traders are desired not only to relate what service the said Mr Mole has done therein for the Company but also what further satisfaction is fit to be made to him for the same, and the Clerk to attend them with his books there for that business.
Mr Alkin's business submission	Mr Alkin's business being this day debated, it was thought fit that Mr Alkin should procure another surety with him for £25 which he has of the Benefactors' money instead of Mr Mercer or else to repay the same to the Treasurer at the next Court, and upon his submission they were content to accept of 20 nobles[98] for the money due by him to the Company, which he thankfully accepted and did also agree to deliver a declaration under his hand and seal of disclaiming any power by authority from the Company concerning the Wool market at Leadenhall.
Committees appointed to consider of Mr Kynastone's demand.	Mr Kynastone declaring to the Company that they were indebted to him in great sums of money, it was ordered that the Committees for Mr Mole's business (Mr Kynastone himself excepted) shall consider of his demands and what he has received of the Company and certify their proceedings to the next Court.
The said Committees are to peruse Mr Wilson's account.	It is also ordered that the said Committees shall take Mr Wilson's account and certify what has been made by him of weighing Wools at the Weighhouse or otherwise, and what they think fit to be done concerning the Wool market formerly established by the Company now complained of by divers Freemen of this Company.
Walter Wood apprentice to Edward Grace	Mr Edward Grace preferred an Indenture of his apprentice Walter Wood and desired the same might be Inrolled, which was ordered accordingly. Walter Wood, son of William Wood of Boughton in the county of Kent, yeoman deceased, has out himself apprentice to Edward Grace for 9 years from the 27th of February 1625 [1626].
	It is ordered that on Tuesday next in the morning the Committees for the said business shall meet and a Court to be warned for Wednesday sevennight [week].

[98] The 'Rose Noble' or 'Rose Ryal' - 30 shillings.

	[Sheet 44 REV IMG 0713]
	The 7th of March 1626 [1627] **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London** by these persons following:

Mr James Cambell	Mayor	Mr Cartwright
Mr Mole	Lieutenant	Mr Bradley
Mr Evans	}	Mr Rewe [Rue]
Mr Manfeild	}Constables	Mr Kinge
Mr Dickenson	Treasurer	Mr Alkin
Mr Calcott Chambers		Mr Wilson
Mr James Monger		Mr Marbery
Mr Mathew Stone		

Ordinances confirmed	The ordinances at the last Court were read and confirmed.
	Mr Alkin preferring a petition to this Court thereby desiring the Company to remit him the payment of 20 nobles, which request of his being taken into consideration, they were pleased to remit the same, Mr Alkin first giving security for the Benefactors' money and sealing a release to the Company and a declaration of his claim of any authority from the Company concerning the Wool market and doing his best endeavour to procure Mr Mercer's debt to the Company to be paid in, or at least to be arrested at the Company's suit.
Mr Price had an abatement of his rent.	Mr Price desiring abatement of 56s 3d rent arrears, in respect of charge in reparations, the Court was pleased upon his referring himself, to abate him 16s 3d of his rent besides 3s 7d formerly allowed to him.
Mr Mole to receive £40 for his pains taken for the Company.	At this Court Mr Mole, desiring satisfaction for his pains and expenses in his late voyage to Hamburg in the Company's business at their entreaty as approved by an order of Court the 11th of May 1625, which matter being debated at large it was thought fit that some recompense should be made to him for his great care and charge in the Company's behalf, and thereupon it was put to hands whether £30 or £40 more than he had formerly received should be paid to him. And it was agreed that he should have £40 out of the first money which shall be raised by fines for freedoms of Redemptioners. And if it shall not be raised that way in a convenient time, then the Company will be pleased to take some other course for payment thereof.
The East side of the Hall to be let to the East India Company.	Mr Mayor being desired to deal with the East India Company for taking of the East side of the Hall, was pleased to undertake the same upon a note to be delivered to him of the rooms and of the rent the Company demanded for the same.[99] And if that shall not take effect then the Committees formerly appointed are to let the same.

[99] See the reference to the East India Company's own records of 14 March: "*Motion to the Staplers for more warehouse room at Leadenhall, which they are willing to spare on the east side wholly at 40*l. *per annum, to be reported upon.*" 'East Indies: March 1627', in *Calendar of State Papers Colonial, East Indies, China and Persia, Volume 6, 1625-1629*, ed. W Nol Sainsbury (London, 1884), pp. 327-337. *British History Online* [accessed 3 October 2019]. https://www.british-history.ac.uk/cal-state-papers/colonial/east-indies-china-japan/vol6/pp327-337#highlight-first

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Committees appointed to take Mr Wilsons account.	Mr Treasurer, Mr Manfeild, Mr Cartwright and Mr Stone are desired to join with the Committees formerly appointed to take Mr Wilsons account and to consider of the Wool market.
Thomas Hamer apprentice to John King	Mr John King preferred an indenture of his apprentice Thomas Hamer and desired the same might be inrolled, which was ordered accordingly. Thomas Hamer, son of Richard Hamer of Bury in the County of Lancaster wheelwright deceased, has put himself apprentice to John King for nine years from the Feast of St John Baptist 1626[100].
	The 21st day of March 1626 [1627] **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** by these persons following:

Mr Mole Lieutenant	Mr Rewe
Mr Evans }	Mr Wilson
Mr Manfeeld } Constables	Mr Kinge
Mr Dickenson Treasurer	Mr Cater
Mr Moonger	Mr Alkin
Mr Rookes	Mr Marbury
Mr Wythers	

Ordinances confirmed	The ordinances at the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mr Wither's lease to be perused.	The lease intended to be made to Mr Withers of the Company's houses at Westminster is referred to be perused by Mr Mole and Mr Rookes, Mr Evans, Mr Manfeeld and Mr Monger and upon their allowing thereof the same is to be ingrossed to be sealed at the next Court.
The warehouses on the East side of the Hall are to be delivered to the Company	The Committees formerly appointed for setting the warehouses at Leaden Hall are desired to give notes to the tenants of the warehouses on the East side to remove their goods and to deliver up the keys and to pay their rents due to the Company and if occasion require to take course in the Company's behalf for performance thereof.
	Mr Alkin, offering that he would give another surety with himself and Mr [gap] for £25 of the Benefactors' money before the end of the next term or else desire the money no longer, and sealing a general release to the Company and a disclaimer of any outgoing from the Company for weighing and registering of Wools at the Weighhouse at Leaden Hall, it was ordered that these things being performed then his Wools in the Company's possession shall be delivered to him.

[100] 24th June

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The Committees appointed by former orders of Court are to be warned to meet before the next Court to consider of the matters referred to them.

The 4th of April 1627
A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London

by these persons following:

The Worshipful James Cambell Mayor	Mr Wythers
Mr Evans }	Mr Underhill
Mr Manfeeld } Constables	Mr Wilson
Mr Dickenson Treasurer	Mr Cartwright
Mr Kenastone	Mr Marbury
Mr Moonger	
Mr Cotton	

Whereas William Bonner, son of William Bonner of Boston in the county of Lincoln Merchant, became an earnest suitor to the Company for some mitigation of the arrears of the rent remaining due unto the Company for their house at Boston and for continuance of the lease granted by the Company to Thomas Butler, which as he said was assigned by Butler to his father. The Company at this Assembly being informed that John Toonge of Boston had consented that the said Bonner the old tenant should enjoy the term to come in the lease made to Butler, giving security to the Company for performing of the covenants in the said lease, and they granting unto the said Toonge a lease for 21 years in reversion of the said lease to Butler, for which he was content to pay the residue of his fine of 20 marks. Whereupon the Company, taking the said Bonner's request into their consideration, did in conclusion agree to accept £20 in full discharge of all arrears of rent due for their said house until Our Lady Day last, which was paid to the treasurer, and it was agreed that the said William Bonner the younger should give a bond of £100 to the Company for performance of the covenants in the said lease, which the said Bonner agreed and promised to do. And it was also ordered that a letter should be forthwith sent to Sir Richard Coney by Mr Tongue to seal the new feofment of the Company's house at Boston, which being sealed and returned by Mr Tongue, then the Clerk of the Company is to prepare a lease in rention of their said house to the said Toongue for 21 years.

Bonner gave 5s to the poor box which was ordered to be delivered to the Beadle of the Company.

The 27th day of June 1627
A Court of Election held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London

by these persons following:

Mr Evans }	Mr Thorrold
Mr Manfeeld } Constables	Mr Rookes
Mr Dickenson Treasurer	Mr Rue
Mr Calcot Chambers	Mr Bradley
Mr Kinastone	Mr Franklin
Mr Cartwright	Mr Kinge
Mr David Edwards	Mr Wilson
	Mr Cater

	[Sheet 46 IMG 0714]
Ordinances confirmed	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.
	The election of officers is respited until Michaelmas next. The Officers now in being not having served the year as they were sworn.
A Court to be kept at Westminster	Wednesday next at 8 o'clock is appointed for the Company to meet at Leaden Hall for sealing of the Company's lease to Mr Withers and from thence to go to Westminster for keeping of a Court. And the tenants are to have notice thereof and the Clerk of the Statute, that so many attend accordingly.
The Market to be kept on Tuesday	The Market appointed heretofore to be kept on at Leaden Hall on every Friday weekly for sale of Wools there being found inconvenient in respect the market is on that day kept for the sale of raw hides and meal so that neither the buyer nor seller can come to the Weighhouse to load and unload, it is therefore ordered by the Court that from henceforth the market day for sale of Wools at Leaden Hall shall be kept on Tuesday weekly and notice thereof to be given both to the buyer and seller and the officer for the Company to attend on that day weekly from St James day next, and not on Friday as has been heretofore used.
	The matter concerning the Company warehouses let to the East India Company is deferred until Mr Mayor be present.
	Also the disposing of the warehouses in Mr Mole's possession is respited until the next Court to the end Mr Mole may be conferred with about the same.
Persons nominated to attend the Governor of the Hospital	The Lieutenant, Constables, Treasurer and Husband or any 2 of them are to attend the President[101] and Governor of Christ's Hospital and to demand their rent arrear at the rate they paid Mr Burrell and to signify to them that if a course be not taken thereon the Company will take order to recover the same.
[Maximilian Damy, Factor of Blackwell Hall]	At this Court a letter was read from Master Arthur Kynastone directed to the Mayor and Company, whereby he desired that Master Maximilian Damy might be admitted into the freedom of this Company upon the Lord Fenton's warrant, and paying 20s in hand and £10 to be allowed to Mr Kynastone upon an account between him and the Company. And upon debate it was not thought fit to give any allowance of any warrant from the Lord Fenton, the Company having absolute power of themselves to make free such persons as they please without any such warrants. And for the fine of £10 which Mr Kynastone offers to allow upon an account between him and the Company, those of the Company which were then present did not think fit to accept his offer therein, least thereby Mr Kynastone might take ...

[101] Alderman Sir John Leman (Prime Warden Fishmongers 1605; d 1631) President Christ's Hospital 1618-1632. Ref: Alfred P Beaven, 'Chronological list of aldermen: 1601-1650', in *The Aldermen of the City of London Temp. Henry III - 1912* (London, 1908), pp. 47-75. *British History Online* http://www.british-history.ac.uk/no-series/london-aldermen/hen3-1912/pp47-75 [accessed 27 October 2019].

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	advantage of some acknowledgement of a debt to him by the Company but in respect Mr Kynastone did expect benefit by the fine of such Redemptioners as should or heretofore might have been made free by the Lord Fenton's warrant. And in respect of Mr Kynastone's case and pains for the business of the Company, it was generally agreed that Mr Damy for Mr Kynastone's sake should be admitted into the freedom of this Company unless there be an order that no factor of Blackwell Hall[102] shall be admitted into the freedom of this Company, and therefore it is respited until the next Court.
[John Taylor apprentice to Lewes Marbury]	An indenture of apprenticeship exhibited to this Court by Lewes Marbury of this Company is ordered to be inrolled. John Taylor, son of Thomas Taylor of Cambridge in the County of Cambridge Gentleman, Apprentice to the said Lewis Marbury for nine years from Michaelmas 1626.
	The 4th day of July 1627 **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these persons following:

The Worshipful James Cambell	Mayor	Mr Francis Blizard	
Mr George Mole	Lieutenant	Mr Thomas Kynastone	
Mr Adrian Evans	}	Mr Edward Wym	
Mr Thomas Manfeeld	} Constables	Mr John Kinge	
Mr Robert Dickenson	Treasurer	Mr Robert Wilson	
Mr George Rookes		Mr Lewes Marbury	
Mr William Ashwell		Maximilian Damy	Jun:

	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.
[Maximilian Damy, Factor of Blackwell Hall, made free]	Mr Maximilian Dame according to the resolution of the last Court was made free of this Company, there being no order of Court to bar him thereof, although he be a factor in Blackwell Hall, and he paid 20s for present of his fine, the rest being remitted for Mr Arthur Kynastone's sake who had written in his behalf and his Hance of 6s 5d being paid to the Treasurer, took his oath thereunto appertaining.
[East India Company lease of warehouses]	It is ordered that the Lieutenant, Constables, Treasurer and Husband or any 2 of them shall attend the Governor of the East India Company about taking a lease from this Company of the warehouses let unto them by Mr Mayor.
	Mr Mole signified to the Company at this Court that he was willing the Company should let the warehouses heretofore in his possession to whom they please.

[102] Blackwell Hall was a cloth market next to the Guildhall. Factor = agent. See also 'William III, 1696-7: An Act to restore the Markett att Blackwell-Hall to the Clothiers & for regulating the Factors there. [Chapter IX. Rot. Parl. 8 & 9 Gul. III. p. 2. nu. 3.]', in *Statutes of the Realm: Volume 7, 1695-1701*, ed. John Raithby (s.l, 1820), pp. 199-200. *British History Online* http://www.british-history.ac.uk/statutes-realm/vol7/pp199-200 [accessed 27 October 2019].

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The 17th day of October 1627
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London

by these persons following:

The Worshipful James Cambell	Mayor	Mr Blizard
Mr Mole	Lieutenant	Mr Withers
Mr Manfeeld	Constable	Mr Kinge
Mr Dickenson	Treasurer	Mr Offley
Mr Thomas Kynastone		Mr Wilson
Mr Thorrold		Roger Salford
Mr Cartwright		Lewes Marbury

The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.

[Roger Salford made free]

Roger Salford, servant to Robert Crewes, desired the freedom of this Company after the expiration of his indenture which at the first was denied to him for £5 which is to be paid by his Master or Mistress for that he was not made free until his term expired, yet upon debate and upon reading of an order of the 12th of December 1623 the payment of the £5 was respited for a further time, and the said Roger was admitted into the freedom of this Company and paid his Hance of 6s 5d to the Treasurer and 2s 6d to the poor.

[East India Company lease]

The Constables, Treasurer and Husband or any 2 of them are to attend the Committees of the East India Company to signify to them the Company's pleasure that they should accept of a lease of the warehouses let to them by Mr Mayor.

[|Christ's Hospital]

Mr Lieutenant and the rest above-mentioned or any 2 of them are to attend Sir John Leman and Mr Mayor about the Company's rent from the Hospital and when that business is determined the Company will proceed to dispose of that warehouse and the rest which are unlet.

[Mr Offley to have the Weighhouse rooms]

[Mr Offley - Benefactors' money.]

Upon reading of Mr Offley's petition, the Company was inclined to condescend to his request so far as they might, without prejudice to Mr Wilson who is the sworn Weigher for the Company for this year, and did declare that they intended that Mr Offley should at Our Lady Day next have the rooms in the Weighhouse now in the possession of Mr Wilson at the rent of £7 a year, and that at the next election Mr Offley should be put in election for the Weigher's place for the next year ensuing. Mr Offley undertaking to leave all things in the same rooms in such sort as the same shall be at the time of his entry upon the same in respect whereof, and that Mr Hill should not be questioned for the £33 6s 8d which Mr Offley had of the Benefactors' money. Mr Offley's kinsman did promise to pay the same before Christmas next but if the money were not paid in then this order to be void.

[Mr Kinge - Benefactors' money]

Mr John Kinge desired that when the said money was paid in that he might have it upon good security, which desire of his was thought reasonable but the matter was respited until the next Court after the same should be paid in.

The 15th day of January 1627 [**1628**]
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London

by these persons following:

The Worshipful James Cambell	Mayor	Mr Thomas Lewes
Mr Thomas Manfeeld	Constable	Mr William Bayley
Mr Robert Dickenson	Treasurer	Mr Bradley
Mr John Bowater		Mr Richard Rewe
Mr Thorrold		Mr Cater
Mr Thomas Kynastone		Mr Stoughton
Mr Mathew Stone		Mr Brigden
Mr Richard Brabourne		Mr Wilson
		Lewes Marbury

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	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.
[Beadle- Phillip Boughton]	Phillip Boughton of London, Woolman, is elected Beadle for the Company and is appointed [....blank...] for his pains in warning this Court.
[Mr Hill - surety of Mr Offley for Benefactors' money]	Upon the request of Mr Hill, one of the sureties of Mr Offley for £33 6s 8d of the Benefactors' money, to be discharged of his bond by him entered into to the Company, it is ordered that if the same be not paid in at the next Court by Mr Offley or his kinsman who undertook the payment thereof before Christmas last, that then an action shall be entered against Mr Hill in one of the Courts in London, which being done he promised to pay the same.
	It is also ordered that if Mr Pate do not upon demand pay in the money for which he stands bond for Thomas Alkin, that then the Husband is to proceed against him to recover the same at the Company's charge.
	Whereas also Mr Thomas Manfeeld has £25 of the Benefactors' money in his hands which has been long due. It is ordered that the same shall be paid in forthwith to be disposed to some other of the Company. And if upon perusal of the bonds for the Benefactors' money there shall be any more found due to be paid in, then the same to be called for by the Husband to be paid to the Treasurer.
[Francis Farrar petitions for £60]	Upon reading of a petition preferred by Francis Farrar for repaying of £60 to him, which he petitions the Company had of him in respect of some office or employment which was promised him by the Company. It is ordered that the books shall be searched whereby the Company may be informed at the next Court, upon what terms the said money was paid and received, and Mr Farrar is to deliver an account in writing what money he received of any freeman of this Company and what bonds he took for payment of any money and of whom, and to produce the said bonds or signify to the Company to whom he delivered the same.
[South end warehouses]	In the absence of Mr George Mole, some doubt or question was made whether the warehouses at the South end were still in his possession or were by him let for the Company's use and what rent was behind and arrears for the same. But in respect Mr Evans the late treasurer was also absent the matter was deferred until the next Court, and then the Company to be certified therein, and what arrears of rent is due for any other of their warehouses that the same may be called for to be paid in.
	Mr Lewes Marbury, informing this Court that Mr George Mole had forbidden the Treasurer of the Company to pay unto him his quarter's fee due at Christmas last which was by order of Court to be paid to him. After some debate of the business the Company signified that they expected the said Lewes Marbury was by his place and for his said fee among other things to give the Treasurer a charge in writing at his entrance into his office of Treasurer what money was due to the Company upon the foot of the account of the last Treasurer and what should be due for the time which he continued Treasurer, which was alleged was not due. Which the said Lewes Marbury acquainted the Court he could not do for the last treasurer's account in respect he was not privy to the Company's debts nor rents, when Mr Evans was the chosen treasurer, being before he was chosen Clerk, but did offer to examine and control his account in what he could upon bring in of the same and to give the now Treasurer a charge of what he could find due to the Company for any matter for seven years last past. And thereupon it is ordered that Mr Treasurer shall pay to him his quarter's fee due at Christmas last. But as concerning the continuance of the said fee the Court declared no resolution therein. .

	[Sheet 48 IMG 0716 & 0717]
[Mr Thorrold, Lewes, Brabourne -money due to them]	Whereas Mr Thorrold, Mr Thomas Lewes and Mr Braborne informed the Court that there is money severally due to them, for part of their fines which they paid when they entered into some of the Company's warehouses and should have been repaid when they left the same. It is ordered that the Court books shall be searched whereby it may appear what fines they severally paid and what then the same has been or ought to be repaid again to them.
[Mr Bradley and Mr King suitors for Benefactors' money]	Mr Bradley at this Court and Mr Kinge at a former Court were suitors to have some of the Benefactors' moneys, which desire of theirs was held reasonable but was respited until the moneys were first paid in to the Treasurer.
	On Wednesday next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon a Court is appointed to be warned for the business of the Company.
	The 23rd day of January 1627 [**1628]** **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London** by these persons following:

The Worshipful James Cambell Mayor	Mr Rewe
Mr Evans }	Mr Thorold
Mr Manfeeld } Constables	Mr Lewes
Mr Dickenson Treasurer	Mr Rookes
Mr Chambers	Mr Wym
Mr Kenastone	Mr Cater
Mr Brabourne	Mr Bayley
Mr Bowater	Mr Wilson
Mr Edwards	Mr Kinge
Mr Cartwright	Mr Lewes Marbury Clerk

	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.
[Francis Farrar]	Whereas Francis Farrar at the last Court was ordered to deliver to the Company at this Court a true account in writing of all such sums of money as he has heretofore received of any person made free of this Company by Redemption and what bonds he took from them for payment of any money and of whom and to bring in the said bonds, or to signify to the Company to whom he delivered the same. The said Francis Farrar this day delivered to the Husband 14 several bonds of freemen of this Company and produced a letter from George Simcotts, sometime Clerk of this Company, certifying that he had received only £4 or £6 at the most from George Simcotts which was all that Farrar would acknowledge to have received. Whereas it appeared by an order of Court held the 10th day of April 1620 that he had then received some fines of Redemptioners beforehand and had authority to receive more until he were repaid his £60 which the Company had of him, which was as much as he then desired. And therefore the Court declared that they thought not fit to proceed any further in the business concerning Mr Farrar's demand until he did produce a perfect account of all such moneys as he has received of any freemen of this Company and their names and the time when he received the same.
[Husband and Clerk-fee]	This Court taking into their consideration whether the Husband and Clerk should continue his place and receive the fee of £20 a year, formerly appointed to be paid to him. After long debate thereof it was ordered that the order made the 4th of October 1626 concerning the business should stand and be performed both by the Company and the said Husband and Clerk in all things.
[Sir John Leman (Christ's Hospital) - South end warehouses]	Mr Evans and Mr Dickenson are desired to attend Mr Mayor to speak with Sir John Leman to know his resolution whether he will accept the Company's offer of their warehouse at £8 a year by lease or all the warehouses at the South end at £30 a year and by lease or not, to the end the Company may otherwise dispose them as they think fit.

	[Sheet 48 REV IMG 0719]
	The Court books were to be searched for whether there be any order for the payment of any certain sum of money to Mr Thorrold, Mr Lewes and Mr Brabourne or any of them for part of their fines for their warehouses which they hold of the Company and whether their or any of their warehouses stood void or any rent be in arrears for the warehouses which Mr Peshall held.
[Vernon money-to whom to be lent]	The Husband at the next Court is to inform the Company whether the money given by Mr Vernon is to be lent to such of the Company as are freemen of London only or generally to freemen of the Company.
[Bonds for Benefactors' money]	At this Court Mr Evans, late Treasurer, did deliver to Mr Dickenson, now Treasurer, 4 bonds for the Benefactors' moneys : of Mr Offley, Mr Hill, Mr Weld for £33 6s 8d 17th July 1627; Mr Alkin, Mr Mercer, Mr Pate for £25 in July 1627; Mr Manfeeld, Mr Mole, Mr John Manfeeld £25 the 17th May 1627; Mr Manley, Mr Mole, Mr Manfeeld for £33 6s 8d due in May last.
[Treasurer surety]	It is ordered that every Treasurer shall, at the entering into his place, enter into bond with 2 sureties to give a true account as has been accustomed.
[Owen Edward suitor for Benefactors' money.]	Owen Edward was a suitor to this Court for some of the Benefactors' money, whose suit with some others of the like kind were respited until there were moneys paid in to the Treasurer.
	March the 29th 1628 **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** by these persons following:

Mr Lieutenant	Mr Rewe
Mr Evans }	Mr Bradley
Mr Manfeeld } Constables	Mr Kinge
Mr Dickenson Treasurer	Mr Cater
Mr Thomas Kynastone	Mr Wilson
Mr Wynn	Mr Staughton
Mr Withers	Mr Marbury

	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.
[Letting of the South end warehouses]	The Husband is authorised by this Court to let the Company's warehouses at the South end to Mr Cradock if he will take them, and if he refuse then to let them to any other at £30 a year by lease. And the Constables and Treasurer to assist him in it and to inform the Company of the proceedings at the next Court.
[Mr Doyt-mealhouse]	Mr Doyt acknowledged that there was £5 5s due for rent of his mealhouse for one year and 3 quarters at Our Lady Day last, which he paid to Mr Treasurer, the Company promising him to secure him against all others which shall make any demand or claim to the same.
[Mr Wilson - £7 pa for the Weighhouse]	Mr Wilson agreed to pay £7 a year for the Weighhouse for the time past and he to continue the same at the rent during the Company's pleasure, and upon brining the money to the next Court the Company will consider of charges disbursed.
[Auditors for Mr Evans' account]	Mr Manfeeld, Mr Brabourne, Mr Wythers, Mr Wyn, Mr Cartwright, Mr Edwards, Mr Bradley, Mr Thorold, Mr Dickenson and the Husband or any 4 of them are appointed auditors for Mr Evans' account.
	The same auditors are also to consider what rents are in arrears to the Company and what moneys are owing by any other of the Company or claimed by any particular brethren of the Company and to make report thereof to the next Court.

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Mr Dickenson certified to this Court that he has received £33 6s 8d of Mr Hill due by bond and £25 of Mr Pate and £25 of Mr Thomas Manfeeld which is to be disposed as follows :
£33 6s 8d to Mr Bradley. And £25 to Mr Kinge he nominating another surety instead of Mr Page.
And the other £25 to Mr Cater if he or Mr Rookes do pay £10 which is in arrears for Mr Cater's fine for his freedom.

Francis Harwell in the County of Surrey, Woolman, desired the freedom of this Company and offered £5 whose request was referred to be considered of at the next Court.

May the 9th 1628

An Assembly held at the house of Mr James Cambell, Alderman, Mayor of the Staple of England by these persons following:

Mr James Cambell	Mayor	Mr Dickenson	Treasurer
Mr George Mole	Lieutenant	Mr Lewes Marbury	Clerk
Mr Adrian Evans	Constable		

At this Assembly Benjamin Breedon of Chesham in the County of Buckingham, gentleman, desiring the freedom of this worshipful Company, upon the payment of £10 for his fine and 6s 5d for his Hance to the Treasurer was admitted thereunto and took his oath thereunto appertaining.

May the 20th 1628

A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London

by these persons following:

Mr Lieutenant	Mr Dancey
Mr Evans Constable	Mr Rewe
Mr Dickenson Treasurer	Mr Kynastone Junior
Mr Arthur Kynastone	Mr Cater
Mr Thomas Kynastone	Mr Kinge
Mr Hawkins	Mr Staughton
Mr Rookes	Mr Wilson
Mr Bradley	Mr Lewes Marbury Clerk

The ordinances made at the last Court the 26th of March 1628 and the Assembly the 9th of May 1628 were read and confirmed.

[Petition to the Court of Alderman about the warehouses]

Mr Mole, Mr Rookes, Mr Evans, Mr Dickenson, Mr Bradley, Mr Edwards, Mr Wynn, Mr Withers, Mr Cartwright and the Husband or any 4 of them shall consider of a petition to be preferred to the Court of Aldermen to accept the warehouses in Leaden Hall into their hands, only allowing them the Hall and the warehouses at a reasonable rent.

The former committees auditing Mr Evans' accounts are appointed to consider what arrears or rent is due by Mr Moles for the warehouses in his possession, and Mr George Rookes and Mr Wilson are to be joined with them and to report their proceedings to the next Court.

[George Pyke made free.]

Mr Arthur Kynastone desired the benefit of making 2 freemen of this Company according to an order of Court the 7th day of February 1614, which order being read and perused and no later order to be found to discharge the same, it was agreed after long debate that George Pyke of Poplar in the County of Essex, Merchant, and Richard Rawson, Mr Kynastone's servant, should be admitted into the freedom of this Company without any fine and the said Mr Pyke upon the payment of 6s 5d to the Treasurer for his Hance was admitted accordingly and took his oath thereunto appertaining, and the said Richard Rawson his admittance being respited until he should bring some note in writing under his said Master's hand for the same.

	[Sheet 49 REV IMG 0720]
Mr Thomas Eedes made free.	Mr George Mole, claiming the like benefit of making 2 other freemen in the right of Mr Unet deceased in respect of £5 which he paid for him to Mr Rookes, as appeared by order of Court. It was also granted that Thomas Eedes and Thomas Lenthall, 2 of the said Mr Moles' sons in law, should be admitted without paying any fine also, and thereupon Mr Eedes coming before the rising of the Court was admitted upon payment of 6s 5d for his Hance to the Treasurer and took his oath thereunto appertaining. Mr Lenthall's admittance being respited until he shall come to desire the same.
[Andrew Cater]	At this Court Mr Rookes and some others did earnestly move the Company on behalf of Andrew Cater to remit to him £10 which was agreed to be paid for his fine in respect that he had served the full time of his apprenticeship with Mr Rookes and had given £50 for one of the Lord Fenton's warrants, which being taken into consideration the Court did consent and agree to remit the said £10 and he and Mr Rookes to be discharged thereof.
[Complaint about Broggers etc seeking to be admitted to the Company.]	Upon complaint of divers freemen of this Company trading in Wool that broggers and other persons of very mean estate and quality do daily attempt to attain to the freedom of this Company, so that if special care not be taken this Company, which has far exceeded all other societies of merchants in England, will in short time by admitting persons of such mean condition be of small esteem and credit. For preventing whereof it is ordered that no brogger, or other person trading only in Wool and not in other merchandise, and not being well known to some of the principal officers of this Company to be a man of good sufficiency and credit, shall be admitted into the freedom of this worshipful Company at any assembly but at a full Court, and notice first to be given to most of the traders in Wool residing in or near the City of London, of the parties' names desiring to be admitted as aforesaid.
	June the 13th 1628 **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** by these persons following: Mr James Cambell Mayor — Mr Cater Mr Mole Lieutenant — Mr Hawkins Mr Manfeeld Constable — Mr Kingsland Mr Arthur Kenastone — Mr Offley Mr Brabourne — Mr Pyke Mr Rewe — Mr Halford Mr Samuel Kenastone — Mr Wilson Mr Kinge — Mr Stoughton — Mr Lewes Marbury Clerk
	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.
[Election to include traders in Wool]	It is this day ordered that at the election of Constables and Treasurers for the Company hereafter, there shall be so many nominated and put in election which are mere traders in Wool, as merchants and others which are not traders in Wool, and election to be made of traders in both kinds to prevent prejudice to the several traders in the said Company.
	It is also ordered that Mr Thomas Kenastone, Mr John Hawkins, Mr Richard Brabourne and Mr Thomas Manfeeld are to resort to the Court books and Treasurers' accounts and to take notes in writing of all such orders and matters which may any way tend to decide the matter in controversy between Mr Arthur Kenastone and the Company as well for moneys by Mr Kenastone demanded of the Company as also for any moneys wherewith the said Mr Kenastone is charged or chargeable by the Company, and to certify their proceedings therein to the Company, and the Clerk of the Company is from time to time attend them or any 3 of them.

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It is ordered that the £33 6s 8d lent to Mr Manley for which Mr Mole and Mr Manfeeld are suitors shall be forthwith paid in.

The petition to the Mayor and Court of Aldermen for accepting the warehouses into their hands is to be drawn against the next Court and being agreed on is to be preferred by the direction and advice of Mr Mayor.

September the 19th 1628
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London

by these persons following:

Mr Evans {	Mr Fitch
Mr Manfeeld { Constables	Mr Stoughton
Mr Kenastone	Mr Cater
Mr Hawkins	Mr Offley
Mr Rewe	Mr Halford
Mr Mercer	Mr Wilson
Mr Kinge	Mr Marbury Clerk

The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.

Consideration of debts to the Company and disposing of the warehouses

Mr Thomas Kenastone, Mr Hawkins, Mr Rewe, Mr Cater, Mr Offley, Mr Kinge, Mr Stoughton and as many more of the Company as will be pleased to come and to be added to the former auditors for Mr Evans' account and for the Company's business concerning the debts to the Company and disposing their warehouses and they or any 4 of them or of the former Committees may consider of the same.

Mr Cotton and Mr Bradley elected Constables.

The Court proceeding to election of officers in the absence of Mr Mayor, Mr Henry Bradley, Mr Hungate, Mr John Cotton and Mr John Holland were put in election for Constables, and Mr John Cotton and Mr Henry Bradley were elected Constables to serve from Michaelmas next but being absent their oaths were respited until the next Court.

Mr Nicholas Rewe elected Treasurer.

Mr Hawkins and Mr Rewe being nominated for Treasurer, Mr Nicholas Rewe was elected and being present took his oath thereunto appertaining.

Mr Offley- costs for the Weighhouse.

Mr Offley desired the Company to give him some allowance for his cost and charges bestowed by him on the Weighhouse, whereupon it is ordered that the former Committees shall consider what he did disburse there and to certify their opinions and proceedings to the next Court.

It is ordered that the Committees for the Company's business aforesaid are to be warned to meet at the Hall on Wednesday at 2 o'clock and a Court to be held on Friday about the same time.

October the 24th 1628
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London

by these persons following:

Mr Evans }	Mr Dickenson
Mr Bradley } Constables	Mr Manfeeld
Mr Rewe Treasurer	Mr Mercer
Mr Chambers	Mr Offley
Mr Thomas Kenastone	Mr Kingsland
Mr Purslow	Mr Marbury Clerk
Mr Thomas Langton	

Mr Robert Langton Mr Richard Pellingall made free

The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.

	[Sheet 50 REV IMG 0721]
	Mr Bradley at this Court took his oath to serve Constable until Michaelmas next.
[Petition to Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen]	The Petition appointed to be read to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen was now read and approved of by this Court. Nevertheless Mr John Slaney, Mr Calcott Chambers, Mr Thomas Langton, Mr George Rookes, Mr Richard Brayborne , Mr Thomas Lewes, Mr John Bowater, Mr Welby, Mr John Cotton, Mr John Wethers, Mr James Monger, Mr Adrian Evans or any 6 of them are to attend Mr Mayor for his opinion in the said Petition and his direction for preferring the same. And when they have his approbation thereof, and have acquainted the Aldermen of the Company therewith, then they are to go in person to the Court of Aldermen to prefer the same.
[Thomas Purslow demands £10]	Mr Thomas Purslow demanding £10 which he affirmed he paid for a fine for a warehouse in Leaden Hall long since but never enjoyed it. Whereupon Mr Manfeeld, Mr Brabourne, Mr Rewe, Mr Dickenson, Mr Lewes, Mr Rookes, Mr Wilson, Mr Offley and the Husband or any 3 of them were desired to peruse the Court books and Treasurers' accounts and to certify the next Court whether the same be due to be repaid or not and what they find concerning the matter.
[Robert Langton & Richard Pellingall free]	Mr Thomas Langton desired that his son Robert Langton might be made free by patrimony and his servant Richard Pellingall for service, whereupon he paying for brooks 2s and they paying 6s 5d apiece to the Treasurer were both admitted and took their oaths accordingly.
[Apprenticeships inrolled: Jasper Rogers John Atcherly John Robhood Thomas Widdens Gabriel More]	5 indentures of Apprentices were presented and read at this Court and were ordered to be inrolled as was desired. Jasper Rogers, son of Richard Rogers of Leatherhead in the County of Surrey Innholder deceased, apprentice to Thomas Lewes of London, Draper, for 9 years from Christmas 1627. John Atcherly, son of Richard Atcherly of Stanwerdin in the fields in the County of Salop, Yeoman deceased, apprentice to Arthur Kenastone, Merchant of the Staple of England and Draper of the town of Shrewsbury, for 9 years from the first day of November 1627. John Robhood, son of Samuel Robhood of Bangham in the County of Norfolk, Gentleman, apprentice to Thomas Manfeeld, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 9 years from the first of May 1628. Thomas Widdens of Norley in the County of Chester, yeoman apprentice to George Hunt, merchant of the Staple of England, for 9 years from the first say of May 1628. Gabriel More, son of Alexander More of Grantham in the County of Lincolnshire, Esquire, apprentice to John Wethers, merchant of the Staple of England, for 9 years from the Nativity[103] of St John Baptist 1628.

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January the 21st 1628 [**1629**]
An Assembly held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall in London
by these persons following:

Mr Manfeild }	Mr Dickenson
Mr Bradley } Constables	Mr Cater
Mr Rewe Treasurer	Mr Roger Halford
Mr Thomas Kenaston	Mr Caley
	Mr Lewes Marburie Clerk

[Mr Evans' treasurer's account] Mr Evans' account being heretofore audited and examined and it appeared that the total of his receipts was £446 1s 4d. And his disbursements: which £11 which he demanded allowance of for his fine which he gave for his freedom, was in all but £422 16s 9d, so that there remained due to the Company upon the said account £34 4s 7d which this Assembly orders shall be paid to Mr Dickenson the late Treasurer. And Mr Evans, his demand of the said £11 is left to the consideration of the next Court.

[Mr Dickenson to produce his treasurer's account] It is also ordered that Mr Dickenson shall at the next Court produce his account for his Treasurership. And shall then also pay the moneys upon the foot of the said account to the new Treasurer to the end that there may be money ready to pay the Company's rent to the City upon preferring of their petition to the Court of Aldermen. And a Court is appointed to be held on Wednesday next. And so many of the Company as shall be warned to come and do not appear shall be fined according to former orders.

[Mr Rewe- bond] Mr Rewe [Rue] with Mr Bradley and Mr Cater as his sureties did this day enter into bond to deliver a true account of his Treasurership.

January the 28th 1628 **[1629]**
A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall in London
by these persons following:

Mr Bradley Constable	Mr Monger
Mr Rewe Treasurer	Mr Evans
Mr Manfeild	Mr Bayly
Mr Kenaston	Mr Cater
Mr Rookes	Mr Halford
Mr Dickenson	Mr Kingsland
Mr Blizard	Mr Wilson
Mr Caley	Mr Lewes Marburie Clerk
	Samuel Hill made free

The ordinances made at a Court held the 24th of October last and at an Assembly the 21st of this January were read and confirmed.

[Mr Evans to pay the rest of his account] The Court ordered that Mr Evans to pay the rest upon the foot of his account being £34 4s 7d to Mr Dickenson, being the late Treasurer, and he to pay it over and so much more as he shall find to be in his hands upon the foot of his account to Mr Rewe, new Treasurer, and he is ordered to attend the Mayor and Committees with the Company's petition to be preferred to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen.

The Court pressed Mr Manfeild to pay in £33 6s 8d of the Benefactors' money which was lent to Mr Manley. Mr Mole and Mr Manfeild being his sureties disagree and promise to pay it at Our Lady Day next peremptorily if Mr Mole or Mr Manfeild did not pay it in the meantime.

	[Sheet 51 REV IMG 0722]
[Mr Mole]	The differences between the Company and Mr Mole as well for his rent due until Midsummer last as for Mr Mole's demand of £40 from the Company are respited until Our Lady Day next in hope of Mr Mole's return in the interim.
[Bill in Parliament]	At this Court, the Husband of the Company desired the Company to take into their consideration whether they would proceed with their Bill in Parliament for shipping of cloth or not, the same having passed the Lower House, and the Committees of the Upper House in a former Parliament. And after long debate it was agreed that the said Bill should be preferred with a clause to be inserted therein for reforms of the commodities as the Company should expect might, without impairment or molestation, be by them imported. Wherein Mr Banks, his opinion, was to be taken and Mr Arthur Kenaston, Mr Calcott Chambers, Mr Thomas Kenaston, Mr Rookes, Mr Rewe, Mr Evans, Mr Blizard, Mr Withers, Mr Wynn, Mr Manfeild, Mr Bayley, Mr Cater, Mr Braborne, Mr Lewes, Mr Dickenson and the Husband are desired to prosecute the same and if occasion require, everyone of the Company, upon warning given, are to attend the said Committees and the charges are to be defrayed and disbursed by the Treasurer of the Company for the time being.
[Samuel Hill made free]	Samuel Hill apprentice of Tobias Hill his father and afterwards servant to Mr Bradley was made free at this Court and paid 6s 5d for his Hance to the now Treasurer.
[10s to the Beadle]	Upon the Beadle's petition the Company for some consideration for his pains in making clean the Hall when they sat there, it was hereupon ordered the Treasurer should pay him 10s.
[Mr Evans' demand for £11]	The consideration of Mr Evans' demand of £11 from the Company, which he paid in his own wrong for his freedom being due to him by patrimony as he alleged, was referred to the next Court.
[Mr. King's & Stoughton's apprentices]	Mr King's and Mr Stoughton's apprentices indentures are ordered to be inrolled.
	March the 18th 1628 [**1629**] **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall in London** by these persons following:

Mr James Cambell	Mayor	Mr Offley	
Mr Bradley	Constable	Mr Manfeild	
Mr Rewe [Rue]	Treasurer	Mr Eedes	
Mr Dickenson		Mr King	
Mr Thorold		Mr Halford	
Mr Rookes		Mr Lenthall	
Mr Edwards		Mr Marbury	Clerk
Mr Wythers			

	The Ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.

	[Sheet 52 IMG 0722]
	Mr Evans, Mr Dickenson Mr Rewe Mr Wilson and the Husband or any 3 of them are desired to confer with Mr Moles for the rent arrears for the warehouses in Leadenhall last in the possession of Mr Mole and to certify their answer at the next Court.
	Mr Evans' demand of £11 which he paid for his freedom being a Freeman's son is left to be considered at the next Court when he shall be there in person to desire the same.
	The indenture of Ralf Thorrold apprentice to Mr Richard Braborne was ordered to be inrolled.
	Mr Evans Mr Thomas Kenaston Mr Braborne Mr Bonnell Mr Laughton Mr Pellingall Mr Bayley Mr Stone Mr Lee Mr Ashwell Mr Franklin Mr Walter Mr Wilson Mr Braydon Mr Lewes Mr Chambers Mr Kingsland are by order of the Court fined at 12s apiece for being absent from this Court, the Beadle certifying that they had all of them warning to be there, and they and every of them are to be set down debtors to the Company for the same.
	3 of the committee formerly appointed for the delivering the petition to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen are to attend the Committees about the said petition when they shall be warmed, whereof the Treasurer and Husband are to be 2 of them.
	April the 14th 1629 **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall London** by these persons following:

Mr James Cambell	Mayor	Mr Offley
Mr Bradley	Constable	Mr King
Mr Rewe	Treasurer	Mr Halford
Mr Thomas Kenaston		Mr Cater
Mr Monger		Owen Edwards
Mr Evans		Mr Wilson
		Lewis Marbury

	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.
[Mr Moles' estate]	At this Court the Husband acquainted them that he had been with Mrs Mole for 2s rent for the warehouse lately in her possession and she being then sick will him to signify to them that there were divers debts due by her husband upon specially which must first be satisfied out of her husband's estate as it could be gotten in, and then they should hear further from her hoping that the Company would perform their promise for her husband's pains for them at Hamburg.
	Mr Evans being present at this Court desired the Company to repay to him £11 which he had formerly paid for his admittance into this Company, alleging that he had paid it in his own wrong, being a Freeman's son of the Company, alleging further that he had been treasurer to the Company above 2 years and had taken extraordinary pains about the Company's rents at Westminster and otherwise. Wherein he had spent much time, whereupon he was desired to withdraw himself for a time and they would consider his request. Which being long debated it was at length concluded by a general consent that although they did not hold it fit to repay him his fine in respect he could not by order of the Court challenge his freedom

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	without fine, his father coming in by redemption yet in respect of his great care and pains for the Company, and for that some others had been made free gratis or for a lesser fine which had not deferred so well of the Company, yet they would bestow a piece of plate upon him of 5 marks with the Company's arms to be engraved upon, which being made known to him, he thankfully accepted of the same.
	It is ordained at this Court that Mr Manfeild shall forthwith pay in the £33 6s 8d of the Benefactors' money to the Treasurer to be disposed according to the will of the donor.
	June the 26th 1629 **An Assembly held at Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these persons following:

Mr Mayor	Mr Wilson
Mr Rewe Treasurer	Mr Marbury
Mr Thomas Kenaston	William Allen sworn
Mr John Allen	
Mr Cater	

	The confirmation of the ordinances made at the last Court was respited until a full Court.
	William Allen of Stamford in the County of Lincoln, yeoman, son of John Allen deceased, desired his freedom of this Company by Patrimony, who upon examination of the matter and paying 6s 5d to the Treasurer, was admitted and took his oath thereunto appertaining.
	Mr Manfeild Mr Bradley Mr Thomas Kenaston Mr Thorold Mr Rewe Mr Offley Mr Wilson and the Husband or any 4 of them are appointed to perfect Mr Evans' account and to audit Mr Dickenson's account.
	Mr Manfeild is ordered to pay the £33 6s 8d in his hands of the Benefactors' money to the Treasurer before the next Court.
Staple Court at Westminster	A Court at Westminster[104] is appointed on Tuesday next to meet at the 3 Graves Church and the Clark to have warning.
	August The 28th 1629 **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these persons following:

Mr Mayor	Mr King
Mr Banks	Mr Cater
Mr Rewe Treasurer	Mr Offley
Mr Manfeeld	Mr Stoughton
Mr Braborne	Owen Edwards
Mr Halford	Mr Wilson
	Lewis Marbury

[104] The Staple Court proceedings at Westminster do not appear in this record book.

	[Sheet 53 IMG 0723]
	The ordinances at a Court held the 14th of April and at the Assembly the 26th of June 1629 were read and confirmed.
[Widow Dayson [Dyason], freewoman] [wool seized] [Company charters in the Tower]	Upon complaint to the Company present at this Court that Richard Selby, a fellmonger, has seized a parcel of wool of widow Dayson, a freewoman[105] of the Company upon pretence that her wools were foreign bought and foreign sold, she being not free of the City of London, it is thought fit and orderly that the Husband of the Company shall make diligent search for such charters as the Company have in their custody and in the Tower or elsewhere upon record, and take such copies as shall be necessary and then repair to Mr Banks for his advice and direction therein, and then Mr Mayor will appoint a Court to be called, and in the meantime if any occasion be, will deal with the Lord Mayor if any more of the Company's goods be seized.
	Owen Edwards and Roger Halford, 2 of the brothers of this Company, were suitors for £33 6s 8d of the Benefactors' money formerly lent to Mr Manley and it being put to voices it fell upon Owen Edwards who is to nominate his sureties at the next Court and when more money shall be due then it is ordered that the said Roger Halford shall be preferred before any other.
	December the 9th 1629 **A Court held at Staple Hall within Leadenhall London** by these persons following : Mr Bradley Constable — Mr Wilson Mr Rewe Treasurer — Mr Owen Edwards Mr Thomas Kenaston — Mr Stoughton Mr Manfeeld — Mr Braborne Mr Evans — Mr Halford Mr King — Lewes Marbury
	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.
	Mr Owen Edwards presented his sureties' names for £33 6s 8d lent to him by the Company, : Thomas Manfeeld and Owen Arthur of London, Grocer, which were allowed by this Court, and the Husband appointed to made ready the bond for that purpose.
	At this Court Mr Evans' account was examined and audited, and £34 4s 7d found due to the Company, which was ordered to be forthwith paid to Mr Dickenson his succeeding Treasurer.
	The Treasurer and Husband, Mr Bradley, Mr Wilson, Mr Manfeeld or any 2 of them are to attend Sir John Lemman and to demand of him the rent arrears for his warehouses after the rate of £10 a year, and if he refuse to pay after that rate for the time to come then to give him warning to leave the warehouse at Midsummer next if he will not leave it formerly.
	The Company, entering into examination of the several rents due and payable yearly to the Company, did find that Mr Dickenson had not in his account charged himself with receipt of £5 a year of Mr Wilson for the toll of London Bridge, which he was to enter upon by order..

[105] Widow Dayson: freewoman of the Company - an interesting precedent to the modern debate about admitting women to the Company.

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	..of Court the 23rd day of August 1626 and did thereupon demand like of Mr Wilson, who informed the Court that Mr Mayor had received present thereof of Mr Woodhall, the toll gatherer, and the rest remained in his hands. Whereupon it is ordered that the business concerning the said rent should be respited until Mr Mayor shall be present in Court, and in the meantime Mr Bradley and Mr Rewe are desired to speak to Mr Woodhall and to appoint him to be at the next Court, and then to bring with him such moneys as have been collected by him, and are due to the Company for the said toll.
Company of Upholsterers meeting in Staple Hall	At this Court, the Company was moved to allow the Company of Upholsterers to have liberty to keep their Court in the Staple Hall at convenient times upon reasonable terms, which motion being taken into consideration and the great charge which the Company had lately bestowed upon repairing the said hall, it was ordered that neither they nor any other company or the merchants in question should at any time hereafter have the use of the said hall for the keeping of any Court or otherwise until they have first leave by order of Court, and have agreed with the Company for the same, and the Treasurer is ordered to procure the locks and keys of the 2 utmost doors to be mended and altered.
	Mr Mayor is to be attended by the Constable, Treasurer and Husband to entreat his honour to appoint a time before Christmas for a Court for election of officers and a Court to be warned accordingly.
	The auditing of Mr Dickenson's account is respited until the next Court and in the meantime the Husband is to inform himself what money is to be charged upon Mr Dickenson for the time of his Treasurership.
	The 27th of January 1629 [**1630**] **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall London** by these persons following:

Mr Bradley Constable	Mr Underhill	Mr Wilson
Mr Rewe Treasurer	Mr Bayley	Mr Offley
Mr Thorold	Mr Cater	Mr Edwards
Mr Kenaston	Mr Job Harby	Mr Abell Allen sworn
Mr Monger	Mr Bonell	Lewes Marbury
Mr Evans	Mr Wythers	
Mr Gulson		

	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.
	The Husband is appointed to attend the Lord Mayor to desire his honour to appoint a special Court to treat with the President and the Treasurer of the Hospital about the Company's warehouse and for election of officers and a Court to be warned accordingly.
	It is ordered that the Treasurer shall forthwith provide the City's rent and pay it in and take a discharge for it.

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It is ordered that Mr Evans, Mr Wythers, Mr Monger and Mr Braborne are to be added to the former committees for auditing Mr Dickenson's account and in the meantime Mr Dickenson is content to deliver to the new Treasurer £30 which is acknowledged to remain on the foot of his account.

Mr Abell Allen mad free

Mr Abell Allen of Stamford, baron in the County of Northampton, gentleman, desired the freedom of the Company, his grandfather having been a freeman of the said Company, who having agreed with Mr |Robert Offley for his fine, the Company having granted him the benefit of the fine for one to be made free at his denomination, was admitted paying 6s 5d to the Treasurer and thereupon took his oath thereunto appertaining.

Mr Wythers acquainted the Company that he lately had some speech with some of the chief inhabitants of Westminster concerning the repair of the wharf and the Company's right thereunto, and that they desired to have some conference with some of the Company about the business. Whereof the Court taking consideration did resolve that the fittest time for a conference with them would be at a Court at Westminster which they desired Mr Wythers to signify to them needing.

The 7th of April 1630

A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London

by these persons following:

Mr John Cotton Constable	Mr Cartwright	Mr Edwards
Mr Rewe Treasurer	Mr Offley	Mr King
Mr Bowater	Mr Halford	Mr Manfeeld
Mr Evans	Mr Stoughton	Mr Owen Edwards
Mr Boneel	Mr Wilson	Mr Parker }
Mr Bayley		Mr Henley } made free
Mr Thorold		Mr Cade }
		Lewes Marbury

The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.

It is ordered that a petition be preferred to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen to abate £15 yearly for the rent they now pay. And the Constable, Treasurer, and Mr Thorold, Mr Bowater, Mr Cartwright, Mr Lawley, Mr Evans, the Husband, Mr Monger and Mr Wilson or any 5 of them are to attend the said Court.

Mr Kilvart made free

Mr Kilvart[106] in the County of Worcester, gentleman, desired the freedom of the Company desired the freedom of the Company who, in respect that he affirmed that his father was free of the Company and offered to submit himself to such fine as the Company had lately taken of others, was upon payment of £10 for a fine and 6s 5d for his Hance admitted and took his oath accordingly, promising to give the Company then present a supper for their love in admitting him.

[John Parker, George Henley, Andrew Cade made free]

Mr John Parker, Mr George Henley and Mr Andrew Cade of London, merchants, became suitors to this Court to be admitted into the freedom of this Company promising to show themselves thankful to the Company in some measure for their love in admitting them.

Mr Mercer preferred his petition to this Court for some relief and assistance in a suit commenced by him for recovery of a tenement upon...

[106] The name Kilvart / Kilvert is probably a variation of Calvert.

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	the wharf but in respect of Mr Wythers' absence his suit was respited until the next Court at Westminster.
[William Cox, Draper, made free]	Mr William Cox of London, Draper, desired the freedom of this Company and offered to submit himself to pay such fine as the Company should impose, in respect of many testimonies of his love to the Company in Parliament and before the Commissioners for trade and other avails he was admitted gratis paying only 6s 5d for his Hance and took his oath thereunto appertaining.
	The agreement made with Bayley Carleton, the Company's tenant, for the use of the out rooms adjoining to the Hall until the 24th of November 1630 paying £5 for the same to the Treasurer of the Company, was certified at this Court and was approved of and allowed by the same.
[Beadle, Phillipp Bowton]	Phillipp Bowton, Beadle of the Company, preferred his petition for some relief, which the Company used to give their Beadle at Christmas, which was omitted, whereof the Company, taking consideration and of his willingness to do the Company service, did order the Treasurer of the Company to give to him 15s to be allowed upon his account.
John Best made free	Mr John Best, late tenant to Mr Thomas Manfeeld, desiring the freedom of this Company by service was upon payment of 6s 5d to the Treasurer admitted and took his oath thereunto appertaining.
	June 30th 1630 **A Court held at the house of the Right Honourable James Cambell Lord Mayor of London for election of officers**

The Right Honourable James Cambell	Mayor	Mr Cartwright
Mr Bradley	Constable	Mr Wythers
Mr Arthur Kenaston		Mr Boneel
Mr Braborne		Mr Henley
Mr Evans		Mr Cade
Mr Dickenson		Mr Cater
Mr Manfeeld		Mr Halford
Mr Davyd Edwards		Mr Wilson
		Lewes Marbury

	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.
	The Company's certificate and answers to Mr Attorney General concerning a petition preferred to the King for a licence to buy and sell wools in some counties within the Kingdom was read and ordered to be entered into the Court book.

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A petition to be delivered to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen for abatement of £15 per annum.	Also a draft of a petition to be preferred to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen in behalf of the Company in abatement of £15 per annum rent or for accepting a surrender of the Company's lease was read and ordered to be presented by the Husband and Mr Braborne, Mr Evans, Mr Manfeeld, Mr Cater and Mr Wilson are desired to go with the Husband to deliver the same.
Mr Wethers desire of abatement of rent respited.	Mr Wethers, the Company's tenant of their land at Westminster was suitor to the Company at this Court for some abatement of rent or to accept a surrender of his lease. Whereof the Court, taking consideration, it was resolved to defer the Company's resolution therein until the next Court after the Court at Westminster which is appointed to be held on Wednesday the 7th day of July, and the Company are desired to meet at Leadenhall and to go from there and the Beadle to give warning to the Clerk of the Staple at Westminster to attend and to see the Hall made ready.
Mr Parker, Mr Henley & Mr Cade gave 6 silver bowls to the Company for admitting them.	Mr Parker, Mr Henley and Mr Cade presented to the Company at Leaden Hall before their going to the Lord Mayor's house 6 silver bowls, in acknowledgement of their thankfulness to the Company for their love in admitting them into their society, which were kindly accepted and ordered to be locked in the chest with the rest of the Company's plate. And the Company's linen being one fair damask tablecloth with a towel and 2 dozen napkins are appointed to be delivered forth of the chest to the Treasurer to get them well washed then to be put up into the chest again.
Mr Holland and Mr Braborne chosen Constables Mr Hawkins Treasurer	The Court proceeding to election of 2 Constables and one treasurer to serve for the year ensuing to begin at Michaelmas next, Mr Holland Mr Chamber Mr Gulson and Mr Braborne were nominated for Constables and Mr Hawkins Mr Langton Mr Underhill and Mr David Edwards were nominated for Treasurer. Whereof Mr Holland and Mr Braborne were elected and chosen Constables and Mr Braborne being present took his oath accordingly. And Mr Hawkins was elected and chosen treasurer and notice to be given him by letter or otherwise.
The Benefactors' money to be made up	The Husband acquainted the Company at this Court that a great part of the Benefactors' money had been long since spent and therefore desired the Company that some speedy course must be taken for raising the same, either by fines for admitting men to be made free by redemption or otherwise alleging that diverse of the Company which were traders in wool did oppose the making free of men by redemption which were both of honesty and sufficiency which was not only a hindrance for the present but might also prove prejudicial to the Company hereafter if complaints should thereof be made in Parliament or the Lords of the Council. Whereafter after long debate on both sides it was ordered that such money as should be found due to the Company upon the foot of the Treasurer's accounts for the time being should be employed towards the making up of the benefactors money and that no person should be admitted into the freedom of the Company by redemption for less fine than £10 and every such admittance to be at a full Court and not otherwise.

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	It is ordered that Mr Tonge of Boston paying the residue of his fine of 20 marks being £10 before All Hallowtide next should have his lease of the Company's house at Boston for 21 years in reversion after the expiration of Butler's lease and a letter is to be written to William Bonner the Company's tenant to give him warning to repair the said tenement and in default of so doing to give him notice that his bond shall be put in suit the next term.
A Brief of the right and interest the Merchants of the Staple have to buy and sell wools.	**A brief of the right and interest which the Merchants of the Staple of England have for buying and selling all sorts of Wools in all places within the realm of England and the Dominion of Wales together with their opinion and desire concerning a petition lately preferred to his Majesty for a licence to be granted by his Majesty to some others to buy and sell Wools within certain counties in this Kingdom as was heretofore granted to Sir Edward Hobby, Knight, deceased.** **They** omit for brevity's sake the antiquities of the Merchants of the Staple of England and their ancient liberties, privileges and immunities heretofore granted to the said Company by several charters from his Majesty's progenitors and confirmed by sundry Acts of Parliament **They** say that our late Sovereign Lord King James of famous memory, by his Letters Patent under the Great Seal of England bearing date the 29th day of March in the 15th year of his Majesty's reign, finding it to be profitable for the common wealth that the merchandizes of wools should be reduced and established under the rule and government of the Mayor, Constables and Society of the Merchants of the Staple of England, did by advise of Council and give grant and confirm to the said Company and their successors full free and absolute power, licence liberty and authority for them by themselves and every of them and by their apprentices, servants and ministers from time to time for ever without impediment, molestation, interruption or suit of his said Majesty, his heirs or successors, officers, ministers or other subjects or liege people of his late Majesty his heirs or successors freely and lawfully to buy and sell Wools of all sorts and of what kind, nature or commission so ever and in all cities, boroughs, villages and other places whatsoever within the realm of England and Dominion of Wales, the Statutes and Acts of Parliament the 14th of Edward the 4th and in the 5th or 6th years of King Edward the Seventh or any other Statute, ordinance, provision, restraint or Parliament to the contrary notwithstanding.

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[Brief continued]

Therefore they conceive there is no necessity of granting of any licence to any other persons for buying and selling of Wools within the Kingdom, the Company of Merchants of the Staple being many and increasing daily.

Secondly they doubt it will be a means to give countenance and authority to Broggers now freely and boldly to use deceits and frauds in buying and selling of Wools whereof the wool growers and clothiers do daily complain.

But if it shall seem fitting to his Majesty to grant any licence the said Company do humbly pray it may not extend to any other counties than such as are named in the grant to Sir Edward Hobby and that in every grant or licence there may be a promise that nothing therein shall be to the prejudice of the Mayor, Constables and Society of the Merchants of the Staple of England and they humbly submit themselves to his Majesty's pleasure therein.

The 15th of December 1630

An Assembly held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall London

Mr Richard Braborne	Constable	Mr David Edwards
Mr John Cotton		Mr Cartwright
Mr Thomas Kenaston		Mr Bradley
Mr John Holland		Mr Wilson
		Lewis Marbury

The ordinances made the last Court were respited until the Court which is appointed to be held on Friday next in the afternoon.

Mr Holland sworn Constable

Mr John Holland being elected Constable at the last Court when he was absent did at this Assembly take his oath appertaining to his said office.

The Beadle of the ward being sent for to come to this assembly was made acquainted with an order of this Company prohibiting the Quest or any others whatsoever to have any use of the Hall until they had first agreed with the Company for the same and he was desired to acquaint the Alderman's deputy therewith and to desire him to be at the next Court which he said should be done.

The 17th day of December 1630

A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London

Sir James Cambell	Mayor	Mr Dickenson
Mr Braborne	Constable	Mr Francklaine
Mr Hawkins	Treasurer	Mr Cater
Mr Thomas Kenaston		Mr King
Mr Bowater		Mr Henthall
Mr Gulson		Mr Stoughton
Mr Monger		Mr Halford
Mr Evans		Mr Parker
Mr John Cotton		Mr Henley
Mr David Edwards		Mr Cade
Mr Cox		Lewes Marbury

The ordinances made at a Court the 30th of June and an assembly last were read and confirmed.

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Certain of the Company appointed to attend the committees for lettings of the City lands.	The order of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen made the 8th day of July 1630 upon the Company's petition exhibited to them for abatement of £15 rent a year or to accept a surrender of the Company's lease was read and Mr Braborne, Mr Evans, Mr David Edwards, Mr Cartwright, Mr Manfeeld and Mr Wilson are desired to go with the Husband to attend the Committees for lettings of the City's lands at their next meeting
Mr John Hawkins sworn Treasurer	Mr John Hawkins being elected Treasurer at the last Court when he was absent did at this Court take his oath appertaining to his said office.
The Wardmotes[107] in Quest to pay a Buck yearly or 20s in lieu thereof for the use of the Company's hall.	The Alderman's deputy and some others of Limestreet Ward, London, being present at this Court were made acquainted with an order of this Court made the 9th day of December 1629 whereby it was ordered that the said Wardmotes in Quest should not have the use of the Company's hall until they had first agreed with the Company for the same lest by long use thereof they should claim it as a right due to them. Whereupon the said deputy alleged that the Ward had been at great charges to build a chimney in the said hall and a kitchen thereunto adjoining upon doing whereof the Company promised heretofore that they should have the use of the said hall to keep their Wardmotes in Quest every Christmas during the Company's pleasure and therefore desired that they might enjoy it as formerly they had done. But the Company told them they now resolved to have some small rent or other gratuity from the said Ward yearly by way of acknowledgement of the Company's right and being inclined to show them favour in respect of their former charges and because Mr Mayor is Alderman of the said Ward did demand only a Buck to be given to the Company yearly in July upon a fortnight's warning or 20s in money in lieu thereof. Whereunto the said Alderman's deputy replied that he would not of himself make any promise touching the said Company's demand but desired that they might have the use of the said hall this Christmas and then he would acquaint the Wardmotes in Quest with the Company's said order and return their answer and resolution therein, which desire of his was granted by the full consent of this Court.
Mr Wythers to have a new lease of the Company's tenements at Westminster at £50 per annum.	Mr Wythers the Company's tenant of their house at Westminster was again a suitor to the Company at this Court for abatement of £5 per annum of his rent or to accept a surrender of his lease allowing him such charges as he had been at in suits of law or otherwise. Which request of his being taken into consideration the Company after long debate did offer to abate him £5 per annum of his rent for that he would be tied by covenant to now build the said house within 7 years next ensuing but he desired the Company to be pleased to leave him at liberty to build when he should see cause so to do. Whereupon the Company inclining to show him favour ..

[107] A Wardmote was a meeting of the inhabitants of a Ward.

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[Mr Wythers at Westminster contd]	did grant his request and ordered that upon surrender of his former lease that he should have a new lease made to him for that time to come in the former lease at £50 per annum with such covenants as are in the former lease.
The auditor of Mr Dickenson's account are to audit the same the first Thursday after Christmas. [Previous Treasurer Nicholas Rue deceased]	The auditors formerly appointed to audit Mr Dickenson's account are to be warned to meet at the Hall the first Thursday after Christmas next for auditing the same and in the meantime Mr Dickenson is ordered by his own consent to give a perfect note of his records for rents and arrearages which he received for the tenements at Westminster during his Treasurership, namely how much he received for arrearages and how much for rent and of whom and when, that a perfect charge may be made by the Husband and given to the executor of Nicholas Rewe, deceased, late Treasurer to the said Company.
Complaints made against the merchant adventurers and the French Company for prohibiting the Staplers to ship cloth not paying their impositions.	At this Court some of the Company made complaint that the merchants of the French Company[108] would not permit them to ship their goods unless they would pay such impositions as they had agreed and tied themselves to pay notwithstanding that the Merchants of the Staple of England ought by their charters to trade freely into France without interruption of any company whatsoever, their former privileges being confirmed to them in as large and ample manner as they essayed the same when they were resident at Calais. Upon which complaint it was ordered that Mr Lawley, Mr Bowater, Mr Monger, Mr Evans, Mr Franklayn, Mr Henley, Mr Harker, Mr Cade and the Husband or any 4 of them should go to Mr Banks for his advice what course is fittest to be taken for redress of the wrong done to this Company and maintenance of their right to trade freely into France without paying of any impositions to the French Company. And such course as Mr Banks should think fittest to be taken should be pursued and followed by the Husband and the persons before named or any 4 of them, the charges whereof to be disbursed and paid from time to time by the Treasurer of the Company.
The Treasurer ordered to pay 15s to the Beadle against Christmas besides his salary	The Beadle of this Company exhibited his petition at this Court for some relief in respect of his late sickness and poverty and for some recompense for moneys laid out by him, being 20d or thereabouts, whereupon the Company taking commiseration of him did order the Treasurer of the Company should pay to him 15s besides his salary due at Christmas next.

[108] The French Company: a London based company incorporated 1611.

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The 17th day of February 1630 [**1631**]
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall London

The Worshipful Sir James Cambell Mayor	Mr Cartwright
Mr Braborne Constable	Mr Manfeeld
Mr Hawkins Treasurer	Mr Henley
Mr Thomas Kenaston	Mr Cade
Mr Monger	Mr Stoughton
Mr Bowater	Mr King
Mr Underhill	Mr Wilson
Mr Wythers	Lewis Marbury [Clerk]
Mr Francklain	Henry Braborne sworn
Mr Evans	Thomas Hopkins sworn
Mr Bayley	

Mr Wythers to purchase the inheritance of the tenement of Mr Wilson to the Company's use and to have a lease for 60 years.

The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed, saving that the payment concerning the charges to be disbursed by the Treasurer for prosecuting the Company's suit at the Council table is respited until it shall approve what the said charge will amount to. Also the sealing of Mr Wythers' lease is stayed until he shall procure the inheritance of a tenement which he agreed to purchase of Mr Rowland Wilson to be assured by him to the Company, and then Mr Wythers is to have a lease of the same with the rest of the Company's lands at Westminster for 60 years at £50 per annum, the charges of which assurance of the said tenement is to be paid by the Treasurer of this Company and Mr Banks his advice to be taken in passing the same.

Mr Henry Braborne, Mr Thomas Hopkins sworn

Mr Henry Braborne of London, Fishmonger[109], and Thomas Hopkins of London, Girdler[110], came to this Court and desired to be admitted into the freedom of this Society, submitting themselves to pay such fine as the Company should be pleased to impose upon them, whereupon there being no exceptions taken against them it was put to hands whether they should pay £20 or £10 apiece for their fine, and upon trial it was found that the greater number agreed upon the fine of £10 which they severally paid together with 6s 5d apiece for their Hances to the Treasurer of this Company and thereupon were admitted and took their several oaths thereunto appertaining.

Mr William Lindley ordered to be made free

The Husband acquainted the Company at this Court that Mr William Lindley, a merchant of Hull, desired the freedom of this Company but being absent the Court was moved that upon payment of the like fine and Hance he might be admitted at the next Court or Assembly of this Company which was ordered accordingly.

It is ordered that the auditors appointed to audit Mr Dickenson's account shall be warned to meet at the Staple Hall on Monday morning next to audit the same and Mr Dickenson in the meantime is to perfect his account both for charge and discharge according to a former order of this Court.

[109] The Fishmongers' Company was first incorporated by Royal Charter by Edward I in 1272. www.fishmongers.org.uk
[110] The Girdlers Company, (the making of girdles (belts)), received its Letters Patent from Edward III in 1327. www.girdlers.co.uk

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The Treasurer to pay Mr Banks £10 he being Reader of Gray's Inn	The Company being made acquainted that John Banks[111] Esq, the Prince his attorney, is chosen Reader of Gray's Inn[112] for this Lent and that he has always showed himself forward and ready for the good of this Company. Notwithstanding he remitted his fee for diverse past [services] whereupon the Company did order that the Constable, Treasurer, Husband and Mr Withers should in the Company's name present to him 10 pieces in gold in testimony of their love towards him.
Mr Meuse to pay 3s a week for the rooms belonging to the Hall. Mr Flyer to pay 3s a week for the warehouse at the South end of the Hall.	Mr Wilson informed this Court that one Mr Meuse had agreed to take the out rooms belonging to the Hall and to pay 3s a week for the same at which rate the Company did agree he should have them during the Company's pleasure. And also that Mr Flyer had agreed to pay 3s a week for the uppermost room of the Company's warehouse at the South end of Leaden Hall from Friday before Michaelmas Day last during the Company's pleasure, whereto the Company agreed.
Thomas Purslow his demand of £10 respited.	The Treasurer moved this Court on behalf of Thomas Pursloe, a brother of this Company, to have £10 repaid to him which he had paid to one of the Treasurers of this Company for a fine for a warehouse sometime in the possession of Mr Hungate which ought to be paid to him according to an order of this Court in that behalf made, and that the rather[113] for that Mr Purslow never enjoyed the said warehouse at all. Whereupon the Court resolved upon perusal of the Treasurers accounts and of the said order to deliver the resolution touching the same at the next Court.
	The 23rd day of February 1630 **[1631]** **An Assembly held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** Mr Richard Braborne Constable — Mr Wythers Mr James Monger — Mr Henley Mr Adrian Evans — Mr Cade Mr Manfeeld — Lewes Marbury Mr Dickenson — William Lindley sworn
	The ordinances made at the last Court are ordered to be respited until the next Court.
Mr William Lyndley made free.	Mr William Lyndley, a merchant of Hull, according to a former order of this Court desired to be admitted into the freedom of this Company promising to pay to the Husband of this Company £10 6s 5d for his fine and Hance to the use of the Company, with the Husband's undertaking should be paid he was admitted and took his oath thereunto appertaining.
	Mr Braborne, Mr Withers and the Husband made it known at the Assembly that Mr Banks did thankfully accept the £10 which the Company sent to him. And he did advise that the tenement which Mr Wythers had agreed to purchase of Mr Wilson should be taken in certain feoffees'[114] names free of the Company which are to be nominated forthwith or also the Company's feoffee would lose the quarter's rent due at Our Lady Day next whereupon Mr Richard Braborne, Mr John ..

[111] Sir John Bankes (1589-1644). The attorney for the Staplers since at least 1619. Attorney General to Prince Charles 1630-34; Attorney General 1634-41; Speaker House of Lords 1641. Ref: *History of Parliament: the House of Commons 1604-1629, ed. Andrew Thrush and John P. Ferris 2010 Cambridge University Press.*
http://www.histparl.ac.uk/volume/1604-1629/member/bankes-john-1589-1644

[112] Gray's Inn: one of the four Inns of Court for barristers and judges; 8 South Square, Holborn.

[113] 'the rather' - archaic for 'the more readily'

[114] Feoffee: a trustee who holds an estate for a beneficial owner.

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	Bowater, Mr James Monger, Mr Adrian Evans, Mr Robert Dickenson, Mr John Cotton, Mr David Edwards, Mr Timothy Cartwright, Mr William Bayley, Mr John Parker, Mr George Henley, Mr Andrew Cade, Mr Andrew Cater, Mr John King, Mr Israel Stoughton, Mr Owen Edwards, Mr Roger Halford, Mr Henry Braborne, Mr John Best and Mr Robert Wilson are appointed feoffees.
Mr Cater to nominate another surety in Mr Rewe's room [stead]	Mr Andrew Cater is ordered to nominate another surety instead of Mr Rewe for the Benefactors' money in his hands, otherwise he is to pay in the same to the Treasurer for the Company's use.
Mr Dickenson's account audited	Mr Richard Braborne, Mr James Monger, Mr Adrian Evans, Mr John Withers and Mr Manfeeld did this day meet at Leaden Hall for auditing of Mr Dickenson's account and they together with the Husband and some others of the Company did agree upon the said account, save only for the sum of £5 6s 8d demanded by Mr Dickenson for his pains of his Treasurership and 17s 11d for a piece of plate which the Company appointed to be given to Mr Evans of the value of £3 6s 8d, which sums are respited but the Husband is to write out the rest of the account by way of creditor and debtor against the next Court.
	The 4th of March 1630 [**1631]** **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London**

The Worshipful Sir James Cambell	Mayor	Mr Lenthall
Mr Richard Braborne	Constable	Mr Grace
Mr Thorold		Mr Bayley
Mr Kenaston		Mr Parker
Mr Bowater		Mr Henley
Mr Monger		Mr Franklain
Mr Evans		Mr Halford
Mr Dickenson		Lewes Marbury
Mr Underhill		

	The ordinances made at the Court the 17th of February last and at the Assembly the 23rd of the same month were read and confirmed.
Mr Dickenson's demand for his pains during his Treasurership disallowed.	The Husband acquainted the Company at this Court that Mr Dickenson, late Treasurer to the Company, demanded £5 6s 8d for his pains during his Treasurership being 2 years, whereupon the Court taking the same into their consideration it was put to hands whether the said sum should be allowed to him or not, and upon trial thereof the said some and every part thereof was disallowed and the auditors of his account were desired to perfect the said account against the next Court.
	Mr Braborne, Mr Bowater, Mr Monger, Mr Evans, Mr Job Harby, Mr Henley, Mr Parker, Mr Cade, Mr Bayly, Mr Grace, Mr Underhill, Mr Franklain, Mr Lenthall and the Husband or any 5 of them are appointed to meet on Monday next to agree upon a reply to be drawn in writing to the answer of the

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£30 to be delivered to the Husband to follow the Company's business against the Merchant Adventurers.	Merchants Adventurers and concerning the Company's petition against the French Company, the charges of which suit being propounded to be borne by the Company. Mr Mayor desired in respect he was Governor of the French Company that he might spared to treat thereof, there being a full Court without him and Mr Braborne one of the Constables being present. Whereupon the Court was content that Mr Mayor should be spared therein as he desired and the Company in his absence debated of the matter at large and finding Mr Braborne very unwilling that if the charge of the said suit should amount to above £20 that the same should be born out of the Company's stock, did all with a general consent desire Mr Constable that it might be put to hands whether the said Company's suit would be beneficial to the Company or not, but he absolutely refused so to do, acknowledging he thought it was for this Company's good. Afterwards the Company desired it might be put to hands whether the charge of the suit should be born out of the stock of the Company which he also refused to do, alleging also that a great part of the Benefactors' money was spent and until that was made up he would not put it to hands for above £20 to be disbursed in that suit out of the Company's stock, yet in conclusion it being made apparent to him that the best way to make up the Benefactors' money would be to maintain and discern the privileges of the Company and to admit of Redemptioners by fine which would desire to be admitted, in hope of reducing the Company's right to shipping of cloth into Germany and the Low Countries, he did put it to hands whether £30 or £20 should be allowed by the Company towards that suit, to be taken out of the fines of Mr Hopkins, Mr Lindley and the next Redemptioner being a merchant, and upon trial thereof £30 was agreed to be delivered to the Husband and an account to be given by him how the same is laid forth and by whom.
Mr Hungate is ordered to appear at the next Court to clear himself of Mr Purslow's demand.	A letter from Mr Purslow was read at this Court concerning £10 which he had long since paid for a fine of some of the Company's warehouses at Leaden Hall, which was detained from him by Mr Hungate. And it appearing by Mr Colthurst's account and by an acquittance that Mr Purslow did pay the said £10 to him the 20th of May 1618, it is ordered that Mr Hungate shall be warned to be at the next Court to make it appear that he paid £10 for his fine for the said warehouse and to whom and that he paid his rent of £10 per annum during the time he held the same.

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The 14th day of March 1630 [**1631**]
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London

Mr John Holland Constable	Mr Bayley
Mr Gulson	Mr Franklayn
Mr Thomas Kenaston	Mr Bradley
Mr Bowater	Mr Bradley
Mr Monger	Mr Parker
Mr Evans	Mr Cade
Mr Dickenson	Mr Halford
Mr Underhill	Lewes Marbury
Mr Cartwright	

The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.

Mr Hungate, being summoned to appear this Court about the warehouse let to Mr Purslow, made default and is to appear the next Court or pay 40s.

Mr Robert Hungate, being warned by writing to be at this Court to make it appear when he entered on the Company's warehouse heretofore granted to Mr Thomas Purslow and whether he paid his fine of £10 to the use of the Company at his admission and to whom and whether he paid his rent for the same during the time he held the same or not, did notwithstanding make default, whereupon it is ordered that Mr Hungate shall be warned again to be at this Court upon payment of 40s to be imposed on him for a fine if he shall not appear accordingly.

Mr Lewes' sureties to produce his account.

It is ordered that Mr Lewes' sureties shall produce his account of his Treasurership at the next Court or bring it to the Husband in the meantime.

The Company's petition against the Merchants Adventurers with their answers and reply to be entered in the Court Book.

The order and laws procured from the Lords of the Council on behalf of the Merchant Adventurers and the French Company and the Company's petitions with the Merchant Adventurers which the Merchant Adventurers answered thereunto in writing and this Company's reply thereunto were read at this Court and were ordered to be entered into the Court Book with the proceedings upon the same.

Mr Wythers his lease to be ready against the next Court to be read.

The writings concerning Mr Withers leases and the Company's assurance from Mr Rowland Wilson of the tenement adjoining to the Company's wharf at the Wool Staple at Westminster are to be made ready to be read at the next Court, that order may be given for ingrossing the same to be sealed before Our Lady Day next.

The Company was moved to proceed to the election of a Lieutenant at this Court, in Mr Mole's place, it being alleged that the Company's business against the Merchant Adventurers and the French Company required the same and the rather [more readily]for that Mr Mayor being Governor of the French Company and Mr John Holland...

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one of the Constables was a Merchant Adventurer and therefore desired to be spared in prosecution of the Company's suit. Whereupon it was put to hands whether the Company should proceed to election or to defer it until the next Court to the end the Mayor may be present at the election if he pleased. And upon trial the election was deferred until the next Court which was appointed to be on Wednesday next. And a fine of 20s to be imposed upon every brother of the Company which shall not appear, being warned so to do.

The 16th Day of March 1630 **[1631]**
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London

Mr John Holland }	Mr Wythers
Mr Richard Braborne } Constable	Mr Francklayn
Mr Kenaston	Mr Bradley
Mr Thorold	Mr Cox
Mr Gulson	Mr Parker
Mr Manfeeld	Mr Bayley
Mr Bowater	Mr Cade
Mr Monger	Mr Cater
Mr Evans	Mr Halford
Mr Dickenson	Mr Stoughton
Mr Edwards	Lewes Marbery
Mr Cartwright	

The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.

Mr Dickenson's account, late Treasurer to the Company, being audited and perfected was at this Court allowed and confirmed and it is ordered that the £21 18s 2d due to the Company upon the foot of his account shall be forthwith paid to Mr Hawkins the now Treasurer, Mr Rewe the last preceding Treasurer being dead.

Mr Evans, Mr Gulson, Mr Dickenson, Mr Withers, Mr David Edwards, Mr Bradley, Mr Cade and Mr Hawkins or any 4 of them are to audit Mr Rewe's account and are desired to meet on Friday next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at Staple Hall for doing thereof. And also to read and perfect the Company's Assurance of a tenement at Westminster to be made by Mr Rowland Wilson. And also 2 several leases to be made to Mr Withers of the said tenement and the rest of the Company's lands at Westminster whereby the same may be ingrossed and sealed at the next Court which is ordered to be warned on Wednesday next in the afternoon.

It is ordered that Mr Cater shall at the next Court nominate another surety in Mr Rewe's place.

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40s formerly imposed upon Mr Hungate is confirmed for not appearing and he is made debtor to the Company for the same.	The Company deferred to give their resolution at this Court concerning Mr Purslow's demand of £10 in regard Mr Robert Hungate was not present to give the Court satisfaction in that business, although he had been warned to appear at this Court and the former Court, whereupon the fine of 40s being imposed upon him is at this Court confirmed and Mr Hungate is made debtor for the same to the Company.
Mr James Monger chosen Lieutenant.	The Company proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant in Mr Mole's place, Mr John Bowater, Mr James Monger, Mr Adrian Evans, Mr Robert Hungate and Mr Henry Bradley were nominated and put in election, and Mr James Monger was elected to the place of Lieutenant to the Company until Michaelmas next, and being present took his oath thereunto appertaining.
	At Hampton Court the 10th of October 1630 Present:
The Merchant Adventurers order from the Council Board.	*The Governor and Fellowship of Merchant Adventurers, having lately made their complaint to the Board by petition of the 9th of September last, entered in the Council Book, of certain arrests made in diverse places of the United Provinces upon English cloth upon question arising concerning the manner and course of trading as in the petition is more at large expressed, alleging further that for remedy hereof and for the better sale of the cloth of this realm the said Merchant Adventurers have been lately invited by the magistrates of the town of Embden in Friesland to settle their Staple there. And accordingly resolved to send some ships there to treat and agree with the said magistrates touching convenient privileges for their commerce in that place in case they should receive therein consent and approbation of the State for which they were become humble suitors to the Board. Their Lordships well weighing how much it imports the service of his Majesty and good of the realm and to give all justice comfort and encouragement to the said Company did well approve of their intended course for their trade and residence at the town of Embden as aforesaid, and did further think fit and order that all persons as well Merchant Adventurers*

Lord Keeper[115]	Earl Dorset	Lord Viscount Falkland[116]
Lord Treasurer[117]	Earl Carlisle	Master Treasurer
Lord Privy Seal[118]	Earl Holland	Master Vice Chamberlain[119]
Earl Marshal[120]	Lord Viscount Monteith[121]	Master Secretary Cook
Lord Chamberlain[122]	Lord Viscount Dorchester[123]	
	Lord Viscount Grandison [124]	

[115] Baron Thomas Coventry, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal.
[116] Sir Henry Cary Privy Councillor.
[117] Richard Weston 1st Earl of Portland.
[118] Henry Montagu, Early of Manchester.
[119] Sir Thomas Jermyn.
[120] Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel.
[121] Lord Justice General, Lord President of the Court of Session, Privy Councillor.
[122] Philip Herbert, 4th Earl of Pembroke and 1st Earl of Montgomery.
[123] Dudley Carleton, Secretary of State.
[124] Oliver St John, Lord Deputy of Ireland.

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as others trading into the parts of Germany and the Low Countries be strictly prohibited and restrained from transporting any Broadcloth, whether whites or colours as also any kersies or baize to any town or place within Germany or the Low Countries other than where the said Merchant Adventurers shall have their residence and Staple as they and every of them will answer the contrary at their perils, whereof the Lord Treasurer is prayed and required to take knowledge and give such further direction to the officers of the several ports for the furthering of the execution of the said order as he shall think requisite.

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The Lord Treasurer

After my hearty commendations whereas the Lords of his Majesty's Privy Council have, by their order of the 10th of this present month of October, given strict charge that no Broadcloths whether whites of colours as also that no kersies nor baizes shall be transported into any town or place within Germany or the Low Countries other than where the Company of Merchant Adventurers shall have their residence and Staple. By which order also the care is committed to me to give directions to the officers of the several ports for the effectual execution of the same as by the copy of the same order which you shall receive herewith may approve, these are therefore to will and require you that all such Broadcloth kersies and baizes as shall be from time to time passed in the port for any part of Germany or the Low Countries (other than such only as shall have the seal of the said Company to their entry you take bond of the several proprietors to his Majesty's use in a good some according as the value of the goods entered shall require that they shall within 6 months after the lading thereof return to you due certificate of the lading and discharging of the same in one of the places where the said Company of Merchant Adventurers hold their residence and Staple for the time being unless by casualties of the seas or other misfortune the goods cannot be landed. And such certificate to be under the seal of the said Company residing in such Staple town respectively subscribed by the deputy or other public officer of the said Company there residing. And lest such cloths, kersies or baizes shall be tolerably entered for some other parts and yet conveyed into Germany and the Low Countries, you shall for all Broadcloth, kersies and baizes entered in your ports for other places, not being of Germany or the Low Countries, take like bonds as aforesaid to bring your authentic certificates within the like term of 6 months of the real discharge thereof at such places as they are designed unto by the entries and cocket appertaining only the case of like casualties as is before mentioned upon return of which said certificate in manner aforesaid you are to deliver up the bonds to the several parties otherwise you are to keep the bonds until you receive further order touching the same. And hereof you are not to fail as you will answer the contrary at your peril.

Rohampton this 21 October 1630 *Your Loving Friend R Weston*

To my loving friends the Farmers[125] *and officers of his Majesty's Customs in the Port of London*

[125] The 'farmers' of customs arranged the collection of customs taxes in return for an annual rent.

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The Lord Treasurer's letter on the behalf of the French Company	*After my heart commendations whereas I am given to understand that the Governor and Company of Merchants trading for France are greatly prejudiced in their trade by a confusion of entries permitted in the Custom House contrary to their Charter and the particular restraints of former Lord Treasurers who have given special directions that no entry should be taken of any person for goods for France but such as are free of their Company. I likewise being willing to encourage them in all things reasonable and fit and particularly in this that concerns the observance of his Majesty's Charter do also require you that henceforth you forbear to take any bills of entry of any parties for goods or merchandises either exported for France or imported from there but of such only as are free of that Society and shall have their Treasurer's hand or the sign of their Company to testify the same. So fare ye well.* *Wallingford House* *Your loving friend* *16 October 1629* *R Weston* *To my very loving friends the officers of his Majesty's Customs in the port of London and members thereof.*
The Company's petition to the Lords of the Council against the letters of restraint granted to the Merchant Adventurers and the French Company.	**To the Right Honourable the Lords and others of his Majesty's Honourable Privy Council** *The humble petition of John Bowater, James Monger, Adrian Evans, George Henley, John Parker, James Franklain, Andrew Cade and William Bayley, Merchants of the Staple of England on behalf of themselves and the rest of the said Company.* ***Showing*** *that the Merchants of the Staple of England have been and are the most ancient company of merchants of this realm for exportation of woollen cloth and all other Staple commodities of this Kingdom by authority and force of a charter from our late Sovereign Lord King James of famous memory and by divers other charters of his Majesty's progenitors,* *Notwithstanding the Company of Merchant Adventurers by means of some Charters granted to them have endeavoured to appropriate to themselves the sole exportation not only of white cloth but also of coloured cloth and the manufactures of this Kingdom and to that purpose have heretofore procured several letters of restraint from the Lords of the Council to the farmers of the Custom House to prohibit all other merchants entries for exportation of cloth and other manufactures into Germany and the Low Countries*

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[Merchant staplers letter to the Lords of the Council continued]	***That*** *upon the said letters of restraint great prejudice has and will ensue to his Majesty and his subjects with the wisdom of this State foreseeing did in the 22nd year of the reign of King James make an Act of State grounded upon the complaint of the Commons House of Parliament. And a report of his late Majesty's Commissioners for Trade that all Merchants of the Staple should freely trade in Coloured cloths, kersies, baize, serges and all other manufactures of this Kingdom whatever and when they would.* ***Notwithstanding*** *the Company of Merchant Adventurers procured an order from your Lordships of the 10th of October last that as well they as all other merchants should be restrained from transporting of any broadcloths, either whites or colours, or any kersies & baizes to any town or place within Germany or the Low Countries other than where the Merchant Adventurers have their residence. And the French Company have procured a letter of restraint to prohibit the entry of all merchants' goods not free of their Company to be exported for France or be imported from thence by means whereof the Merchants of the Staple are barred from all trade in those parts to the damage of them and the prejudice of his Majesty and many of his loyal subjects as well clothiers as others.* ***Your*** *petitioners for remedy thereof do humbly pray that if it be your Lordships' pleasure that coloured cloths, Kersies and other manufactures shall not be exported into any parts of Germany or the Low Countries but where the Merchant Adventurers have their residence that then the same may be committed to the government of the Merchants of the Staple. And to the end that both they and the Merchant Adventurers may at their pleasures freely trade both in white and coloured cloths under government they humbly desire that every Merchant of the Staple (being a mere merchant) may, according to a statute in the reign of King Henry the 7th, upon payment of 20 Nobles be admitted into the freedom of the Merchant Adventurers. And that so many of the Merchant Adventurers as shall desired by virtue of the freedom of the Merchants of the Staple of England to trade in coloured cloths may be admitted into the same upon the like fine. By which means all sorts of woollen cloth will be under government and all merchants desiring to trade in those parts may freely trade without interruption. And the Clothiers will be furnished with merchants to take of their cloths and the power of this realm set on work and his Majesty's Customs much improved.*
[The answer of the Merchant Adventurers to the Staplers' petition]	***To the Right Honourable the Lords of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council*** ***The Answer*** *of the Governor and fellowship of Merchant Adventurers of England touching the petition of John Bowater and others calling themselves Merchants of the Staple of England.*

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The Merchant Adventurers' answer to the Stapler's petition.	***Right Honourable*** *Albeit we are able easily to refute the claim made by the Staplers in their petition to the cloth trade, And to disprove the pretended ancient right to the same in quality of Staplers own by an Act of their own .... under the common seal thereof as well as by divers other infallible grounds mentioned we know what benefit or help may accrue to the said trade by their desired freedom of our Company more than the government of their trade, which your Lordships late reducing it to our Mart Towns is already provided for nevertheless if your Lordships shall judge their petition in this point to be convenient to be granted, And that all that will not so come in to our Company as these n*ow *desire may be excluded from all trade wherefore the avoiding of your Lordships further trouble about the controversies often happening between us and them and after merchants of late time admitted to the liberty of trading in coloured cloths and other commodities exporting which cloths shall be contented in submission to your Lordships to accept and admit the same Staplers being mere[126] merchants and all other mere merchants subjects of his Majesty and this Kingdom into the full freedom of our fellowship as well for white cloths as all other trade paying for a fine or income to our Company at their first entry 100 marks the man for their own persons And afterwards their sons and servants successively to pay at their admission 20 Nobles a man as the now brethren of our own Company which are of the new Hance have paid and their descendants are to pay according to the Statute of the 12 year of King Henry the 7th of famous memory. As also for the offer they make to us of the freedom of their Company, we desire it not being already sufficiently qualified without it unto the trade as well in coloured cloth and all other commodities as in white cloth. Lastly touching their desire to have the coloured cloth, Kersies and other manufactures under the government of their Company and the white cloth trade only to be under our government we understand not their meaning therein for both by Charter and usage our Company has of all ancient time both used and governed the trade as well in those other commodities as in white cloth, and own at this time at least 3 quarters of the coloured cloth trade is driven by the Brethren of our Company, and if there should be 2 several governments of one and the same trade and in the same place it is evident this would be no government at all but a mere confusion of things incompatible, All which we humbly leave.*

[126] The use of 'mere merchants' described the large-scale merchants whose prosperity was based entirely on commerce from the smaller traders who needed to earn from a craft or other occupation. For a description of the distinction at work see this description of the arguments between the Spanish Company, the Merchant Adventurers and the Eastland Company: 'Introduction: The first Spanish company, 1530-85', in *The Spanish Company*, ed. Pauline Croft (London, 1973), pp. vii-xxix. Also: *British History Online* http://www.british-history.ac.uk/london-record-soc/vol9/vii-xxix. https://www.british-history.ac.uk/london-record-soc/vol9/vii-xxix#highlight-first

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[Merchant Staplers' reply to the Merchant Adventurers answer to the Staplers' petition]	**To the Right Honourable the Lords of his Majesty's Privy Council** **The Reply of the Merchants of the Staple of England to the Answer of the Merchant Adventurers to the petition against them exhibited by your petitioners.** ***Right Honourable/*** *Whereas the Merchant Adventurers pretend they are able easily to refute the claim made by your petitioners to the cloth trade and to disprove their ancient right to the same:* *Your petitioners do confidently affirm that neither they nor any of their predecessors were or ever will be able to refute your petitioners' claim and ancient right to the exportation of woollen cloths for that your petitioners' predecessors were a corporation upon record in the 51st year[127] of the King Henry the 3rd and were resident at Antwerp in the 12th year[128] of King Edward the 2nd and had then William de la Poole[129] for their Mayor, to whom the Customs of Staple merchandise was then paid as appears by the Registers of the Exchequer in the Tower upon record.* *Also in the 15 years of King Edward the 3rd they were resident at Bruges in Flanders and were then authorised by Charter under the Great Seal of England for exportation of all Staple commodities, woollen cloths being declared by the statute 14 Rich:2 11 Hen:4 and 9 Hen:5 to be merchandise of the Staple.* *And it does appear by a certificate made by Sir Christopher Wray, Knight, Chief Justice of the King's Bench; Sir Gilbert Garrard, Knight, Master of the Rolls; and Sir Roger Manwood, Knight, to the Right Honourable William Lord Burleigh, Lord Treasurer of England, that the Merchants of the Staple were shippers of woollen cloth into Holland and Zealand in the reign of Richard the 2nd, being long before the Merchant Adventurers were a company incorporated by any charter of his Majesty's progenitors.* *Also, whereas the Merchant Adventurers do by their answer demand 100 Marks for admission of Merchants of the Staple in their fellowship, it appears by the composition under the seals of both companies in their answer mentioned that the Merchants of the Staple upon payment of the Hance of the Adventurers should be admitted into their Company, the old Hance being 6s 8d and the new Hance 20 Nobles, which your petitioners have offered to give for their admission into the fellowship of the Merchant Adventurers, whereby so many Merchants of the Staple as shall desire to export white cloths undyed and undressed may be partakers of the benefit of the licences of dispensation granted to the Merchant Adventurers. But for exportation of coloured cloth and other woollen manufactures of the Kingdom, your petitioners do not desire any privileges of the Merchant Adventurers, being better qualified therein than the Adventurers both by Charter and prescription Act of State intercourse and otherwise the Merchants of the Staple and other merchants not free of the Adventurers having since the said Act of State exported about 3 parts of 4 of all the new manufactures of this Kingdom which might daily increase if the Merchant Adventurers did not interrupt the trade therein.*

[127] Henry III, (1207-1272) king of England 1216 to 1272; his 51st year = 1266.
[128] Edward II (1284-1327) king of England 1307-1327; his 12 year = 1318.
[129] de la Pole family: William de la Pole (1290-1366) and brother Richard - wool merchant of Hull; lent money to the Crown. Michael de la Pole (1330-1389) Chancellor to Richard II 1383, made Earl of Suffolk 1385; Michael de la Pole (1367-1415) 2nd Earl of Suffolk part of Henry V's campaign; first son Michael 3rd Earl died at Agincourt; second son William (1396-1450) influential with Henry VI, made Duke of Suffolk. John de la Pole (1442-1492) 2nd Duke of Suffolk married Elizabeth of York (Richard of York's daughter). John de la Pole (1460-1487) Earl of Lincoln.

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[Staplers reply continued]	*The Merchants of the Staple do therefore humbly desire that your Lordships will be pleased either to ratify and confirm the Act of State for the free trading of woollen cloth, Kersies and other woollen manufactures of this Kingdom or if his Majesty and your Lordships shall resolve that coloured cloth and all other manufactures of wool shall be reduced under government that then the same may be committed to the Merchants of the Staple of England and not to the Merchant Adventurers for avoiding their impositions which they may lay upon the coloured cloth and the traders therein, the coloured cloth not being able to bear any impositions as by the decay of Reading and Newbury cloth and the increase of making of coloured cloth in foreign parts does appear.* *And we desire of your Lordships to order that the Merchants of the Staple, according to the said Act of State, may freely export the woollen manufactures of this Kingdom in France without paying any impositions to the French Company, your petitioners' right thereunto being confirmed by Charter in the 26th year of Edward I, being long before the French Company were incorporated by any charter of his Majesty's progenitors and that the rather [more readily] for that 2 of the Merchants of the Staple do export more of the said manufactures into Calais than all the French Company do, your petitioners making use of that place for avoiding the great impositions of the Archduchess which would be laid upon our cloth if the same should be exported by us into Flanders.*
	The 23rd day of March 1630 **[1631]** **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London**

Mr James Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Manfeeld
Mr |Richard Braborne }		Mr Cater
Mr John Holland	} Constables	Mr Halford
Mr John Hawkins	Treasurer	Mr Gulson
Mr Thomas Kenaston		Mr Bayley
Mr Hungate		Mr Edwards
Mr Evans		Mr Cade
Mr Bradley		Mr Wilson
Mr Withers		Lewes Marbury

	The ordinances made at a Court held the 16th day of March last were read and confirmed.
Mr Lufkin to be Mr Cater's surety in Mr Rewe's stead.	Mr Andrew Cater at this Court presented the name of Edward Lufkin of Coventry, a brother of this Company, to be his surety with Mr Rookes instead of Richard Rewe deceased, which was adopted and order given to the Husband to make a new bond.
	The consideration of Mr Purslow's demand of £10 is respited until it may be appear how the rent was paid for his warehouse.

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Certain of the Company are to consider of the Company's estate.	Mr Lieutenant, Mr Evans, Mr Manfeeld, Mr Bradley, Mr David Edwards, Mr Kenaston, Mr withers, Mr Cade, Mr Cater and the Husband are desired to meet at the Hall on Monday next at 8 o'clock and they, or any 4 of them, are to consider of the state of the Company as well what is owing to the Company, also what is owing by them and to certify their proceedings at the next Court.
Mr Rewe's account allowed and £94 2s 9d due upon the foot thereof to be paid to Mr Hawkins, Treasurer.	The Husband acquainted the Company that Mr Rewe's account had been examined and all his demands thought fit to be allowed, save only £7 5s for expenses at Westminster for a dinner and other charges there which were thought reasonable but, in respect Mr Rewe was dead and some of the Company affirmed that he had disbursed near about that sum, the Company thought fit to allow thereof and ordered that the moneys due upon the foot of his account, being £94 2s 9d should be forthwith called for to be paid to Mr John Hawkins, his succeeding Treasurer.
John Corbett apprentice to Humphrey Gulson	The indentures of John Corbett, apprentice to Mr Humphrey Gulson for 9 years to commence at Midsummer last, was ordered to be inrolled.
Mr Jolly made free	Mr William Jolly, in the county of Stafford gentleman, desired the freedom of this Company and upon payment of £10 for his fine and 6s 5d for his Hance was admitted and took his oath thereunto appertaining.
	The 18th day of May 1631 **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London**

Mr James Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Evans
Mr Richard Braborne	Constable	Mr Henley
Mr Craddock		Mr Cater
Mr Dickenson		Mr Halford
Mr Purslow		Lewes Marbury
Mr Bowater		

	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mr Cater entered into a new bond with Mr Rookes and Mr Lufkin his sureties.	The husband certified this Court that Mr Andrew Cater had entered into a new bond with Mr Rookes and Edward Lufkin as his sureties for the Benefactors' money in place of Nicholas Rewe deceased.
The Treasurer to pay Mr Purslow £5 in pat of the £10 demanded, the payment of the other £5 respited.	Mr Purslow, being present at this Court, demanded £10 due to him by the Company for his fine of the warehouse at Leaden Hall, which he did not enjoy because Sir William Garway and Mr Hungate refused to deliver the possession thereof to him. And after long debate thereof it appeared that the greatest part of the said fine had been allowed to Mr Hungate in abatement of the rent due for the said warehouse. Nevertheless the Court ordered that the Treasurer should pay to Mr Purslow £5, part of the said £10, until the controversy should be determined between them and Mr Hungate, which Mr Purslow was content to accept.
The Treasurer to pay Sir John Banks' man 20s for drawing up the assurance from Mr Rowland Wilson.	It was ordered at this Court that the Treasurer shall forthwith pay to Sir John Banks' man, for his pains in drawing up the Company's assurance of their house at Westminster from Mr Rowland Wilson, 20s

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Mr Halford's sureties, for £33 6s 8d of the Benefactors' money, allowed of.

Mr Roger Halford, a brother of this Company, presented the names of his sureties for £33 6s 8d of the Benefactors' money, which was ordered to be made up out of the moneys remaining in the Treasurer's hand, : Richard Halford, of Edith Weston in the county of Rutland, Esquire and Andrew Halford of London, Butcher, who were allowed.

Mr Meuse left the rooms adjoining to the Hall at Easter.

The Husband made it known at this Court that Mr Meuse had left the Company's out-rooms adjoining to Leaden Hall at Easter last and therefore the same are now at the Company's disposing.

The 16th day of October 1631

A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London for election of Officers

Sir James Cambell Mayor	Mr Edwards
Mr James Monger Lieutenant	Mr Henley
Mr John Holland Constable	Mr Cater
Mr Cartwright	Mr Stoughton
Mr Manfeeld	Mr Halford
Mr Withers	Mr Wilson
Mr King	Lewes Marbury
	John Woodcocke sworn

The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.

Sir James Cambell chosen Mayor for the year ensuing.

The Company at this Court proceeding to election of officers, the Right Worshipful Sir James Cambell Kt, the Worshipful Mr Robert Parkhurst and Mr Christopher Clitherowe were put in election for Mayor of the Staple for the next year ensuing. And by a general consent the Right Worshipful Sir James Cambell Kt, was chosen Mayor for the next year and being present took his oath thereunto appertaining.

Mr Monger chosen Lieutenant.

Also Mr Hames Monger, Mr John Bowater, Mr David Edwards and Mr Robert Hungate were put in election for Lieutenant and Mr James Monger was elected Lieutenant and took his oath thereunto appertaining.

Mr Dickenson and Mr Gulson Constables.

Also Mr Robert Dickenson, Mr Humphrey Gulson, Mr Thomas Lewes and Mr Manfeeld were out in election for Constables. And Mr Dickenson and Mr Gulson were chosen Constables. And Mr Dickenson being present took his oath belonging to his office but Mr Gulson was absent and therefore his oath was respited until the next Court.

Mr Underhill chosen Treasurer

Also Mr Clement Underhill and Mr William Ashwell were put in election for Treasurer for the year ensuing. And Mr Underhill was chosen Treasurer, whose oath is respited until the next Court.

Mr Wilson to continue Weigher.

It is ordered at this Court that Mr Wilson shall continue his place of Weigher until the next Court for election of officers at Westminster.

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The Treasurer to pay the City rent.	It is also ordered that the Treasurer shall forthwith pay the rent due to the City. And then Mr Mayor will be pleased to appoint a time when the Committees for the City and the Committees for the Company shall meet for letting part of the Company's warehouses. And Mr Mayor is to be certified how long the President and Governors of Christ's Hospital have held the Company's warehouse, at £5 per annum, for which £10 per annum has been offered.
The Treasurer to pay £33 6s 8d to Mr Halford of the Benefactors' money.	It is also ordered that the Treasurer shall forthwith pay £33 6s 8d to Mr Halford of the Benefactors' money for which Mr Halford has long since given bond with 2 sureties to the Company.
Mr Woodcock made free.	Mr John Woodcock of London, merchant, came to this Court and desired the freedom of this Company, whose request being taken into consideration was admitted thereunto upon payment of £10 for a fine and 6s 5d for his Hance which was delivered to Mr Lieutenant in the absence of the Treasurer and then took his oath of a freeman of this Company.
The Treasurer for the last year to deliver in his account.	It is ordered that the Treasurer for the last year shall deliver in his account at the next Court, that the same may be perused by the Husband and auditors appointed for auditing the same.
Mr Lieutenant and Mr Withers to be added to the former committees appointed to attend the committees for letting of the City lands.	It is also ordered that Mr Lieutenant and Mr Withers shall be added to the former committees, appointed for the Company at a Court the 17th day of December 1630, to attend the committees for letting the City lands, and they or any 4 of them are authorised for letting the Company's warehouses which the East India Company hold on the East side and which Mr Mole and the Governor of Christ's Hospital hold at the South end.
	Lastly, it is ordered that the order concerning the Wardmotes in Quest shall be confirmed to continue during the Company's pleasure.
	The 14th day of December 1631 **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall, London**

Mr James Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Withers
Mr Dickenson	Constable	Mr Kingsland
Mr Underhill	Treasurer	Mr Cater
Mr Manfeeld		Mr Halford
Mr Evans		Mr Wilson
Mr Edwards		Lewes Marbury

	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mr Underhill sworn Treasurer.	Mr Clement Underhill being absent at the last Court, when he was chosen Treasurer, did at this Court take his oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors appointed for auditing Mr Hawkin's account.	The Husband[130] certified the Company that Mr John Hawkins, the late Treasurer, had delivered in his account, whereupon it was ordered that the Husband shall draw the same into a perfect form of charge and discharge, to be presented to the auditors appointed.

[130] Lewes Marbury was both the Husband and the Clerk.

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	for auditing the same, namely Mr Thomas Kenaston, Mr Manfeeld, Mr Evans, Mr Dickenson, Mr Cartwright, Mr Edwards, Mr Wythers and Mr Henley. And they the Husband or any 4 of them are to meet at the Hall the Wednesday or Friday after Twelfth Day[131] to audit the said account that a perfect charge may be given to the succeeding Treasurer.
Mr Wilson to deliver a perfect note to the Husband to whom he has let the Company's warehouses and to take a copy of the Court of Aldermen concerning the Governors of Christ's Hospital and the Company, against the next Court.	Upon complaint of the Husband that some of the Company's warehouses were disposed and let by Mr Wilson without acquainting the Court or Husband therewith, so that he would not charge the treasurer with rent due for the same. Whereupon it is ordered that Mr Wilson shall forthwith deliver to the Husband a perfect note in writing how and to whom and when he let the Company's warehouses, to the end that the Treasurer may be charged with the rents agreed upon. And it is ordered that Mr Wilson shall, before the next Court, take a copy of the Court of Aldermen between the President and Governors of Christ's Hospital and the Company.
a letter to be written to Mr Bonner to pay rent and repair the house or else his bond to be served.	Upon reading of Mr Tong's petition concerning the Company's house at Boston in the tenure of William Bonner, it is ordered that a letter shall be written to Mr Bonner to signify to him that if he did not pay the rent arrear and take order for repairing the said tenement, that then his bond should be put in suit against him.
James Culworth indentures to Israel Stoughton to be inrolled.	The indentures of James Culworth, son of Ralph Culworth, of Aller in the county of Somerset Doctor of Divinity, apprentice of Israel Stoughton, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 9 years from the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord God 1630, was ordered to be inrolled.
Reynold Allen indentures ordered to be inrolled.	Also the indentures of Reynold Allen, son of Richard Allen of Stouting[132] in the count of Kent Doctor of Divinity, apprentice to Abell Allen, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 9 years from Our Lady Day 1631 was ordered to be inrolled.
	Consideration being had of Phillip Boulton's petition, the Company's Beadle, it is ordered that the Treasurer shall pay to him 15s towards his relief and charges.
	The 8th day of February 1631 **[1632]** **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London**

Sir James Cambell	Mayor	Mr Bayley
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Henley
Mr Underhill	Treasurer	Mr Parker
Mr Manfeeld		Mr Cade
Mr Bradley		Mr Hill
Mr Evans		Mr Wilson
		Lewes Marbury

	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.

[131] Twelfth Day: 5th January, Epiphany Eve.
[132] Stowting

	[Sheet 66 IMG 0737]
£9 15s pretended to be due by Mr Withers discharged.	The Company at this Court, taking into their consideration certain arrears of rent which are mentioned in the last Treasurer's account, namely £9 15s pretended to be due by Mr Withers, after some debate concerning the same, did order that Mr Withers shall be discharged thereof.
Mr Moles executors discharged of £30 due to the Company.	The like order was also made for discharge of £30 charged upon the executors of Mr Mole, in respect of so much money appearing to be due to him by order of Court for his pains in the Company's business at Hamburg.
The Husband to search in the exchequer for a discharge of £214-18-1 and the Treasurer to disburse the money for procuring a vacat thereof.	It is ordered that the Husband shall search in the exchequer for a discharge of £214 18s 1d demanded of the Company for customs of wools shipped between the Feast of St Michael and Christmas in the 2nd year of King James, and to procure a vacat[133] to be made of that charge if he can, and the Treasurer is to disburse the money touching the same.
The accounts concerning the Company's business by Mr Bayley and the Husband to be audited.	The auditors for Mr Hawkins' account are to meet at the Treasurer's house on Monday sevennight at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and then the account concerning the Company's business which has been disbursed by Mr Bayley and the Husband and others is to be audited.
	The lease of the Company's house at Boston, granted to Mr Tonge for 21 years in reversion after Mr Butler's lease, is to be made to be sealed to him on Thursday next, and if he shall not then pay £10 to the Treasurer for his fine, then he shall waive the benefit of that lease.
A Court to be held first Wednesday in every month.	The Company at this Court thought fit that there should be a constant Court held the first Monday in every month for the better managing the affairs of the Company, which was ordered accordingly.
	The 20th day of February 1631 [**1632**] **A Court held at the house of the Right Worshipful Sir James Cambell, Kt, Mayor** by these persons following:

Sir James Cambell Kt	Mayor	Mr Franklin
Mr |Dickenson	Constable	Mr Edwards
Mr Underhill	Treasurer	Mr Withers
Mr Kenaston		Mr Halford
Mr Evans		Lewes Marbury
Mr Cartwright		
Mr Bayly		
Mr Gulson		

	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.
	At this Court, John Tonge of Boston, Grocer, did freely and voluntarily release the Company of their promise of a lease to be made to him of the Company's house at Boston for 21 years in reversion after a lease thereof in being to one Mr Butler, for which Mr Tonge had agreed to pay 20 marks for a fine, whereof he paid only 5 marks and desired that the said lease might be made to Mr Anthony Turkney of Boston, Clark, upon such covenants and agreements as shall be thought fit. In witness whereof the said Mr Tonge subscribed his hand -per Mr John Tong

[133] 'vacat' here meaning 'annulment'.

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Mr Coney paid £10 for Mr Tinkney and Mr Tinkney to have a lease from the Company of their house at Boston.

It is also ordered that whereas one Mr Thomas Coney of Boston did this day pay to the Treasurer of the Company £10 for the use of the said Mr Tinkney, that the lease formerly agreed to have been made to Mr Tonge shall be made to Mr Tinkney or such as he shall nominate. And if he shall procure a surrender of the lease to Butler that then the new lease shall be for the full term of both lease.

The 16th day of May 1632
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London

Present:

Sir James Cambell	Mayor	Mr David Edwards	
Mr Underhill	Treasurer	Mr Halford	
Mr Thomas Kenaston		Mr Cater	
Mr Bradley		Mr Owen Edwards	
Mr Manfeild		Mr Wilson	
Mr Cartwright			

The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.

The auditing of Mr Hawkin's account deferred.

The Company entering into consideration of Mr Hawkins his account did find that the Court not proceed to perfect the same, in respect Mr Hawkins was absent and therefore deferred the auditing thereof until he might be present in person.

Writing concerning the Company's house at Westminster to be delivered to the Husband or brought in Court.

Mr Withers is desired to be a means that the writings concerning the Company's house at Westminster, which they purchased of Mr Rowland Wilson, may be delivered to the Husband for the Company's use or be brought to the next Court.

A new feoffment to be made from Mr Welby

It is ordered that a new feoffment be made of Mr Welbie to the feoffees named in the last feoffment and some others of the Company in the places of such as are dead with a letter of attorney for delivering it upon the ground.

Mangridge his indentures to be inrolled.

The indentures of James Mangridge, bound to Roger Halford for 9 years from Candlemas last, was ordered to be inrolled.

The 8th day of October 1632
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London for election of officers

Present:

Sir James Cambell	Mayor	Mr Hill	
Mr Dickenson	Constable	Mr Evans	
Mr Underhill	Treasurer	Mr Rookes	
Mr Kenaston		Mr Cater	
Mr Bradley		Mr Wilson	
Mr Cox		Mr Gulson	
Mr Halford		Mr Woodcock	
Mr Edwards		Lewes Marburie	Clerk

	[Sheet 67 IMG 0738]
	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.
Sir James Cambell elected and sworn Mayor.	The Company proceeding to election of officers. The Right Worshipful Sir James Cambell Kt, the Worshipful Mr Robert Parkhurst and Mr Christopher Clitherowe of London, aldermen, were put in election for Mayor of the Staple for the year ensuing, and the Right Worshipful Sir James Cambell was by general consent elected and chosen Mayor and took his oath thereunto appertaining.
Mr James Monger elected and sworn Lieutenant.	Also Mr James Monger, Mr Adrian Evans and Mr John Bowater were put in election for Lieutenant of the Staple. And Mr Adrian Evans was elected and chosen Lieutenant for the year ensuing and took his oath thereunto appertaining.
Mr Gulson and Mr Rookes elected and sworn Constables.	Mr Humphrey Gulson, Mr George Rookes, Mr Bowater and Mr Hungate were put in election for Constables. And Mr Humphrey Gulson and Mr George Rookes were chosen and took their oaths thereunto appertaining.
Mr Ashwell elected Treasurer.	Also Mr Ashwell and Mr Timothy Cartwright were put in election for Treasurer for the year ensuing. And Mr William Ashwell was chosen but being absent his oath was respited until the next Court.
Mr Bradley to pay in £33-6s-8d, the same to be lent to Mr Hill.	It is ordered at this Court that Mr Henry Bradley shall forthwith pay to the Treasurer £33 6s 8d of the Benefactors' money in his hands. And then Mr Samuel Hill is to have the same upon sureties to be allowed by the next Court and to be given for the same.
£10 allowed to Mr Withers towards the repairing of the Staple wharf.	The Company after their return from Westminster, having viewed the decay of the Staple wharf there, upon conference with Mr Withers the Company's tenant concerning the charge of repairing the same, did for avoiding of suit in law and the Company's trouble agree to allow to Mr Withers £10 towards the repairing thereof, to be paid by the Treasurer. In consideration whereof Mr Withers did agree to free the Company from the charges of reparations during the continuance of his lease.
	The 19th day of October 1632 **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** Present:

Mr Evans Lieutenant	Mr Henley
Mr H Underhill Treasurer	Mr Halford
Mr Monger	Mr Wilson
Mr Kenaston	Mr Dickenson
Mr Hawkins	Mr Edwards
Mr Cartwright	Lewes Marburie
Mr Franklin	Mr Charles Lloyd sworn
Mr Cade	

	The ordinances made at the last Court were respited to be confirmed at the next Court.
Mr Lloyd made free.	Mr Charles Lloyd, late servant to Sir Allen Cotton Kt deceased, came and desired to be admitted into the freedom of this Company by redemption which upon payment of £10 for a fine and 6s 5d for his Hance took his oath thereunto appertaining.
Mr Hawkins' accounts to be audited.	Mr Hawkins' accounts, late Treasurer to the Company, and also Mr Bayley's and Mr Marburie's accounts are to be audited before the next Court by the auditors appointed for that purpose. And Mr Bayley and Mr Marburie are in the meantime to deliver their accounts to Mr Hawkins to be presented by him to the auditors.

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Mr Wilson paying his rent & arrears to have £25 of the Benefactors' money.

It is ordered at this Court that if Mr Wilson shall pay to the Treasurer his rent and arrears thereof, that then he shall have £25 of the Benefactors' money, upon his bond with 2 good sureties to be allowed by the Court.

The 24th of January 1632 [**1633**]
An assembly held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London

Present:

Sir James Cambell	Mayor	Mr Cartwright
Mr Evans	Lieutenant	Mr Cade
Mr Underhill	Treasurer	Mr Halford
Mr Monger		Mr Wilson
Mr Thomas Kenaston		Lewes Marburie
Mr Dickenson		

The ordinances made at the last Court held the 8th and 19th of October last were respited to be confirmed until a full Court.

Mr Farrar's proceedings made known and an answer to be put to his Bill.

At this assembly the agreement between Mr Farrar and the Company the 10th of May 1620 was read and his suit in Chancery and proceeding therein was made known to the Company. But in respect Mr Farrar was not present at this assembly to make his desire known, the Company then present did forbear to do anything therein but only thought fit that answer should be put in by advice of counsel to the said Farrar's Bill.

A lease granted to Mr Divaite of the Company's mealhouse

Mr Divaite[134], the Company's tenant, agreed to take a lease of the Company's mealhouse in his possession for 21 years, to begin at Christmas last at the rent of £5 per annum to be paid quarterly, with a covenant in the lease not to let the same without order or consent of the Company.

£10 allowed Mr Withers towards the repair of the Company's wharf at Westminster.

The Treasurer is ordered to allow £10 to Mr Withers out of his rent towards the repair of the Company's wharf at Westminster.

The 19th of February 1632 **[1633]**
A **Court held in Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London**

Present:

Sir James Cambell	Mayor	Mr Cox
Mr Evans	Lieutenant	Mr Bradley
Mr Underhill	Treasurer	Mr Cade
Mr Monger		Mr Halford
Mr Cartwright		Mr Kingsland
Mr Kinaston		Mr Owen Edwards
Mr Edwards		Mr Best
Mr Wynn		Mr Wilson
Mr Edward Cloget[135]		Lewes Marburie
Mr Offley		Thomas Kinaston Junior sworn
Mr Braborne		

The ordinances made at 2 Courts, one held the 8th October and the other the 19th October last, and at an assembly held the 24th January last were read and confirmed.

[134] 'Divaite' - c/f to Sheet 48 where his name is spelt 'Doyt'.
[135] This could be Clagett.

	[Sheet 68 IMG 0739]
A copy of the Fellmongers' petition to be got and advice to be taken about buying and selling of wool by foreigners.	It is ordered at this Court that Mr Wilson shall get a copy of the Fellmonger's petition exhibited to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen and that the Treasurer shall retain Sir John Banks for his advice whether if a Clothier or any other foreigner shall buy wools in the Staple market at Leadenhall of a foreigner the wool so bought and sold shall be adjudged to be foreign bought and sold and thereby be subject to a forfeiture.
Mr Dwaite's rent altered from £5 to £3 and 20 marks fine.	Whereas Mr Dwate[136] at the last Assembly agreed to take a lease of the Company's Mealhouse in his possession for 21 years to begin at Christmas last at the rent of £5 per annum to be paid quarterly with a covenant in the lease not to let the same without order or consent of the Company. At this Court the said Dwaite did agree to take the said lease at the rent of £3 per annum and to pay 20 marks for a fine and a lease is to be made to him accordingly against the next Court.
10s given to the Beadle	Upon the petition of Phillipp Boulton the Company's tenant for some relief in respect he had nothing given him at Christmas last. It was ordered that the Treasurer is then to pay to him 10s as a free gift from the Company.
A Court appointed.	A Court is appointed to be held or the perfecting the treasurer's accounts and other reckoning concerning the Company on Wednesday sevennight next ensuing.
Thomas Kinaston made free.	At this Court Thomas Kinaston, one of the sons of Arthur Kinaston Merchant of the Staple of England, came and desired the freedom of this Company by patrimony and was admitted and paid 6s 5d to the Treasurer for his Hance and took his oath thereunto appertaining.
	The 27th of February 1632 [**1633**] **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall London** Present:

Mr Rookes	Constable	Mr Cartwright
Mr Underhill	Treasurer	Mr Halford
Sir Richard Lydall Kt		Mr Offley
Mr Thomas Kinaston Senior		Mr Woodcock
Mr Hawkins		Mr Wilson
Mr Dickenson		Lewes Marburie

	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.
Sir John Banks his opinion touching the government of the staple market for wools.	The Husband acquainted the Company at this Court that Sir John Banks was of opinion that the Staple market for sale of wool was not under the government of the Mayor of London but to be ordered by the Mayor and Company of the Staple, which was made known to the committees appointed to consider of the Fellmongers' petition against Mr Wilson, the Company's Weigher, in presence of Mr Herne of counsel with the Fellmongers and in conclusion upon Mr Wilson's offer to be restrained by order of this Company not to buy and wools during the market time at Leaden Hall so long as he is Officer for the Beam, the committees were satisfied that the fellmongers had no further cause of complaint against the said Mr Wilson.

[136] Another spelling variation of Divaite / Doyt.

	[Sheet 68 REV IMG 0740]
Francis Farrar a suitor for some recompense for £60 paid to the Company in expectation of some place which he never had. £20 ordered to be given to him in lieu thereof.	Francis Farrar was a suitor at this Court to have some recompense from the Company for £60 which he had paid to the Company long since in expectation of some place which should recompense that money which place he said he never had nor any satisfaction for his money. Whereupon the agreement made between him and the Company, bearing date the 10th day of May 1620 concerning the said money, was read. Whereby it appeared that the Company was not liable by law to make him any satisfaction for the said £60. Yet because Sir Richard Lydall did earnestly entreat the Company to take consideration of Mr Farrer whom he affirmed to be a poor man and that he never had received recompense for the said £60 in respect the Lord Fenton's Patent was avoided within a very short time before the said money was paid. Therefore the Company then present thought fit that some recompense should be made to the said Mr Farrar towards the loss of his money and for that purpose it was put to hands whether £20 marks, £20 or 40 marks should be given to him. And by most hands £20 was agreed to be given to him and was ordered accordingly if the sum should be confirmed at the next Court.
Mr Hawkins' and the accounts of some others to be audited before the next Court.	The several accounts of Mr Hawkins, Mr Marbury and Mr Bayley are to be audited and perfected before the next Court. And for that purpose the auditors have agreed to meet at the house of Mr Underhill, Treasurer for the Company.
	At A Court held at Staple Hall **The First Day of March** 1632 [**1633**] Present: Sir James Cambell Mayor — Mr Cade Mr Evans Lieutenant — Mr Offley Mr Underhill Treasurer — Mr Halford Mr Cartwright — Mr Wilson Mr Withers — Lewes Marbury Mr Edwards Mr Dickenson
	The ordinances made at the last Court were read and confirmed.
The £20 ordered to be paid to Francis Farrar, he coming in person and giving a general release.	It is ordered at this Court that Francis Farrar shall come in person to the Treasurer and then the treasurer shall pay him £20 according to an order of this Court dated the 27th of February last, the said Farrar giving a general release and receipt of the same to the Treasurer.
The draught of Mr Dwaite's lease read and ordered to be ingrossed.	The draft of Mr Dwaite's lease was read at this Court and was ordered to be ingrossed into parchment and to be made to commence at Lady Day next following, the said William Dwaite paying his rent to the Treasurer of the Company in the meantime.

	[Sheet 69 IMG 0740]
	It is also further ordered by this Court that the Treasurer shall dispose of the out-rooms adjoining the Company's Hall in Leaden Hall receiving the liberty granted to the Inquest of Lime Street Ward.
	The 10th day of May 1633 **A Court held at Staple Hall London** **as well for election of a new Clerk in the room and place of Mr Lewes Marbury deceased as for other business.**

The Right Worshipful Sir James Cambell	Mayor	Mr William Cox
Mr Adrian Evans	Lieutenant	Mr Robert Dickenson
Mr Humfrey Gulson	Constable	Mr Henry Bradley
Mr Clement Underhill	Treasurer	Mr Andrew Cade
Mr Thomas Kinaston		Mr John Parker
Mr John Cotton		Mr Roger Halford
Mr James Monger		Mr John King
Mr John Withers		Mr Owen Edwards
Mr John Hawkins		Mr Robert Wilson
Mr David Edwards		Mr Richard Offley

James Daubney elected Clerk	This Court being called most especially for the election of a new Clerk in the room and place of Mr Lewes Marburie, late Clerk and Husband to the Company, deceased. Thereupon James Daubney, citizen and Merchant Tailor of London, petitioning for the same, was therewith elected by a free consent and sworn for the due execution thereof, which is to have for his yearly fee, for executing the same office of Clerk in such manner as others have and ought to have done before him, £10 by order of this Court, the which he accepted thankfully and was therewith admitted.
	At this Court were read the orders made at the last Court and confirmed.
The Courts not entered to be entered	It was ordered that whereas there were 3 Courts held heretofore in Mr Marburie's time which are not entered up, the new Clerk therefore is to enter the same into the Register.
Search to be made concerning the Bridge toll.	It is ordered that search be made by the Clerk for the order[137] whereby Mr Robert Wilson was to collect the Bridge toll and to pay £5 per annum for the same and to certify thereof at the next Court, that it may appear what money is due and owing to the Company for the same.
Satisfaction demanded of Mr Wilson for rent for the Weighhouse.	At this Court the Company, taking knowledge that Mr Wilson was much in arrear for his rent for the Weighhouse, did thereupon demand satisfaction of him for the same, who being present promised to pay £10 forthwith to Mr Treasurer in part thereof. And it was ordered that upon payment thereof the residue should remain until it might appear how the Bridge rent is lost or taken away.

[137] Bridge toll - Sheet 40 REV refers - Court of 23rd August 1626

	[Sheet 69 REV IMG 0741]
Certificate to be made by the Clerk of such debts as are owing to the Company.	It is ordered that the arrears of rent due to the Company and all other debt owing to them be sought out and certified by the Clerk how they have grown, to the end some speedy course may be taken for the recovery thereof.
Mr Hawkins late Treasurer to pay £10 6s 5d received of Mr Jolley	At this Court the auditors of Mr Hawkins' account, late Treasurer to this Company, certified that they had perused the same accounts according to the order of this Court, and thereupon found that Mr Hawkins had not charged himself with £10 6s 5d which he had received (as they conceived) of Mr Jolley for his fine and Hance upon his admittance and freedom. To which Mr Hawkins being present answered that Mr Marbury received the same and therefore he thought he ought not to be charged therewith. Nevertheless he referred himself to the censure of the Company concerning the same, who thereupon causing the Register to be searched when Mr Jolley was made free found that the said £10 6s 5d was then paid in Court and Mr Hawkins himself was there present. And therefore they conceived it to be Mr Hawkins' own fault if Mr Marbury had the same for which cause he may not be excused from payment thereof but is ordered to pay the same forthwith to Mr Treasurer and discharge the account.
	The 2nd day of June 1633 **A Court held at Staple Hall London for election of officers** Present: The right Worshipful Sir James Cambell Kt Mayor — Mr Cartwright Mr Evans Lieutenant — Mr Henley Mr Rookes Constable — Mr Cater Mr Underhill Treasurer — Mr Wilson Mr Monger — Mr Offley Mr Withers — Mr Mercer Mr Wynn — Mr Edwards - Junior Mr Edwards - Senior — Mr Garnon Mr Dickenson — Mr Franklin — Mr Kinaston
	At this Court the orders of the last Court were read and confirmed.
The Clerk to search and certify what custom for the bridge toll belongs to the Company.	It is ordered that search be made in the books of this Company what custom for the bridge toll belongs to this Company and the same to be certified by the Clerk at the next Court.
Auditors for examining of Mr Marbury's accounts.	It is ordered that Mr Treasurer and Mr Monger with the last auditors and Mr Henley or any 5, 4 or more of them on Saturday morning next be entreated to meet here at seven o'clock to examine Mr Marbury's accounts and Mr Cade's, and to certify at the next Court what they conceive thereof and the Beadle to give them notice thereof on Friday.

	[Sheet 70 IMG 0741]
[wool-winders against the law]	It is ordered that search be made what power Mr Mayor has to make warrants for them that wind wool against the law.
Sir James Cambell elected Mayor.	The Company this day proceeding to election of officers, Sir James Cambell Kt, Mr Robert Parkhurst and Mr Christopher Cletherow of London, Aldermen, were put in election to be Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir James Cambell was by general consent again elected Mayor and took his oath thereunto belonging.
Mr James Monger elected Lieutenant.	Also Mr James Monger, Mr Adrian Evans, Mr John Bowater and Mr Thomas Lewes were put into election for Lieutenant of the Staple. And Mr Monger was elected Lieutenant for the year ensuing and took his oath thereunto appertaining.
Mr Bowater and Mr Kinastone elected Constables	Mr Bowater, Mr Hungate, Mr Kinastone and Mr John Hawkins were put into election for Constables. And Mr Bowater and Mr Kinastone were chosen but not being present they were not sworn.
Mr John Withers elected Treasurer.	Also Mr John Withers and Mr Timothy Cartwright were put in election for Treasurer for the year ensuing. And Mr John Withers was chosen, who took his oath thereunto appertaining.
William Hill apprentice to Mr Edwards.	William Hill, servant to Mr David Edwards, is ordered to be here bound and inrolled apprentice to the said Mr Edwards.
Jervis Sutton	Jervis Sutton, who was bound apprentice to Mr George Rookes and having served out his term, desired to be made free of this Company, but being not here inrolled Mr Rookes referring himself to the Company if any fine be therefore to be paid. Whereupon without any fine it is ordered he be made free at this Court who was thereupon made and sworn and paid 6s 5d for his Hance to Mr Withers the now Treasurer.
	At a meeting the 1st Day of July 1633 Present: Mr Monger Lieutenant — Mr Henley Mr Withers Treasurer — Mr Evans Mr Underhill — Mr Parker Mr Hawkins — Mr Edwards Mr Cartwright Mr Cade
£21 7s 10d paid by Mr Hawkins.	This day Mr Hawkins paid to Mr Underhill late Treasurer money that remained in Mr Hawkins's hands upon the foot of his account when he was Treasurer: £21 7s 10d.
	At the same time also was audited a bill of Mr Marbury's for money by him received and laid out for the Company. Upon examination whereof it appeared that therein Mr Marbury brings to account as a duty to him a charge of £5 for drawing petitions and other things and soliciting the cause at the Council table, the which is conceived...

[Sheet 70 REV IMG 0742]

Mr Marbury's account audited. £4 11s 6d found due to the Company.

ought not so to be, but that it ought to be allowed him as a gratuity for his pains extraordinary and not otherwise. And by the same account it appears that the same £5 being allowed there is nevertheless resting in his hand upon the foot of that account £4 11s 6d which is to be put of to Mr Marbury's executors in the first place if it appears anything be due to his executors from the Company.

Mr Cade's bill of disbursements allowed and ordered to be paid by the Treasurer.

At the same time also was audited a bill expressing divers sums of money disbursed for the Company by Mr Andrew Cade, Mr John Parker, Mr George Henley and Mr William Bayley to the total sum of £11-10s-6d the which is thought fit to be allowed and therefore Mr Treasurer to pay the sum.

The 15th day of January 1633 [**1634**]
A Court held at Staple Hall in London

Present:

Sir James Cambell Kt	Mayor	Mr Evans
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Cater
Mr Withers	Treasurer	Mr Mercer
Mr Kinastone		Mr Bradley
Mr Underhill		Mr Wilson
Mr Edwards		James Daubney

This day the orders of the last Court were read and confirmed.

Bonds delivered to the Treasurer.

At this Court Mr Underhill, last treasurer, delivered to Mr John Withers, Treasurer for this year, these several bonds:

Mr Halford's bond.

A penal bond of £60 of Mr Halford with condition to pay £33 6s 8d the 19th of May 1634 if he be living or being dead within 40 days after his death.

Steven Mercer's bond.

An annual bond of Stephen Mercer for his account when he was Treasurer.

Owen Edward's bond.

A penal bond of £60 whereby Owen Edwards, Thomas Manfeild and Owen Arthur stand bound to pay £33 6s 8d the 2nd June 1634.

Samuel Hill's bond.

A bond of £60 whereby Samuel Hill, Henry Bradley and Richard Burrows are bound to pay £33 6s 8d the 10th of November 1635.

Andrew Cater's bond.

A bond of £60 whereby Andrew Cater, George Rookes and Edward Liskin are bound to pay £25 the 12th of June 1632.

Robert Wilson's bond.

Robert Wilson bond of £50 to pay £25 the 18th of August 1637.

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Search to be made for the grant of Edward 4th.	It is ordered that search be made for the grant of Edward the 4th when the Staple was to be removed to Leaden Hall and granted to the Mayorship of London. And for the agreement of the Mayorship of London with the Company and to certify what he can find thereby concerning the rates of toll. And Mr Mercer has delivered to the Clerk 2 parchment copies mentioning the same which are to be redelivered to him again and this to be done against the next Court.
Mr Kinaston sworn Constable	Mr Thomas Kinaston, being heretofore with Mr Bowater chosen Constable, being now present is sworn to the same office. And it is ordered that a warrant according to ancient custom be made to summon Mr Bowater to be sworn against it the next Court.
James Daubney [Clerk] made free	At this Court James Daubney, Clerk of this Company, is made free of this Company and sworn.
Auditors for the Treasurer's account.	At this Court Mr Evans, Mr Edwards, Mr Dickinson, Mr Cade, Mr Cotton and Mr Cartwright are elected auditors of the Treasurer's account for the year past and that any 3 of them or more do take the same and certify how they find it at the next Court and the Clerk then his charges.
5 marks given to Steven Mercer.	Upon the petition of Mr Steven Mercer, an ancient member of this Company, to be keeper of this Hall he being fallen to decay in his estate it is not thought fit to be granted. Nevertheless in regard of his poverty it is ordered that Mr Treasurer pay him as a gratuity to relieve him at this time 5 marks and the same shall be allowed upon his accounts.
13s 4d given to Phillip Boulton.	Upon the petition of Phillipp Boulton, Beadle of this Company, it is ordered that, in respect of his age and sickness, towards his relief Mr Treasurer shall give him as a gratuity 13s 4d.
Mr Cater to renew his bond.	It is ordered that all the bonds for moneys due to the Company be looked out and some course taken to recover the same, and that Mr Cater renew his bond from the time it is become due for so long time as others in like oaths, and if any sureties be dead that others be put in or else the Clerk to out the bond in suit.
Luke Bradley put apprentice to his father.	It is ordered that Like Bradley, son of Henry Bradley, be bound apprentice to the said Henry Bradley for 7 years from Michaelmas 1633.
Francis Raigne apprentice to Henry Bradley.	In like manner, Francis Raigne to be bound to him for 6 years.

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The 4th Day of March 1633 [**1634**]
A Court held at Staple Hall in London

Present:

Mr Monger Lieutenant	Mr Cotton
Mr Rookes }	Mr Cade
Mr Kinastone} Constables	Mr Henley
Mr Withers Treasurer	Mr Franklin
Mr Evans	Mr Cater
Mr Underhill	James Daubney
Mr Edwards	
Mr Hungate	

At this Court the orders of the last Court were read and confirmed.

Mr Ralph Ashton made fee. Fine £10 Hance 6s 5d

At this Court came one Ralph Ashton Esq and desired to be admitted into this Society and to be made free as others of the Company. Whereupon for £10 fine and 6s 5d Hance paid to Mr Withers Treasurer, he is admitted and sworn of the Company.

search to be made touching the toll of the Bridge.

This day, according to an order of the last Court, it was questioned what was due concerning the search for the Bridge for wools, which not being fully certified is ordered to be further searched and certified at the next Court for that it appears by a note delivered by Mr Mercer and 2d of the toll ought to belong to the Company.

John Withers apprentice

At this Court it is ordered that John Withers son of Mr John Withers be bound apprentice to him.

Mr Wilson to account

It is ordered that Mr Wilson make his account to the auditors concerning the rent and other things due by him to the Company. And what is found due by him he be warned at the next Court to give security to pay it or to pay it.

Mr Wilson to put in a new surety.

Likewise that Mr Wilson's surety Mr Cox being dead he is renew his bond with another surety.

William Smith apprentice

It is ordered that William Smith being bound to Mr John Cotton already be inrolled here.

The Clerk's bill & Mr Merick's to be examined.

It is ordered that the Clerk's bill and Mr Merick's and Mr Withers his account at Westminster for charges laid out concerning the suit for taking tolls be examined by the auditors of Mr Underhill's account and the same to be allowed if they shall think it fit.

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The 16th day of May 1634
A Court held at Staple Hall in London

Present:

Sir James Cambell Kt	Mayor	Mr Wilson
Mr Kinastone	Constable	Mr Braborne
Mr Evans		Mr Bradley
Mr Underhill		Mr Cade
Mr Edwards		James Daubney
Mr Offley		
Mr Mercer		

At this Court the orders of the last Court were read and confirmed.

It is directed that the Clerk do forthwith search what was done by Mr Marburie concerning a charge of issues returned in Midd [sic][138] against the Company at the King's suit for customs and to do therein what shall be requisite for the discharge thereof and to certify at the next Court of his doing therein.

Whereas the Beadle of this Company is aged and impotent so as he is unable to follow the Company's business, it is therefore thought fit and ordered that hereafter he shall have his stipend paid him and that order be taken for some other to execute his place and in the meantime Mr Mercer is desired and has promised to execute the same.

The 23rd Day of July 1634
A Court held at Staple Hall in London for election of officers

Present:

The Right Worshipful Sir James Cambell Kt	Mayor	Mr Wilson
Mr Kinastone	Constable	Mr Cater
Mr Withers	Treasurer	Mr Offley
Mr Evans		Mr Garnon
Mr Cartwright		Mr Edwards - Junior
Mr Underhill		Mr Best
Mr Edwards - Senior		Mr Mercer
Mr Dickinson		James Daubney

At this Court were read the orders of the last Court and confirmed.

[138] Unknown abbreviation 'Midd' –possibly Middlesex or Midsummer

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Motion for discharge of the seizure.	It is ordered that the Clerk move Sir John Banks to make a motion if he think fit, or to advise what is fit to be done, the next term concerning the seizure in the Exchequer for not accounting for the customs of wool shipment, whereby a discharge may be had for the future fines.
The widow of Phillip Boulton to have his last quarter's wages & 30s benevolence.	It is ordered that for as much as Phillip Boulton, late Beadle being deceased, upon the petition of Clemence his widow she shall have his last quarter's wages paid to her, and as a benevolence she shall be given her 30s more to redeem her goods which she says she has pawned in her husband's sickness.
George Snelling to be surety for Mr Wilson if Mr Treasurer upon inquire think fit.	It is ordered that whereas Mr Wilson offered one Mr George Snelling the elder, of St Claves parish in Southwark, in Mr Cox' room deceased - one of his sureties, he therefore to be inquired of and if Mr Treasurer think fit then the bond to be renewed for the rest of the time to come.
Steven Mercer chosen Beadle.	Upon the petition of Steven Mercer it is ordered that he shall be Beadle for one year next ensuing, in the room of Phillip Boulton deceased, and to have the like salary Boulton had.
Robert Wilson chosen Weigher to pay £12 per annum.	It is ordered that Mr Wilson, putting in security as well for discharging the due execution of office of Weigher as to pay the yearly rent of £12 ,shall enjoy the same for one year next ensuing.
Committees to inquire of debts.	It is ordered that Mr Monger, Mr Kinastone, Mr Treasurer, Mr Underhill, Mr Edwards, Mr Evans and Mr Cartwright or any 4 of them, whereof Mr Evans and Mr Treasurer to be 2 or one of them, do with the Clerk examine what debts are owing to the Company, and to give decision for recovering the same to the Clerk. And what they direct him he is to proceed therein with expedition as he is to consider of the rents.
Ralph Ashton to have copy of his freedom.	It is ordered that Mr Ralph Ashton have the copy of his freedom under seal.
Sir James Cambell elected Mayor.	At this Court Sir James Cambell the present Mayor, having first relinquished the place of Mayor of the Staple, is again with Mr Alderman Parkhurst and Mr Alderman Cletherowe put in election for Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir James Cambell is again chosen and sworn in the same office.
Mr James Monger elected Lieutenant.	Also for Lieutenant Mr James Monger, Mr Adrian Evans, Mr John Bowater and Mr Thomas Lewes are put in election for the year ensuing. And Mr Monger is chosen and sworn Lieutenant for the year ensuing.

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Mr Kinastone & Mr Underhill Constables.

Also for Constables, Mr Kinastone, Mr Underhill, Mr Bowater and Mr Hungate were put in election. And Mr Kinastone and Mr Underhill were chosen and sworn Constables for the year ensuing.

Mr John Withers Treasurer

Also for Treasurer, Mr John Withers, Mr Cartwright and Mr Edwards were put in election. And Mr Withers is chosen and sworn for the year ensuing.

The 3rd Day of September 1634
An Assembly held at Staple Hall in London

Present:

Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Gardner	
Mr Kinastone	Constable	Mr Best	
Mr Withers	Treasurer	James Daubney	Clerk
Mr Bradley			
Mr Cater			
Mr Offley			

Luke Bradley inrolled.

Luke Bradley, son of Henry Bradley Merchant of the Staple of England, bound to the said Henry Bradley his father for 8 years from Midsummer last by indentures dated 1 September 1634, is now inrolled in this Court.

Francis Raigne inrolled.

Francis Raigne, son of Richard Raigne of West Auckland in the county of Durham yeoman, bound to the said Henry Bradley for 7 years from Midsummer 1633 by indenture dated 20 June 1634, is now inrolled in this Court.

The 26th Day of September 1634
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall London

Present:

Sir James Cambell	Knight Mayor	Mr Parker	
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Flood	
Mr Kinaston }		Mr Gulson	
Mr Underhill }	Constables	Mr Wynn	
Mr Bowater		Mr Gardner	
Mr Thorold		Mr Wilson	
Mr Cotton		James Daubney	
Mr Edward			
Mr Cater			
Mr Cade			
Mr Dickinson			

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	At this Court the orders of the last Court were read and confirmed.
The Clerk to proceed to recover debts.	Upon report of Mr Edwards that himself and other committees had met and examined what debts and rents are in arrears, and having given direction to the Clerk for recovering thereof, it is ordered he proceed accordingly with expedition.
5 merchants desired to be admitted, deferred to the next Court.	At this Court came John Cosen, James Cable, Christofer Vivian, Tobias Metherall and William Walwyn, merchants and prayed to be admitted into this Company, to whom it was answered that for such of them as were mere merchants the Company would consider of their request the next Court. But for those that kept ships they conceived it was not fit to allow of them.
Committees to attend Sir John Banks about the petition of the Merchant Adventurers.	It is ordered that Mr Monger, Mr Underhill, Mr Bowater, Mr Evans, Mr Parker, Mr Flood, Mr Cade, Mr Gulson, Mr Thorold with the Clerk or any 3 or more of them should attend Sir John Banks about the order of the Lords obtained by the Merchant Adventurers and to attend the Lords of the Council by petition or otherwise as Sir John Banks and counsel should advise, and what charges are or shall be therein expended shall be paid and born by the Company.
	The 1st Day of October 1634 **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall in London** Present:

Mr Monger Lieutenant	
Mr Kinastone }	
Mr Underhill } Constables	
Mr Evans	Mr Parker
Mr Bowater	Mr Bradley
Mr Gulson	Mr Best
Mr Cade	Mr Pennington
Mr Flood	Mr Lentall
Mr Cater	Mr Edwards - Senior
Mr Offley	James Daubney

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	This day the orders of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mr Cable Mr Vivian Mr Metherell Mr Walwyn were admitted into this freedom, and Mr Stubbing.	It is this day ordered that James Cable, Christofer Vivian, Tobias Metherell, William Walwyn and George Stubbins since of them being mere merchants, shall thereupon be admitted into this Company for £10 apiece fines and 6s 5d Hance, which being present were all admitted and paid their several fines to Mr Underhill and were sworn. But Mr George Stubbins not having money about him Mr Lieutenant gave his word that he should pay it this night or tomorrow.
	The 10th Day of October 1634 **A Court held in Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London** Present: Mr Monger Lieutenant — Mr Pennington Mr Kinastone Constable — Mr Gardner Mr Cartwright — Mr King Mr Wynn — Mr Walwyn Mr Dickinson — Mr Wilson Mr Henley — Mr John Bewchampe now made free Mr Bradley Mr Offley Mr Cater
	At this Court the orders of the last Court were read and confirmed.
£33 6s 8d lent John King	This day Mr John King, one of the Company, prayed to have the use and benefit of £33 6s 8d putting in good surety for the same as others do and offered for his sureties Mr Richard Slyme [Slim] of Eltham in Kent, citizen and Merchant Taylor of London, and Mr Edward Russell at Bow Lane Corner, New Cheapside. Which also being related by Mr Bradley and others present to be good surety it is ordered to be done and the bond to be sealed and then Mr Edward's bond to be delivered in.
John Bewchampe made free.	This day came John Bewchampe, citizen and Salter of London who is a mere merchant, and prayed to be admitted into this Company. Whereupon for his fine of £10 and 6s 5d Hance paid to Mr Monger in Court, he was admitted and sworn.
Mr Attorney to be attended with the Society's charters.	It is ordered that Mr Mayor, Mr Monger, Mr Underhill, Mr Bowater, Mr Henley, Mr Cade, Mr Flood, Mr Thorold, Mr Parker, Mr Stubbing, Mr Pennington, Mr Evans, Mr Rookes or any 6 or more of them attend Mr Attorney General[139] to view the charters of this Company according to the order of the Lords of the Council. And what charge of counsel or otherwise shall be expended is referred to the said committees and it shall be paid by Mr Treasurer.

[139] Attorney General: Sir John Banks – the long-standing legal counsel for the Staplers.

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The 19th Day of October 1634
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London

Present:

Mr Monger Lieutenant	Mr Gardner
Mr Kinastone }	Mr Stubbinge
Mr Underhill }Constables	Mr Metherell
Mr Withers Treasurer	Mr Walwyn
Mr Evans	Mr Cable
Mr Cade	James Daubney Clerk
Mr Edwards	
Mr Parker	
Mr Flood	
Mr Vivian	

At this Court the orders of the last Court were read and confirmed.

A petition to the Lords.

It is ordered that a petition drawn and read in Court be delivered to the Lords of the Council for enlarging of the order of reference to Mr Attorney General of the 27th of September last. Mr Bowater, Mr Underhill, Mr Parker, Mr Flood, Mr Cade, Mr Pennington and Mr stubbing are entreated to deliver the same to the Lords tomorrow in the afternoon. And what charges they shall expend shall be paid by Mr Treasurer. And it is referred to them to appoint what charge is fit to be laid out till this business be ended, and the same to be allowed.

Mr Underhill to pay the foot of his account.

It is ordered that Mr Underhill, late Treasurer, paying the moneys to the now Treasurer resting upon the foot of his account, shall have his bond delivered up for that he has made up his account.

At this Court came one Lawrence Chambers, late servant to Mr Henley a brother of this Company, and prayed to be admitted into this freedom for that he has served Mr Henley and is made free of London by Mr Henley. But he confessed he was not bound and inrolled here. Whereupon it was considered that he could not be free, otherwise than as a Redemptioner for which he prayed liberty to answer till next Court, which was allowed.

The 21st Day of October 1634
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London

Present:

Mr Monger Lieutenant	Mr Gardner	Mr Metherill
Mr Kinastone Constable	Mr Stubbing	Mr Wilson
Mr Withers Treasurer	Mr Vivian	Mr Bewchamp
Mr Rookes	Mr Walwyn	James Daubney
Mr Parker		
Mr Lentall		

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	At this Court the orders of the last Court were read and confirmed.
	It is ordered that whereas Mr Underhill, late Treasurer, has received several sums of money of Redemptioners lately made free and since has laid out some moneys for the Company's business, therefore that he being in his Bill for the moneys laid out and forthwith to deliver the residue of the money resting in his hand to the now Treasurer before the bond for the Treasurer's accounts be delivered up to him.
Touching admittance into the Company of Merchant Adventurers.	This day upon reading a copy of Mr Attorney's report to the Lords upon an order of the Board made by the Lords the 27th of September last, and upon information of what proceedings have passed heretofore in this business, it is thought fit that every man of the Company be let at his own liberty whether he will pray admittance into the Adventurer's Company or not. And that no further prosecution be made to the Lords concerning the differences between this Company and the Adventurers at this time unless this Company be called thereunto by further order.
For a view [of all rooms in Leadenhall]	It is ordered that the Clerk and Mr Wilson against Thursday next view all the rooms in this house belonging to the Company and certify who holds the same and upon what terms.
20s benevolence to the Beadle. [Steven Mercer]	It is also ordered that Mr Treasurer pay the Beadle of the Company 20s as a benevolence for his extraordinary pains of late taken for the Company.
	The 28th Day of November 1634 **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall in London** Present:

Sir James Cambell Kt	Mayor	
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	
Mr Kinastone	Constable	
Mr Withers	Treasurer	Mr Purslow
Mr Braborne		Mr Wilson
Mr Flood		Mr Gardner
Mr Stubbing		Mr Offley
Mr Walwyn		James Daubney

	At this Court the orders of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mr Underhill paid the money in this hands to the Treasurer.	Mr Treasurer did certify this Court that according to an order of the last Court Mr Underhill had paid him the money resting in his hand and has given him an account what is in his hand, whereof there wanted in the goal 9 grains which is 18d.
Roger Draper made free.	At this Court came Roger Draper, citizen and Merchant Taylor of London, and prayed admittance into this Company, whereupon for £10 fine and 6s 5d Hance he was admitted and sworn and paid his fine in Court.
Benefactors' money to be made good.	It is ordered that all Benefactors' moneys that are given to this Company be searched up and made good and disposed according to the several gifts.

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20s given to Mercer.	It is ordered upon Mercer's petition that he have a benevolence of 20s.
Search to be made touching £10 challenged by Mr Purslow.	It is ordered at Mr Purslow's entreaty that search be made touching £10 which he says the Company ought to allow him, how the same grew due and what he has received and what has been done therein otherwise and to certify at the next Court. And if Mr Purslow be not here himself then Mr Smith whom he says he will trust therein to have notice and to receive answer thereof from this Court.
Mr Hungate.	It is ordered that Mr Hungate whom the same matter touches be warned to the next Court and then the business to be controverted[140] and ended.
Mr Braborne.	Likewise that Mr Braborne, who owes some money to the Company and claims money from the Company, be also searched out how it stands and certified the next Court. And in the meantime to meet with Mr Monger, Mr Treasurer, Mr Evans and Mr Edwards at some convenient time to confer thereof. And upon account what is found to be due on either side to be allowed and the residue to be paid to whom it belongs.
The Clerk's bill of £13 16s 6d allowed and £10 given him.	It is ordered that the Clerk's bill of £13 16s 6d, laid out by him in the execution of the Company's business against the Merchant Adventurers and otherwise, be allowed him and £10 more as for his extraordinary pains therein and both of them to be paid by Mr Treasurer and the same shall be allowed upon account.
Mr Underhill to certify the Company of the rent of the warehouse.	It is ordered that the Clerk do tell Mr Underhill to satisfy this Company what rent the warehouse he holds is let for and whether the clothier is to pay rent to him or to the Company for the same.
Merick's bill to be paid.	It is also ordered that Mr Merick's bill of 40s about the indictments concerning the wharf at Westminster be allowed and paid by Mr Treasurer.
	The 18th of December 1634 **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall in London** Present:

Mr Monger Lieutenant	Mr Gardner
Mr Underhill Constable	Mr Stubbing
Mr Withers Treasurer	Mr Wilson
Mr Edwards	Mr Vivian
Mr Wynn	Mr Daubney
Mr Flood	Mr Mercer
Mr Walwyn	

	This Court was especially called for the reading of a letter sent by the Lord Bishop of London and other commissioners for the repair of Paul's Church unto which a contribution was desired from this Company. Whereupon Mr Treasurer relating that it was Mr Mayor's

[140] controverted: argued

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opinion and consent that there should be now given in hand 40s and 40s per annum for 4 years to come if the work continues. It was thereupon ordered that the same should be performed. And that the Clerk go personally to the commissioners and signify to them that although the trading of the Company be taken away and their charge great by reason of taxation to the shipping and other wise, yet they are content to show their willingness to that work in what they are able and therefore they to pray that their said contribution may be accepted.

The 17th day of February 1634 **[1635]**
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London

Present:

Sir James Cambell Kt	Mayor	Mr Rookes
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Vivian
Mr Underhill	Constable	Mr Offley
Mr Thorold		Mr Alkin
Mr Bradley		Mr Wilson
Mr Stubbing		
Mr Bewchampe		
Mr Best		
Mr Gardner		

Contribution for repair of [St] Pauls.

The orders of the last Court being read, that order for Pauls was confirmed as is there recited and Mr Treasurer is to pay 40s in hand, and the residue to be paid as the same yearly shall grow. And the which answer is to be returned to the commissioners for St Pauls.

John Bewchampe Thomas Bewchampe inrolled

John Bewchampe & Thomas Bewchampe, sons of John Bewchampe, inrolled this day to serve the said John Bewchamp 7 years as an apprentice from Christmas last.

William Wood inrolled.

William Wood, son of .... Wood in the county of York, inrolled to serve the said John Bewchampe 7 years also from Christmas last.

Mr Thorold

Upon request of Mr Thorold for repayment of £10 fine ordered by Court long sithence[141] as he says which he paid for a wool house, which is conceived Mr Braborne can say something of, it is ordered therefore that the same stay until he be present and that he be specially warned to the next Court.

Mr Thomas Jones made free.

It is ordered at the request of Mr Thomas Jones that he be admitted into this Society for such fine and Hance as others of the Company have been admitted : £10 fine and 6s 5d Hance, which he was contented with. And thereupon was admitted and sworn with fine Mr Monger received in Court in Mr Treasurer's absence.

[141] sithence = since

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Letter of Attorney to the Clerk to account in the Exchequer for Customs. [wools, woolfells, leather]

It is ordered that a letter of attorney be made under the Company's seal to the Clerk to account for all customs of wools and woolfells and leather in the Exchequer, according to an order of the said Court of Exchequer, and that from year to year likewise, as occasion shall be, he is further ordered to have his letter of attorney extend to prevent future charge and trouble.

Thomas Alkin

It is ordered upon the petition of Thomas Alkin, a member of this Company, whereby he relates that he has had some wrong done him by being put from his place of Clerkship and Weigher, whereupon it is ordered that against the next Court the Clerk make search for the causes of his putting out and to certify thereof.

The 6th day of May 1635
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall in London

Present:

Sir James Cambell Kt	Mayor	Mr Cade
Sir Richard Lydall Kt		Mr Rooks
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Bowater
Mr Underhill	Constable	Mr Wilson
Mr Withers	Treasurer	Mr Edwards -Junior
Mr Evans		Mr Henley
Mr Thorold		Mr King
Mr David Edwards		Mr Metherell
Mr Bradley		Mr Best
Mr Bewchampe		James Daubney
Mr Stubbing		
Mr Cater		
Mr Cable		
Mr Offley		

At this Court was read the orders of the last Court and confirmed.

Mr Thorold.

It is ordered that the fine of £10 which Mr Thorold requested to be received, which he alleges he paid beforehand long since for a fine for a wool house, be referred to Mr Lieutenant, Mr Treasurer, Mr Evans and Mr David Edwards or any 3 of them and what they shall find to be due to him to report at the next Court.

Sir Richard Lidall's proposition referred to a Committee.

At this Court Sir Richard Lydall Kt, upon good ground as he affirmed, did propound that if the Company would now accept of gracious offer made and of the King's Highness favourable report to this Company to grant to them their ancient liberties of exportation of cloths and free trade of woollen commodities beyond the seas, his Majesty has now cast his eye upon them and for £10,000 per annum is content to grant the sole trade of exporting woollen cloths to them for that the Merchant Adventurers patent is now at the King's mercy. It was thereupon after

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	debate thereof had considered and ordered that this proposition being of great weight should be referred to a Committee to consider and report their opinions therein at the next Court here to be held. And afterwards such answer to be given thereunto as should be thought convenient. And it was referred to the consideration of Mr Monger, Lieutenant, Mr Withers, treasurer, Mr Underhill, Constable, Mr Evans, Mr David Edwards, Mr Rookes, Mr Thorold, Mr Cable, Mr Henley, Mr Stubbing, Mr Thomas Lawley, Mr Bowater, Mr Bewchampe, Mr Pennington, Mr Cartwright, Mr Cade, Mr Braborne, Mr Hungate, Mr Wilson, Mr Ashwell, Mr Cotton, Mr Metherell, Mr Bradley, Mr Cater, Mr Lentall or any 10 or more of them who are desired to consider and report in writing to this Court their opinions concerning the same. And on Monday next the 11th of this May by 2 o'clock in the afternoon is appointed to meet here thereabout. And then such order to be made therein as this Court shall think meet and the Clerk is to attend them at their meetings.
Broggers	The said Committee are also to consider of the Broggers who are complained of and the assistance of the Company is prayed for money as to prosecute them in such manner as shall be advised.
Harwell & Langley made free.	At this Court came Francis Harwell, of St Olave's parish in Southwark Woolman, and Richard Langley, of St Olave's aforesaid, and prayed to be mad free of this Company. At whose request for £10 6s 5d apiece fine and Hance they were both admitted, sworn and paid their said fines to Mr Lieutenant in the absence of Mr Treasurer.
Owen Edwards suitor for £25.	Mr Owen Edwards, desiring to have £25 of the Benefactors' money, is willed to bring his sureties' names and this Court will think further thereof.
£5 given as a benevolence to Mr Alkin.	Upon a petition of Mr Alkin and upon his submissive carriage and expression of sorrow for any affront which he has given to this Company heretofore and to relieve his great necessity, he having been Clerk of the Company and in necessity. It is ordered that if he shall release to the Company as long since was ordered he shall have £5 as a free benevolence and Mr Treasurer to pay the same after the release sealed.
George Church inrolled.	George Church, son of George Church of Buntingford in the county of Herts - tanner, bound to Richard Langley, merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the date of indenture 13th May 1635 was ordered to be inrolled.

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The 21st Day of May 1635
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall in London

Present:

Mr Monger	Lieutenant	
Sir Richard Lydall Kt		
Mr Underhill	Constable	
Mr Withers	Treasurer	Mr Cable
Mr Thorold		Mr Evans
Mr Cade		Mr Offley
Mr Bradley		Mr Wilson
Mr Lentall		Mr Langley
Mr Dickinson		James Daubney
Mr Gulston		

At this Court the orders of the last Court were read and confirmed.

Mr Herbert admitted into this Society.

At this Court came Mr James Herbert, merchant and free of the Haberdashers of London, and prayed to be admitted into the freedom of this Company. At whose request this Court did assent for £10 6s 5d fine and Hance. But Mr Herbert conceived that his father, Mr James Herbert, was free of this Company who died about 27 years ago, therefore prayed search thereof which was granted. And if it appears his father was free and so be capable of his freedom thereof then his fine of £10 to be returned to him, whereupon he was admitted, sworn and paid his fine to Mr Treasurer in Court.

Mr Herbert a committee.

After the said Mr Herbert was sworn as aforesaid, it was ordered that he be added to the Committee concerning the business propounded the last Court by Sir Richard Lydall.

Mr Dickinson a committee.

Likewise Mr Dickinson is ordered to be added to the said Committee.

Mr Little.

At this Court Mr Little, who as Sir Richard Lydall reported, has done some good service on behalf of this Company desired to be admitted into the freedom, this referred to the next Court.

A letter from the Earl of Morton.

At this Court there was delivered to the Mayor and Company a letter from the Earl of Morton[142] in these words:

To my worthy and loving friends the Mayor and Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England or to their committee,

[142] William Douglas, 7th Earl of Morton, Lord High Treasurer of Scotland.

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[Earl of Morton letter continued]

Gentlemen, hearing that the Merchant Adventurers have given out in speeches that his Majesty of late hath promised them the continuance of trade as formerly they have enjoyed without alteration and that they thereupon have endeavoured to dissuade and discourage some of your Company for going further on in the treaty which I had with them on his Majesty's behalf, and having acquainted his Majesty therewith, his Majesty has commanded me to let you know that the Merchant Adventurers do abuse both his Majesty and you with a false relation. And therefore I advise you to go on cheerfully with the business now in hand and to perfect it with all convenient expedition accordingly as I treated with some of your Company (: that your Company having all the privileges and immunities which the Merchant Adventurers now do -or of late have enjoyed by virtue of their pretended licence or late proclamation, and that you by way of remuneration or gratification of these his Majesty's gracious favours towards your Company should pay £10000 per annum). And these having acquainted you with his Majesty's pleasure I desire you to be confident that there is none who shall be more ready to further and befriend you in all your fair and honest designs than your truly loving friend. Morton. Whitehall this 11th of May 1635.

After the reading of which letter it was referred to the committee appointed at the last Court concerning this business then propounded by Sir Richard Lydall to consider of an answer to this letter and to report thereof to this Court. Whereupon the said committee appointed to meet here at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday next to consider of the promises.

The 16th Day of May 1635
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall in London

Present:

Sir James Cambell Kt	Mayor	Mr Cater
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Henley
Sir Richard Lydall Kt		Mr Lentall
Mr Withers	Treasurer	Mr Metherell
Mr Bowater		Mr Wilson
Mr Thorold		Mr Herbert
Mr Rookes		Mr Stubbing
Mr Bradley		
Mr Cartwright		
Mr Cade		
Mr Cable		

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	At this Court were read the orders of the last Court and confirmed.
The Clerk's bill to be perused.	It is ordered that the Clerk's bill of charges expended about passing the accounts in the Exchequer be perused by them that were appointed the last auditors for the Treasurers account and what they shall think fit to be allowed him.
20 marks for the traders in wool.	It is ordered also, at the request of those that trade in the wool merchandise, that there shall be 20 marks paid to the hand of Mr Bradley to be laid out for the Company's business, who shall account to this Court for the same how it shall be disbursed.
Answer to the Earl of Morton's letter.	For answer to the Earl of Morton's letter the Court conceived these might be the principal things: 1. That true it is the Company are barred wholly from the trade they formerly enjoyed in the merchandise of cloth and woollen commodities and they conceive it is by force of his Majesty's proclamation and by reason thereof no entry can be taken at the Customs House of any others than of the Merchant Adventurers. 2. That the Company gave no order to any for treaty with the said Earl concerning the promises. 3. That although they cannot but thankfully accept of his Majesty's grace and favour, yet they are not able as the Company now stands to undertake the payment of any certain yearly sum of money. But having conferred with some of the merchants who are traders of the Company, we find them content to give his Majesty so much upon only cloth by them to be exported as the Merchant Adventurers now raise to their own use. Nevertheless the promises are referred to the further consideration of the committee for this purpose, who are desired to meet here again on Friday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and ticket to be sent to them to warn them to appear.
	At an Assembly or meeting of the Committee the 29th of May 1635. Present:

Mr Monger Lieutenant	Mr Stubbings
Mr Dickinson	Mr Cable
Mr Henley	Mr Herbert
Mr Bradley	Mr Wilson
Mr Lentall	James Daubney
Mr Cater	

	[Sheet 79 IMG 0750]
Answer to the Earl of Morton's letter.	It is agreed that the Clerk draw up into form the letter here read against the next Court and the same to be then delivered to the Court to be ordered as shall be thought fit, which Court is to be desired to be on Wednesday next at 2 o'clock.
Gilbert Buxam made free.	Gilbert Buxam, son of Edward Buxam of Nottingham gentleman and apprentice of Henry Bradley Merchant of the Staple, was this day brought to the Company by his said master and prayed his freedom, having served out his apprenticeship of 7 years long since, who for 6s 5d Hance was admitted and sworn, which Hance was paid to the Clerk in the absence of Mr Treasurer.
	The 3rd Day of June 1635 **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leadenhall in London** Present:

Sir James Cambell Kt Mayor	Mr Lentall
Sir Richard Lydall Kt	Mr Cable
Mr Monger Lieutenant	Mr Offley
Mr Dickinson	Mr Wilson
Mr Evans	Mr Langley
Mr Bradley	James Daubney
Mr Cade	
Mr Henley	
Mr Cater	
Mr Stubbing	

	At this Court the orders of the last Court were read and confirmed.
	At this Court was read a letter agreed upon by the committee to be referred in answer to the Earl of Morton's letter. And thereupon it was ordered that the report of the said committee should be entered with the said letter verbatim into the register and subscribed as is therein written and sealed with the Company's seal, and to be sent to his Lordship by the Clerk of the Company who is to be accompanied with such as have had conference with the said Earl concerning the premises and such others as shall think fit.
	The copy of the Earl of Morton's letter to the Company.

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	To my worthy and loving friends the Mayor and Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England or to their committee, *Gentlemen, hearing that the Merchant Adventurers have given out in speeches that his Majesty of late hath promised them the continuance of trade as formerly they have enjoyed without alteration and that they thereupon have endeavoured to dissuade and discourage some of your Company for going further on in the treaty which I had with them on his Majesty's behalf, and having acquainted his Majesty therewith, his Majesty has commanded me to let you know that the Merchant Adventurers do abuse both his Majesty and you with a false relation. And therefore I advise you to go on cheerfully with the business now in hand and to perfect it with all convenient expedition accordingly as I treated with some of your Company (: that your Company having all the privileges and immunities which the Merchant Adventurers now do -or of late have enjoyed by virtue of their pretended licence or late proclamation, and that you by way of remuneration or gratification of these his Majesty's gracious favours towards your Company should pay £10000 per annum). And these having acquainted you with his Majesty's pleasure I desire you to be confident that there is none who shall be more ready to further and befriend you in all your fair and honest designs than your truly loving friend. Morton. Whitehall this 11th of May 1635.*
	At this Court the committee, appointed heretofore to consider and report what answer they should conceive was fit to be given to the Earl of Morton's letter and Sir Richard Lydall's proposition, concerning the treaty which some of the Company had with the said Earl touching their liberty and licence from his Majesty to be obtained for the exportation of cloth and woollen commodities into Germany and the Low Countries, have delivered that they have conceived an answer to the said Earl's letter in these words following:
An answer to the Earl Morton's letter	*Right honourable and our very good Lord, since it pleased your Lordship to direct the letters unto us the Mayor and Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England or to our committee, signifying his Majesty's royal and gracious pleasure that we may enjoy the use and benefit of the cloth trade into Holland and other parts of Germany and the Low Countries, from/*

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	which the Merchant Adventurers sought to exclude us whereby also we understand there is a remuneration expected at our hands to be rendered to his Majesty by the payment of a yearly sum of money, proportioned at £10000 per annum, upon reading whereof and consideration had that the greatest number of our Company are not merchants trading into those parts, it was thereupon referred to a committee, amongst whom those that were merchants and traded there were principally required to resolve of such an answer as might both satisfy his Majesty's expectation and tend to their own good and not be prejudicial for our Company. Which committee, after sundry meetings conceived that it behoved us to become humble suitors to his Majesty to grant, ratify and confirm unto us the ancient privileges, customs, immunities and authorities of the Staple of England tending to the good government of the merchandising trade both here and beyond the seas. And thereupon the said merchant traders would be well content to render to his Majesty upon their expectation of every white cloth undressed 2s, upon every coloured long cloth dressed 12d, upon every Spanish short cloth 7d, upon every Kersey 3d upon every piece of baize 4d upon every piece of perpetuana[143] 4d and upon every dozen of stockings 2d all which are the same rates by the Merchant Adventurers formerly imposed for their own private exports besides 16d upon only white cloth which is paid to the Duchess of Richmond and shall also still by them for their parts be continued. And whereas it appears by the intent of the proclamation obtained by the Merchant Adventurers that they would not allow the freedom of trade to any merchants, but upon a great fine for admittance into their Company, for the better advancement of free trade and vent of cloth and other woollen commodities for the good of all his Majesty's subjects they thought it might be convenient that the said Merchant Adventurers should be admitted of our Company for the old Hance of 6s 5d. And that all other mere merchants shall also be admitted unto us upon such reasonable fine as shall be thought fit. And by these means the emulation of these 2 Companies being taken away, it may be hoped that not only his Majesty shall have a good increase of yearly revenue but also the vent of cloth and all woollen commodities may be enlarged and his Majesty's Customs thereby increased. After which report delivered unto us we agreed and resolved with most dutiful affection and all humble thankfulness to recommend the same unto your Lordship's grave wisdom humbly desiring that/

[143] perpetuana: durable woollen cloth

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favourable interpretation may be had in this our expression of loyalty to his Majesty and find heal to perform the service expected at our hands. And so we remain
Your Lordship's humble servants to be commanded, the Mayor, Constables and Society of the Merchants of the Staple of England.
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The 14th Day of July 1635
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London

Present:

Sir James Cambell Kt	Mayor	Mr stubbing
Mr James Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Metherell
Mr Underhill	Constable	Mr Cable
Mr Withers	Treasurer	Mr Wilson
Mr Evans		Mr Langley
Mr Dickinson		Mr Edwards Junior
Mr David Edwards		Mr Best
Mr Henley		Mr Alkin
Mr Herbert		James Daubney
Mr Mercer		
Mer Harwell		
Mr Offley		

At this Court the orders of the last Court were read.

At this Court the Clerk of the Company related that, according to an order of the last Court, he had attended the Earl of Morton, with the letter directed by the Company and that Sir Richard Lydall, Mr Lentall, Mr Stubbing, Mr Cable and Mr Herbert were also present at the delivery thereof, who accepted the same favourably and promised to give his Majesty knowledge of the same and then they should receive further answer thereof.

Sir James Cambell elected Mayor.

At this Curt, Sir James Cambell Mayor surrendered up and relinquished his place of Mayor. Whereupon the said Sir James Cambell, together with Sir Robert Parkhurst Alderman and Mr Alderman Cletherowe were out in election for Mayor for the year ensuing. And the said Sir James Cambell was again chosen and sworn.

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Mr Monger elected Lieutenant.	At this Court were put in election for Lieutenant Mr James Monger, Mr Adrian Evans, Mr Thomas Lewes and Mr George Rookes. And Mr Monger was again elected and sworn.
Mr Underhill Mr Withers Constables.	At this Court was put in election for Constable Mr Clement Underhill Mr John Withers Mr Hungate and Mr Thomas Lewes. And Mr Underhill and Mr Withers were elected and sworn.
Mr Cartwright elected Treasurer.	At this Court were put in election for Treasurer Mr Cartwright Mr David Edwards and Mr Henley and Mr Edmund Wynn. And Mr Cartwright was chosen but not present and therefore ordered to be summoned to the next Court to be sworn.
Mr Wilson elected Weigher.	At this Court Mr Wilson the Weigher was with Mr Thomas Alkin and Mr Offley out into election for Weigher for the year ensuing. And Mr Wilson was chosen and sworn.
£20 12s 10d paid by the Lieutenant to the Treasurer.	At this Court Mr Monger Lieutenant paid to Mr Treasurer 20 12s 10d he received heretofore of Mr Harwell and Mr Langley for their fines and Hances.
Committee to be attended touching the leather sellers' petition.	Whereas this day Robert Wilson, Weigher, brought a copy of the leather sellers' petition and of an order of Court of Aldermen thereupon, whereby the said petition is referred to the consideration of a committee. Therefore it is ordered that the records and other things concerning the weighing and selling wools be searched by the Clerk and to attend the said committee to satisfy them concerning the same by advice of counsel and in especial Mr Attorney. And Mr Monger, Mr Withers and Mr Edwards are entreated to attend the said committee therein.
Mr Berrie requested his freedom but deferred.	At this Court Mr Berry, merchant, prayed to be admitted into the freedom of this Company. Whereupon he being demanded and confessing he is not free of London, it is ordered that search be made whether the charter will bear to admit a man not free of London[144] and then he shall receive answer to his request.
	At Westminster were sworn these: Mr James Cable Mr James Herbert Mr George Stubbing Mr Tobias Metherell Mr Richard Langley Mr Francis Harwell who were already sworn at Leadenhall.
	Mr Henry Penn only sworn at Westminster for the expectation of the Clerk's place there.
	Mr Edward Morgan of Westminster was also sworn of the Company at Westminster.

[144] The result of this ordered search has not been found.

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The 16th of July 1635
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London

Present:

Mr Lieutenant	Mr Franklin
Sir Richard Lydall Kt	Mr Stubbins
Mr Underhill }	Mr Lentall
Mr Withers } Constables	Mr Herbert
Mr Cartwright Treasurer	Mr Wilson
Mr Evans	James Daubney
Mr Thorold	
Mr Cotton	
Mr David Edwards	
Mr Dickinson	
Mr Henley	
Mr Pennington	

At this Court were read the orders of the last Court and confirmed.

Mr Cartwright sworn Treasurer.

At this Court Mr Timothy Cartwright came and was sworn for the execution of the office of Treasurer for the year ensuing.

At this Court it is ordered that Sir Richard Lydall, being of the Company, shall be retained in special for committee to attend the committee concerning the business ordered the lats Court touching the leather sellers' petition to the Court of Aldermen.

The 5th Day of August 1635
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London

Present:

Sir James Cambell	Mayor	Mr Wilson
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Alkin
Mr Cartwright	Treasurer	Mr Stubbings
Mr Henley		Mr Dickenson
Mr Mercer		James Daubney
Mr Metherell		
Mr Cater		

At this Court were read the orders of the last Court and confirmed.

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Auditors appointed for the treasurers accounts.

At this Court are appointed for auditing Mr Withers account, late Treasurer, these persons: Mr Evans, Mr Dickinson, Mr Edwards, Mr Henley, Mr Cater, Mr Underhill, Mr Rookes, Mr Cade or any 4 of them who are entreated to meet and take the same so soon as convenience is they can that the now Treasurer may receive his charge.

At a meeting held the 21st of October 1635.

Present:

Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Wilson
Mr Cartwright	Treasurer	Mr Walwyn
Mr Evans		Mr Buxam
Mr Dickinson		James Daubney
Mr Cade		
Mr Bradley		
Mr Henley		
Mr Stubbins		

It is desired that Mr Treasurer, Mr Bradley, Mr Henley, Mr Cade and the Clerk to view the tenement at Leadenhall that the Clerk may make a rental thereof who have appointed to meet tomorrow afternoon.

The 16th Day of November 1635
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London

Present:

Sir James Cambell Kt	Mayor	Mr Brabourne
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Buxam
Mr Underhill	}	James Daubney
Mr Withers	}Constables	
Mr Evans		
Mr Dickinson		
Mr Henley		
Mr Bradley		
Mr Cater		
Mr Wilson		

The Treasurer's account allowed.

At this Court were read the orders of the last Court for the auditing of the last account of the Treasurer, Mr Withers, which being signed by the auditors was allowed.

It is ordered that Steven Mercer's account be looked up for Treasurership and seen what is due that at the next/

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	Court order may be given concerning his bond which rests still in account.
Samuel Hill's money called in.	It is ordered that Mr Samuel Hill's money upon his bond being due 10th November 1635 be called for. Mr Bradley and Mr Boroughs being sureties.
Delivery made by the Treasurer of all things in his charge. [£205-6s-10d]	This day Mr Withers produced a receipt under Mr Cartwright's hand, the now Treasurer, certifying the receipt of £205 6s 10d which was found resting in Mr Withers' hand upon the foot of his account. And Mr Withers also delivered all other things mentioned in his account which were put into the chest in the absence of Mr Cartwright, now Treasurer, by consent of the Court.
£33 6s 8d granted to Gilbert Buxam.	At this Court Gilbert Buxam desired £33 6s 8d of the Benefactors' money upon Mr Bradley's and Mr George Musson's bond of St Olave's Southwark fell-monger, who is ordered to be lent accordingly.
Benefactors' money to be certified.	It is ordered that against the next Court the Clerk make a note of the Benefactors' moneys and certify the same and certainty thereof.
£100 lent to Mr Dickinson.	Mr Dickinson desired to have £100 lent him at £6 per annum upon the surety of Mr William Cutts, citizen and Goldsmith dwelling in All Hallows Lombard Street, and Matthew Foster, of St Edmunds parish Lombard Street citizen and Goldsmith, for 6 months which is granted.
40s given Steven Mercer.	It is ordered that 40s be given to Steven Mercer as a benevolence.
Samuel Vans apprentice to Gilbert Buxam.	Samuel Vans, son of Francis Wans of Cotgrat[145] in the county of Nottingham yeoman, to be bound to Gilbert Buxam apprentice for 9 years.
	The 29th Day of December 1635 **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London** Present:

Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Johnson
Mr Underhill	Constable	Mr Cable
Mr Cartwright	Treasurer	Mr Offley
Mr Evans		Mr Wilson
Mr Bradley		Mr Buxam
Mr Braborne		James Daubney
Mr Cater		
Mr Jones		
Mr Dickinson		

[145] Cotgrat: could be a misspelling of Cotgrave; South Nottinghamshire.

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	At this Court were read the orders of the last Court and confirmed, saving the order for the lending of £100 to Mr Dickinson.
Hill's debt.	At this Court, it being returned in answer from Mr Burroughs, one of the sureties for Mr Hill's debt that he is willing to pay one half of the debt if Mr Bradley the other surety will pay the rest, Mr Bradley being present and thereupon demanded his answer he prayed liberty until the next Court - the which was granted.
[Company's plate.]	Mr Cartwright here declared that he has taken into his custody plate belonging to the Company.
Benefactors' money to rest in the Treasurers hand until it can be disposed.	Forasmuch as it appears upon search made that there is £400 Benefactors' money: £100 given by Sir Phillipp Smith, £100 by Mr William Walthall, £100 by Mr John Robinson, and £100 by Mr John Vernon. It is therefore ordered that until that £400 be taken by some of the Company to whom it is intended by the donors, the same shall rest in the Treasurer's chest.
Serjant Whitfield to be retained.	It is ordered that the Clerk shall retain Mr Serjant Whitfield of Counsel with the Company to attend the Committee of Aldermen and to make him a brief of all that business of the Leather-sellers as Mr Serjant or other counsel shall advise touching the same and if Mr Serjant can not be had to retain Mr [gap] in his stead.
	It is agreed that a Court shall be warned against Friday come sevennight at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.
	The 12th Day of January 1635 **[1636]** **A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London** Present:

Sir James Cambell Kt	Mayor	Mr Dickenson
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Wilson
Mr Underhill	Constable	Mr Woodcock
Mr Cartwright	Treasurer	Mr Best
Mr Evans		James Daubney
Mr Gullstone		
Mr Braborne		
Mr Bradley		
Mr Cater		

	At this Court was produced and read a proposition made from Sir John Meldrum[146]concerning the winding of wools and paying 12d upon every pack for searching thereof to reform abuses thereof. Whereupon the consideration

[146] Sir John Meldrum(/Meldrome/Mildram) 1584-1645. Soldier, lighthouse owner. Initially a supporter of the Stuarts but killed fighting for the Parliamentarians at the siege of Scarborough. https://www.stmargaretshistory.org.uk/people/south-foreland-lighthouse/sir-john-meldrum-2

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Sir John Mildram's proposition	thereof is referred to Mr Gulston, Mr Hungate, Mr Braborne, Mr Rookes, Mr Bradley, Mr Cater, Mr Wilson, Mr Lewes, Mr Best or any 5 or more of them, who are desired to report at the next Court their opinions thereof.
Hill's debt to be brought in.	At this Court Mr Bradley did declare that he is content to pay half of Mr Hill's debt and Mr Boroughs the other half. Having promised the like they are both to be warned to bring in the same at the next Court.
Wool buyers.	At this Court it is ordered that for the business of the wool buyers the 20 marks which Mr Bradley has already shall be made up 30 pounds. And Mr Lieutenant, both the Constables with Mr Treasurer, Mr Evans and Mr Gulston be acquainted with the particular proceedings of that business, who if they see cause may acquaint the Company therewith and of their proceedings. And the wool buyers have promised to demand no more money for that business.
Clerk's bill to be paid.	It is ordered that the Clerk's bill of charges concerning the leather sellers be allowed and paid by Mr Treasurer with such other charges as shall be expended thereabout.
30s to the Beadle at Christmas.	It is ordered that Steven Mercer, Beadle, shall have as a benevolence at Christmas for his relief 30s.
	At an Assembly held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London the 18th of January 1635 **[1636]**

Mr Monger Lieutenant	Mr Best
Mr Evans	Mr Buxam
Mr Cater	Mr Walwyn
Mr Cable	Mr Vivion
Mr Stubbings	James Daubney
Mr Wilson	
Mr Bradley	
Mr Parker	
Mr Braborne	

	At this Assembly the committee concerning Sir John Meldram's request conceived fit that the proposition made by him be verbatim written into the Register with their answer thereunto. :
	-By the Statute of 8.H.6[147] *(inferred) it was ordained that no man make any inwinding within the fleece of wools at the rolling up of his wools, nor put into any of his fleeces/*

[147] 8th year of Henry VI: 1429

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	any coarse cloth, peltwools, tar, sand, earth, glass, nor any dirt. And if any do, he that feels him so grieved shall have his account at the common law of trespass and deceit. And by the Statute 23.H.8[148] *made perpetual by the Statute 12 Eli*[149]*, it is enacted that there shall not be wound in any fleece any clay, lead, stones, sand, tails, deceitful lock, cott, coles, comber*[150]*, lambswool or any other thing whereby the fleece may be more weighty to the deceit and loss of the buyer, upon pain that the seller of any deceitful wools to forfeit for every such fleece 6d.*
	-This Kingdom though specially careful of that precious and home bred commodity of cloth and clothing has suffered much dishonour in foreign parts through the deceitful and fraudulent practice of several persons who daily wind up within their fleeces of wool (contrary to the said several Statutes and for their own private lucre and gain) clay, lead, stones, sand, pitch, tar, glass, deceitful locks cott coles comber, lamb wool and other deceitful trash from whence these inconveniences arise.
	That all wools pitched and tarred and otherwise falsely packed are loss to the merchant and clothier and worker of what condition sold for that the merchants and clothiers pay as much for only fleece of wool pitched and tarred or otherwise ill dealt withall as for clean and pure wool, the clothier having bought such deceitful fleeces to avoid his own loss is enforced to falsify his cloth which is a great dishonour to the Kingdom and loss to all the buyers of cloth.
	-That these cloths proving bad hinder the sale of it here and thereby causes the merchants to lose their trades beyond the seas in the transportation of cloths, it having been the most vendable merchandise sent from this Kingdom of England and consequently a great loss to the King's Majesty in his Customs for the transportation thereof.
	-That the abuses aforesaid have stirred up divers strangers to pry and enter into the secret and mysteries of clothing within this Kingdom and thereby have taken occasion to set their own people on work both here in this Kingdom and in other foreign parts to their great profit and advantage to the ruining of the trade of clothing of this Kingdom and to the great impoverishing and undoing of an infinite number of poor workmen who are not able to live but by that labour.
	For Reformation it is desired: *-That as all persons by the said Statutes are generally prohibited and forbidden all deceit in winding of wool to the end the same may be good and merchantable, that for the better putting in execution of these good laws and for prevention of the said deceit there be a proclamation/*

[148] 23rd year of Henry VIII: 22 April 1531 -21 April 1532
[149] 12th year of Elizabeth: 17 November 1569 -16 November 1570
[150] 'cott': short for 'cowol' = refuse wool; 'coles' could be the old word for cabbages (German: kohl); 'comber': an encumbrance. Reference: The New and Complete of the English Language, John Ash, London 1775. Internet Archive: book start: https://archive.org/details/bim_eighteenth-century_the-new-and-complete-dic_ash-john_1775_1/mode/2up page for 'comber': https://archive.org/details/bim_eighteenth-century_the-new-and-complete-dic_ash-john_1775_1/page/n197/mode/2up

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	published strictly forbidding all persons whatsoever within this Kingdom of England that from henceforth they do not use any pitch or tar in the marking of their sheep but that they mark their sheep only with red lead or red ochre as their dominions. And thereby likewise to inhibit all deceit in winding of wool and that the abuses in deceitful winding of wool may be prevented, that some fit person may be appointed by himself and his deputies from time to time to search the fleece and so that there be no such deceit by which there will arise these benefits following. *1. First it will be an ease to the Merchant Stapler and buyer of wool and cloth who shall by that means buy only good merchantable wool and cloth.* *2. It is both a benefit and enabling of the clothier for the true marking of cloth according to the Statute of 5.Ed:6. by means whereof he shall be the better enabled to observe that Statute and avoid the penalties of it.* *3. It is an ease and benefit to the poor sorters and pickers of wools.* *4. It is a general benefit to this Kingdom and other foreign nations in the weaving of cloth.* *5. And lastly it is an honour to the King and Kingdom that there be no deceit in that which is the principle staple commodity of this Kingdom.* *That in consideration of the removal of all the inconveniences beforehand and the charge that shall be in maintaining of fit persons to search for the preventing of the said deceits, all clothiers, woolmen and traders in wool in and about this Kingdom of England do pay unto his Majesty for every pack of wool which shall be bought and vended within any county within this Kingdom of England the sum of 12d.*
	Unto which proposition Mr Gulston, Mr Rookes, Mr Braborne, Mr Bradley, Mr Wilson and Mr Best - 6 of the said committee - did certify that for as much as Mr Attorney General had wished that the Company might give him some satisfaction what this Company would pay thereunto therefore for answer it is conceived fit for some of the Company to attend Mr Attorney with a verbal answer to the effect following: That true it is there are several penal Statutes mentioned in the said proposition wholesome and good for the common wealth whereby the said abuses ought to be reformed. And by which when any of the said abuses are found men may have remedy against the offenders. But this Company can not discern that they shall have any ease by reformation thereof in the way so proposed to them. And it is desired that Mr Rookes, Mr Braborne, Mr Bradley, Mr Cater, Mr Wilson and the Clerk or 4 of them attend Mr Attorney with the same answer.

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The 24th Day of February 1635 **[1636]**
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London

Present:

Sir James Cambell Kt	Mayor	Mr Wilson
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Edwards
Mr Underhill	Constable	Mr Buxam
Mr Cartwright	Treasurer	James Daubney
Mr Evans		
Mr Bradley		
Mr Braborne		

Mr Hill's £33 6s 8d paid.

At this Court Mr Richard Boroughs and Mr Henry Bradley paid £33 6s 8d to Mr Cartwright treasurer for Samuel Hill's debt, due by bond, and Mr Bradley received the bond.

At this Court were read the orders of the last Court and confirmed.

At this Court those that were appointed to attend Mr Attorney, having been with him, had order from him to send to the Woolwinders to know what they could say to Sir John Mildram's proposition, who coming here today they desired 14 days as time to advise therein. Whereupon it is ordered that the former committee attend Mr Attorney therein and certify him what the Woolwinders' answer is and to retain Mr Brigandine and take his advice touching that business.

It is ordered that Mr Treasurer pay £16 13s 4d to Mr Rookes for the wool buyers business heretofore ordered to make up £13 6s 8d to £30.

The 5th Day of July 1636
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London

Present:

Sir James Cambell Kt	Mayor	Mr Christopher Vivian
Mr James Monger	Lieutenant	Mr William Walwyn
Mr Clement Underhill	}	Mr Thomas Gardner
Mr John Withers	} Constables	Mr Robert Wilson
Mr Timothy Cartwright	Treasurer	Mr Owen Edwards
Mr George Rookes		
Mr Robert Dickinson		
Mr Henry Bradley		
Mr George Henley		
Mr Andrew Cater		

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[Clerk-James Daubney death] Edward Taylor elected Clerk.

Whereas by the death of James Daubney, late Clerk to this Society, the place or office of Clerk to this Company is become void. The Court thought meet to proceed to the election of another fit and able person to supply the said place for which there stood in election Edward Taylor, James Cocklett, Thomas Alkin, John Merick and [gap] Holland. Who being severally put to scrutiny, the choice fell upon the said Edward Taylor. Whereupon it was ordered that he should be admitted to the said office according to the said election.

Also at this Court it was ordered that a Court shall be held on Wednesday the 20th of this instant month for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The 20th Day of July 1636
A Court held at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London

Present:

Sir James Cambell Kt Mayor	Mr Thomas Alkin
Mr James Monger Lieutenant	Mr John Best
Mr Clement Underhill }	Mr Owen Edwards
Mr John Withers } Constables	Mr Robert Dickinson
Mr Timothy Cartwright Treasurer	Mr Francis Harwell
Mr Richard Brabant	Mr Charles Craker
Mr Henry Bradley	[Edward Taylor Clerk]
Mr Andrew Cater	
Mr George Stubbing	
Mr Thomas Garnow	
Mr Robert Wilson	

At this Court the orders of the last Court were read and confirmed.

The Clerk sworn. [Edward Taylor]

Also at this Court Mr Edward Taylor, who was at the last Court elected and chosen Clerk of this Company, did take his oath for the execution of his said place.

Also at this Court Charles Craker, late apprentice of John King, a free Brother of this Society, was admitted into the freedom of this Company and took the oath in that case provided and paid 6s 5d for his Hance.

	[Sheet 86 IMG 0757]
[Sir James Cambell elected Mayor]	Also at this Court Sir James Cambell, the present Mayor of the Staple surrendered up and relinquished his place. Whereupon the Court proceeding according to annual custom and his Majesty's Charter to the election of a new Mayor for the year ensuing, the Right Honourable Christopher Cletherow - now Lord Mayor of the City of London, the said Sir James Cambell and Sir Robert Parkhurst Kt and Alderman were put in nomination for Mayor of the Staple for the year ensuing, who being severally put to question the said Sir James Cambell was elected Mayor of the Staple for the ensuing year and took his oath for the due execution of his said office.
[Mr James Monger elected Lieutenant]	After which the Court proceeded to the election of the Lieutenant for which place there was nominated to stand in election Mr James Monger - the present Lieutenant, Mr Clement Underhill, Mr Adrian Evans and Mr George Rookes, who being severally put to question Mr James Monger was elected Lieutenant for the ensuing year and took his oath for the due execution of his said place.
[Mr John Withers and Timothy Cartwright elected Constables]	Also the Court proceeding to the election of the Constables, Mr John Withers, Mr Timothy Cartwright and Mr Thomas Thorold being put in nomination and severally put to question, Mr John Withers and Mr Timothy Cartwright were elected Constables for the ensuing year and took their oaths for the due execution of their said office.
[Mr David Edwards elected Treasurer]	Also the Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer, Mr David Edwards, Mr Andrew Cater and Mr George Henley being put in nomination and severally put to question, Mr David Edwards was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.
[Mr Robert Wilson elected Weigher]	Also the Court proceeding to the election of a Weigher, Mr Robert Wilson, Mr Thomas Alkin and Mr Offley being put in nomination and severally put to question, Mr Robert Wilson was elected Weigher for the ensuing year and took his oath for the de execution of his said place.
[Clerk to enter missing previous Court orders into the great ledger]	Also whereas the late Clerk has neglected to enter in the great ledger the orders of this Court for divers years past, it is now ordered that the present Clerk do enter the same and that satisfaction shall be given to him for his pains therein.
	At Westminster were sworn these: Sir James Cambell Kt Mayor Mr John Withers Constable Mr Timothy Cartwright Constable Mr Robert Wilson Weigher Mr Charles Craker and Edward Taylor, Clerk, admitted there and sworn.

[Sheet 86 REV IMG 0760]

At a Court held for the Staplers the 17th of November 1637.

Present:

Mr Mayor	Mr Cade
Mr Lieutenant	Mr Cable
Mr Bradley Constable	Mr Offley
Mr Edwards Treasurer	Mr Buxam
Mr Withers	Mr Wilson
Mr Evans	

[Soame son of Sir Steven Soame - earlier Mayor]

At this Court Mr Alderman Soame[151], son of Sir Steven Soame[152], Knight and Alderman of London deceased and sometime Mayor of this Company desired his freedom and was accordingly admitted into this Society and paid his Hance of 6s 5d and also took the oath in that behalf provided.

Also whereas complaints had been made by the Company of Leather-sellers to the Court of Aldermen against this Company concerning the weighing of wools in Leadenhall. And that thereupon it was ordered by that Court that the place of weighing and housing of wools brought into Leadenhall should be in the gift and disposition of that Court by virtue of a grant in that behalf made to the City in the year 3 Edward 4th unless this Company should on or before the 1st of this present show unto the said Court good cause to the contrary. As by the said order of the 24th of October last appears. It was at this Court thought meet that Mr Lieutenant, Mr Cartwright and Mr Bradley Constables, Mr Treasurer, Mr Underhill, Mr Withers, Mr Evans, Mr Carter, Mr Braborne, Mr Cade, Mr Harwell, Mr Rookes and Edward Taylor -Clerk to this Society - or any 4 of them whereof Mr Lieutenant to be one shall take advice of counsel touching the said order and make such defence thereunto on the Company's behalf as to them or their counsel shall be thought meet and to present the said cause as they shall think fit. And that all such moneys as shall be expended or laid out about the said business shall be paid by the Treasurer out of the Company's stock.

Also at this Court in as much as the Company was given to understand that Mr Philpot herald at arms desired his freedom of this Company and that he ought in some way do the Company good service. It was thought meet and ordered that upon his request he should be admitted into the freedom of this Company, paying the ordinary Hance of 6s 5d.

At a meeting at Staple Hall the 6th of July 1638[153]

Present:

Mr Bradley Constable	Mr Offley
Mr Edwards Treasurer	Mr Edwards
Mr Lewes	Mr Craker
Mr Thorold	Mr Gulson
Mr Braborne	Mr Wilson
Mr Cater	Mr Harwell

At this meeting Mr Treasurer did move to know the Company's pleasure when they will hold the general Court for election of officers and whom they will have invited, whether they will invite Mr Attorney or not and Mr Lightfoot who is retained of counsel with the Company by this appointment of Mr Attorney. Whereupon it was thought fit that the election shall be when Mr Mayor and Mr Lieutenant shall think meet and when it may best stand with Attorney's convenience if he will come. And that Mr Lightfoot shall be invited and made free of the Company. And also Mr Alderman Some to be invited.

At this Court Mr Bradley, Constable, did put Thomas Lynde, son of [gap] Lynde of [gap] in the county of Leicester to be his apprentice for 7 years from Christmas 1637.

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151 Sir Thomas Soame: later MP for the City. https://www.british-history.ac.uk/no-series/acts-ordinances-interregnum/pp435-436 Also a Grocer by Patrimony. 1640 Lord Mayor as a Parliamentarian against Merchant Taylor and royalist Sir William Acton. An Eastland merchant, 'who had transferred his interests to the Levant trade, Soame chaired the first meeting of the East India Company and promised £200 on his own behalf for the first voyage and £400 in conjunction with Richard Carter. (Ref: Grocers Company history).

152 Sir Stephen Soame: Lord Mayor 1598-9. 20 years Mayor of the Staple Company. Also a member of the Grocers Company. A cloth exporter looking for new markets became a leading supporter of Cockayne's project, aimed at breaking the Merchant Adventurers' monopoly. https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/soame-sir-stephen-1544-1619 The Grocers Company: https://grocershall.co.uk/

153 For the time, a large gap of 8 months since the previous meeting in November 1637.

[Sheet 87 IMG 0760]

At a Court held for the Company of the Staplers the 26th of July 1638

Present:

Mr Mayor	Mr Buxham
Mr Lieutenant	Mr William Baylie
Mr Cartwright }	Mr Harwell
Mr Bradley } Constables	Mr Thorold
Mr Edwards Treasurer	Mr Rookes
Mr Underhill	Mr Braborne
Mr Withers	Mr Owen Edwards
Mr Evans	Mr Henley
Mr Vassall	Edward Taylor
Mr Cater	
Mr Wilson	
Mr Mercer	
Mr Offley	

[repair to the Hall] At this Court it was ordered that Mr Lieutenant, Mr Constables & Mr Treasurer for the time being Mr Underhill, Mr Withers, Mr Edwards, Mr Cater and such others as were formerly appointed to view the decay of reparation of the Hall, or any 4 or 5 of them, shall not only view the decays but cause the same to be repaired according to their discretion and advice of workmen.

[Sir James Cambell re-elected Mayor] Also at this Court Mr Mayor did resign up his place and thereupon himself, Sir Christopher Clitherow and Mr Alderman Soame being put in election for the ensuing year, Sir James Cambell the old Mayor was elected, who accordingly took the oath in that behalf appointed.

[Alderman Garway made free] Also at this Court Mr Alderman Garway, son of Sir William Garway Kt deceased, a free brother of this Company, desired his freedom and was accordingly admitted and took his oath in that behalf appointed and paid his Hance of 6s 5d.

[John Philpot herald at arms made free.] Also at this Court Mr John Philpot herald at arms desired his freedom and was accordingly admitted and took the oath in that behalf appointed and paid his Hance of 6s 5d.

[Mr Monger re-elected Lieutenant.] The Court proceeding to election of Lieutenant unto Mr Mayor, Mr Monger desired to be excused. Whereupon Mr Monger, Mr Withers and Mr Evans were put in election. And Mr Monger was chosen and took the oath in that behalf appointed.

[Mr Bradley Mr David Edwards elected Constables.] Also the Court proceeding to election of Constables, Mr Bradley one of the present Constables, Mr David Edwards and Mr Thomas Thorold were put in election. And Mr Bradley and Mr Edwards were chosen and took their oath in that behalf.

[Mr Cater elected Treasurer.] Also the Court proceeding to election of a Treasurer for the year ensuing, Mr Vassall, Mr Cater and Mr Cade were put in election. And Mr Cater was chosen and took the oath in that behalf ordained.

[Mr Wilson elected Weigher.] Also the Court proceeding to election of Weigher, Mr Wilson and Mr Offley being put in election, Mr Wilson chosen and took his oath in that behalf provided.

[Audit of Treasurer's accounts.] Also at this Court Mr Lieutenant Mr Evans Mr Withers Mr Cartwright Mr Bradley Mr Thorold Mr Braborne Mr Vassall Mr Cade or any 4 of them were appointed to view and audit Mr Treasurer's accounts and to allow thereof.

Also at this Court Mr John Lightfoot was chosen to be of counsel with the Company in the stead of Mr Attorney General[154], who was of counsel with the Company. And he was admitted a free brother of this Company and took his oath in that behalf.

At a meeting held at Staple Hall the 7th of December 1638

Present:

Mr Lieutenant	Mr Wilson
Mr David Edwards }	Mr Purslowe
Mr Bradley } Constables	Mr Edwards
Mr Cater Treasurer	Mr Thomas Garnow
Mr Underhill	Edward Taylor
Mr Withers	
Mr Evans	

At this Assembly Mr Treasurer's accounts were allowed and ordered the sum of £301 5s 4d due to the Company upon the foot of his account should be paid over to Mr Cater the present Treasurer. And also the bonds, specialties and goods belonging to the said Company delivered into his custody, he giving bond with/

[154] Successor of Sir John Banks as legal counsel for the Company. John Lightfoot, Barrister of Gray's Inn, practised law in Somerset House. https://colonial-settlers-md-va.us/getperson.php?personID=I118767&tree=Tree1 . Law, Language and the Printing Press in the Reign of Charles I by Ian Williams 2020. https://www.jstor.org/stable/27036875

	[Sheet 87 REV IMG 0761]
	with his sureties now tendered: Edward Chard, clothier dwelling in Lothbury, and Mark Helstey, vintner dwelling in Colman street London.
	It was thought meet that the Secretary[155] shall search the books touching Mr Purslowe's demand of an arrears of £10 which he pretends he paid for a fine of a warehouse.
	At a Court held the 30th of July 1639 at Staple Hall Present: Sir James Cambell Mayor — Mr Garnow Mr Monger Lieutenant — Mr King Mr John Lightfoot [attorney] — Mr Thomas Mercer Mr Bradley } — Mr Rookes Mr Edwards } Constables — Mr Harbert Mr Cater Treasurer — Mr Evans Mr Kinastone — Mr Best Mr Underhill — Mr Craker Mr Evans — Mr Jason Mr Offley — Edward Taylor Mr Franklin Mr Harwell Mr Wilson
[The remaining £5 to be paid to Mr Purslowe. Mr Hungate to be called to account over the detention of the warehouse.]	At this Court it was ordered that the £5 demanded by Mr Purslowe, being the remainder of £10 paid by him for a fine for a lease of a warehouse which was let to him by this Company and which he could [not] enjoy it being detained from him by Mr Hungate, should be repaid. And that Mr Hungate should be called to account about the detention of it and if it shall appear that there is anything due from him to the Company that it shall be demanded. And if he shall refuse to pay it such course hall be taken about it as counsel shall think fit.
[Mr Tinkney - the Company's house at Boston.]	Also at this Court, upon reading a letter sent to the Company from Mr Tinkney about the house at Boston, it was ordered upon Mr Lightfoot's offer to request Mr Recorder of Boston's assistance with view of this house. It was ordered that a letter shall be written to the Recorder of Boston to entreat him to view the house and to confer with Tinkney about it.
[Mr Hawkins to vacate the warehouses.]	Also at this Court it was ordered that Mr Hawkins shall be removed out of the warehouses he holds from the Company and that warning shall be given him to avoid [vacate] it at Christmas next.
[Mr Underhill's warehouse - value]	Also at this Court it was ordered that Mr Bradley - Constable, Mr Cater -Treasurer, and Mr Evans or any 2 of them shall take a view of Mr Underhill's warehouse to report to the next Court of the value of it.
[Francis Harwell Owen Edwards Thomas Mercer suitors for money.]	At this Court Francis Harwell, Owen Edwards and Thomas Mercer were suitors to have part of the money lent to them which has been given to be lent gratis to the members of this Company. Whereupon it was ordered that they, putting in good surety such as the Company shall approve of, shall have the same lent to them accordingly.
[20 nobles a year to Mr Lightfoot as counsel.]	At this Court it was ordered that the sum of 20 nobles[156] per annum shall be given to Mr Lightfoot as a standing fee for being of counsel with the Company.

[155] The first mention of a 'secretary'; this seems to be another title for the Clerk; no name mentioned.
[156] A noble was worth a third of a pound.

	[Sheet 88 IMG 0761]
[Sir James Cambell re-elected Mayor.]	At this Court Mr Mayor did resign his place and thereupon himself, Sir Christopher Clitherow, Mr Alderman Garway and Mr Alderman Soame being put in nomination for Mayor for the ensuing year, Sir James Cambell the old Mayor was elected, who accordingly took the oath in that behalf appointed.
[Mr Monger re-elected Lieutenant and to be given a piece of plate for his pains to the Company.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant to Mr Mayor, Mr Monger the present Lieutenant who earnestly desired to be excused, Mr Withers, Mr Evans put in nomination and Mr Monger was chosen, who took the oath in that behalf appointed. And it was also ordered that a piece of plate of the value of 20 nobles shall be given to him as a gratification for his former pains about this Company's affairs.
[Mr Cater re-elected Treasurer.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer, Mr Cater the present Treasurer, Mr George Henley, Mr James Franklin & Mr John Parker were put in nomination and the present Treasurer was chosen for the year ensuing and he took his oath for the due execution of the said office.
[Treasurer's account to be audited.]	At this Court it was ordered that Mr Lieutenant and the Constables and Mr Bradley, Mr Evans, Mr Kinastone, Mr Withers, Mr Franklin, Mr Underhill and Mr Cartwright or any 6 or 5 of them shall view and peruse the accounts of Mr Treasurer for the year past and to audit and allow thereof.
[David Edwards Adrian Evans elected Constable.]	The Court proceeding to the election of Constables, there was put in nomination Mr David Edwards, Mr Stone, Mr Underhill, Mr Adrian Evans, Mr George Rookes were put in nomination. And Mr David Edwards and Mr Adrian Evans were elected and did take the oath in that behalf appointed.
[Mr Wilson re-elected Weigher.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Weigher, Mr Wilson and Mr Offley were put in nomination. And Mr Wilson was chosen and took the oath in that behalf appointed.
[Mr King desired to have £33 6s 8d for 3 more years.]	At this election Mr King, who had £33 6s 8d formerly lent to him did desire to have the same renewed for 3 years if Mr Lieutenant, Mr Constables and Mr Treasurer shall approve of the surety.
	At Westminster Sir James Cambell chosen Mayor, Mr Adrian Evans chosen Constable, Mr David Edwards the former Constable & both sworn. Mr Wilson and Mr Richard Offley nominated for Weigher and Mr Wilson chosen and sworn.
	At a meeting the 20th of February 1639 **[1640]** Present: Mr Lieutenant — Mr Underhill Mr Lightfoot — Mr Evans Mr Edwards Constable — Mr Wilson Mr Cater Treasurer — Edward Taylor
	At this meeting it was thought meet that if Mr Tinkney, to whom a grant was made of the Company's house at Boston, would relinquish the said grant that upon sealing of a release to the surety of all claims and interest to the said house the sum of £13 6s 8d hereof afore by him paid to the Company in consideration of the said grant should be repaid him. And that Mr Mayor and some others pf this Company should be made acquainted herewith and their consents taken of they did approve hereof, which was accordingly done and they approved thereof and the money was accordingly paid by Mr Treasurer to Mr Tinkney and he sealed a release thereupon to the/

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8th of May 1640

Present:

Mr Lieutenant	Mr Mercer
Mr Treasurer	Mr Harwell
Mr Thomas Kinaston	Mr Wilson
Mr Underhill	Mr Edward Taylor
Mr Offley	

[Apprentice John Atcherly made free.]

At this Court John Atcherly, late apprentice of Arthur Kinaston a free brother of this Company, desired his freedom. And upon view of his indentures and testimony of his service by Mr Thomas Kinaston he was admitted accordingly and paid 6s 5d for his Hance and 10s by way of fine for that his indenture was not inrolled[157].

23rd day [month not shown[158]**] 1640**

Present:

Mr Lieutenant	Mr Cade
Mr Edwards Constable	Mr Edwards
Mr Cater Treasurer	Mr Franklin
Mr Vassall	Mr Lewes
Mr Withers	Mr Offley
Mr Underhill	Mr Mercer
Mr Rookes	Mr Craker
Mr Cartwright	Mr Woodcock
Mr Bradley	Mr Edward Taylor

[Mr Cater & Mr Wilson to go to Boston to view the Company's house.]

At this Court it was ordered and thought meet that some of the Company shall be sent down to Boston to view the Company's house there and Mr Cater and Mr Wilson were entreated to do the Company that service, who gave their consent thereunto. And thereupon it was ordered that the Secretary shall prove the deeds concerning that land.

[Warehouses of Mr Underhill, Hawkins & Wilson. Instrument from the Woolmen.]

At this Court it was ordered that Mr Lieutenant, Mr Edwards Constable, Mr Cater Treasurer, Mr Vassall, Mr Withers, Mr Withers, Mr Rookes, Mr Bradley, Mr Franklin, Mr Braborne, Mr Cade and the Clerk or any 5 or 4 of them shall view as well the warehouses now held by Mr Underhill, Mr Hawkins and Mr Wilson. And to follow the rents and possessions of them. And also the arrears of Mr Wilson's rent and to order and set the same as to them as shall be thought meet. And likewise to take account of the sum of £30 or thereabouts delivered to Mr Rookes and others to disburse about the Company's affairs and to receive the remainder thereof if any be for the Company's use. And to take into consideration the market of wools which is now much used in June. And likewise touching the instrument presented by the Company of Woolmen of London.

[Sir James Cambell re-elected Mayor.]

At this Court Sir James Cambell Kt, the present Mayor, the Right Honourable Sir Henry Garway Kt Lord Mayor of the City of London, Sir Christopher Cletherow Kt and Alderman, and Mr Alderman Soame being put in nomination for Mayor of the Staple for the ensuing year and severally put to scrutiny, Sir James Cambell was elected Mayor for the year ensuing.

[157] This was a mistake: the indenture was ordered to be inrolled at the Court of October 24 1628 (see Sheet 50 REV).
[158] The month is not mentioned: it could be May or otherwise probably July or August - the normal time for election.

	[Sheet 89 IMG 0762]
[Mr Monger re-elected Lieutenant.]	And the Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant there was put in election Mr Monger the present Lieutenant, Mr Withers and Mr Evans. And thereupon Mr Monger was chosen Lieutenant for the year ensuing and did take his oath accordingly.
[Mr Evans re-elected and Mr Cater elected Constables.]	And the Court proceeding to the election of a Constable, there stood in nomination Mr Adrian Evans one of the present Constables, Mr Andrew Cater and Mr Thomas Lewes. Which being severally put to scrutiny, Mr Adrian Evans and Mr Andrew Cater were elected and Mr Cater did take his oath accordingly.
[Mr Vassall elected Treasurer.]	And the Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer there were put in nomination for the said office Mr Samuel Vassall, Mr James Franklin and Mr Andrew Cade. Who being severally put to scrutiny, Mr Samuel Vassall was elected Treasurer for the year ensuing, who being present took his oath in the behalf accordingly.
[Mr Wilson re-elected Weigher.]	Also at this Court the Court proceeding to the election of a Weigher, the Court did nominate Mr Wilson and Mr Offley, who being severally put to question, Mr Wilson was elected and did take the oath in that behalf appointed.
	And it was by this Court ordered that Mr Lieutenant, the Constables, Mr Vassall the present Treasurer, Mr Withers, Mr Underhill, Mr Franklin, Mr Cade, Mr Kinaston, Mr Edwards and Mr Bradley or any 5 or 6 of them shall view and peruse the accounts of the late Treasurer and to allow thereof if they shall find no just cause to the contrary.
	At Westminster[159] Sir James Cambell chosen Mayor, the same parties stood in nomination that did in London. Mr Andrew Cater chosen Constable in the stead of Mr David Edwards and is to join with Mr Adrian Evans Constable and was sworn. Mr Wilson and Mr Offley put in nomination for Weigher and Mr Wilson chosen and sworn.
[George Rookes, son of G Rookes, made free.]	George Rookes, son of George Rookes a free brother of this Company, made free and sworn.
	At a meeting the 1st of September 1640 Present: Mr Lieutenant — Mr Cade Mr Treasurer — Mr Edward Taylor Mr Withers Mr Cater Constable
[Mr Wilson's arrears of rent to be paid. Warehouse let to him for 7 years.]	At this meeting, upon examination of Mr Wilson's arrears of rent, it was found that there was due to the Company for rent and arrears at Michaelmas 1640 £20 which we think meet he shall pay to the Company and the first payment to be made at Our Lady Day 1641. And that he shall give bond with a sufficient surety for payment thereof accordingly. And it was also agreed that he shall have a lease of the warehouse now in his occupation for the yearly rent of £8[?] for 7 years from Michaelmas next.
[John Wright apprentice to Mr Cater.]	Andrew Cater did put John Wright, son of Ephraim Wright of Uppingham in the county of Rutland gentleman, to be his apprentice for 7 years from Michaelmas.

[159] There now seemed to be a process of confirming at Westminster the same Mayor and officials chosen at Staple Hall or possibly the recording of an established practice hitherto not recorded in this book.

[Sheet 89 REV IMG 0763]

At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple at Staple Hall the 20th of November 1640.

Present:

Mr Lieutenant	Mr Edwards
Mr Withers	Mr Wilson
Mr Underhill	Mr Edward Taylor
Mr Cartwright	
Mr Cater Constable	

[John Withers son of J Withers made free.] At this Court John Withers, son of Mr John Withers a free brother of this Company, was admitted into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for his Hance.

[Mr Anthony Withers made free.] At this Court Mr Anthony Withers desired to be admitted into the freedom of this Company, whose request being taken into consideration it was thought meet Mr Mayor and Mr Alderman Soame having signified their consent to condescend thereunto and he was accordingly admitted and paid 6s 5d for his Hance.

[Thomas Manfeild apprentice to John Best.] Mr John Best, one of the Company, presented Thomas Manfeild to be his apprentice for 7 years from Christmas next.

9th day of July 1641

[Thomas Gibbons apprentice to Thomas Foster.] This day Thomas Foster, one of this Company, presented Thomas Gibbons, son of Richard Gibbons of the town of Shrewsbury in the county of Salop gentleman, to be his apprentice for 7 years from the date of the indentures dated the 30th of June 1641.

17th August 1641

At a Court held for the Company of the Merchants of the Staple at Staple Hall the 17th of August 1641 being the election day

Present:

Mr Monger Lieutenant	Mr Wilson Weigher
Mr Lightfoot Attorney	Mr Offley
Mr Kinaston	Mr Edwards junior
Mr Underhill	Mr Craker
Mr Withers	Mr Withers junior
Mr Edwards	
Mr Cartwright	
Mr Cater [Constable]	

At this Court a copy of a declaration, presented to the Commons House of Parliament by this Society, of the causes of the decay of trade and the remedies was read and approved.

At this Court it was ordered that Mr Rookes shall be called upon for his account of the money delivered to him heretofore and for the remainder of the money according to a former order.

	[Sheet 90 IMG 0763]
[Lease of the Boston house.]	At this Court it was ordered that the lease granted to the Company's tenant at Boston shall be sealed and delivered to Mr Withers with the counterpart thereof to be sent down by him to Mr Coney to be by him delivered to the tenant upon payment of the sum of £14 being his fine and sealing of the counterpart. And that Mr Coney shall be entreated to call to him for the rent in arrears and also to Mr Bonner for the money due from him to the Company and that if he shall make default in payment that Mr Coney shall be entreated to put his bond in suit.
	Also it was ordered that Mr Hawkins' and Mr Underhill's warehouse shall be viewed and the rent settled and also about the market of wools in June.
[Mr Underhill's warehouse.]	Also at this Court Mr Underhill did declare that he was willing at Michaelmas next to deliver up the possession of the warehouse now in his occupation to the society, the which the Court accepted of.
[Sir James Cambell re-elected Mayor.]	At this Court Sir James Cambell, the present Mayor, Sir Christopher Cletherowe Kt and Alderman Sir Henry Garway Kt and Alderman, and Mr Thomas Soame Alderman being put in nomination for Mayor of the Staple for the ensuing year. And being severally put to question Sir James Cambell was elected Mayor of the Staple for the ensuing year.
[Mr James Monger re-elected Lieutenant.]	Also this Court proceeding to the election of Lieutenant for this ensuing year, Mr James Monger the present Lieutenant, Mr John Withers, Mr Timothy Cartwright being put in nomination and severally put to scrutiny, Mr James Monger was chosen Lieutenant for the ensuing year and did take his oath accordingly.
[Andrew Cater reconfirmed & Clement Underhill chosen Constable]	Also this Court proceeding to the election of Constables, Mr Andrew Cater one of the Constables for the last year was chosen and confirmed in the place for the year ensuing. And the Court proceeding to the election of another to join with him, Mr Clement Underhill and Mr Kinaston being put in nomination, Mr Underhill was chosen and both of them did take their oath accordingly.
[Mr Vassall being Burgess for the City in Parliament, a new Treasurer chosen - Mr James Franklin.]	Also this Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer, it was much desired that Mr Vassall the present Treasurer should have been continued for another year. But in as much as his great and urgent occasions being one of the Burgesses for the City of London this present Parliament where he is enforced to give his daily attendance, the Court did think it requisite to spare him and to make choice of some other. Whereupon Mr James Franklin, Mr Andrew Cade and Mr George Henley were put in nomination, who being severally put to scrutiny Mr James Franklin was chosen.
[Mr Wilson re-elected Weigher.]	Also this Court proceeding to the election of a Weigher, the present Weigher [Wilson] and Mr Offley being put in nomination, Mr Wilson was chosen and did take his oath accordingly.
Audit of the past Treasurer's account.]	Also at this Court it was ordered that Mr Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Mr Franklin the Treasurer, Mr Withers, Mr Kinaston, Mr Cartwright, Mr Edwards and Mr Bradley or any 6 or 5 of them shall view and peruse the account of the late Treasurer and to allow thereof if they shall find no just cause to the contrary.
[John Withers junior & Anthony Withers made free.]	**At Westminster** John Withers, son of Mr John Withers of this Society was made free and sworn. Also Anthony Withers one other of this Society was made free and sworn.
[At Westminster: Sir James Cambell Mayor, Andrew Cater Constable, Robert Wilson Weigher.]	Also Sir James Cambell being put in nomination with those that were named in London for Mayor, Sir James Cambell was chosen. Also for Constables Mr Andrew Cater was chosen with whom there stood in nomination Mr Thomas Kinaston. Also for Weigher Robert Wilson and Richard Offley stood in nomination and Mr Wilson was chosen and sworn.
[Salvinon Tapham apprentice to Charles Crayker.]	Charles Crayker did present Salvinon Tapham, son of Phillipp Topham of Church Hill in the county of Oxford yeoman, to be his apprentice for 9 years from May Day past.

	[Sheet 90 REV IMG 0764]
	At a Court held for the Staplers at Hall the 14th of February 1641 **[1642]** Present: Mr Lieutenant — Mr Edwards Mr Cater } — Mr Crayker Mr Underhill } Constables — Mr Withers Junior Mr Withers — Mr Woodsall [Woodhall?] Mr Cartwright — Mr Watkins Mr Edwards — Mr Bradley Junior Mr Treasurer — Mr Raigne Mr Brabant — Mr Morgan Mr Bradley — Mr Edward Taylor Mr Cade Mr Best Mr King
[Mr Rookes' money]	Mr Treasurer was appointed to call to Mr Rookes for an account of the money delivered to him for this Company's use and for the remainder which shall be found due. And if he shall refuse to render an account or to pay the remainder, such cause shall be taken against him as counsel shall advise.
	Also it was ordered that the order of the 17th of August last to writing the lease at Boston and such other things as are contained in that order shall be presented.
[Mr Underhill continue in warehouse.]	At this Court it was ordered that Mr Clement Underhill shall continue tenant to the warehouse he holds at £40 rent and paying what is in arrears for the rent thereof, and if the Company shall be desirous to take it into their hands or Mr Underhill willing to leave it. Half a year's warning is to be given other to other.
[John and Tobias sons of Gifford Watkins made free]	At this Court John Watkins and Tobias Watkins, sons of Gifford Watkins deceased - a late free brother of this Company, desired their freedoms and were admitted and sworn.
[Luke Bradley apprentice made free.]	At this Court Luke Bradley, apprentice to his father Mr Henry Bradley, was made free by showing of his indentures and testimony of Mr Bradley.
[Francis Raigne apprentice made free.]	Also at this Court Francis Raigne, apprentice to Mr Henry Bradley, was made free by service upon showing his indenture and testimony of Mr Bradley.
[Edward Morgan made free]	Also at this Court Edward Morgan, who was heretofore admitted into this Society gratis at Westminster, was upon his request made free here.
[Mayor Sir James Cambell dead] Sir Thomas Soame chosen Mayor.	Whereas Sir James Cambell[160] late Mayor of the Staple is lately dead, it was at this Court thought meet that someone other fit person of this Society should be chosen in his stead. Whereupon the Court proceeding to election Sir Henry Garway Kt and Alderman, Sir Thomas Soame Kt and Alderman, and Sir Thomas Lawley Kt and Baronet being severally put in nomination, the choice was reduced to Sir Henry Garway and Sir Thomas Soame, who being put in election by the balloting box by the major number of buttons, the choice fell upon Sir Thomas Soame[161].
	Also whereas some question was touching the market at Leadenhall and weighing of wools there. It was thought meet that the consideration hereof shall be referred to the next Court. And the Clerk in the meantime to search into the state that business to the end he may inform the Court thereof.

[160] James Cambell died 5 Jan 1642 - he had been Mayor of the Company since 1621; his tenure of 20 years matches that of the earlier mayorship of Sir Stephen Soame. He was 3 times Master of the Ironmongers Company; Lord Mayor of London 1629-30; knighted 1630. Governor of the French Company and on the East India Company committee.

[161] Sir Thomas Soame was following in his father Sir Stephen's footsteps as Mayor. In 1640 Soame, a Parliamentarian, had been proposed to replace royalist Sir William Acton as Lord Mayor; but Edmund Wright was elected. Ref: Walter H Godfrey, 'Appendix B: Sir Edmund Wright's election as Lord Mayor', in *Survey of London Monograph 13, Swakeleys, Ickenham* (London, 1933), pp. 39-42. *British History Online* http://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-london/bk13/pp39-42 [accessed 3 March 2020]. https://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-london/bk13/pp39-42#highlight-first

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At a Court held for the Staplers
the 17th of February 1641 **[1642]**

Present:

Sir Thomas Soame Kt Mayor	Mr Craker
Mr Clement Underhill Constable	Mr Morgan
Mr Withers	Mr Bradley Junior
Mr Edwards	Mr Lusson
Mr Cartwright	Mr Raigne
Mr Brabant	Edward Taylor
Mr Bradley	
Mr King	
Mr Edwards	

At this Court Sir Thomas Soame Kt and Alderman, who was at the last Court chosen and elected Mayor of the Staple for the year ensuing, did take his oath for the due execution of the said office.

[Company seal from Sir James Cambell's executors.] Also at this Court it was ordered and thought meet that Mr Lieutenant, the Constable and the Secretary shall repair to the executors of Sir James Cambell to require of them the seal belonging to the Company.

At a Court held for the Staplers at Staple Hall
the 19th of July 1642

Present:

Sir Thomas Soames Kt & Alderman	Mayor	Mr Best
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Craker
Mr Andrew Cater	}	Mr Morgan
Mr Clement Underhill	}Constables	Mr Withers Junior
Mr John Withers		
Mr David Edwards		
Mr Bradley		
Mr Robinson		

[John Robinson made free by patrimony.] At this Court John Robinson, son of Mr Henry Robinson a free brother of this Company, desired to be admitted into this Society by patrimony, who was accordingly admitted and took the oath in that behalf appointed and paid his Hance being 6s 5d.

[Apprentice George Church made free.] Also at this Court George Church, late apprentice of Richard Langley, was made free by apprenticeship by the appearance of his indenture and the testimony of Mr Craker, a brother of this Company, and paid 6s 5d for his Hance.

[Arms & ammunition stowage in the Company's hall by order of the House of Lords.] At this Court upon the rendering of an order of the Lords House of Parliament for the having of the use of the Company's Hall for the stowage of part of the arms and ammunition which are in 4 ships now riding at anchor in the river Thames. It was ordered that according to their Lordships' desire the room should be at their command and for which allowance as is according to the said order to command for the use of the said room it is referred to the honourable house of Parliament[162].

[Sir Thomas Soame re-elected Mayor.] At Court according to actual custom the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing being to be made, there was put in nomination for the said place Sir Thomas Soame Kt the present Mayor, Sir Henry Garway Kt and Alderman, and Sir Thomas Lawley Kt and Baronet. Who being severally put to question, Sir Thomas Soame chosen, who took his oath in that behalf ordained.

[Mr Monger re-elected Lieutenant.] And the Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant there was put in nomination Mr Monger, Mr Withers, Mr Cartwright and Mr Bradley, who being severally put to scrutiny Mr Monger was chosen and took his oath for the due execution of the said place.

[162] This is the first indication of military activity.

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[Clement Underhill re-elected & Samuel Vassall chosen Constables.]

And the Court proceeding to the election of 2 Constables. In the first place Mr Clement Underhill was elected and confirmed one of the Constables for the year ensuing. And Mr Samuel Vassall and Mr Thomas Kinaston being nominated, Mr Samuel Vassall was chosen.

[James Franklin re-elected Treasurer.]

Also the Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer for the year ensuing, there was put in nomination Mr James Franklin the present Treasurer, Mr Andrew Cade, Mr George Henley and Mr John Best. Who being severally put to question Mr James Franklin was chosen

[Edward Morgan elected Weigher.]

Also at this Court John Kinaston, Owen Edwards and Edward Morgan were put in nomination upon their humble petition for the office of Weigher. Who being severally put to question, Edward Morgan was elected and took his oath for the due execution of the said place and is to give security in £200 for the due discharge of this office.

Also at this Court Mr Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Mr Withers, Mr Kinaston, Mr Cartwright, Mr Edwards, Mr Bradley or any 5 of 6 of them shall view and peruse the account of the Treasurer and to allow thereof if they shall find no just cause to the contrary.

[Robert Wilson died. Rent arrears remitted.]

Also upon the petition of Anne Wilson late wife of Robert Wilson deceased, it was ordered that the debt due by her husband for arrears of rent shall be remitted.

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John Robinson and George Church were admitted into this Society and sworn.
Sir Thomas Soame chosen Mayor and sworn. Mr Clement Underhill chosen Constable and sworn.
Edward Morgan chosen Weigher and sworn.

28th Day of July 1643

Present:

Sir Thomas Soame Kt & Alderman	Mayor	Mr Robinson Junior
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Edward Taylor
Mr Underhill	Constable	Charles Craker
Mr Franklin	Treasurer	Mr Edwards
Mr Lightfoot	[Counsel]	Mr Rookes
Mr David Edwards		Mr Rookes Junior
Mr Robinson		Mr Gleeson
Mr Cade		Mr Church
Mr Bradley		
Mr Cater		
Mr [John] Best		
Mr Raignes		

[Weighhouse rent £5 for last year.]

At this Court it was ordered and agreed that Mr Morgan the Weigher shall pay for the rent of the Weighhouse for the year past the sum of £5.

[Weighhouse rent £10 for this year.]

At this Court it was also ordered that the rent of the Weighhouse for the year ensuing shall be £10.

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[Sir Thomas Some re-elected Mayor.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor of the Staple for the year ensuing here was nominated to stand in election Sir Thomas Soame Kt and Alderman the present Mayor, and Sir Thomas Lawley Kt and Baronet. Who being severally put to question, Sir Thomas Soame was chosen and took his oath in that behalf appointed.
[James Monger re-elected Lieutenant.]	And the Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant, there was put in nomination Mr Monger the present Lieutenant, Mr Withers, Mr Underhill and Mr Bradley. Who being severally put to question, Mr Monger was elected and took the oath appointed.
[Samuel Vassall re-elected, James Franklin elected Constable.]	The Court proceeding to the election of 2 Constables, Mr Samuel Vassall, one of the Constables for the year last, was elected and confirmed and of the Constables for the year ensuing, and Mr David Edwards and Mr James Franklin being put to nomination, Mr James Franklin was chosen and took his oath in that behalf appointed.
[Andrew Cade elected Treasurer.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer, there were nominated Mr Cade, Mr George Henley and Mr Best. Who being severally put to question, Mr Cade was elected and took the oath in that behalf appointed.
[Edward Morgan re-elected Weigher.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Weigher, Edward Morgan the present Weigher and Owen Edwards were nominated. Who being severally put to question, Edward Morgan was chosen.
[Stephen Mercer deceased. John Hall chosen Beadle.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Beadle in the place of Steven Mercer deceased, William Robinson and John Hall being suitors for the said place were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, John Hall was chosen.
[Lt Cols Howe and Bradley-a key to Staple Hall.]	It was at this Court ordered that Lt Col Rowe and Lt Col Bradley shall have a key of the Staple Hall to the end they may have access thereunto, as their occasions shall require.
	It was also ordered that Mr Treasurer shall pay to Mrs Mercer so much as is in arrear of her husband's year's salary, being £4 per annum.
[Suit against Mr Harwell for £25.]	Upon the request of Mr Harwell it is ordered that, if he shall before the second Saturday in the next term acknowledge judgement upon the suit commenced against him for payment of £25 which was lent to his brother with the charges issued out by the Company the 1st of June next, that then a defeasance shall be had thereupon accordingly.
[Mr Rookes and Snelling to pay Mr Wilson's bond by Bartholomew day.]	Also at this Court it was ordered that if the moneys owing per bond by Mr Wilson deceased, for which Mr Rookes and Snelling stand bound, shall not be paid before Bartholomew[163] next, that then Mr Rookes and Mr Snelling shall be put in suit for the said account.
	At this Court Mr Lieutenant and the 2 Constables, Mr Withers, Mr Edwards, Mr Underhill, Mr Bradley, Mr Rookes and Mr Cater or any 5 or 6 of them shall view and peruse the account of the Treasurer and to allow thereof if they shall find no just cause to the contrary.

[163] St Bartholomew's Day: 24th August

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	At a Court held for the Company of the Staplers the 14th of March 1643 **[1644]**. Present: Mr Monger Lieutenant — Mr Bradley Mr Franklin Constable — Mr Cater Mr Edward Treasurer — Mr Craker Mr Underhill — Mr Edwards Mr Withers — Mr Becham Mr Edwards
[Arms of City members not to be stored at Staple Hall because the State already has ammunition stored in the Hall.]	Whereas the Company has been moved to give way that the arms, of some members of this City that have been exercised in military discipline, might be laid up in the outward rooms belonging to the Hall of this Company at Leaden Hall. For as much as the ammunition belonging to the State is laid upon the Hall, it was not thought fit give way to any such motion and likewise for the said reason those that have formerly laid their arms there shall have notice given to remove the forthwith.
	If Mr Rookes and Mr Snelling shall not forthwith pay the money for which they stand surety for Mr Wilson, they shall be both put in suit.
	Also Mr Rookes is to be called to render an account for the £30 he had delivered to him.
	Also it was ordered that Mr Harwell, against whom the Company has obtained a judgement for the £50 and 50s damages that he paying £25 and the charges which the Company has issued out and sealing a release of errors, shall be discharged of this execution.
[£33 6s 8d lent to Mr Craker continued for 3 years.]	It was also ordered that the sum £33 6s 8d heretofore lent to Mr Charles Craker shall be continued for 3 years from this time, upon the same surety that he gave formerly: William Corbridge and Thomas Pearson who were reported to this Court by Mr Bradley and Mr Owen Edwards to be honest and able men.
[Luke Bradley, Mercer, to be lent £33 6s 8d]	It was also ordered that the £33 6s 8d, heretofore lent to Mr Buxton, shall be lent to Luke Bradley, citizen and Mercer of London, for 3 years from this time upon his surety now tendered: Henry Bradley his father, citizen and Leatherseller of London, and George Musson, citizen and also Leatherseller.
[£33 6s 8d lent to John King continued for 3 years.]	It was also ordered that the £33 6s 8d, heretofore lent to Mr John King, shall be continued for 3 years from this time upon his sureties now tendered: John Hudson of Lewisham in the county of Kent, Tanner, and John Bater of St Olaves in Southwark.

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At a Court held for the Company of Staplers the 20th of August 1644 at Mr Mayor's House

Present:

Sir Thomas Soame	Mayor	Mr David Edwards
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Lightfoot [counsel]
Mr James Franklin	Constable	Mr Withers
Mr Andrew Cade	Treasurer	Mr Rookes
Mr John Withers Senior		Mr Craker
Mr Wynn		Mr King
Mr Cater		Mr Best
Mr John Withers Junior		
Mr Rookes Junior		

[John Bromsall apprenticed to Andrew Cater.] At this Court Mr Andrew Cater, a free brother of this Company, did present John Bromsall, son of Thomas Bromsall[164], to be his apprentice for 7 years from the 20th of March 1643 [1644].

[Francis Andrews made free.] At this Court upon the motion of Francis Andrews it was ordered that he paying the sum of £10 fine and his Hance shall be admitted into this Society, the which he paid accordingly and was admitted and took his oath appointed in that behalf.

[Sir Thomas Soame re-elected Mayor.] The Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor of the Staple for the year ensuing there was put in nomination Sir Thomas Soame Kt the present Mayor, Sir Thomas Lawley Kt & Baronet, and Sir Henry Garway Kt. Who being severally put to question Sir Thomas Soame was elected, who took the oath in that behalf appointed.

[James Monger re-elected Lieutenant.] The Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant to Mr Mayor, there was put in nomination Mr Monger the present Lieutenant, Mr Withers and Mr Rookes. Who being severally put to question Mr Monger was chosen and sworn and took his oath in that behalf.

[James Franklin re-elected; David Edwards elected Constable.] The Court proceeding to the election of 2 Constables for the ensuing year, Mr James Franklin on of the Constables for the year past was elected and confirmed for the ensuing year. And Mr David Edwards and Mr Andrew Cater being put in nomination for the other Constable, Mr David Edwards was elected.

[Andrew Cade elected Treasurer.] The Court proceeding to the election of Treasurer, Mr Andrew Cade and Mr John Best were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr Andrew Cade was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

[Edward Morgan elected Weigher.] The Court proceeding to the election of a Weigher, there was put in nomination Edward Morgan the present Weigher and John King. Who being severally put to question, Edward Morgan was chosen.

It was ordered that Mr Lightfoot and Mr Edward Taylor shall peruse the ordinance touching buying of wools by any free brother for the use of strangers.

The auditors appointed for the auditing and allowing of Mr Treasurer's accounts for the former year are appointed to audit and allow the Treasurer's account for the last year.

At this Court upon the reading of a petition presented to the Court by Anne Wilson, widow late wife of Robert Wilson deceased, a member and officer of this Company, it was ordered that the sum of £10 shall be given to her. And the rather for that her said husband gave £10 to the Company when he was admitted into the freedom of this Company.

[164] Possibly the Thomas Bromsall of Bedfordshire; High Sheriff in 1651

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	That if Mr Harwell shall forthwith pay 40 marks in ... of the principal debt of £25, for which he stands bound to the Company for his brother, and charges of suit and giving a release of error to the Company, shall be discharged.
	Upon the petition of Anne Scarborough, late wife of Samuel Scarborough deceased a late free brother of this Company, for some relief it was ordered that the sum of 10s shall be given to her.
	Whereas the Court was informed by Mr Treasurer that Mr Harmersley owes the sum of £9 for rent of a warehouse at Leaden Hall, it was ordered that if he shall not forthwith give satisfaction some course shall be taken against him by arrest, distress or otherwise as upon advise to be taken shall be thought fit.
	At a Court held for the Company of Staplers at Leaden Hall the 20th of August 1645 Present:

Sir Thomas Soame	Mayor	Mr Bayley
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Andrews
Mr David Edwards	Constable	Mr Craker
Mr Lightfoot	Attorney of the Staple	Mr Owen Edwards
Mr Cade	Treasurer	Mr Thomas Garnon [Garnow?]
Mr Thorold		
Mr Underhill		
Mr Withers		
Mr Bradley		
Mr Cater		
Mr Best		
Mr Allen		

	At this Court it was ordered that if Mr Harmersley, one of the Company's tenants who is in arrear for his rent, shall not forthwith satisfy his said arrear that then some such course shall be taken against him as upon advise shall be thought fit.
	At this Court it was ordered that the sum of £100, part of the public stock, shall be disposed of for the benefit of the Company as the auditors appointed for the [large space follows and no more writing here]
[Sir Thomas Soame Mayor.]	This Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor of the Staple for the ensuing year, there was put in nomination Sir Thomas Soame the present Mayor[165]

[165] No more was recorded here; later records show that in 1646 Sir Thomas Soame was still the Mayor.

	[Sheet 94 IMG 0767]
[James Monger re-elected Lieutenant.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant to Mr Mayor for the ensuing year, there was put in nomination Mr Monger the present Lieutenant, Mr John Withers and Mr Rookes. Who being severally put to question Mr Monger was chosen, who took his oath for the due execution of his said office.
[David Edwards re-elected, Andrew Cade elected Constables.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Constable, Mr David Edwards one of the Constables for the last year was elected confirmed one for the year ensuing. And Mr Andrew Cade and Mr Andrew Cater being put in nomination for the other. Mr Andrew Cade was chosen to be the other and both being present took their oaths for the due execution of their said office.
[John Best elected Treasurer.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer, there was put in nomination Mr John Best and Mr Charles Craker. Who being severally put to question, Mr John Best was chosen, who took the oath in that behalf appointed.
[Edward Morgan re-elected Weigher.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Weigher, there being put in nomination Edward Morgan and Owen Edwards. And severally put to question, Edward Morgan was chosen, who took his oath for the due execution of his said office.
[Auditors of Treasurer's account.]	At this Court Mr Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Mr Thorold, Mr Withers, M Underhill, Mr Bradley and Mr Cater or any 5 or more of them were appointed to view and peruse the account of the treasurer and to allow thereof if they shall find no cause to the contrary.
[33s 4d to Anne Scarborough.]	At this Court it was ordered that 33s 4d shall be given as a gratuity to Anne Scarborough, the widow of Samuel Scarborough, a late free brother of this Company.
[Jerome Fitch apprentice]	At this Court George Rookes the younger did present Jerome Fitch, son of Thomas Fitch of Bockin in the county of Essex clothier, to be his apprentice for 8 years from the 24th of June 1645.
	At a Court held for the Company of Staplers the 10th of November 1645. Present: Mr Mayor — Mr Cater Mr Lieutenant — Mr Robinson David Edwards } — Mr Rookes Junior Andrew Cade } Constables — Mr Bradley Junior Mr Ashwell — Mr Charles Craker Mr Withers — Mr Mercer Mr Underhill Mr Bradley Mr Rookes
[£33 6s 8d lent to George Rookes for 3 years gratis.]	At this Court upon the request of George Rookes, it was ordered that £33 6s 8d shall be lent to him for 3 years gratis upon his security now tendered: Thomas Claves citizen and painter stainer of London and Anston Phillipps citizen and Clothworker of London.

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[Edward Morgan's widow Anne to continue Weigher till Midsummer.]

At this Court it was ordered that Mrs Anne Morgan, the widow of Edward Morgan, later Weigher of the wools in the market of the Staple at Leaden Hall, shall continue in the said place and execute it by her deputy until Midsummer next, in respect her late husband had a grant of the weighhouse and some other warehouse for a year which does not expire until Midsummer next.

[Suitors to the Weigher's place dismissed.]

Also whereas Owen Edwards, John King, Thomas Woodford, John Osbaston, Robert Cottrell, William Robinson and Richard Allen were suitors to be admitted into the Weigher's place, for as much as the Court conceived it fitting for the reason expressed in the former order to continue the widow in the said employment by her deputy until Midsummer next, they were all dismissed until that time.

Also it was ordered by Mr Rookes his own appointment that he should on Tuesday the 25th of this month meet at the Hall for the giving of an account of the moneys delivered to him by the Company.

[John Osbaston made free.]

Thomas Rowland, Merchant Taylor, and Henry Glover, founder, did report to this Court that John Osbaston, who now did desire the freedom of this Society, was the reputed son of John Osbaston deceased, a late brother of this Society, who thereupon was admitted and took his oath and paid his Hance: 6s 5d.

At a Court held for the Company of Staplers of England
the 10th Day of July 1646 being election day

Present:

Mr Mayor	Mr Robinson
Mr Lieutenant	Mr Craker
Mr Lightfoot Attorney	Mr King
Mr David Edwards }	Mr Rookes
Mr Andrew Cade }Constables	Mr Bayley
Mr Best Treasurer	Mr Edwards
Mr Underhill	
Mr Bradley	
Mr Craker	
Mr Bradley Junior	

[John Cossens apprentice.]

At this Court Andrew Cater a free brother of this Company did present John Cossens, son of Thomas Cossens of Blunham in the county of Bedford glover, to serve him as his apprentice for the term of 10 years from the date of his indentures of apprenticehood which indenture was dated the 14th of this instant July 1646.

	[Sheet 95 IMG 0768]
[Sir Thomas Soame re-elected Mayor.]	This Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor of the Staple for the year ensuing, Sir Thomas Soame the present Mayor, Sir Thomas Lawley Kt & Baronet and Sir Henry Garway Kt were put in nomination. And by scrutiny Sir Thomas Soame was chosen and took his oath for the due execution of his said office.
[James Monger re-elected Lieutenant.]	The Court proceeding to the election of Lieutenant to Mr Mayor for the ensuing year, there was put in nomination Mr Monger the present Lieutenant, Mr John Withers and Mr Rookes. Who being severally put to question Mr Monger was chosen and took his oath for the due execution of the said office.
[Andrew Cade, Henry Bradley Constables.]	The Court proceeding to the election of 2 Constables, Mr Andrew Cade one of the Constables for the last year was elected and confirmed one of the Constables for the year ensuing, and Mr Henry Bradley and Mr Andrew Cater being put in nomination for the other Constable, Mr Henry Bradley was chosen and took their oath accordingly.
[John Best Treasurer.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer, Mr John Best and Charles Craker were put in nomination, who being severally put to question Mr Best was chosen and took his oath.
[John Osbaston Weigher.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Weigher, John Osbaston and Owen Edwards were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, John Osbaston was chosen, who took his oath for the due execution of the said office.
[Audit of Treasurer's account. Rent for Weighhouse.]	Also Mr Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Mr Ashwell, Mr Underhill, Mr Withers, Mr Rookes, Mr Cater, Mr David Edwards or any 5 of them are appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer for the year past and to approve and allow thereof if they shall think fit. And it was also ordered that the persons above-named together with Mr Treasurer shall have power to agree with Mr Osbaston, the present Weigher, for the rent of the Weighhouse and to approve of his security for his rent and faithful carriage.
[Mr Hawkins' rent discharged.]	At this Court it was ordered that Mr Hawkins shall be discharged for his arrears of rent for his warehouse for the time he held it in his own occupation (the time it has been in the occupation of the militia excepted) which is to be referred for the behalf of the Company.
[Militia to be charged for use of warehouse.]	At this Court it was ordered that in respect the militia of London have had the use of the warehouse at Leaden Hall, let to Mr Underhill, that they shall be chargeable for the rent and Mr Underhill's name omitted. And he to assist the Company to the Militia for getting of some allowance for the use of the said warehouse.
	At a Court held for the Company of Staplers the 21st of October 1646 Present: Mr Lieutenant — Mr Underhill Mr Lightfoot Attorney — Mr Cater Mr Cade Constable — Mr Treasurer Mr Withers — Owen Edwards Mr David Edwards — Edward Taylor
[James Naylor made free.]	At this Court James Naylor of the City of Coventry Draper desired to be admitted into the freedom of this Company by redemption, paying such fine as the Court shall think meet. Whereupon it was ordered that he paying the sum of £15 by way of fine shall accordingly be admitted. The which he was contented to do and paid the same together with his Hance and was admitted and took his oath in that behalf accordingly.

	[Sheet 95 REV IMG 0769]
[Thomas Middleton made free.]	Also Thomas Middleton, of Hageton [Haughton?] in the county of Stafford, desired his freedom of this Company by redemption paying such fine as the Court shall think meet. Whereupon it was ordered that he paying the sum of £15 by way of fine shall accordingly be admitted. The which he condescended to and paid the same together with his Hance and was admitted and took his oath in that behalf appointed.
	At a Court held for the Company of Staplers the 26th of January 1646 **[1647]** Present: Mr Lieutenant [James Monger] — Mr Abrathwaite Mr Lightfoot Attorney — Mr Bradley Mr Bradley Constable — Mr Craker Mr Underhill — Mr Owen Edwards Mr Withers — Mr Osbaston Mr David Edwards Mr Treasurer [John Best] Mr Rookes [George junior]
[George Rookes died. Frances Rookes made free by patrimony.]	At this Court Francis Rookes, son of Mr George Rookes deceased a free brother of this Company, desired his freedom by patrimony. And upon the testimony of his brother George Rookes he was admitted and took the oath in that behalf and paid his Hance of 6s 5d.
[Cane Manfeild made free by patrimony.]	At this Court also Cane Manfeild, son of Thomas Manfeild deceased a late free brother of this Company, desired his freedom by patrimony. And by the testimony of John Best, Treasurer, he was admitted and took his oath and paid his Hance.
[Richard Andrews, wool trader, made free by redemption - fee £30.]	Also at this Court Richard Andrews, being as he alleges a trader in wools, desired to be admitted into the freedom of this Company by redemption, he paying to the Company such a fine of money for his admittance as this Court should think fit to impose upon him. Whereupon it being put to question it was ordered that he paying by way of fine the sum of £30 shall be admitted according to his desire. Unto which he condescended and was admitted and took his oath in that behalf appointed and paid his Hance of 6s 5d.
[Clothworkers petition to the House of Commons.]	At this Court a copy of a petition exhibited by divers Clothiers and others to the Commons House of Parliament wherein the members of this Company were concerned was read. And ordered and desired that Mr Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Mr Withers, Mr David Edwards, Mr Cater, Mr Treasurer, Mr George Rookes, Captain Bradley, Mr Craker, Mr Abrathwaite[166] and Mr Andrews and such others of the Company as will be assistant, will with the advice of Mr Lightfoot the Attorney of the Staple and Mr Taylor the Clerk take care of the said business. And that the sum of £20 shall be delivered into the hands of Mr Taylor to be disbursed about the executors of this business and to be accountable to the Company for the same.

[166] There was a Joseph Abrathwaite on the Hertfordshire Militia Commission as Quartermaster. Ref: Hertfordshire during the Great Civil War and Long Parliament, Alfred Kingston FRHS, Published by Elliot Stock, London 1894.

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At a Court held for the Company of Staplers
the 10th of January 1646 **[1647]**

Present:

Sir Thomas Soame	Mayor	Mr Francis Andrews
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Mr Richard Andrews
Mr Bradley senior	Constable	Mr Owen Edwards
Mr Withers senior		Cane Manfeild
Mr Underhill		
Mr David Edwards		
Mr Cater		
Mr George Rookes [junior]		
Mr Withers junior		
Captain Bradley		
Mr Abrathwaite		
Mr Craker		

[Robert Heath made free]

At this Court Robert Heath desired the freedom of this Company by redemption, paying to this Company such fine as this Court shall think meet. Whereupon it was ordered that he paying to the Company the sum of £15 by way of fine shall be admitted. The which favour was vouchsafed to him in respect his father was a free brother of this Company and he had served his said father 8 or 9 years but not bound neither born within the time of his father's freedom. Which said sum of £15 he paid together with his Hance and was admitted and took his oath in that behalf appointed.

[John Holland made free by apprenticeship.]

Also James Holland, late apprentice of Gilbert Buxham, a late free brother of this Company, was admitted into the freedom of this Company by service by the appearance of his indenture and the testimony of Mr Constable Bradley and his son, and paid his Hance.

[Henry Strame made free by redemption.]

Also at this Court Henry Strame desired the freedom of this Court by redemption paying to the Company such fine as the Court shall think fit. Whereupon it was ordered that he paying by way of fine the sum of £25 shall be admitted, the which sum of £25 Mr George Rookes promised to pay to the treasurer tomorrow morning and paid his Hance and was admitted and took his oath.

[Renewal of Company's lease at Leaden Hall.]

At this Court it was ordered that Mr Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Mr Withers, Mr David Edwards, Mr Cater shall treat to the committee for selling the City's land about renewing of the Company's lease of their Hall and warehouses at Leaden Hall and to conclude the business as they arrange or otherwise shall think fit.

Thomas Diason desired the freedom of this Company by redemption paying to the Company such fine as the Court shall think fit, which request was referred to the next Court.

[Sheet 96 REV IMG 0770 & IMG 1361]

At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple
the 7th of March 1646 **[1647]**

Present:

Mr Lieutenant	Mr Abrathwaite
Mr Henry Bradley Constable	Mr Andrews
Mr Withers	Mr Craker
Mr Underhill	Owen Edwards
Mr Treasurer	Mr Osbaston
Mr Andrew Cater	Henry Shaw
Captain Bradley	Richard Andrews
Mr George Rookes	
Mr Francis Rookes	

At this Court it was thought fit and ordered that copies of the petition of the Clothiers and a book by them framed and published lately be procured for the Company's use.

Also it was ordered that the sum of £30, over and above the £20 formerly ordered to be delivered to Mr Taylor for the following of the business in Parliament touching the Clothiers' petition, shall be delivered by the Treasurer to Mr Taylor.

Also whereas this Court was informed that there were some desired the freedom of this Company, it was thought fit to put it to the question whether the Court will admit any into this Society or not for present. And it was resolved upon the question that the Court would admit such as desired.

[Edward Craddock made free by redemption.]

At this Court Edward Craddock of the city of Coventry, trader in wool, desired to be admitted into the freedom of this Company by redemption paying such fine as the Court shall think fit. Whereupon it was ordered that he paying the sum of £30 by way of fine shall accordingly be admitted. The which he was contented to do and paid the sum together with his Hance and was admitted and took his oath in that behalf appointed.

[Phillipp Nurse made free by redemption.]

At this Court Phillipp Nurse of London, trader in wools, desired the freedom of this Company by redemption, paying such fine as this Court should think meet. Whereupon it was ordered that he paying the sum of £25 by way of fine shall accordingly be admitted. The which he consented to and paid the sum together with his Hance and was admitted and took his oath in that behalf appointed.

[Thomas Diason made free by redemption.]

At this Court Thomas Diason, of the Borough of Southwark in the county of Surrey trader in wools, desired the freedom of this Company by redemption paying such fine as the Court should think fit to impose upon him. Whereupon it was ordered that he paying £40 by way of fine should be admitted. The which he was contented to do and paid the fine together with his Hance and was admitted and took the oath in that behalf.

[James Abrathwaite apprentice to his father.]

At this Court Mr James Abrathwaite, free brother of this Company, did present his son James Abrathwaite to be his apprentice for 7 years from Michaelmas 1646.

[Sheet 97 IMG 0770 & IMG 1362]

At a Court held for the Company
the 4th of June 1647

Present:

Mr Lieutenant	Captain Bradley
Mr Henry Bradley Constable	Mr Abrathwaite
Mr Withers	Mr Bayley
Mr David Edwards	Mr Jones
Mr Underhill	Mr Manfeild
Mr Cater	Mr Francis Andrews
Mr Treasurer	

[Mathew and Richard Jones admitted by patrimony.]

At this Court Francis Jones of Arlestone in the county of Salop, Merchant of the Staple of England desired that his sons Mathew Jones and Richard Jones which were born since his admittance into the Company by redemption, might be admitted into the freedom of this Company by patrimony. Whereupon it was ordered that he paying the sum of £30 which is in arrear for 20s a year to be paid at his admission during his life, that his two sons shall be admitted according to his request, for which said £30 he gave his bill and his sons were admitted accordingly.

[Martin Shaw made free by redemption.]

At this Court Martin Shaw of London Woolman was a petitioner to be admitted into the freedom of this Company by redemption submitting himself to such fine as the Court shall impose upon him. Whereupon it was ordered that he paying the sum of £25 to the use of the Company by way of fine shall be admitted according to his request, the which he paid together with his Hance and was admitted and took his oath.

[Richard Jones made free]

At this Court Richard Jones, apprentice of Francis Jones a free brother of this Company, was made free by service his father paying by way of fine to the use of this Company 8s for not exhibiting his indenture to be certified according to the order of this Court Company should be admitted and the which he paid and was admitted and sworn and paid his Hance.

At this Court Richard Greene, of Colchester in the county of Essex, desired his freedom of this Company by redemption, which request was referred to the next Court.

At a Court held for the Company of Merchants of the Staple of England
at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall the 4th of September 1647

Present:

Sir Thomas Soame Kt & Alderman Mayor	Mr Best Treasurer
Mr James Monger Lieutenant	Mr Cater
John Lightfoot Attorney of the Staple	Mr Andrews
Mr John Bradley Constable	Mr Baylie
Mr John Withers	Mr Abrathwaite
Mr Underhill	Mr Holland
Captain Bradley	Mr Scarlett
Mr Andrews	Mr Phillipp Nurse
Mr Craker	
Mr George Rookes	

[Sir Thomas Soame re-elected Mayor.]

The Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor for the Staple for the ensuing year there were put in nomination Sir Thomas Soame the present Mayor, Sir John Warner Lord Mayor of London, and Sir John Kendrick] Kt & Alderman. Who being severally put to question, Sir Thomas Soame was elected Mayor of the Staple for the ensuing year whereupon took his oath for the due execution of the said office.

	[Sheet 97 REV IMG 0771]
[James Monger re-elected Lieutenant.]	After which the Court proceeded to the election of a Lieutenant to Mr Mayor for the ensuing year. there was put in nomination Mr James Monger the present Lieutenant, Mr John Withers and Mr David Edwards. Who being severally put to question Mr James Monger was elected and chosen Lieutenant to Mr Mayor for the ensuing year, who thereupon took his oath for the due execution of his said place..
[Henry Bradley and John Best elected Constables.]	The Court proceeding to the election of 2 Constables for the ensuing year, in the first place the Court elected and confirmed Mr Henry Bradley one of the Constables for the ensuing year and did nominate Mr Cater and Mr Best to stand in election for the other Constable. Who being put to question Mr Cater was chosen. Whereupon Mr Bradley and Mr Cater took their oaths for the due execution of their said office.
	The Court proceeding to the election of treasurer, there was put in nomination Mr Charles Crayker, Mr Charles Flood and Captain Luke Bradley. Who being severally put to question, Mr Charles Crayker was chosen, who thereupon took his oath for the due execution of his said office.
[Treasurer's accounts; Secretary's pains following of business in Parliament.]	At this Court Mr Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Mr Withers, Mr Edwards and Mr Underhill or any 5 of them shall have the accounts of the Treasurer and of the Secretary[167] and to consider of the pains of the Secretary in the following of their business before the Committee of Parliament touching wools, and to make him such allowance therefore as they shall think fit, and also for the sealing of the lease of the house at Boston.
[John Osbaston elected Weigher. 20 nobles as gratuity to Owen Edwards.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Weigher, there was put in nomination John Osbaston & Owen Edwards, who being put in election, Mr Osbaston was chosen. And in respect the Court was informed that Mr Owen Edwards was a poor man, the Court was pleased to give him 20 nobles as a gratuity. And Mr Osbaston took his oath for the due execution of his said office.
[Mr Abrathwaite's shed against the Hall window.]	Whereas Mr Abrathwaite has erected a shed against the great window of the Hall, which is not only a great eyesore to the Hall but prejudicial to the light, the said Mr Abrathwaite being present and made acquainted with it, he promised to take the same down within one month next ensuing.
	At a meeting of divers members of the Society of the Merchants of the Staple of England appointed for the auditing of the Treasurer's accounts , it was ordered as follows: Whereas the Treasurer has in his account craved allowance for the sum of £20 parcel of the £40 charges upon him upon his account as received of Thomas Dyason for his admittance into the freedom of this Company and the which the said Dyason had not paid to the Treasurer. For as much as it did appear that the Treasurer before the admission of the said Dyason did undertake that he should pay his fine of £40 imposed upon him to the Company, it was thought fit that in the first place the Company should endeavour to recover the said sum of £20 of the said Dyason and if in case it cannot be had of him that then the Treasurer shall stand charged therewith to the Company. And thereupon it was thought fit for the present to pass the accounts as they are made up. [Signatures of:]

James Monger	David Edwards
John Withers	John Best
Henry Bradley } Constables	Edward Taylor Clerk
Andrew Cater }	
Clement Underhill	

[167] 'Secretary': it is not clear whether this is the Clerk by another title but there is no name mentioned.

[Sheet 98 IMG 0771]

A Court held for the Company of Staplers at Mr Mayors house
the 12th day of January 1647 **[1648]**

Present:

Sir Thomas Soame Kt	Mayor	Mr Treasurer
Mr Monger	Lieutenant	Captain Bradley
Mr Bradley	}	Mr Best
Mr Cater	} Constables	Mr Andrews
Mr Deputy[168] Withers		
Mr Edwards		

[Lease to Mr Coppin of the Boston house sealed.]

At this Court the lease, heretofore granted to Mr Coppin of the Company's messuage[169] at Boston, was sealed with the Companies seal and delivered upon this condition to remain as a scroll in the hands of the Treasurer until Mr Coppin shall pay to him for the Company's use the sum of £14 for a fine and all such money as is now due or shall be due at the time of the delivery thereof for rent of the said messuage since the granting thereof, being 7 years at Michaelmas last after the rate of £5 per annum.

[John Dunston made free by redemption. Fine of £30.
The £30 paid to Mr Taylor the Clerk for his pains.]

At this Court John Dunston, friend of Mr Marburie[170] in the county of Bucks a trader in wools, deaired the freedom of this Company by redemption and di willingly submit to such fine as the Company should impose upon him. Whereupon it was ordered that, he paying the sum of £30 by way of fine, should be admitted. The which he condescended to and was thereupon admitted and took his oath and paid his Hance. Which said sum of £30 was ordered to be paid to Mr Taylor[171] for his pains in following the Company's business in Parliament touching the Clothiers' petition.

John Wright made free [by apprenticeship]

At this Court John Wright, late apprentice of Mr Andrew Cater, was made free by apprenticeship by the appearance of his indenture and testimony of his master. And he paid his Hance and took his oath in that behalf.

At a Court held for the Company of Merchants of the staple of England
the 25th of January 1647 **[1648]**

Present:

Mr Mayor	Mr Withers
Mr Lieutenant	Mr Edwards
Mr Lightfoot	Mr Best
Mr Bradley }	
Mr Cater } Constables	

[James Duning apprentice to Charles Crayker]

At this Court James Duning, son of James Duning late of the parish of St Blane in Southwark in the county of Surrey, brewer, was presented by Charles Crayker to be his apprentice for 9 years from the day of the date of the indenture dated.

At this Court it was ordered that if Mr King or his surety shall not within such time as he shall think fit pay in his money that a legal course shall be taken against them and that such speedy course shall be taken against them as the benefit of this term be not lost.

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[168] 'Deputy': unknown in what role.
[169] 'Messuage': the legal term for a dwelling and associated land.
[170] The late Clerk.
[171] It seems that the earlier references to a 'Secretary' do mean the Clerk.

	[Sheet 98 REV IMG 0772]
[£25 to be lent to Cane Manfeild.]	At this Court Cane Manfeild was a suitor for the loan of some of the money that has been heretofore given to be lent to traders in wools. Whereupon his security now tendered: William Byars the older, citizen and leather seller of London, and John Best, a free brother of this Company. Whereupon it was ordered that £25 shall be lent to him upon the said securities.
[Thomas Dyason]	At this Court Thomas Dyason, who had promised to pay £40 for admission into the Company and was in arrear £20 thereof, was at this Court a suitor that this Court would be pleased in respect his father was a free brother of this Company and paid a great sum of money for his admission, that his said fine of £40 might be mitigated. Whose suit being taken into consideration, it was ordered that he should within 14 days pay to the treasurer the sum of £20 that as yet remains in arrear and that if he shall perform the same the Treasurer shall return to him £10 thereof which the Court is pleased to remit to him in respect his father was a free brother pf this Company.
[James Robinson merchant in Bruges.]	Mr James Robinson, merchant residing at Bruges in Flanders, did appear at this Court and did produce some orders and letters importing in effect that he had been employed by the City of Bruges for the ancient trade and commerce between this kingdom and the City of Bruges. And to that end did desire the ancient records of this Company concerning that trade and intercourse might be viewed, to the end it might appear what privileges this Company anciently had touching the said trade. In answer whereunto the Court did signify to him that if the Parliament or any committee of Parliament shall require the sight of any books or records containing the ancient privileges of this Company they will with all readiness obey their commands.
[Thomas Manfeild made free by apprenticeship.]	At this Court Thomas Manfeild, late apprentice of John Best a free brother of this Company, was admitted into the freedom of this Company and paid his Hance and took the oath in that behalf appointed.
[Beadle - John Hall resigned from age; given £5 gratuity.]	At this Court John Hall, Beadle to this Company, being grown in years and very impotent and unable to execute his place, did voluntarily of his own accord resign up his said place. Whereupon the Court, in consideration of his great age and poverty, did give him the sum of £5 as a gratuity and gave order to the Treasurer to pay it to him accordingly.
[New Beadle - Owen Edwards.]	At this Court Owen Edwards was a suitor to be admitted Beadle in the stead of John Hall. Whose request being taken into consideration, the Court did confer the said place upon him together with the fee of £4 per annum.
[Thomas Dyason junior - apprentice.]	At this Court Thomas Dyason, son of Thomas Dyason a free brother of this Company, was presented by the said Thomas Dyason his father to be his apprentice for 7 years from this day.
[John Cady apprentice.]	Also at this Court the said Thomas Dyason presented John Cady, son of John Cady of Newington in the county of Surrey mariner, to be his apprentice for 7 years from this day.
[William Chesman apprentice.]	Also the said Thomas Dyason at this Court presented William Chesman, son of William Chesman of the parish of St Claus in Southwark in the country of Surrey, fellmonger, to be his apprentice for 7 years from this day.

[Sheet 99 IMG 0772]

The Last Day of February 1647 **[1648]**

James Abrathwaite, a free brother of this Company did present Francis Lee, son of Lancelot Lee Esquire of Alveley in the county of Salop, to be his apprentice for 7 years from the 25th of October 1647.

At a Court held for the Company of Merchants of the Staple of England at Leadenhall
the **4th of July 1648**

Present:

Sir Thomas Soame Kt and Alderman Mayor	Mr Thomas Garnon
Mr James Monger Lieutenant	Mr Cane Manfeild
Mr Bradley }	Mr Thomas Manfeild
Mr Cater } Constables	Mr Dyason
Mr Lightfoot Attorney at Law	Mr Abrathwaite
Mr Withers	Mr Edward Cater
Mr Edwards	Mr Rookes
Captain Luke Bradley	Mr Richard Andrews
Mr Cartwright	Mr Stracie
Mr Baylie	
Mr Crayker Treasurer	
Mr Francis Andrews	
Mr Withers junior	

[Edward Cater made free by apprenticeship.]

At this Court Edward Cater, son and apprentice of Andrew Cater one of the Constables of this Society, was made free by apprenticeship by the appearance of his indenture and the testimony of his said father, and he paid his Hance and took his oath in that behalf provided and was admitted into the freedom of this Society.

Mr John Withers [writ to regain possession of property at Westminster]

At this Court Mr John Withers, a free brother of this Company who holds the wool Staple and other [of] the Company's lands by lease at Westminster, did now move the Court that in as much as his undertenant Mr Morgan was dead and that his widow was grown far in arrears and did go daily more and more and more so, that if some speedy course be not taken for avoiding her out of possession, he is likely to be much damaged thereby. And for as much as he is informed by his learned counsel that in as much as he has transferred his estate to an infant, the best and speediest course for ejecting her is that the Company will be pleased to make an entry for non payment of the rent, and thereupon bring a writ of execution for gaining the possession and afterwards make new grant thereof. It was thereupon ordered that the Clerk of this Company shall take a legal course such as Counsel shall advise for regaining the possession of the premises. And that John Osbaston, officer to the Company, shall be the lessee to the end the action may be executed in his name. And Mr Withers to covenant with the Company to keep them indemnified from all actions and damages that may arise by this suit.

	[Sheet 99 REV IMG 0773]
[Sir Thomas Soame re-elected Mayor.]	This Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor for the Staple for the ensuing year, there was put in nomination Sir Thomas Soame the present Mayor, Sir John Gaire[172] Kt and Alderman, and Sir John Cordell[173] Kt and Alderman. Who being severally put to question, Sir Thomas Soame was elected and chosen Mayor of the Staple for the ensuing year, who thereupon took his oath in that behalf appointed for the due execution of his said office.
[James Monger re-elected Lieutenant.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant to the Mayor, there was put in election Mr James Monger the present Lieutenant, Mr John Withers and Mr David Edwards. Who being severally out to question, Mr James Monger was chosen Lieutenant to Mr Mayor for the year ensuing, who thereupon took the oath in that behalf provided for the due execution of his said office.
[Andrew Cater & John Best elected Constables.]	The Court proceeding to the election of 2 Constables for the ensuing year, in the first place the Court elected and confirmed Mr Andrew Cater one of the Constables for the ensuing year. And di nominate Mr John best and Mr Timothy Cartwright to stand in election for the other Constable. Who being severally put to question, Mr John Best was elected and chosen. Whereupon the said Andrew Cater and John Best did take the oath in that behalf appointed for the due execution of the said office.
[Charles Craker elected Treasurer.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year, there was put in nomination Charles Craker the present Treasurer and Mr Thomas Garnon. Who being severally put to question, Mr Charles Craker was chosen Treasurer for the ensuing year, who thereupon took the oath in that behalf appointed for the due execution of his said office.
[John Osbaston elected Weigher.]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Weigher for the ensuing year, there was put in nomination John Osbaston and Owen Edwards. Who being severally put to question John Osbaston was elected and chosen and took the oath in that behalf provided for the due execution of the said office.
	At this Court the Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Mr Ashwell, Mr Withers, Mr Edwards, Mr Cartwright, Mr Bradley or any 5 of them were appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.
	At this Court it was ordered that the sum of £33 6s 8d shall be lent to Mr Thomas Manfeild, a free brother of this Company, for 3 years gratis upon his surety now tendered: Joseph Griffith, citizen and Merchant Taylor of London, and Captain Luke Bradley, a free brother of this Company.

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[172] Sir John Gayer/ Gayre/ Gaire: Fishmongers Company; Alderman for Aldgate Ward 1636-49; Colonel Trained Bands 1638-42; President Christ's Hospital 1648-9; Prime Warden Fishmongers 1638; East India Company committee 1626-49 and Deputy-Governor 1639; Treasurer Levant Company 1630-2. Died July 20, 1649. https://bookowners.online/John_Gayer_1584-1649

[173] Sir John Cordell: 1582-1649; of Long Melford, Suffolk; Mercer; President Christ's Hospital 1643. https://www.nationaltrustcollections.org.uk/object/926810

[Sheet 100 REV IMG 0774]

At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple of England
the **15th of June 1649** at Staple Hall

present:

Mr Lieutenant	Captain Luke Bradley
Mr Cater }	Mr Thomas Manfeild
Mr Best } Constables	Edward Taylor Clerk
Mr John Withers	John Osbaston [Weigher]
Mr David Edwards	Mr Rookes
Mr Timothy Cartwright	Mr Richard Andrews
Mr Charles Crayker Treasurer	
Mr Francis Andres	
Mr Martin Stracie	

[The Boston house - John Coppin.]

Whereas there is owing to the Company by John Coppin, the Company's tenant at Boston, the sum of £12 10s for rent and arrears of rent until Our Lady Day last. And whereas the said John Coppin did by his letter desire the Company to take into consideration the great charge which he has been at in the repairing of the messuage to him demised, amounting to about £60, and also for satisfaction of his taxes which he paid for the said house, amounting to £4, ... It was ordered that he paying the sum of £8 the other £4 should be remitted in respect of his charge and taxes. And the lease to be delivered to him.

Mr Withers [re the possession of the Staple Hall at Westminster]

At this Court, upon reading of the Court of the 4th of July 1648 wherein a request of Mr Withers was mentioned touching the Company's regaining the possession of the Staple Hall at Westminster by way of re-entry for not payment of the rent in respect of the great loss and damage he is put at by reason of the bad tenant to whom he demised the same, and for granting a new lease to him when the Company shall recover the possession thereof, and upon the Clerk's relating of his proceedings in discharge of the contents of that order and intimation that the Company were now in actual possession, Mr Withers moved the Company that he might have a new lease made to him and that the Court would also consider of his losses and the badness of the times and the consideration given to the Company for the said lease being the inheritance of a house at the Wool Staple of £5 per annum. And hereupon the Court taking all these things into consideration did order that a new lease shall be granted to him and John White of the said messuage for 3 score years from Midsummer next. And that whereas there will be £100 due to the Company at Midsummer next for the rent of the said messuage for 2 years then ordered. And whereas he has paid divers sums of money for taxes for the said house for 2 years last past, it was ordered that he shall have a defalcation [curtailment] out of the said money paid for taxes. And also the sum of £50 out of the said sum of £100. And that the charges of the suit and writings made touching the same shall be paid and born by Mr Withers.

[40s gratuity to Owen Edwards - the Beadle.]

Also at this Court it was ordered that the sum of 40 shillings shall be given to Owen Edwards, the Company's officer, as a gratuity in respect of his poverty.

[Sheet 101 IMG 0774]

At a Court held for the Company of the Staplers of England
at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London being election day
the 10th Day of July 1649

Present:

Mr Monger Lieutenant	Mr Craker Treasurer
Mr Cater Constable	Mr Church
Mr Ashwell	Mr Stracie
Mr John Withers	Mr Thomas Manfeild
Mr David Edwards	Mr Mercer
Mr Cartwright	Mr Watkins
Mr Luke Bradley	Mr Abrathwaite
Mr George Rookes	Mr Martin Stracie
Mr Francis Andrews	

At this Court James Abrathwaite, a free brother of this Company did present John Freake, son of [gap] Freake of [gap] to be his apprentice for 7 years.

[Sir Thomas Soame dismissed from Parliament and from being an Aldermen.]

At Court an order of the Commons' assembled in Parliament was presented by the servant of Sir Thomas Soame,[174] present Mayor, with information from the said Sir Thomas Soame that the Court would be pleased to take notice thereof and to make entry thereof in their Court book. Which order follows in their words:

1 July 1649

Resolved upon the question by the Commons assembled in Parliament that Sir Thomas Soames to be disabled from being a member of this House during this Parliament. Resolved:
That Sir Thomas Soames be discharged from being an Alderman of the City of London & from bearing/

Alderman Cotton elected Mayor.

The Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor of the Staple for the ensuing year in the stead of Sir Thomas Soame Kt and Alderman of London, the present Mayor, there were put in nomination William Ashwell[175] Esquire, sometime Alderman of London, and John Cotton[176] Esquire, Alderman of London. Who being severally put to question, Mr John Cotton was elected and chosen. And Mr David Edwards being present in Court was entreated to initiate to Mr Alderman [Cotton] that the Court had elected him into the said office and to desire his acceptance.

[James Monger resigned as Lieutenant. John Withers elected Lieutenant.]

The Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant to Mr Mayor for the ensuing year, Mr James Monger did for some reasons by him declared desired to be dispensed with from continuing in the said office. Whereupon the Court did nominate Mr John Withers and Mr David Edwards to stand in election. Who being severally put to question Mr John Withers was chosen, who being present in Court did take the oath in that behalf provided.

[John Best and Timothy Cartwright elected Constables.]

The Court proceeding to the election of 2 Constables for the ensuing year, in the first place the Court elected and confirmed Mr John Best one of the Constables for the ensuing year. And did nominate Mr Timothy Cartwright and Mr Charles Crayker to stand in election for the other Constable. Who being severally put to question, Mr Timothy Cartwright was elected and chosen. Whereupon the said Mr Cartwright being present did take his oath in that behalf appointed.

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[174] Sir Thomas Soame (Parliament spells his name with a final letter 's') was elected for the City to the Long Parliament in 1640. In 1648 he was dismissed from Parliament by the purge which produced the 'Rump Parliament' and later was by Parliament 'discharged' from being an Alderman. He was accordingly not able to continue as Mayor of the Staple.

[175] William Ashwell: a Grocer like Soame. Alderman for Aldersgate ward. Member of the East India Company committee.

[176] John Cotton: Master of the Drapers' Company 1649/50. Alderman for Candlewick ward. He had been a Merchant of the Staple since 1624.

[Sheet 101 REV IMG 0775]

[Captain Luke Bradley elected Treasurer.]

The Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year, there was put in nomination Captain Luke Bradley, Mr George Rookes and Mr Francis Andrews. Who being severally put to question, Captain Luke Bradley was chosen, who being present in Court took the oath in that behalf appointed.

[John Osbaston elected Weigher.]

The Court proceeding to the election of a Weigher for the ensuing year, there was put in nomination John Osbaston and Owen Edwards. Who being severally put to question John Osbaston was chosen and took the oath in that behalf provided.

At this Court Mr Lieutenant Withers, the 2 Constables, Mr James Monger, Mr Ashwell, Mr Edwards and Mr Cater were appointed auditors of the Treasurer's accounts for the last year.

[Barnard Whittle and William Reeve free by apprenticeship.]

Also at this Court Barnard Whittle and William Reeve, late apprentices of Mr Henry Bradley a late free brother of this Company, were admitted into the freedom of this Company by apprenticeship by the appearance of their indentures and the testimony of Captain Luke Bradley, son to the said Mr Bradley deceased. Who paid their Hances and took their oaths in that behalf provided.

At a Court held the **29th day of July 1649**

Present:

Mr Alderman Cotton	Mayor	Mr Tobias Watkins	
Mr John Withers	Lieutenant	Mr Richard Andrews	
Mr John Best	}	Mr Phillipp Nurse	
Mr Timothy Cartwright	} Constables	Mr Henry Stracie	
Mr Monger		Mr William Reeve	
Mr John Withers Junior			
Mr George Rookes			
Mr Garnon			

[John Cotton sworn Mayor.]

At this Court Mr Alderman Cotton[177], who was at the last Court elected and chosen Mayor of the Staple for the present year, did take his oath for the due execution of his said place.

Also Mr John Best, who was at the last Court chosen and confirmed one of the Constables for the present year and was then absent, did now take his oath for the due execution of the said office.

Also at this Court it was ordered that a carpet of green cloth shall be bought and provided at this Company's charge for the Company's use at Westminster.

At a Meeting at Mr Skinner's

Present:

Mr Mayor		Captain Luke Bradley	Treasurer
Mr Lieutenant		Mr Craker	
Mr Best	}		
Mr Cartwright	} Constables		
Mr Monger			
Mr Edwards			
Mr Cater			

At this meeting Mr Lieutenant and the 2 Constables, Mr Edwards, Mr Cater, Mr Luke Bradley the present Treasurer, Mr Craker and Edward Taylor the Company's Clerk, were appointed and desired to attend the committee appointed by the Court of Aldermen to hear and report the state of the complaint of the Company of Leather sellers, touching the market kept at Leadenhall by this Company, and to make known to the said committee (if they shall see cause) the Company's purview and right for holding of what papers of the Company's which they shall think meet to evidence their right for the keeping of the said market.

[177] John Cotton: son of Sir Allan Cotton, Lord Mayor 1625-6)

[Sheet 102 IMG 0775]

At a Court held for the Staplers at Staple Hall
the 22nd Day of February 1649 **[1650]**

Present:

Mr Mayor	Mr Thomas Manfeild
Mr Lieutenant	Mr William Reeve
Mr Best }	Mr Henry Stracie
Mr Cartwright } Constables	Barnard Whittle
Mr Luke Bradley Treasurer	Mr John Withers
Mr Monger	Mr Martin Stracie
Mr Edwards	
Mr Cater	
Mr Crayker	

[Henry Bradley apprentice to Luke Bradley.]

At this Court Mr Luke Bradley the present Treasurer did present Henry Bradley, son of Mr Henry Bradley, a late free brother of this Company, to become his apprentice for 7 years from this day.

At this Court it was ordered that if the City or their counsel shall desire copies of the Charter, made by Edward IV to the Company and the City touching the market at Leadenhall and of the agreements made between the City and the Company touching the same, that the Secretary shall write copies of them for them and deliver the same to them.

[William Grasely apprentice to Thomas Manfeild.]

At this Court Thomas Manfeild, a free brother of this Company, did present John Grasely, son of William Grasely of Mountsorrel in the county of Leicester, Innkeeper, to be his apprentice for 7 years from [gap]

£25 to be lent to William Reeve.]

At this Court it was ordered that the sum of £25 shall be lent to William Reeve, a free brother of this Company, upon his security now tendered: Mr George Musson, citizen and Leather seller of London and Mr Tyers, citizen and Butcher of London, if upon inquisition to be made by Mr Treasurer of the sufficiency of the said securities they be found such as he shall approve of.

[William Withers & Henry Cater made free by patrimony.]

At this Court William Withers, son of Mr Lieutenant Withers, and Henry Cater, son of Mr Andrew Cater, were made free by patrimony and took the oath in that behalf provided and paid their Hances.

[George Edge apprentice to George Rookes.]

At this Court Mr George Rookes did present George Edge, son of George Edge of Dover in the county of Kent, gentleman, to serve him as apprentice for 8 years from the date.

At this Court Mr Lieutenant, Mr Edwards, Mr Cater, Mr Crayker and Mr Taylor were desired to attend the coming of the committee for letting the City lands tomorrow at the Hall, who have appointed to view the Hall and warehouses which the Company holds from them, and also to treat with them about renewing the Company's lease.

[Sheet 102 REV IMG 0776]

At a Court held for the Company of Staplers at Staple Hall within Leaden Hall in London
the 26th of March 1650.

Present:

Mr John Withers	Lieutenant	Mr William Withers
Mr John Best	}	Mr Henry Cater
Mr Timothy Cartwright	} Constables	Mr Thomas Manfeild
Mr Luke Bradley	Treasurer	Mr Barnard Whittle
Mr Edwards		Mr Nurse
Mr Cater		Mr William Reeve
Mr Crayker		
Mr Andrews		
Mr Rookes		

Alderman Kenwrick chosen Mayor.

The Company meeting this day for the election of an able and fit person to be Mayor of the Staple in the stead and place of the present Mayor in respect he has left his residence in the City and the place requiring the presence and residence of the Mayor in London. There was put in nomination in the said election for the Mayor of the Staple for the ensuing year: Mr Alderman Kenwrick[178] and Mr Alderman Cullam, who being severally put to question Mr Alderman Kenwrick was chosen. Whereupon Mr Edwards and Mr Cater were desired to repair to him and to acquaint him with the election, who accordingly did, and he lovingly accepted of the said office and came directly to the Hall and took the oath in that behalf appointed.

The Court also thought fit to admit Mr Alderman Kenwrick into the freedom of this Company gratis, the which was done accordingly and he took the oath in that behalf provided.

[Silver seal engraved with rose & crown and letters C&R - put in iron chest.]

Also whereas there was this present day received from Sir Thomas Soame Kt, late Mayor of the Staple, one seal of silver with the rose and crown and the letters C and R thereon engraved. It was ordered that the said seal shall be sealed up by the Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables and Treasurer and laid up in the Company's iron chest in their hall and no use for the present to be made thereof.

[Silver seal engraved with 4 woolsacks.]

Also at this Court Mr John Withers, the present Lieutenant, did by and with the consent of this Court deliver into the hands of the Right Worshipful Mr Alderman Kenwrick, the present Mayor, one seal of silver with 4 woolsacks thereon engraved which was formerly delivered into his custody by the Right Worshipful John Cotton Esquire, late Mayor of the Staple, Which said seal is to be used by the Mayor for such affairs as shall concern the wool winders according to the duty of his place.

[178] Kenwrick: believed to be a misspelling of Kendrick. Alderman John Kendrick, Grocer, Lord Mayor 1651.

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At a Court held at Staple Hall
the 16th of July 1650

Present:

Mr Alderman Kenwrick Mayor	Mr Henry Cater
Mr John Withers Lieutenant	Mr Nurse
Mr John Best and }	Mr Stracie
Mr Timothy Cartwright} Constables	Mr Reeve
Mr Luke Bradley Treasurer	Mr Holland
Mr Ashwell	Mr Wright
Mr Vassall	Mr Whittle
Mr James Monger	Mr Maylyn
Mr David Edwards	
Mr George Rookes	
Mr Crayker Mr Baylie	
Mr Andrews	
Mr Frances Rookes	
Mr Tobias Watkins	

[Alderman Kenwrick re-elected Mayor.]

The Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor of the Staple for the ensuing year, Mr Alderman Kenwrick the present Mayor, William Ashwell and Samuel Vassall Esq were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr Alderman Kenwrick was elected and chosen, who being present at this Court, accepted of the said election and took the oath in that behalf appointed for the due execution of his said office.

[John Withers re-elected Lieutenant.]

The Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant to Mr Mayor for the ensuing year, Mr John Withers the present Lieutenant and Mr David Edwards were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr John Withers was elected and chosen, who being present in Court did take the oath in that behalf appointed for the due execution of his said office.

[Timothy Cartwright and Charles Craker elected Constables.]

The Court proceeding to the election of 2 Constables for the ensuing year, in the first place the Court elected and confirmed Mr Timothy Cartwright [as] one of the Constables for the ensuing year and did nominate Mr Charles Craker and Mr Andrew Cater to stand in election for the other Constable. Who being severally put to question, Mr Charles Craker was elected and chosen. Whereupon the said Timothy Cartwright and Charles Craker being both present did take the oath in that behalf provided for the due execution of the said office.

[Luke Bradley elected Treasurer]

The Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year, there was put in nomination Mr Luke Bradley the present Treasurer and Mr George Rookes. Who being severally put to question, Mr Luke Bradley was chosen. Who being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided.

[John Osbaston elected Treasurer]

The Court proceeding to the election of a Weigher for the ensuing year, John Osbaston the present Weigher and Owen Edwards were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, John Osbaston was chosen. Who being present took the oath in that behalf appointed for the due execution of his said office.

[Auditors for Treasurer's accounts]

Also at this Court Mr Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, William Ashwell, Samuel Vassall Esq, Mr James Monger, Mr David Edwards, Mr Andrew Cater and Mr John Best or any 5 or more of them were appointed auditor for the taking of the Treasurer for the year past and to approve thereof if they or any 5 of them shall see cause.

Thomas Malin made free [by apprenticeship]

Also at this Court Thomas Maylin apprentice of Mr Charles Crayker, a free brother of this Company, was made free by apprenticeship by the appearance of his indenture and the testimony of his said master.

Also at this Court it was ordered that the gentlemen appointed to be auditors of the Treasurer's accounts together with the Clerk shall take into their consideration and managing the business touching the Weigher's place and the market held at Leaden Hall and all things thereto appertaining and what they shall do therein this Court approves thereof.

[Sheet 103 REV IMG 0777 & IMG 1364 1366]

At a meeting at Leaden Hall
the 11th of September 1650

Present:

Mr Lieutenant	Mr Stracie
Mr Cartwright }	Mr Whittle
Mr Craker } Constables	Mr Mansfeild
Mr Treasurer	Mr Kene
Mr Edwards	
Mr Cater	
Mr Best	
Mr Andrews	

At this meeting. it being put to question whether it were for the credit and commodity of the Company to keep the market for wools at Leaden Hall in right of the Company's ancient privilege, it was agreed that it should be kept there according as it has anciently been accustomed.

It being also put to question whether the Company should apply themselves to the committee for letting of the city's lands for taking a new lease from the City of the Company's Hall and warehouses at Leadenhall. It was agreed that they should repair to them and endeavour to take a new lease from them upon the best terms they can and the persons formerly appointed: Mr Lieutenant Mr Edwards Mr Cater Mr Craker and Mr Taylor were desired to take care of that business and to attend the committee touching it.

The benefit which redounds unto the City by the Staple Market is as follows:
It causes a great resource of people to the City which is a thing in itself a very beneficial to all manner of tradesmen and in especial manner to innkeepers and victuallers. And that market in an especial manner is very commodious to let clothiers that bring their baize to Leaden Hall which being so to them does consequently redound to the public good.

At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London
the 27th of May 1651

Present:

Mr Lieutenant	John Osbaston
Mr Cartwright }	Mr John Withers
Mr Craker } Constables	Mr Nurse
Mr Monger	Mr Watkins
Mr Cater	Mr Francis Rookes
Mr Treasurer Bradley	Mr William Withers
Mr George Rookes	
Mr Stracie	
Mr King	
Edward Taylor	

At this Court upon the reading of an order of the 4th of this instant May of the Council for Trade, Mr Lieutenant, Mr Cater, Mr George Rookes and Edward Taylor were appointed to treat with the Fellmongers, the growers of wool and the Clothiers touching the matters and things contained in the said order.

Also Mr David Edwards, Mr Best, Mr Craker, Mr Treasurer Bradley, Mr Francis Rookes and Mr Nurse are elected and chosen to be aiding and assisting with the above mentioned persons and to advise and confer with them touching the matters and things contained in the said order.

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[Lawson Withers made free by patrimony]

At this Court Mr Lawson Withers, son of Mr John Withers the present Lieutenant, was made free by patrimony.

[John Bromsall made free by apprenticeship]

Also at this Court John Bromsall apprentice of Mr Andrew Cater was made free by service by the testimony of his said Master.

[Action against Leonard Wildbloud]

At this Court it was ordered that an action shall be commenced against Leonard Wildbloud for his arrears of rent.

At a Court held for the Company of the Merchants of the Staple
the 9th of August 1651

Present:

Mr Alderman Kenwrick	Mayor	Mr	Withers
Mr John Withers	Lieutenant	Mr Treasurer	
Mr Timothy Cartwright	}	Mr George Rookes	
Mr Charles Craker	} Constables	Mr Traine	
Mr Ashwell		Mr Maylin	
Mr James Monger			
Mr David Edwards			
Mr Andrew Cater			
Mr John Withers			

[Alderman Kenwrick re-elected Mayor]

The Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor of the Staple for the ensuing year, Mr Alderman Kenwrick, William Ashwell and Samuel Vassall Esquire were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question Mr Alderman Kenwrick elected and chosen, who being present in Court accepted of the said election and took the oath in that behalf appointed for the due execution of the said office.

[John Withers re-elected Lieutenant]

Also the Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant to Mr Mayor for the ensuing year, Mr John Withers the present Lieutenant, Mr David Edwards and Mr Cater were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr John Withers was elected and chosen Lieutenant to Mr Mayor for the ensuing year. Who being present in Court did accept of the said choice and took the oath in that behalf appointed for the due execution of the said office.

Also the Court proceeding to the election of 2 Constables for the ensuing year, in the first place the Court elected and confirmed Mr Charles Craker,, one of the present Constables one of the Constables for the ensuing year. And did nominate Mr Andrew Cater, Mr Luke Bradley to stand in nomination for the other Constable. Who being severally put to question, Mr Cater was elected and both of them being present in Court did take the oath in that behalf provided for the due execution of the said office.

The Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year, there were put in nomination Mr George Rookes and Mr Francis Andrews. Who being severally put to question Mr George Rookes was chosen, who being present in Court did take the oath in that behalf provided for the due execution of the said office.

The Court proceeding to the election of a Weigher for the present year, John Osbaston and Owen Edwards were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, John Osbaston was elected and chosen and took the oath in that behalf provided.

The business concerning an ejectment f.. ref the Company's house at Westminster is referred to Mr Taylor to do therein what shall be requisite.

The copy of a certificate from the Committee of Trade of the 26th of June last to the Council of Trade of the Parliament touching the Company. It was ordered that the committee of this Company, formerly appointed to treat with the Clothiers, Woolgrowers and Fellmongers, be desired to take care to vindicate the Company before the Council for Trade.

[Sheet 104 REV IMG 0778]

At a Court held for the Company of Staplers
1st October 1651

Present:

Mr John Withers Lieutenant	Mr Watkins
Mr Craker Constable	Mr Martin Stracie
Mr Monger	Mr Barnard Whittle
Mr David Edwards	
Mr Timothy Cartwright	
Mr George Rookes	
Mr John Withers Junior	

[Documents to be supplied to the Council for Trade at Whitehall]

At this Court upon reading of an order of the 4th September last of the Council for Trade at Whitehall that what laws, orders and ordinances anyway applying to the instructions or manner of holding a Court Merchant formerly at the Staple or what rewards are thereunto belonging or a copy thereof which are in the custody of the chest of the Merchant Staplers be delivered to this Council or to the secretary thereof to the use and perusal of the Council. It was ordered that the Clerk of this Company do show to the secretary of the Council for Trade such records and ordinances as he shall conceive may tend to satisfy the Council of Trade what they do require and either to present the secretary of the said Council (if he shall desire it) to copy out the same records and ordinances or to copy out the same himself for them if it shall be required.

[Owen Edwards- the Beadle- to give notice of Courts to the Mayor]

Ordered that Owen Edwards the Company's officer shall from henceforth give notice to the Mayor of all Courts to the end he may (as he shall so please) repair to them.

At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple
the 13th of February 1651 **[1652]**

Present:

Mr Lieutenant Withers	Mr Best
Mr Craker }	Mr Treasurer [George Rookes]
Mr Cater } Constables	Mr Luke Bradley
Mr David Edwards	Mr Stracie
Mr Cartwright	

[Committee to consider new lease at Leadenhall]

At this Court upon report made by Mr Lieutenant of the proceedings of the committee appointed by order of Court to treat and consider with the committee for letting of the City's lands about the taking of a new lease of the Company's Hall, weighhouse and such other rooms as are now in the Company's use and possession. It was wholly referred to the committee formerly appointed: (Mr Lieutenant, Mr Withers, Mr David Edwards, Mr Craker, Mr Cater and Mr Taylor) to consider a new lease for such rent, fine and time as they shall in their wisdom think meet.

At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple
the 7th of July 1652

Present:

Mr Withers Lieutenant	Mr Best
Mr Craker }	Mr Andrews
Mr Cater } Constables	Mr Watkins
Mr Monger	Mr Withers
Mr Edwards	Mr Taylor
Mr Cartwright	Mr Osbaston

Ordered and agreed that the Company shall keep possession and defend the right which they conceive they have in the common hall and weighhouse until they be legally evicted.

[Petition to Lord Mayor & Aldermen about the new lease.]

Ordered that the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London be by petition acquainted with all the passages gad with the committee touching the taking of a new lease of the said rooms and their relief craved thereof.

	[Sheet 105 IMG 0778]
	Ordered that the draft of a petition now read touching the premises be ingrossed and presented by the committee formerly appointed to take care of this business and the Treasurer for the time being to be added thereto and that the charge of this business to be borne by the Company out of the public stock and the committee to have power to add or alter the said petition.
	Ordered and agreed that the day of election of the Mayor and Constables be had this day fortnight being the 21st of this present month of July.
	At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple of England at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London the 27th of July 1652 Present:

Mr Withers	Lieutenant	Mr Francis Andrews
Mr Craker	}	Mr Watkins
Mr Cater	} Constables	Mr Whittle
Mr George Rookes	Treasurer	Mr Stracie
Mr Ashwell		Mr Nurse
Mr David Edwards		Mr A.. Withers
Mr Best		
Mr John Withers Junior		

[Lord Mayor Alderman Kenwrick re-elected Mayor]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor of the Staple for the ensuing year, Mr Alderman Kenwrick the present Lord Mayor, Mr Ashwell and Mr Samuel Vassall Esquire were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, the Lord Mayor was elected and chosen Mayor for the ensuing year.
[John Withers re-elected Lieutenant]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant to Mr Mayor for the ensuing year, Mr John Withers the present Lieutenant, Mr David Edwards and Mr Andrew Cater were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr John Withers was chosen Lieutenant for the ensuing year, who being present in Court took his oath for the due execution of his said office.
[Andrew Cater and Luke Bradley elected Constables]	The Court proceeding to the election of 2 Constables for the ensuing year, in the first place the Court elected and confirmed Mr Andrew Cater one of the Constables for the ensuing year. And did nominate Mr Luke Bradley and Mr John Best to stand in election for the other Constable. Who being severally put to question, Mr Luke Bradley was elected the other Constable for the ensuing year.
[George Rookes Treasurer]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer, Mr George Rookes and Mr Francis Andrews were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr George Rookes was chosen Treasurer for the ensuing year.
	At this Court Mr Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Mr Ashwell, Mr Monger, Mr David Edwards, Mr Cartwright, Mr Best and Mr Craker or any 5 of them are appointed to audit and allow of the treasurer's accounts for the year past.
[John Osbaston - Weigher]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Weigher, John Osbaston and Owen Edwards were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, John Osbaston was chosen, who being present took his oath for the due execution of his said office. And whereas he was in debt to the Company in £20, he promised to pay £10 of it tomorrow and to give his bond with his son for payment of the other £10 on Michaelmas day next and also to give the like bond for his faithful service in his said office and for payment of such rent for the weighhouse as this Court shall [think meet].
[Complaint by Owen Edwards against John Osbaston]	Upon the reading of a paper presented to the Court by Owen Edwards, wherein he complained against John Osbaston for reviling of him and abusing of the Company, and upon hearing of Mr Osbaston's defence, it was ordered that the gentlemen appointed to be auditors shall hear the said difference and in the meantime some of the said gentlemen are desired to inform themselves the best they can of the truth and reality of the said complaint from Mr Cawkett and from Mr Moore, who were present at the time when the difference grew between them, and to report the state of the business to this Court.

	[Sheet 105 REV IMG 0779 & 0780]
	At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple at Staple Hall in Leaden Hall in London the 29th day of July 1653[179] Present: Mr Alderman Kenwrick Mayor — Mr Francis Andrews Mr John Withers Lieutenant — Mr Stracie Mr Rookes Treasurer — Mr Nurse Mr Samuel Vassall Esq. — Mr Martin Mr David Edwards — Edward Taylor Mr Timothy Cartwright — Mr Stracie Mr Best — Mr Watkins Mr Crayker
Alderman Kenwrick chosen Mayor	The Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor of the Staple for the ensuing year, Mr Alderman Kenwrick the present Mayor, Mr Withers and Mr Samuel Vassell were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr Alderman Kenwrick the present Mayor was elected, who being present took the oath in that behalf appointed for the due execution of the said place.
Mr John Withers chosen Lieutenant	The Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant to Mr Mayor for the ensuing year, Mr John Withers the present Lieutenant, Mr Edward Lloyd and Mr Andrew Cater were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question Mr Lieutenant Withers was chosen, who being present took the oath in that behalf appointed.
[Luke Bradley re-elected Constable] Mr John Best sworn Constable	The Court proceeding to the election of 2 Constables for the ensuing year, in the first place the Court elected and confirmed Mr Luke Bradley one of the Constables for the ensuing year. And did nominate Mr George Rookes and Mr Best to stand in election for the other Constable. Who being severally put to question Mr John Best was elected the other Constable for the ensuing year, who being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided for the due execution of the said place.
Mr Francis Andrews chosen Treasurer	The Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year, Mr Watkins and Mr Francis Andrews being put in nomination, Mr Francis Andrews was elected for the ensuing year, who being present took the oath in that behalf provided.
Auditors appointed for the Treasurer's account	At this Court Mr Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Mr Samuel Vassall Esq, Mr Monger, Mr Edwards, Mr Cartwright, Mr Cater, Mr Crayker or any 5 of them are appointed to audit and allow of the Treasurer's account for the year ensuing. [past?]
John Osbaston chosen Weigher	The Court proceeded to the election of a Weigher. John Osbaston and Owen Edwards were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, John Osbaston was chosen Weigher for the year ensuing, who took his oath in that behalf appointed.
Auditors to appoint rent.	Ordered that the auditors of the Treasurer's account shall set down what rent he [the Weigher] shall pay for the year past.
Tenants at Westminster not paying their rent to be sued	Ordered that such of the tenants at Westminster as shall not pay their rent shall be put in suit in the Company's name by Mr Taylor.

[179] A full year since the previous meeting record. This seems to be the last time that Staple Hall is mentioned as the meeting place.

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At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple
the 18th day of July 1654

Present:

Mr Alderman Kenwrick	Mayor	Mr Rookes
John Best	Constable	Mr Withers
Mr Andrews	Treasurer	Mr Stracie
Mr Ashwell		Mr Cater Junior
Mr Edwards		Mr Reeve
Mr Cartwright		Mr Whittle
Mr Crayker		Mr Wright

Alderman Kenwrick chosen Mayor

The Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor, Mr Alderman Kenwrick the present Mayor, William Ashwell and Samuel Vassall Esq being put in election and severally put to question, Mr Alderman Kenwrick was chosen, who being present in Court took the oath in that behalf appointed.

Lieutenant Withers chosen

The Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant to the Mayor, Mr John Withers, Mr David Edwards and Mr Andrew Cater were put in nomination, who being severally put to question Mr John Withers was chosen.

Mr Best and Mr Crayker chosen Constables [incorrect note - George Rookes was elected]

The Court proceeding to the election of 2 Constables for the ensuing year, in the first place the Court elected and confirmed Mr John Best, one of the Constables for this present year, to be one of the Constables for the ensuing year. And did nominate Mr Charles Crayker and Mr George Rookes to stand in election for the other Constable. Who being severally put to question, Mr George Rookes was elected the other Constable for the ensuing year, who being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided for the due execution of the said office.

Mr Francis Andrews chosen treasurer. [incomplete note of the election result]

The Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year, Mr Francis Andrews the present Treasurer, Mr Watkins and Mr Henry Stracey were out in nomination.

Auditors appointed for the Treasurer's account

The Court proceeding to the election of auditors, Mr Lieutenant and others in the foresaid Court of election and Mr Bradley were appointed or any 5 of them.

At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple
the 15th day of May 1655

Present:

Mr Alderman Kenwrick Mayor	Captain Bradley
Mr Best	Mr Dyason
Mr David Edwards	Mr Martin
Mr Cartwright	Mr Taylor
Mr Crayker	Mr Osbaston
Mr Andrews Treasurer	Owen Edwards
	Mr Nurse

Thomas Dyason made free

At this Court Thomas Dyason, son and apprentice of Thomas Dyason made free by apprenticeship by appearance of his indenture and the testimony of the said Thomas Dyason the father.

	[Sheet 106 REV IMG 0782]
John Cadie made free.	Also at this Court, John Cadie, apprentice of Thomas Dyason, made free by appearance of his indenture and the testimony of the said Master.
Mr Dyason submit to the Court.	Ordered that when Mr Dyason shall present his sons and servants to be made free that he submitting himself to the Court the ordinary Hances shall be accepted.
	At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple the 17th of July 1655 Present: Mr Alderman Kenwrick Mayor — Mr Edward Taylor Mr George Rookes Constable — Mr Withers Junior Mr Andrews Treasurer — Mr Phillipp Nurse Mr David Edwards — Mr Cater Mr Timothy Cartwright — Mr John Wright Mr Charles Crayker — Mr William Reeve Mr Watkins — Mr John Osbaston Mr Henry Stracey — Owen Edwards
Alderman Kenwrick chosen Mayor	The Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor for the ensuing year, Alderman Kenwrick the present Mayor, William Ashwell and Samuel Vassall Esquire were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr Alderman Kenwrick was elected, who being present took his oath for the due execution of the said place.
Mr John Withers Lieutenant	The Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant to Mr Mayor, there were put in nomination Mr John Withers the present Lieutenant, Samuel Vassall, Charles Lloyd Esquires and Mr David Edwards. Who being severally put to question Mr Lieutenant Withers was elected and chosen.
Mr George Rookes and Mr Charles Crayker Constables.	The Court proceeded to the election of 2 Constables for the ensuing year. In the first place the Court elected and confirmed Mr George Rookes, one of the Constables for this present year, to be one of the Constables for the ensuing year and did nominate Mr Charles Crayker and Mr Francis Andrews to stand in election for the other Constable. Who being severally put to question, Mr Charles Crayker was elected the other Constable for the year ensuing. Both of them being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided.
Mr Henry Stracie Treasurer.	The Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year, Mr Tobias Watkins, Mr Henry Stracie and Mr William Withers were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr Henry Stracie was chosen Treasurer for the ensuing year, who being present did take his oath for the due execution of the said office.
	The Court proceeding to the election of auditors, Mr Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Mr Ashwell, Mr Vassall, Mr Edwards, Master Cartwright, Mr Best and Mr Bradley or any 5 of them were appointed and authorised to audit the Treasurer's account and if they shall think fit to allow thereof.

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At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple
the 19th day of August 1656

Present:

Mr Alderman Kenwrick Mayor	Mr William Withers
Mr George Rookes }	Mr Diason
Mr Charles Crayker } Constables	Mr Thomas Malyn
Mr Henry Stracie Treasurer	Mr William Reeve
Mr David Edwards	Mr Barnard Whittle
Mr Timothy Cartwright	Mr Martin Strachie
Mr John Best	Mr John Osbaston
Mr John Withers Junior	Mr Edward Taylor
Mr Lawrence Withers	

Alderman Kenwrick chosen Mayor	The Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing, Mr Alderman Kenwrick the present Mayor, Samuel Vassall and Charles Lloyd Esquires were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr Alderman Kenwrick was elected, who being present took the oath in that behalf provided.
Charles Lloyd Esq chosen Lieutenant [this is incorrect: the text clearly states that David Edwards was chosen as Lieutenant]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant to Mr Mayor, Mr John Withers son of Mr John Withers the present Lieutenant and also his 2 other sons Mr Lawrence and Mr William Withers declaring to the Court that it was the earnest desire of their father that the Court dispense with him for his election into that place in respect of his age and residence out of the City and some other reasons best known to himself. Whereupon it being put to question Mr Withers his motion was condescended to and he dispensed with for being put in nomination. And there were put in nomination Samuel Vassall and Charles Lloyd Esquires, Mr David Edwards and Mr John best. Who being severally put to question, Mr David Edwards was chosen who being present took the oath in that behalf provided.
Mr Charles Crayker and Mr Francis Andrews Constables	The Court proceeding to the election of 2 Constables for the ensuing year, in the first place the Court elected and confirmed Mr Charles Crayker, one of the Constables for this present year, to be one of the Constables for the ensuing year. And did nominate Mr Francis Andrews and Mr John Best to stand in election for the other Constable. Who being severally put to question, Mr Francis Andrews was chosen the other Constable for the year ensuing. Both of them being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided.
Mr Henry Stracie Treasurer	The Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer, Mr Stracie, Mr Watkins and Mr William Withers were put in nomination. And being severally put to question, Mr Henry Stracie was chosen Treasurer for the ensuing year, being present did take the oath in that behalf provided.
Auditors appointed for the Treasurer's account	The Court appointed Mr Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Mr withers, Mr Vassall, Mr Lloyd, Mr Cartwright, Mr Best, Mr Rookes or any 5 of them to audit the Treasurer's account.
Jeremy Fitch made free [by apprenticeship]	At this Court Jeremy Fitch, late apprentice of George Rookes, was made free by apprenticeship by the appearance of his indenture and the testimony of Mr Stracie the present Treasurer.
William Harbert made free [by apprenticeship]	At this Court William Harbert, late apprentice of Richard Andrews, a late free brother of this Company, was made free by apprenticeship by the appearance of his indenture and the testimony of the said Mr Stracie.
Thomas Diason made free [by apprenticeship]	At this Court Thomas Diason, son of Thomas Diason, was made free of this Company by the appearance of his indenture and the testimony of his said father.
Paid their Hances.	The said 3 persons paid 6s 5d for their Hance.

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At a meeting of the Mayor, Constables and Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England at the Mayor's house the 14th of April 1657

Present:

Mr Alderman Kenwrick	Mayor	Mr Cater
Mr Charles Crayker	}	Mr William Withers
Mr Francis Andrews	} Constables	Edward Taylor
Mr Charles Lloyd		Mr Osbaston
Mr Stracie	Treasurer	Owen Edwards
Mr Phillip Nurse		

The Company's quay and stairs at Westminster to be let by lease to be agreed upon

Whereas some of the inhabitants of Westminster, dwelling near the Company's quay and stairs there, called the Wool Bridge, upon their complaint to the Commissioners of great inconvenience arising by having a dock for watering of horses at the said key, had procured an order from the said Commissioners for stopping up of the said dock and had, in pursuance of the said order, made up the same without the consent of this Company. And whereas this Court was informed not only by a letter from Sir John Trevor but by Mr Wheeler, Mr Martin and other persons of quality inhabiting in Westminster that the said dock had been used for watering of horses for above 28 years and that the stopping up of the same would be very prejudicial to the inhabitants of Westminster in general - in respect many persons of honour and worth, by reason the Court of Parliament and Courts of Justice were held there and had their residence. and resorted thither and that several noble personages as well as most of the inhabitants of Westminster did make it their request that the same may be reduced to an open dock. And the said Mr Wheeler and Mr Martin did declare that 2 able workmen, namely Mr George Couldingridge and Mr Thomas Stevens had viewed the said dock and delivered their opinion that the said dock might be opened and made with a slope wall and defend and keep the water from overflowing into the street as well as the upright wall now made did or could do, and did desire that the Company would be pleased to grant a lease of the said quay and stairs to them, the said Mr Wheeler and Mr Martin and such other persons of Westminster as they should nominate, for some reasonable term of years and for such rent as should be agreed upon between the Company and them. And that they would at their costs and charge take down the upright wall now made and make another sufficient slope wall to keep the water from overflowing the street and would from time to time maintain and keep the same and save and keep harmless this Company from all suits troubles and damages that may arise touching the same. The Court taking the promises into consideration and having heard what the persons who had caused the

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said dock to be made up could pay against the opening of it did conceive that the making of the said dock with a slope wall, as had been propounded by Mr Wheeler and Mr Martin, would be a benefit to the inhabitants in general and no ways prejudicial to the persons that opposed it, did thereupon agree and condescend that a lease should be made thereof to the said Mr Wheeler and Mr Martin, and such other persons as they should think fit to nominate, for such term of years and for such yearly rent and covenants as Masters Crayker Andrews Stracie and Taylor and the said Masters Wheeler, Martin and other gentlemen of Westminster, at their meeting together which was appointed to be the next day at 10 o'clock at Westminster, should agree upon.

Mrs Kenndall to have a lease at £8 per annum.

Also at this Court Mistress [gap] Kendall, widow, was a suitor for a lease of the messuage or tenement near the wool bridge at Westminster, now in her occupation, her old lease being expired at Our Lady Day last. Whereupon it was agreed that a new lease should be made to her of the said messuage for the term of 31 years from Our Lady Day last for and under the yearly rent of £8, quarterly to be paid, and of the sum of £5 to be paid for a fine or incomes at the sealing of the lease, with fitting covenants between lord and tenants.

At a meeting of the Mayor Constables and Company of the Merchants of the Staple held at Mr Andrews' house the 25th day of May 1657

Present:

Mr Alderman Kenwrick Mayor	Mr Withers
Mr Crayker }	Mr Maylin
Mr Andrews } Constables	Mr Taylor
Mr Best	Mr Osbarton
Mr Nurse	Owen Edwards

At this meeting Mr John Atkins of Boston, merchant who was possessed of the remains of the term of years heretofore granted by this Company to John Coppin of the Company's house at Boston by assignment from his mother Mrs Coppin the relict[180] and executrix of the said John Coppin her late husband, was a suitor for renewing of the said lease. Whereupon it was agreed that in consideration of a surrender to be made of the old lease and of the sum of £50, to be paid the 15th of September next by way of fine or income, a lease should be granted to him for the term of 60 years from Michaelmas next at the old rent of £5 and under the same covenants that are contained in the former lease. The which said lease was made and passed to him accordingly under the common seal of this Company. And he gave his bond for payment of the said sum of £50 on the said 15th day of September next.

[180] relict = widow

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At a meeting of the Mayor Constables and Company of the Merchant Staplers of England the 12th day of June 1657

Present:

Mr Alderman Kenwrick	Mayor	Mr Timothy Cartwright
Mr Charles Crayker }		Mr John best
Mr Francis Andrews }	Constables	Mr William Reeve
Mr Stracie	Treasurer	Edward Taylor
		Owen Edwards

Mrs Kendell's lease sealed.

At this meeting the lease granted to Mrs Kendell was passed under the common seal of this Company.

The quay and stairs granted by lease [Westminster]

Also a lease of the Company's quay and stairs at Westminster was passed under the Company's common seal to Sir John Trevor and others, according an agreement made between the said Sir John Trevor and the other inhabitants of Westminster of the one part and Masters Charles Crayker, Francis Andrews, Stracie and Taylor of the other part and on behalf of this Company, by virtue of an order of the 14th of April last for the term of 31 years from Our Lady Day last and for and under the yearly rent of £5 quarterly to be paid. And under covenants the effect whereof is mentioned in the said order of the 14th April last touching the altering of the said quay and keeping the Company indemnified and other covenants usual between lord and tenants.

At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple of England the 28th day of July 1657

Present:

Mr Alderman Kenwrick	Mayor	Mr Thomas Dyason
Mr Charles Crayker }		Mr Osbaston
Mr Francis Andrews}	Constables	Edward Taylor
Mr Stracie	Treasurer	Owen Edwards
Mr Timothy Cartwright		Mr John Withers
Mr John Best		Mr Lawrence Withers
Mr Phillipp Nurse		Mr Thomas Malyn
Mr William Reeve		Mr John Wright

Alderman Kenwrick chosen Mayor.

This Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor for the ensuing year, Alderman Kenwrick the present Mayor, Charles Lloyd and Samuel Vassall Esquires were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr Alderman Kenwrick was chosen Mayor for the ensuing year, who being present took his oath in that behalf provided.

Charles Lloyd Esq -Lieutenant

The Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant to Mr Mayor, there were put in nomination Charles Lloyd and Samuel Vassall Esquires. Who being severally put to question, Charles Lloyd was chosen.

	[Sheet 109 IMG 0784]
Mr Francis Andrews & Mr John Best Constables	The Court proceeded to the election of 2 Constables for the ensuing year. In the first place the Court elected and confirmed Mr Francis Andrews, one of the present Constables, to be one of the Constables for the ensuing year. And Mr Timothy Cartwright and Mr John Best were nominated to stand in election for the other Constable. Who being severally put to question, Mr John Best was chosen. Who being both present took the oath in that behalf provided.
Mr William Withers Treasurer	The Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year, Mr Tobias Watkin, Mr William Withers and Mr Phillipp Nurse were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr William Withers was chosen.
Auditors appointed for the Treasurer's account	The Court did elect and appoint Mr Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Mr Timothy Cartwright and Mr Charles Crayker or any 4 of them to audit and allow of the Treasurers account for this last year.
William Chesham made free.	Also at this Court William Chesham, late apprentice of Thomas Dyason a free brother of this Company, was made free of this Company by service, by the appearance of his indentures and the testimony of his said master, and he paid his Hance money.
Not appearing at Court to forfeit 2s 6d	Ordered that such members of the Company as shall be summoned to appear at any Court or other meeting for the affairs of the Company and shall not make then appearance at the time appointed not having lawful excuse such as shall be approved of by the Court, shall forfeit and pay to the use of the Company for every such offence 2s 6d.
	At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple at the Mayor's house the 22nd day of June 1658 Present: Mr Alderman Kenwrick — Mayor Charles Lloyd Esquire — Lieutenant Mr Francis Andrews } Constables Mr John Best } Constables Mr William Withers — Treasurer Mr Stracie Mr Phillipp Nurse Mr Barnard Whittle Mr Thomas Dyason Mr Dyason Mr Reeve Mr Osbaston Mr Chesham Mr William Herbert
Alderman Kenwrick chosen Mayor	The Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor for the ensuing year, there was put in nomination Alderman Kenwrick the present Mayor, Charles Lloyd and Samuel Vassall Esquires and Mr John Withers. Who being severally put to question, Mr Alderman Kenwrick was chosen, who being present took the oath in that behalf provided.
Charles Lloyd Esquire - Lieutenant	The Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant to Mr Mayor, Charles Lloyd Esquire, Mr John Withers and Mr John Best were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Charles Lloyd the present Lieutenant was chosen, who took the oath in that behalf provided.

	[Sheet 109 REV IMG 0785]
Mr John Best and Mr Henry Stracie - Constables	The Court proceeding to the election of 2 Constables for the ensuing year, in the first place the Court elected and confirmed Mr John Best, one of the Constables for the present year, to be one of the Constables for the ensuing year. And Mr Charles Crayker and Mr Henry Stracie were nominated to stand in election for the other Constable. Who being severally put to question, Mr Henry Stracie was chosen. Who being both present took the oath in that behalf provided.
Mr William Withers - Treasurer	The Court proceeding to the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year, Mr William Withers and Mr Phillipp Nurse were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr William Withers was chosen treasurer for the ensuing year and being both present took the oath in that behalf provided.
Auditors appointed for the Treasurer's account	The Court proceeded to the election of auditors of the Treasurer's account for the year past. There was elected Mr Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Masters John Withers, Samuel Vassall, Charles Crayker and Francis Andrews, or any 5 of them, who are authorised (if they shall think fit) to audit and allow the same.
£25 to be lent to Mr Henry Cater	At this Court it was ordered that £25 shall be lent to Mr Henry Cater, according to his request, upon such surety as shall be approved of by the Auditors.
£25 to be lent Mr William Chesham	Also at this Court Mr William Chesham was a suitor for the loan of £25, which was granted, he putting in such surety as the auditors shall approve of.
	At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple the 5th of July 1659 Present:

Mr Alderman Kenwrick Mayor	Mr Garnons [or Garnow]
Mr John Best }	Mr Watkins
Mr Henry Stracie } Constables	Mr Phillipp Nurse
Mr Holland	Mr William Reeve
Mr John Withers	Mr Wright
Mr Bayley	Mr Whittle
Mr Charles Crayker	Mr Malyn
Mr Francis Andrews	Mr Herbert
	Edward Taylor

Alderman Kenwrick chosen Mayor	The Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor for the ensuing year, there was put in nomination Alderman Kenwrick the present Mayor and Sir Thomas Foote Alderman. Who being severally put to question, Mr Alderman Kenwrick was chosen, who being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided.
Charles Lloyd Esquire - Lieutenant	The Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant to Mr Mayor, Charles Lloyd and Samuel Vassall Esquires, and Mr John Holland were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr Charles Lloyd the present Lieutenant was chosen, who being present took the oath in that behalf provided.

[Sheet 110 IMG 0785]

Mr Henry Stracie and Mr Charles Crayker - Constables

The Court proceeded to the election of 2 Constables for the ensuing year. In the first place the Court elected and confirmed Mr Henry Stracie, one of the Constables for the last year, to be one of the Constables for the ensuing year. And did nominate Mr Charles Crayker and Mr Francis Andrews to stand in election for the other Constable. Who being severally put to question Mr Charles Crayker was chosen. And both being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided.

Mr Phillipp Nurse - Treasurer

The Court proceeded to the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year. Mr Baylie, Mr Phillipp Nurse, Mr Watkins and Mr Lawrence Withers were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr Phillipp Nurse was chosen, who being present took the oath in that behalf provided.

Auditors appointed for the Treasurer's account.

The Court proceeded to the election of auditors of the Treasurer's account for the year past. There was elected Mr Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Mr John Best, Mr Francis Andrews and Mr John Holland or any 5 of them, who were authorised to audit and allow or disallow thereof as they should think fit.

John Mansfeild

At this Court John Mansfeild, son of Thomas Mansfeild, a late free brother of this Company deceased, was mad free of this Company by patrimony and paid 6s 5d to Mr Treasurer for his Hance.

John Manfeild chosen Beadle

at this Court John Manfeild was elected and Beadle of this Company, in the stead and place of Owen Edwards deceased, to hold the said place with the salary of £4 a year and all other perquisites belonging to the same place during the pleasure of the Company.

Mr Taylor to have £10 - his year's fee. [Secretary]

At this Court, upon the motion of Edward Taylor, Secretary to this Company, it was ordered that the Treasurer shall pay to him £10 for his fee for a year ending the 24th day of June next 1660.

£25 to be lent William Harbert, the auditors allowing his security.

Also at this Court it was ordered that £25 shall be lent to William Harbert according to his request, upon his security now tendered: John Harbert, Cook in Blackman street in Southwark, and Richard Baylie, Stationer near Newgate, if the auditors shall approve of the said security.

At a meeting the 25th day of October 1659

Present:

Charles Lloyd Esquire	Lieutenant	John Best
Mr Henry Stracie	}	Francis Andrews
Mr Charles Crayker	} Constables	William Withers
		Edward Taylor

Mr Withers to have £50 till put forth allowing after 3 months £5 percent.

At this meeting the account of Mr William Withers, Treasurer for the Company for the year last past, was perused audited and allowed. And whereas there was found due to the Company upon the foot of the same account £103 4s 9 ½ d , it was thought meet and so agreed that in respect the Company's cash was very low that £50 part of the said sum should be lent forth at interest. And that until it be disposed of upon security to the Company's content, the same should remain in Mr Withers hand, who was contented (and tending the good of the Company) to allow interest for it after £5 percent for so long time as the same should remain in his hands after the first 3 months for which time he is not to allow interest more than the charge of mending the lock and make a new key to the Company's iron chest.

[Sheet 110 REV IMG 0786]

At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple the 15th day of February 1659 **[1660]**

Present:

Mr Alderman Kenwrick	Mayor	Mr Phillipp Nurse
Mr Charles Crayker	Constable	Mr Dyason
Mr John Holland		Mr Osbaston
Mr Francis Andrews		Mr Martin Strachie
Mr John Best		Mr William Chesham
		Mr William Harbert

The great press, linen, pewter, carpet and cushions to be sold.

The Court ordered that the great wainscot press[181] and the linen, pewter, carpet and cushions shall be sold. And Masters Holland, Crayker, Best, Andrews, Mr Treasurer and Mr Withers or any 3 of them shall make sale of them for the best advantage of the Company. And the money rising thereby to be delivered into the hands of Mr Treasurer for the Company's use.

The iron chest and hamper to be deposited at Mr Withers' house.

The Court ordered (upon Mr William Withers his free and loving offer to accommodate the Company) that the Company's iron chest, wherein the Company's plate, specialties and evidences are, and the hamper shall be deposited with Mr William Withers for the Company's use.

The surviving trustees for the house at Woolstaple [stairs] to pass their estate to several of the Company.

The Court ordered that the surviving trustees for the Company's house at Woolstaple Stairs shall pass over their estate and interest to Charles Lloyd Esquire, Masters John Holland, Charles Crayker, Francis Andrews, Phillipp Nurse, William Withers, Henry Cater, Thomas Dyason, Martin Strachie, William Reeve, Thomas Malyn and William Chesham.

Ordered that the sum of £3 shall be paid to Mr Francis Andrews by Mr Treasurer for warehouse room for the Company's press and other goods since 25th March 1656.

At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple the 31st of July 1660

Present:

Master Alderman Kenwrick	Mayor	John Best
Charles Lloyd Esquire	Lieutenant	Francis Andrews
Henry Stracie		Master Dyason
Charles Crayker		Master Wright
John Holland		Master Malyn

William Sturgess bound apprentice

At this Court Thomas Malyn, a free brother of this Company, presented William Sturgess, son of Edward Sturgess, late of the parish of St Thomas in the Borough of Southwark tailor deceased, to be his apprentice for the term of 8 years from this day.

[181] A 'wainscot press' is a style of cupboard.

[Sheet 111 IMG 0786]

At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple at the Mayor's house the 3rd of October 1660

Present:

Mr Alderman Kenwrick Mayor	Henry Stracie
Charles Lloyd Esquire Lieutenant	Thomas Dyason
Charles Crayker }	Henry Cater
William Withers } Constables	John Osbaston
Phillipp Nurse Treasurer	William Chesham
John Best	Thomas Malyn
Francis Andrews	John Manfeild

[Clerk Edward Taylor dead] John Robinson chosen Clerk

Whereas by the death of Edward Taylor, late Clerk to this Company, the place or office of Clerk to this Company is become void, the Court thought meet to proceed to the election of another fit and able person to supply the said place. For which stood John Robinson and [gap] who being severally put to question, the choice fell upon the said John Robinson. Whereupon it was ordered that he should be admitted to the said office according to the said election.

At a Court held for the Merchants of the Staple at the Mayor's house the 7th day of November 1660

Present:

Mr Alderman Kenwrick Mayor	Henry Stracie
Charles Crayker }	Tobias Watkin
William Withers } Constables	William Chesham
Phillipp Nurse Treasurer	Barnard Whittle
John Holland	John Wright
Francis Andrews	Henry Cater
	Thomas Dyason

The Clerk sworn and made free

At this Court John Robinson, who was at the last Court elected and chosen Clerk of the Company, did take his oath for the due execution of his said place and was admitted into the freedom of this Company and took the oath in that behalf provided.

A suit to be commenced for Kendell's rent.

The Court being informed by Mr Nurse, the present Treasurer that there was owing to the Company £8 for a year's rent at Midsummer last for the messuage near the Wool bridge at Westminster, formerly let by lease to Mrs Kendell, widow deceased, it was ordered that Mr Treasurer and Mr Robinson take some such speedy course for the recovery thereof by arrest distress ejectment or otherwise as, upon advice to be taken, shall be thought fit.

The Clerk to enter all orders of Court neglected by Mr Taylor - .. allowed for his pains

The Court, in respect the late Clerk neglected to enter in the great ledger the orders of this Court for divers years past, did therefore order that the present Clerk do enter the same and that satisfaction shall be given to him for his pains therein.

A new seal with the Company's arms to be made.

Also the Court ordered, in respect the Company's seal being in the late Clerk's hands is lost, and conceiving it requisite another should be gotten for the Company's use, that Mr treasurer take care to have a new one made of silver with the Company's arms engraved thereon and what he shall disburse of the same to be allowed him upon his account.

	[Sheet 111 REV IMG 0787]
	At a Court held the 29th of January 1660 **[1661]** **for the Company of Merchant Staplers of England** present: Sir Thomas Soames Knight — John Osbaston Charles Lloyd Esquire Lieutenant — William Chesham Charles Crayker } — Barnard Whittle William Withers } Constables — John Wright Phillipp Nurse Treasurer — John Robinson Clerk John Best — John Manfeild Francis Andrews
The Treasurer and Clerk by law to recover the rent of Kendell's house and eject the tenants.	The Court being informed that the widow Kendell's 2 sons living in the house at the Wool Staple which she held by lease of the Company owed a year and a half's rent at Christmas last, which they not only refused to pay but which all pretend a title to the same, Mr Treasurer Nurse and Mr Robinson the Clerk were ordered to take course by law to eject them out of the house and recover the rent arrear according as counsel should advise.
	The Clerk referring himself to the Court for his pains in writing the several orders of Court into their ledger book[182], which was neglected for divers years past by the late Clerk Mr Taylor deceased, the Curt ordered Mr Treasurer Nurse to pay him 40s for the same.
lieutenant Lloyd to treat for Founders Hall for the Company to meet in, not giving rent above £20 or 30 for the same per annum.	The Court being moved by some of the Company for some convenient place to be found out for the Company to meet and keep Courts, Mr Lieutenant Lloyd was desired to hire Founders' Hall[183] for the present and to agree for the same, not giving above £20 or £30 a year for the use thereof.
Thomas Gisby bound apprentice	At this Court Henry Stracie, a free brother of this Company, presented Thomas Gisby, son of Edward Gisby of Harking in the county of Middlesex, barber surgeon, to be his apprentice for the term of 8 years from the day of this date.
John Best bond	An obligation taken of £60 penalty wherein John Best, John Cave and Octavian Pullen are bound to the Company for payment of £33 6s 8d the 30th of June 1663.
Henry Stracie bond	An obligation taken of £60 penalty wherein Henry Stracie, William Stracie and John Stracie are bound to the Company for payment of £33 6s 8d the 22nd of October 1663.
Charles Crayker his bond	An obligation taken of £60 penalty wherein Charles Crayker, Peter Delanney and Thomas Pearson are bound to the Company for payment of £33 6s 8d the 10th of November 1663.

[182] At the time of transcribing this page it is not clear whether the 'ledger refers to this same book or another separate book.
[183] Founders' Hall in Lothbury street. The Worshipful Company of Founders, Founders' Hall, One Cloth Fair, City of London https://www.foundersco.org.uk/about

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At a Court held for the Company of Merchant Staplers of England
at the Lieutenant's house
the 27th of February 1660 **[1661]**

Present:

Charles Lloyd	Lieutenant	Henry Stracie
Charles Crayker }		Cave Manfeild
William Withers }	Constables	Thomas Dyason
Phillipp Nurse	Treasurer	William Reeves
John Holland		William Chesham
John Best		John Osbaston
Francis Andrews		Thomas Malyn
		John Wright

[John Kenwrick dead] Sir Thomas Adams chosen Mayor

That John Kenwrick Alderman late Mayor of the Staple being dead, it was at this Court thought meet that someone other fit person should be chosen in his stead. Whereupon the Court proceeding to election, Sir Thomas Adams Kt, Charles Lloyd Esq the present Lieutenant, Sir John Robinson Kt and Sir Thomas Soames Kt being severally put in nomination, the choice was reduced to Sir Thomas Adams and Mr Lieutenant Lloyd, who being severally put to question the choice fell upon Sir Thomas Adams[184].

Mr Crayker and others desired to acquaint him with it

The Court desired Masters Crayker Withers Nurse and such others of the Ancients as pleased to repair to Sir Thomas Adams and to acquaint him with the election. Who accordingly did and he lovingly accepted the same office, who appointed Monday next to take the oath in that behalf appointed.

Sir Thomas to have his freedom gratis

The Court also though fit to admit Sir Thomas Adams into the freedom of this Society gratis without paying Hance money.

The Treasurer to receive Mr Withers' money.

The Court ordered that the £52 10s owing by bond from Mr William Withers, being due and he proffering to pay the same in, that Mr Treasurer Nurse receive the same of him accordingly.

At a Court held for the Company of Merchant Staplers of England at the Mayor's house
the 4th of March 1660 **[1661]**

Present:

Sir Thomas Adams Kt	Mayor	Francis Andrews
Charles Lloyd Esquire	Lieutenant	Thomas Dyason
Charles Crayker }		William Reeves
William Withers }	Constables	William Chesham
Phillipp Nurse	Treasurer	John Osbaston
John Holland		Thomas Malyn
John Best		Martin Strachey
Henry Stracie		John Wright
		Barnard Whittle

Sir Thomas Adams made free

At this Court Sir Thomas Adams was admitted to be free of this Company gratis and took his oath accordingly.

Sir Thomas sworn Mayor.

The said Sir Thomas Adams did (being at the last Court elected and chosen Mayor of the Staple) take his oath for the due execution of the said office.

Sir Thomas sworn at Westminster

The said Sir Thomas the same day went to Westminster, on whom the Company attended thither, where he was likewise chosen Mayor of the Staple and took his oath for the due execution of his office.

The Clerk made free and sworn.

Then also John Robinson was there made free of the Company and took the oath in that behalf provided.

[184] Sir Thomas Adams 1586 -1668 , Draper, Lord Mayor of London 1645, MP for the City of London 1654-5 and 1656-8. Brought Charles II back from exile in Netherlands. https://thomasadams.net/a-look-back-at-sir-thomas-adams-a-man-of-principle-and-philanthropy/

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At a Court held for the Company of Merchant Staplers of England at the Mayor's house the 22nd of May 1661

Present:

Sir Thomas Adams Kt Baronet	Mayor	Thomas Dyason
Charles Lloyd Esquire	Lieutenant	Cave Manfeild
Charles Crayker	}	John Osbaston
William Withers	}Constables	William Chesham
Phillipp Nurse	Treasurer	Martin Strachey
John Holland		Thomas Malyn
John Best		William Reeves
Francis Andrews		Henry Cater
Henry Stracie		William Herbert
		John Wright

Sir Thomas Adams chosen Mayor	The Court proceeding to the election of a Mayor for the ensuing year, there were put in nomination Sir Thomas Adams the present Mayor, Charles Crayker the present Lieutenant, Sir John Robinson Kt and Sir Thomas Soames Kt. Who being severally put to question, Sir Thomas Adams was chosen, who being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided.
Charles Lloyd Esq Lieutenant	The Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant to the Mayor, Charles Lloyd and Samuel Vassall Esquires were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr Charles Lloyd the present Lieutenant was chosen, who being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided.
Mr Withers and Mr Andrews Constables.	The Court proceeding to the election of 2 Constables for the ensuing year. In the first place the Court elected and confirmed Mr William Withers, one of the Constables for the last year, to be one of the Constables for the ensuing year. And did nominate Mr Francis Andrews and Mr John Best to stand in election for the other Constable. Who being severally put to question, Mr Francis Andrews was chosen. And both being present in Court, took the oath in that behalf provided.
Mr Thomas Dyason Treasurer	The Court proceeded to the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year. Mr Thomas Dyason, Mr Henry Cater and Mr William Reeves were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Mr Thomas Dyason was chosen, who being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided.
Auditors appointed for the Treasurer's account	The Court proceeding to the election of auditors of the Treasurer's account for the year past, there was elected Mr Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Mr Holland, Mr Crayker and Mr Best who, or any 4 of them, were authorised to audit and allow or disallow thereof as they should think fit.
Charles Crayker junior bound apprentice	At this Court Mr Charles Crayker, a free brother of the Company, presented Charles Crayker his son to be his apprentice for the term of 8 years from this day.
Robert Joyce made free	At this Court Robert Joyce late apprentice of Thomas Malin was made free by apprenticeship by the appearance of his indenture and the testimony of his said master.

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[Company documents] The 2 hampers to be removed

At this Court Mr William Withers moved to have the 2 hampers, full of old writings belonging to the Company, moved out of his house to some other place, in respect he was going about altering of his house. Upon which it was ordered that Mr Withers, Mr Crayker, Mr Andrews, Mr Best and Mr Robinson the Clerk should peruse the same and dispose of them as they should think fit.

£25 lent Mr Thomas Malin for 4 years

At this Court upon the request of Mr Thomas Malin it was ordered that £25 should be lent to him for 4 years gratis upon his security now tendered: Mr Robert Strong, tanner, and Mr James Pitman, a haberdasher, both living in Southwark.

[Malin] An obligation for £25

An obligation taken of £50 penalty, wherein Thomas Malin, Robert Strong and James Pitman are bound to the Company for payment of £25 the 27th of May 1665.

At a Court held for the Company of Merchant Staplers of England at the Mayor's house the 1st of June 1661

Present:

Sir Thomas Adams Kt and Baronet	Mayor	Thomas Dyason
Charles Lloyd Esquire	Lieutenant	Thomas Malin
William Withers	}	William Reeve
Francis Andrews	}Constables	John Osbaston
Phillipp Nurse	Treasurer	Henry Cater
Charles Crayker		William Chesham
John Best		

Richard Hoile made free by redemption

At this Court Richard Hoile of the parish of Halifax in the county of York, clothier, desired the freedom of this Company by redemption, paying such fine as the Court think fit. Which was granted to him and the Court put it to the question whether he should pay £25 £20 or £15 and it was voted £15. Whereupon he paid the same sum and was admitted and took his oath in that behalf appointed and paid his Hance of 6s 5d.

[Company documents]

That, according to a former order of Court, the 2 hampers of old writings belonging to this Company were perused but none of them being found of any use at all they were sent to Mr Charles Crayker's house who was pleased to offer to give the same room to stand there.

John Musson bound apprentice

At this Court Mr William Reeve, a free brother of this Company, presented John Musson, son of George Musson, citizen and Leatherseller of London, to serve him as his apprentice for the term of 7 years from the date.

At a meeting of some of the Company of Merchant Staplers of England the 13th day of September 1661

Present:

William Withers	}
Francis Andrews	} Constables
Phillipp Nurse	Treasurer
John Best	
John Robinson	Secretary

The Treasurers [to be] audited [9 October]

They, with others being chosen and appointed to audit and allow of the Treasurers account for the year last past ending at Midsummer 1661, did order and appoint Wednesday the 9th of October next to meet and audit the said account.

[Sheet 113 REV IMG 0789]

[185]The Account of Mr Phillipp Nurse,
Treasurer for the Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England
for one year ending the 24th day of June AD 1661

	£	s	d
First due by this account to the said Company as appears upon the foot of his account for the last year 1660	045	14	09 ½
Received of Mr William Withers due from him by bond	052	10	00
Received of Mr Hoile, a Yorkshireman, for his Hance and freedom	015	06	05
Received of Col. Gower[186] for a year's rent ending at Midsummer last for the rented tenement at Westminster	030	00	00
Received of Mr Atkins for a year's rent ending at Our Lady Day last for a tenement in Boston	005	00	00
Received of Roundell towards the charges of the suit commenced against him in the Kings Bench for non-payment of rent	004	00	00
Received of Roundell towards arrears of rent of a tenement at Woolstaple bridge	004	00	00
Received of Robert Joyce when he was made free for his Hance	000	06	05
The total sum of this accountant receipt is	**159**	**17**	**07 ½**

[Sheet 114 IMG 0789]

Moneys Paid

	£	s	d
First: paid for a dinner on the audit day of his last year's account	003	10	08
Also: paid Mr Malin lent him upon bond by order of Court	025	00	00
Also: spent at perusing of 8 years accounts of Treasurers and orders of Court not entered by the late Clerk Mr Taylor	017	00	00
Also: at a meeting with the Constables	000	05	00
Also going to Westminster and a dinner, being a Court day kept in Bartholomew Lane	001	05	00
Also: paid Mr Robinson by order of Court for his pains in entering the 8 years account and orders of Court into the books	002	00	00
Also: at a meeting about choosing a new Mayor, Alderman Kendrick being paid	000	16	00
Also: at another meeting about the same	000	10	08
Also: spent that day the now Mayor was chosen and sworn at Westminster	003	19	10
Also: at a meeting with the Constables	001	05	07
Also: at a meeting when Mr Hoile was made free	001	03	04
Also: at a meeting about perusing and the disposing of 2 hampers of old writings	000	06	09
Also: for the Company's dinner on the election day the 22nd of May last and for wine cakes coach hire and other expenses that day and the day following	016	13	01
Also: paid the Clerk for 3 quarters' salary ending at Midsummer last	007	10	00
Also: paid the Beadle for his year's salary	004	00	00
Also paid the charges of suit in the King's Bench about ejecting Roundell	006	02	08
Also: abated Mr Atkins for a year's taxes ending at Midsummer last	000	09	03
Also: abated Col. Gower for taxes till Midsummer last which he is to make appear to be then due for a year	003	00	00
Also: at a meeting to appoint the day of auditing of this account	000	12	08
Also: going by water and other expenses about receiving the rents at Westminster	000	04	00
Also: for a book[187] to enter the heads of orders of Courts	000	02	00
The total sum of disbursement is	**079**	**11**	**08**

[185] This is the first occurrence in this book of accounts being shown.
[186] Colonel Thomas Gower: during the Civil War he was in the London Auxiliaries. Possibly Sir Thomas Gower, 2nd Baronet.
[187] The book here referred to (see Court of 7 Nov 1660 on Sheet 111) would seem to be a separate one from this book and has either not survived or its location is unknown. .

[Sheet 114 REV IMG 0790]

	£	s	d
The total sum of the receipts of this accountant is as here within appears:	159	17	00
The total sum of all the disbursements of this accountant is:	079	11	08
So there rests good to the Company from this accountant to balance this account of moneys received and paid as appears by the charge and discharge within mentioned and declared the sum of:	080	05	11½
Memorand that this account was perused, audited and allowed by us, whose names are under written the 9th day of October 1661. And there rests in the hands of this accountant due to the Company to balance this account as before declared and appears by this charge and discharge the sum of: Charles Lloyd Lieutenant William Withers Francis Andrews } Constables, John Best	080	05	11½
Rents arrear and unreceived			
First: owing by Mr Roundell for a year and a half ending Midsummer last:	012	00	00
Also: owing by Master Atkins for a quarter rent ending at Midsummer last:	001	05	00
Also: owing by him for arrears of rent before his lease sealed, for which he gave a bill or note under his hand:	002	10	00
The arrears of rent due is	**015**	**15**	**00**

	[Sheet 115 IMG 0790]
	At a Court held for the Company of Merchant Staplers of England at the Mayor's house the 4th of November 1661 Present: Sir Thomas Adams Mayor — Charles Crayker Sir Charles Lloyd[188] Lieutenant — Barnard Whittle William Withers } — William Chesham Francis Andrews } Constables — Henry Cater Thomas Dyason Treasurer — Thomas Malin John Best — William Reeves Phillipp Nurse
[New seal of the Company - silver with ebony handle]	At this Court the new seal of the Company of silver and therein arms engraved and thereon having an ebony handle, allowed by the Company and was delivered into the custody of the Mayor by him to be kept for the Company's use.
James Abrathat made free	At this Court James Abrathat, late apprentice of James Abrathat his father deceased, was admitted into the freedom of this Company by service, by the appearance of his indenture and paid his Hance money being 6s 5d.
[Roundell - Woolstaple stairs house]	At this Court it was ordered that if Mr Roundell pay not all the rent which he is in arrears for the house he holds at the Woolstaple stairs within 14 days to the Treasurer, for the time being then he to be ejected and turned out of the possession of the said house.
[£50 to be lent at interest]	At this Court it was ordered that £50 of the public stock be lent at interest, upon such City security as Mr Withers and Mr Andrews, the 2 Constables, shall approve of.
	The Court approved of Mr Treasurer Nurse his account as it was audited by the auditors formerly appointed to peruse the same. And upon the new Treasurer Mr Dyason, Mr Lancelot Chapman woodmonger and Mr James Langham yeoman sealing a bond to the Company of £500 penalty to make just account, Mr Nurse is to pay him the foot of his account, being £80 5s 11 ½ d.
[Phillipp Nurse £25 for 4 more years]	At this Court Mr Phillipp Nurse was a suitor to have the £25 lent him gratis for 4 years longer, upon the same security he formerly has. Which his request was consented to, upon their sealing of a new bond for the same.
	At this Court it was ordered that the Treasurer pay 50s due for the new seal.
	Ordered that a letter be written to Mr Atkins, the Company's tenant for a house in Boston, to pay the money he owes for arrears of rent and by note under his hand forthwith or course to be taken for the speedy recovery thereof.
[Constables & Clerk to talk with town clerk re Leadenhall]	At this Court was ordered that the 2 Constables Mr Withers and Mr Andrews, and Mr Robinson the Clerk repair to Mr Avery the town clerk concerning the new taking of what they formerly held of them in Leadenhall.
	At this Court a bond being taken from William Mawhood, Richard Jeeve and Robert Walter of £100 penalty for payment of £51 10s, the 13th of May next, dated the 12th of November 1661 which money Mr Robinson the Clerk engaged his word shall be paid the Company accordingly.

[188] Charles Lloyd: Represented Montgomeryshire in the first two Protectorate Parliaments (1654-5 and 1656-8). He spoke frequently and effectively on foreign policy, but was critical enough of the Government to be excluded by the Protector's council from the first session of the 1656 Parliament. He promoted the Restoration and was created a baronet on 10 May 1661. He was succeeded in the baronetcy by his son and grandson (both Sir Charles), but on the latter's death in 1743 the title became extinct.
Ref 1: Dictionary of Welsh Biography https://biography.wales/article/s-LLOY-LEI-1497
Ref 2: Receipt for the discharge of the baronet fee of 1,095*l*. 'Entry Book: May 1661', in *Calendar of Treasury Books, Volume 1, 1660-1667*, ed. William A Shaw (London, 1904), pp. 240-249. *British History Online* http://www.british-history.ac.uk/cal-treasury-books/vol1/pp240-249

	[Sheet 115 REV IMG 0791]
	At a Court held for the Company of Merchant Staplers of England at the Mayor's house the 15th of May 1662 Present: Sir Thomas Adams Kt Bt Mayor — Phillipp Nurse Sir Charles Lloyd Kt Bt Lieutenant — Henry Cater William Withers } — Captain John Mansfeild Francis Andrews } Constables — William Reeves Thomas Dyason Treasurer — John Wright John Holland — John Osbaston Charles Crayker — William Herbert
Sir Thomas Adams chosen Mayor	The Court proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the ensuing year. There was put in nomination Sir Thomas Adams the present Mayor, Sir Charles Lloyd the present Lieutenant, and Sir Thomas Soames Kt. Who being severally put to question, Sir Thomas Adams was chosen, who being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided.
Sir Charles Lloyd chosen Lieutenant	The Court proceeded to the election of a Lieutenant. Sir Charles Lloyd and Mr Holland were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Sir Charles Lloyd the present Lieutenant was chosen, who being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided.
Mr Withers chosen Constable [incorrect!]	The Court proceeded to the election of a Constable for the year ensuing. Francis Andrews, Phillipp Nurse and Charles Crayker were put in nomination and the choice fell upon Mr Nurse, who took his oath accordingly[189].
Mr Thomas Dyason - Treasurer	The Court proceeded to the election of a Treasurer for the year ensuing and Mr Dyason, Captain Mansfeild and Mr Cater were put in nomination. And the choice fell upon Mr Dyason who took his oath accordingly.
Auditors appointed for the Treasurer's account	The Court proceeded to the election of auditors for the Treasurer's account. And Sir Charles Lloyd the Lieutenant and the 2 Constables, Mr Crayker and Mr Withers were authorised to examine and allow thereof as they should think fit.
Roundell to be ejected if he pay not his rent.	The Court ordered if Roundell pay not all his rent arrears at Midsummer next, he to be ejected out of the house.
Letter to be sent to Mr Atkins to pay his rent.	The Court ordered a letter to be sent again to Mr Atkins for to pay his rent and arrears forthwith due or course to be taken against him.
The great press to be sold for 30s	The Court ordered the great press be sold to Mr Holland for 30s, which he is to pay to the Treasurer.
Jonathan Priestly bound apprentice [to Richard Hoile]	At this Court Richard Hoile, a free brother of this Company, presented Jonathan Priestly[190], son of Joseph Priestly late of Goodgreave near Sowerby in the county of York deceased, to serve him as an apprentice for the term of 7 years from the day of the date.
Eustace Craddock bound apprentice [to his father Edward]	At this Court Edward Craddock, a free brother of this Company, presented Eustace Craddock his son to serve him as his apprentice for the term of 7 years from the day of the date.

[189] Office of Constable: not for the first time, the margin note is incorrect and the main text incomplete. There were 2 Constables. As had been the usual procedure for some years, the senior Constable retires and the junior or 2nd Constable continues for another year, with a new Constable being chosen. In this year, Withers - having been in office 2 years retired, Andrews continued for his 2nd year and Nurse started his first year as Constable.

[190] Jonathan Priestl[e]y 1633-1705 seems to have married his apprentice-master's daughter - Phoebe Hoyle http://myfamilytree.scot/webtrees/individual.php?pid=I72824&ged=tree3#

[Sheet 116 IMG 0791]

Sir Charles Lloyd, the 2 Constables etc to be a committee about taking the Weighhouse in Leaden Hall

The Court ordered that Sir Charles Lloyd, the 2 Constables, Mr Holland, Mr Crayker, Mr Withers and the Treasurer be a committee for the managing and treating and considering of the taking of a lease of the Weigh-house and Chapel of Leaden Hall of the committee for setting the City lands.

[John Best dead] The Treasurer to call on Mr Best's security to pay in £33 6s 8d

The Court ordered that in respect Mr Best is dead, the Treasurer call upon his security for the £33 6s 8d due from him to the Company, that they pay it in between this and Midsummer next. otherwise course to be taken against them at law for the same.

The account of Mr Thomas Dyason, Treasurer of the Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ending the 24th June 1662

	£	s	d
First: received of Mr Phillipp Nurse, the late Treasurer, due upon the foot of his account	080	05	11 ½
Rcvd of Col. Gower for a year's rent, ending at Midsummer last for certain tenements at Westminster	030	00	00
Rcvd of Mr Trevor and other gentlemen at Westminster for a year's rent ending at Midsummer last, for the wharf at Woolstaple bridge	005	00	00
Rcvd of Mr Roundell towards arrears of rent of a tenement at Wool staple bridge	014	00	00
Rcvd of Mr James Abrathat when he was made free, for his Hance	000	06	05
Rcvd of Mr Holland for the great press	001	10	00
The total sum of the accountant's receipts is	**131**	**02**	**04 ½**
Rents arrear and received	£	s	d
First: owing by Mr Roundell for 3 quarters of a year's rent ending at Midsummer last	006	00	00
Also: owing by Mr Atkins for a year and a quarter's rent ending at Midsummer last	006	05	00
Also: owing by him for arrears of rent before his lease sealed, for which he gave a bill or note under his hand	002	10	00
Also: owing by Mr Trevor and other gentlemen at Westminster for a quarter of a year's rent ending at Midsummer last	[del]		
The arrears of rent were	**014**	**15**	**00**

[Sheet 116 REV IMG 0792]

Moneys Paid	£	s	d
Also: paid Mr Mawhood lent him at interest according to order	050	00	00
Also: paid Mr Robinson the Clerk for his year's salary ending at Midsummer last	010	00	00
Also: paid John Mansfield the Beadle for his year's salary ending at Midsummer last	004	00	00
Also: paid him more for his extraordinary pains in the Company's affairs	000	10	00
Also: paid for dinner on the audit day as appears by bill	002	03	08
Also: spent on a Court as appears by bill	002	19	06
Also: paid for the Company's new seal	002	13	00
Also: paid at a meeting to appoint a Court	000	08	11
Also: paid at a meeting as appears by a bill upon the Treasurer receiving the foot of the old Treasurer's account	001	00	00
Also: spent at a meeting with the Constables	000	05	07
Also: spent at a meeting about the Company's affairs	001	02	10
Also: spent at a meeting about the election dinner	000	09	00
Also: paid Sir Thomas Adams, Mayor, for his year's fee ending at Midsummer last	010	00	00
Also: paid for the Company's dinner on the election day being the 4th of May last and for wine, cakes, coach hire and other expenses that day and the day following	017	00	00
Also: abated Col. Gower in part for taxes	000	08	09
Also: spent at a meeting	000	03	03
Also: spent at a meeting about appointing the audit day	000	08	06
The total sum of the disbursements is	104	04	06
The total sum of the receipts of this accountant is	131	02	04 ½
The total sum of the disbursements of this accountant is	104	04	06
So that there rests good to the Company from this accountant to balance the account for moneys received & paid as appears by the charges discharged above mentioned & declared as the sum of	026	17	10 ½
Memorandum that this account was perused audited and allowed by those whose names are under written the 6th day of August and there rests in the hands of this accountant due to the Company to balance this account as is before declared and appears by his charges and discharges the sum of [signatures of:] Charles Lloyd Lieutenant; Frances Andrews & Phillipp Nurse Constables; John Holland Charles Crayker, William Withers	026	17	10 ½

[Sheet 117 IMG 0792]

At a Court of Election held for the Company of Merchant Staplers of England at the Mayor's house the 5th day of August 1663

Present:

Sir Thomas Adams Kt Bart.	Mayor	John Withers
Sir Charles Lloyd Bart.	Lieutenant	William Withers
Francis Andrews }		Captain Thomas Mansfeild
Phillipp Nurse }	Constables	John Wright
Henry Cater		Cave Mansfeild
John Holland		Barnard Whittle
Thomas Dyason	Treasurer	Thomas Malin
Charles Crayker		Robert Joyce
John Osbaston		James Abrathat

[Sir Thomas Adams elected Mayor]

The Court proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. There was put in nomination Sir Thomas Adams the present Mayor, Sir Charles Lloyd the present Lieutenant and Sir Thomas Soames Kt. Who being severally put to question, Sir Thomas Adams was chosen, who being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided.

[Sir Charles Lloyd elected Lieutenant]

The Court proceeded to the election of a Lieutenant. Sir Charles Lloyd and Mr Holland were put in nomination. Who being severally put to question, Sir Charles Lloyd the present Lieutenant was chosen, who being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided.

[Constables: Phillipp Nurse & Charles Crayker]

The Court proceeded to the election of Constables for the year ensuing. Mr Nurse, Mr Crayker and Mr Withers were put in nomination and the choice fell upon Mr Crayker who took his oath accordingly

[Treasurer: Henry Cater]

The Court proceeded to the election of a Treasurer for the year ensuing. Mr Henry Cater and Captain Mansfeild were put in nomination and the choice fell upon Mr Henry Cater, who took his oath accordingly.

[auditors]

The Court proceeded to the election of auditors for the Treasurer's account. And sir Charles Lloyd, Mr Holland, the 2 Constables, Mr Andrews, Mr Withers were authorised to examine and allow thereof as they should think fit.

Edward Wharrell made free by redemption

At this Court Edward Wharell of Feversham in the county of Kent, clothier, desired to be admitted into the freedom of the Company by redemption, paying such fine as the Court shall think fit. Whereupon it was ordered that, he paying the sum of £10 by way of fine, shall accordingly be admitted. The which he consented to do and paid the same together with his Hance money - being 6s 5d, and was admitted and took his oath in that behalf appointed.

Clement Hiller made free

At this Court Clement Hiller, son of Thomas Hiller, late apprentice of Charles Crayker a free brother of this Company, was made free of this Company by service by the appearance of his indenture and the testimony of his said master and he paid his Hance money.

[The Clerk to search books for re Staple Hall at Leadenhall]

The Court ordered that the Clerk of the Company peruse the old books and writings at Mr Crayker's house to see if he can find any agreement with the City of London and the Company for removing the Staple Hall from Westminster to Leadenhall.

The Court ordered that the Treasurer take in the £33 6s 8d from the sureties of Mr John Best deceased and deliver them up their bond.

[£50 of Company stock lent at interest]

At a Court held the 4th of November 1661 it was ordered that £50 of the Company's stock should be lent at interest upon City security, such as Mr Withers and Mr Francis Andrews, the Constables, should approve of. Which money was lent to Mr William Mawhood, upon security by them approved of, and in November 1662 was paid in. And, by the approbation of the said Mr Withers & Mr Andrews, the said £50 was lent by bond dated the 30th of December 1662 to John Wyberd and Thomas Harrie, salters dwelling on New Fish Street Hill conditioned for payment of £51 10s on the 1st July next following.

[Sheet 117 REV IMG 0793]

The account of Thomas Dyason, treasurer of the Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ending the 24th of June 1663

	£	s	d
First: due by this accountant to the said Company as appears upon the foot of his account for the last year ending 1662	026	17	10 ½
Received of Col. Gower for a year's rent ending at Midsummer last for certain tenements at Westminster	030	00	00
Received of Mr Trevor and other gentlemen at Westminster for a year's rent ending at Midsummer last for the wharf at Woolstaple Bridge[191]	005	00	00
Received of Mr Roundell for a year's rent ending at Michaelmas 1662 for a tenement at Woolstaple Bridge	008	00	00
Received of Mr Atkins for 2 year's rent ending at our Lady Day last for a tenement at Boston	010	00	00
Received of Mr Wharrell of Kent for his freedom and Hance money	010	06	00
Received of Mr William Mawhood due from him and others by bond with interest thereof for a year	053	00	00
Received of Mr Wyberd for 6 months' interest of £50 ending 1 July last	001	10	00
Received of Clement Hiller for his Hance money	000	06	05
The total sum of this accountant's receipts	**145**	**10**	**08 ½**
Rents arrear and received			
First: owing by Mr Roundell for 3 quarters of a year's rent ending at Midsummer last	005	10	00
Also: owing by Mr Atkins for 1 quarter of a year's rent ending at Midsummer last	001	05	00
Also: owing by him more for arrears of rent before his lease was sealed, for which he gave a bill or note under his hand	002	10	00
The arrears of rent due:	009	05	00

[Sheet 118 IMG 0793]

Moneys Paid	£	s	d
First: paid Mr Wyberd lent him at interest according to order of Court	050	00	00
Also: paid Mr Robinson the Clerk for his year's salary ending at Midsummer last	010	00	00
Also: paid John Mansfeild the Beadle for his year's salary ending at Midsummer last	004	00	00
Also: paid him more for his extraordinary pains in the Company's affairs	000	10	00
Also: paid for dinner on the audit day as appears by bill	003	07	02
Also: spent at a meeting	000	04	00
Also: spent at a meeting about appointing the election dinner	002	01	00
Also: spent more about the election dinner	000	07	06
Also: spent and paid about breaking open the iron chest	000	02	00
Also: spent at a meeting the 10th November	000	15	04
Also: spent in order about taking Leaden Hall	000	19	00
Also: spent at a meeting about the Company's business	001	08	06
Also: paid for the Company's dinner on the election day, being the 5th August last and for wine, cakes, coach hire & other expenses that day and the day following	022	02	09
Also: paid Sir Thomas Adams, Mayor, for his year's fee ending at Midsummer last	010	00	00
Also: abated Col. Gower for taxes as appears by bills	001	00	10
Also: abated Col. Gower more for taxes for which I had no bills	000	10	00
Also: abated Mr Atkins for taxes	000	14	10
Also: abated Mr Roundell for taxes as appears by bills	001	00	02
Sum is	**109**	**03**	**01**
The total sum of the receipts of this accountant is:	145	10	08½
The total sum of all the disbursements of this accountant is:	109	03	01
So that there rests good to the Company from the accountant to balance this account for moneys received and paid, as appears by the charges and discharges above mentioned and declared, the sum of	**036**	**07**	**07**

[191] The Wool Staple bridge - a pier (not a bridge) was near New Palace Yard and Westminster stairs at the river. See John Strype's Survey of London: https://www.dhi.ac.uk/strype/TransformServlet?page=book6_063 map: https://www.dhi.ac.uk/strype/images/figures/810027-001.jpg

	[Sheet 118 REV IMG 0794]
	Memorand that the account within mentioned was perused, audited and allowed by us whose names are under-written, the 13th day of October 1663 and there rests in the hands of this accountant, due to the Company to balance the said account, as is therein declared and appears by the charges and discharges, the sum of £36 7s 7½d [Signatures of:] Charles Lloyd , Charles Crayker, William Withers
	At a Court of election held the 22nd August 1664 at the Mayor's house for the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England Present: Sir Thomas Adams Kt Baronet Mayor — Mr Henry Cater Treasurer Mr Phillipp Nurse } — Mr Thomas Mansfeild Mr Charles Crayker } Constables — Mr Cave Mansfeild Mr John Holland — Mr Thomas Malin Mr Francis Andrews — Mr John Wright Mr Thomas Dyason — Mr Clement Hiller Mr William Withers — Mr William Herbert Mr John Osbaston — Mr Barnard Whittle Mr Robert Joyce
[Sir Thomas Adams elected Mayor]	The Court proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the ensuing year. There was put in nomination Sir Thomas Adams, Sir Charles Lloyd and Sir Thomas Soames. Who being severally put to question, Sir Thomas Adams was chosen, who being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided.
[Sir Charles Lloyd elected Lieutenant]	The Court proceeded to the election of a Lieutenant. Sir Charles Lloyd and Mr Holland were put in nomination, who being severally put to question Sir Charles Lloyd was chosen.
[Charles Crayker & Thomas Dyason elected Constables]	The Court proceeded to the election of Constables for the year ensuing. In the first place the Court elected and confirmed Mr Charles Crayker, one of the Constables for the last year, to be one of the Constables for the ensuing year. And did nominate Mr William Withers and Mr Thomas Dyason to stand in election for the other Constable, who being severally put to question, Mr Thomas Dyason was chosen. And both being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided.
[Henry Cater elected Treasurer]	The Court proceeded to the election of a Treasurer for the year ensuing. Mr Henry Cater and Mr Thomas Mansfield were put in nomination, who being severally put to question, Mr Henry Cater was chosen. Who being present in Court took the oath in that behalf provided.

	[Sheet 119 IMG 0794]
[auditors of the Treasurer's account]	The Court proceeded to the election of auditors for the Treasurer's account for the year past. There was elected Sir Charles Lloyd the present Lieutenant, the 2 Constables, Mr Holland, Mr Andrews, Mr Withers and Mr Nurse. Were authorised to allow thereof as they should think fit.
Jacob Nurse presented an apprentice [to Phillipp Nurse]	At this Court Mr Phillipp Nurse, a free brother of this Company, presented Jacob Nurse his son to serve him as his apprentice for the term of 7 years from this day.
[Stephen Pricklove apprentice to Charles Crayker]	At this Court Mr Charles Crayker, a free brother of this Company, presented Stephen Pricklove, son of Stephen Pricklove of St Albans, to serve him as his apprentice for the term of 7 ½ years from the day of the date of his Indentures 2 July 1664.
[Clerk John Robinson dead. Robert Mickell elected Clerk]	Whereas by the death of John Robinson, late Clerk to this Company, the place or office of Clerk to this Company is become void. The Court thought meet to proceed to the election of another person to supply the said place, for which there stood in election Robert Mickell and [gap..]. Who being severally put to question, the choice fell upon the said Robert Mickell. Whereupon it was ordered that he should be admitted to the said office according to his said election.
[Robert Mickell sworn Clerk & made free. Salary £8 a year]	At this Court the said Robert Mickell took his oath for the due execution of his said place and was admitted into the freedom of this Company and took the oath in that behalf provided and was ordered to have £8 a year for his salary.
[Joseph Reeve made free by apprenticeship]	At this Court Joseph Reeve, son of Joseph Reeve of Twiford in the county of Leicester husbandman, late apprentice of William Reeve a free brother of this Company, was admitted into the freedom of this Company by service, by the appearance of his Indenture and paid his Hance money being 6s 5d.

[Sheet 119 REV IMG 0795]

The Account of Mr Henry Cater, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ending the 24th of June 1664

	£	s	d
First: Received: of Mr Thomas Dyason, the late Treasurer, due upon the foot of his account	036	07	07 ½
Also Received: of the executors of Mr John Best deceased, being money formerly lent him gratis from the Company	033	06	08
Received: of Ralph Roundell in part of rent	008	00	0
Received: of Mr Trevor & other gentlemen at Westminster for a year's rent ending at Midsummer last for the Wharf at Woolstaple Bridge	005	00	0
Received: of the sureties of Mr Henry Stracie being money lent him formerly gratis	033	06	08
Received: of Mr Wybert for 12 months interest of £50 due the 1st of July 1664	003	00	0
Received: of Mr Atkins for a year's rent ending at Our Lady Day last past for a tenement at Boston	005	00	0
Received: of Joseph Reeve for his Hance money	000	06	05
	154	**07**	**05 ½**
Rents arrears and unreceived			
First: is owing by Mr Roundell for three quarters of a year's rent due at Midsummer 1663	005	10	0
Also: owing by Mr Atkins for one quarter of a year's rent due at Midsummer 1663	001	05	0
Also: owing by him more for arrears of rent, before his lease was sealed, for which he gave a bill or note under his hand	002	10	0
The arrears of rent due:	009	05	0

[Sheet 120 IMG 0795]

Moneys Paid	£	s	d
First: Paid Mr Dyason that he paid John Mansfeild for his last Michaelmas quarter	001	00	00
Also: Paid Sir Thomas Adams, Mayor, for his year's fee ending at Midsummer last	010	-	-
Also: Paid Mr Robinson the Clerk for ¾ of a year's salary ending at our Lady Day last	007	10	-
Also: Paid John Mansfeild the Beadle for ¾ of a year's salary ending at Midsummer last	003	-	-
Also: Paid Mr Dyason which he disbursed at the audit dinner after his account was audited, the 13th of October	003	07	-
Also: Spent at a meeting about sealing the bonds to the Company and receiving the money	000	18	06
Also: Spent about going to Westminster to meet Mr Dyason there for to acquaint the tenants to pay me the rent	000	01	04
Also: Spent at a meeting at Mr Peades	000	18	-
Also: Spent in going to Westminster about receiving Christmas rents 1663	000	00	08
Also: Spent at a meeting with the Constables and Mr Andrews	000	02	02
Also: Spent at a meeting at the Crown inn[?]..... about business with Mr Nurse Mr Cradock and others	000	02	-
Also: Spent about entering the action against the sureties of Mr Stracey and at receiving the money	000	01	-
Also: Spent at a meeting	001	15	01
Also: Spent about going to Westminster and receiving the last Lady Day rent	000	01	-
Also: Spent with Mr Crayker about the Company's business	000	01	-
Also: Spent with Mr Nurse about election of a new clerk	000	01	-
Also: Spent in going to Westminster to receiver the last Midsummer rents	000	00	08
Also; Spent at a meeting	000	09	05
Also: Spent about the election day	000	05	-
Also: Spent about putting off the election day by the Mayor's order, he being sent for by the King concerning Westminster Bridge	000	19	04
Also: Paid for the Company's dinner on the election day 22 August 1664 and for wine cakes coach hire and other expenses that day and the 5 next days following	019	19	08
Paid the Clerk which the Company gave him for entering several orders	000	10	-
Also: Paid the Beadle for his nosegays 5s & for his extraordinary pains 10s; in all	000	15	-
Also: Allowed Col. Gower for taxes	000	05	02
Also: allowed Mr Atkins for taxes	000	02	06
Sum is:	**052**	**08**	**10**

[Sheet 120 REV IMG 0796]

	£	s	d
The total sum of the receipts of the within named accountant	154	07	05 ½
The total sum of all the disbursements of this accountant is:	052	08	10
So that there rests good to the Company from this accountant to balance the account for money received and paid, as appeared by the charge and discharge within mentioned and declared as the sum of:	**101**	**18**	**07 ½**
Memorandum that the account within mentioned was perused, audited and allowed by us whose names are under written, the 15th day of November 1664 & there rests in the hands of this accountant, due to the Company to balance the said account, as is therein declared and appears by his charge and discharge the sum of: [Signatures of:] Charles Crayker, Thomas Diason, Francis Andrews, William Withers, Phillipp Nurse, John Holland.	101	18	07 ½

At an election Court held by the Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England at the present Mayor, Sir Thomas Adams, his house the 15th of February 1665 **[1666]**

Present:

Sir Thomas Adams Mayor	Mr John Osbaston
Mr Charles Crayker }	Mr Thomas Malin
Mr Thomas Diason } Constables	Mr Joseph Reeve
Mr John Holland	Mr John Wright
Mr William Withers	Mr William Herbert
Mr Henry Cater Treasurer	Mr Clement Hillyard
Captain Thomas Manfeild	Mr John Manfeild
Mr Phillipp Nurse	

A new Clerk chosen [John Godfrey]

The Court taking notice of their present want of a Clerk, in the room of Mr Mickell, lately dead. And John Godfrey (who has been bred in a way of clerkship) being a humble suitor for the same, it pleased the Court to take his petition in consideration. And then by a unanimous consent made choice of him to be Clerk of this Society, which he thankfully accepted and took his oath appertaining.

	[Sheet 121 IMG 0796]
[The new Clerk John Godfrey] And sworn a freeman	Then the Court of their special favour granted him the freedom of the Company and he took the oath of Hance and paid 6s 5d Hance money.
[Treasurer to gain arrears from] Widow Roundell	The Treasurer of the Company was desire forthwith to take speedy course to gain the arrears of rent due by the widow Roundell.
Mayor chosen [Sir Thomas Adams]	The Court proceeded to the election of a Mayor of the Company. And Sir Thomas Adams, Sir Thomas Soame and Sir Charles Lloyd were put in nomination for the place aforesaid. And choice being made of the said Sir Thomas Adams to supply that place, he took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Sir Charles Lloyd]	Sir Charles Lloyd and Mr John Holland being nominated by the Court for the place of Lieutenant of this Company for the residue of the year ensuing, and then proceeding to election, choice was made of the said Sir Charles Lloyd, who was not now present to take his oath.
Constables chosen [Thomas Diason & William Withers	Mr Thomas Diason, Mr William Withers and Mr Phillip Nurse being nominated for Constables of the Company, the Court made choice of the said Mr Dyason and Mr Withers to bear that office and they took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Thomas Manfeild]	Captain Thomas Manfeild, Mr William Reeve and Mr Thomas Malyn being nominated for the place of Treasurer of this Society, election was made of the said Captain Manfeild. And he accepted the place and took the oath and then nominated for his sureties Octavian Pullen, citizen and stationer of London, and William Byers of Walton in the county of Surrey, gentleman.
Auditors chosen	The Court now authorised the present Lieutenant and Constables of this Company together with Mr Holland, Mr Crayker and Mr Nurse, or any 3 of them, to audit the account of Mr John Cater, the present Treasurer, and after examination to allow of the same, if they find it just and reasonable.
Mr Atkins' note	Mr Thomas Diason the late Treasurer, having received a note which Mr Atkins of Boston entered into for the payment of 50s to this Company, and no account being given by him of the same. Thereupon it was now ordered that Mr Diason do either pay the money or redeliver the note to the present Treasurer, or at least give the Court other satisfaction in the premises between this present and Lady Day next.
Hance money returned to the Clerk	It pleased the Company to order that their present Clerk shall have the 6s 5d returned him, which he paid down in the beginning of this Court for his Hance money, when he took his oath of a freeman of the Company.
[Peter Delaney] Made free	Peter Delaney, late apprentice to Charles Crayker Merchant of the Staple, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Fellowship and paid his Hance money 6s 5d.
[Dan Rosewell] bound apprentice	Dan Rosewell, son of Peter Rosewell of St Magdalene's Bermondsey in the county of Surrey Fellmonger, apprenticed to Joseph Reeve Merchant of the Staple for 7 years from this day.
	Roger Oliver, son of Luke Oliver of Coventry in the county of Warwick wool comber, apprenticed to Henry Cater Merchant of the Staple for 7 years from this present day.

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The account of Mr Henry Cater
Treasurer of the Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England
for one year and a half: from Midsummer 1664 until Christmas 1665

	£	s	d
First: I charge myself with so much resting upon the foot of my last account as thereby may appear	101	18	7 ½
Received of Mr Treavor and other gentlemen at Westminster for a year's rent and a half ending at Christmas 1665 for the Wharf at Woolstaple Bridge	007	10	0
Received of Raphe Roundell in part of rent for the house by that Wharf	006	11	4
Received of Col. Gower for a year and half rent of certain tenements at Westminster due at Christmas 1665	045	00	0
Received of Mr Atkins for a year's rent of a tenement at Boston in Lincolnshire, due at Lady Day 1665	005	00	0
Received of Mr William Farmer for his freedom of this Company by redemption £12, for Hance money 6s 5d.	012	06	6
Received of Peter Delaney, Hance money for his freedom	000	06	06
Received of John Godfrey Hance money for his freedom	000	06	06
Received of Mr Wybert for a year and a half's interest of £50 due the 1st January 1665	004	10	0
Received more of him by a mistake which is to be returned him again	003	00	0
	186	**09**	**5 ½**
Rents in Arrear & Received			
First: Owing by Mr Atkins for ¾ of a year's rent ended at Christmas 1665	003	15	0
Also: Owing by him more for arrears of rent before his lease was sealed, for which he gave a note under his hand	002	10	0

[Sheet 122 IMG 0797]

Money Paid	£	s	d
First: Paid John Manfeild, Beadle of the Company, for a year and a half's wages due at Christmas 1665	006	00	0
Also: Paid Robert Mickell, Clerk of the Company, and his widow for a year and a quarter's salary due at Michaelmas 1665	010	00	0
Also: Paid the Right Worshipful Sir Thomas Adams, Mayor, his year's fee due at Midsummer 1665	010	00	0
Also: Spent at receiving rents at Westminster	000	01	8
Also: Paid for the audit dinner	002	09	6
Also: Paid given to the servants	000	01	0
Also: Spent at signing the audit in the great book	000	05	6
Also: For a pint of Sack[192] with Mr Withers & Mr Crayker	000	01	0
Also: Paid about receipt of rents at Westminster	000	01	0
Also: Paid for a pint of Sack with Mr Crayker and Mr Nurse	000	00	9
Also: Paid. more spent with them & Sir Charles Lloyd	000	00	10
Also: Paid Mr Adkins of Boston a bill of charges for Mr Dalby	000	10	0
Also: Paid. spent in going to Westminster to receive rents	000	01	2
Also: Paid with Mr Nurse & Mr Crayker about appointing a Court for taking Mr Farmer in the freedom	000	02	4
Also: Paid allowed Mr Farmer towards his expenses	001	00	0
Also: Paid allowed Raph Roundell for taxes	000	11	4
Also: Paid spent with Mr Nurse and Mr Craddock	000	01	4
Also: Paid expended in going to receive rents at Westminster	000	01	4
Also: Paid spent with the Constables	000	01	9
Also: Paid allowed Col. Gower for taxes	000	19	0
Also: Paid spent with Mr Crayker & Mr Mickell	000	01	2
Also: Paid spent with Mr Nurse & Mr Crayker	000	01	8
Also: Paid spent at a meeting with Mr Crayker, Mr Nurse and Captain Manfeild about appointing the bill of fare	000	02	10
Also: Spent at a meeting to appoint a Court	001	09	3
Also: Paid expended in going to Westminster twice	000	02	7
Also: Paid spent with Mr Dyason about the Company's business	000	02	0
Also: Paid for the dinners of the Company 2 days at election	009	17	5
Also: Paid allowed John Godfrey the Clerk his Hance money back again	000	06	6
Also: Spent in going to Westminster about Roundell lease	000	02	7
Also: Spent in another journey thither to Mr Hinckley about surrender of that lease, who could not then be found	000	01	10
Also: Spent at the taking out Roundell's lease & Mr Treasurer's bond out of the chest at Mr Wither's house	000	01	5
Also: Spent in going to Westminster when Mr Hinckley surrendered Roundell's lease	000	01	6
Also: Paid given the Beadle of the Company by consent of the auditors	001	10	0
	046	**10**	**5**
Total of the Receipts:	186	09	5 ½
Total of the Payments:	046	10	5
Rest due to the Company:	139	19	0 ½
Memorandum that the account was audited and allowed, the 3rd day of April 1666 by us whose names are subscribed and there rests in the hands of this accountant, Mr Henry Cater, due to the Company to balance the account the sum of :	**139**	**19**	**0 ½**
[Signatures of:] Thomas Diason William Withers John Holland Charles Crayker Phillipp Nurse			

[192] Sack: a term for sherry.

	[Sheet 122 REV IMG 0798]
	At the Court of Election held by the Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England at Gresham College[193] the 21st day of November[194] 1666 Present: Sir Thomas Adams Mayor — Mr Barnard Whittle Mr Thomas Dyason } — Mr Joseph Reeve Mr William Withers } Constables — Mr James Abrathat Captain Thomas Mansfeild Treasurer — Mr Peter Delaney Mr Charles Crayker — Mr John Wright Mr Henry Cater — Mr John Mansfeild Mr Thomas Malin
	The acts of the last Court of election were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Thomas Adams]	Then the Court proceeded to the election of the Mayor of the Staple. And Sir Thomas Adams, Sir Thomas Soame and Sir Charles Lloyd were put in nomination for the place aforesaid. To which Sir Thomas Adams being now chosen by the unanimous consent of the Court he took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Sir Charles Lloyd]	Sir Charles Lloyd and Mr John Holland being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple. And then the Court proceeding to election made choice of the said Sir Charles Lloyd who was not present to take his oath.
Constables chosen [William Withers & Phillipp Nurse]	Mr William Withers, Mr Henry Cater and Mr Phillipp Nurse being nominated for Constables of this Company, the Court made choice of the said Mr Withers and Mr Cater to bear that office, and they took the oath appertaining.
	Captain Thomas Mansfeild, Mr James Abrathat and Mr Thomas Malin being nominated for the place of Treasurer of this Society, election was made of the said Captain Mansfeild to continue treasurer and he took the oath appertaining.

	[Sheet 123 IMG 0798]
Auditors chosen	The Court now authorised the present Mayor, Lieutenant and Constables together with Mr Holland, Mr Crayker, Mr Dyason and Mr Nurse, or any 3 or more of them, to audit the account of Captain Mansfeild the Treasurer and after examination to allow of the same, if they find it just and reasonable.
2s 6d penalty to be inserted into the tickets	Ordered that for the future the Beadle of this Society shall insert into all his tickets for warning of the particular members of this Court the penalty of paying half a crown for non-appearance in due time, according to the order made the 28th Jul 1657[195]
Iron Chest	Mr Constable Withers declared that he had delivered the iron chest with what was remaining therein to the present Treasurer Captain Mansfeild, the receipt whereof the said treasurer acknowledged and the Court approved thereof.
[Iron chest damaged in the Fire to be sold; also the (silver] plate) if unusable)]	The auditors above named were desired to force open the iron chest which was in the late fire . And if the plate therein be found to be prejudiced and unserviceable, then to sell it. And with the money to buy such plate as they shall think may be most useful for the Company and to sell the iron chest for the most can be got for it, in regard it is now rendered unserviceable.
	The 18th day of December 1666 being Audit Day
[Andrew Cater apprenticed]	Andrew Cater, son of Edward Cater, late citizen and Leatherseller of London deceased, apprentice to Henry Cater, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 8 years from the day of the date.

[193] Gresham College was in the former mansion of Sir Thomas Gresham, where Tower 42 now stands on Bishopsgate. www.gresham.ac.uk

[194] The Great Fire had since occurred: 2-6 September. Leadenhall, for which the Staplers were still trying to negotiate a new lease from the city, survived the fire. See John Stow's A Survey of London p 153 -middle of the page on 'Simon Eyre' https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=duVCAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA155&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false and John Stow on *Simon Eyre Draper, Maor 1446. builded the Leaden hall for a common Garner of corne to the use of this Citie, and left five thousand marks to charitable uses*. https://www.british-history.ac.uk/no-series/survey-of-london-stow/1603/pp104-117

[195] half a crown - 2s 6d - Court of July 1657: see Sheet 109

[Sheet 123 REV IMG 0799]

The Account of Captain Thomas Manfeild
Treasurer of the Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England
from Christmas 1665 until Michaelmas following 1666

	£	s	d
First: received of my predecessor, Mr Henry Cater, late Treasurer of this Society in full of the foot of his last account	139	19	0 ½
Received of Mr Treavor and other gentlemen at Westminster for half a year's rent ending at Midsummer 1666 for the Wharf at Woolstaple bridge.	002	10	0
Received of William Bayley, successor to Raph Roundell, nothing in regard his rent is not to begin until Lady Day 1667 by agreement because of the pains by him done (only in the meantime he pays the King's rent) then he is to pay £8 a year.	--	--	-
Received of Col. Gower three quarters of a year's rent of certain tenements at Westminster due at Michaelmas 1666	022	10	0
Received of Mr Atkins for a year's rent of a tenement at Boston in Lincolnshire due at Lady Day 1666	005	00	0
	169	**19**	**0 ½**
Rents in Arrear by:			
Mr Atkins for arrears of rent before his lease was sealed for which he gave a note under his hand, which is in Mr Treasurer's custody	002	10	0

[Sheet 124 IMG 0799]

Moneys Paid	£	s	d
First: paid Mr Henry Cater, the last Treasurer, which he laid out since the making up of his account, as by notes signed may appear	003	10	10
Also paid: spent at receiving the rest upon the foot of the old Treasurer's account. as per bill	001	02	4
Also paid: Mr Atkins of Boston in full of all tax and charges assessed upon the Company's rent at Boston until Lady Day 1666 - per notes	001	02	3 ½
Also paid: spent 10th May 1666 when some of the Company went up to Westminster about letting the house at Woolstaple Stairs	000	06	0
Also paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle of the Company, half a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1666. Memorandum: his Lady Day quarter was included in the sum of £3 10s 10d being the first sum in this page	002	00	0
Also paid: Thomas Adams, Mayor of the Staple, a year's fee due at Midsummer 1666	010	00	0
Also paid: spent at a meeting about altering the day of election and other business	000	08	5
Also paid: spent at a meeting in the Tower[196] to open the iron chest, and which was paid for recovering it out of the ruins of the late Fire and for watching it for carrying to the Tower	002	19	0
Also paid: spent 16 November 1666 at a meeting about appointing the election day	001	02	0
Also paid: for election dinner at Mr Peade's[197] 21st November 1666 and other charges per bill	008	18	2
Also paid: John Godfrey, Secretary [Clerk], ¾ salary due at Michaelmas 1666. £6 and of addition for his care and charges in perusing the Company's writings 20s	007	00	0
Also paid: him more for binding the book of statutes[198] and other charges	000	07	4
Also paid: spent at appointing the audit	000	03	10
Also paid: given the Beadle by consent of the auditors	002	00	0
	041	**14**	**2 ½**
Total of the Receipts: 169 - 19 - 0 ½			
Total of the Payments: 041 - 14 - 2 ½			
Rest due to the Company: **128 - 4 - 10**			
Memorandum that this account was audited and allowed the 18th December 1666 by us whose names are subscribed and there rests in the hands of this accountant, Captain Thomas Manfeild, due to the Company the sum of:	**128**	**4**	**10**
[Signatures of:] John Holland Charles Crayker William Withers Henry Cater			

[196] The Tower of London - this links with William Ryley
[197] Mr Peade's: no reference information found but this was presumably an inn.
[198] The book of statutes was the translation and transcription by William Ryley, Keeper of the Records in the Tower, of the various earlier royal documents relating to the Company. The original is in the London Metropolitan Archives. This book also includes the full coat of arms of the Company.

	[Sheet 124 REV IMG 0800]
	At a Court held by the Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England at Ironmongers Hall the 16th day of September 1667 Present: Sir Thomas Adams Mayor — Mr James Abrathat Mr William Withers } — Mr Barnard Whittle Mr Henry Cater } Constables — Mr Joseph Reeves Captain Thomas Mansfeild Treasurer — Mr Clement Hilliard Mr John Holland — Mr Peter Delaney Mr Charles Crayker — Mr William Herbert Mr Phillipp Nurse — Mr Robert Joyce Mr Thomas Diason
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Tonnage of Weighing of Wool	Ordered that the Secretary of this Company, against the next Court, make a search in the Guildhall, in the book - fit Lib: alb: fol 55.3 Edw: 4. what may be found there concerning the tonnage or weighing of Wools, that it shall be at Leaden Hall, which formerly had been at Westminster.
Mayor chosen [Sir Thomas Adams]	The Court proceeded to the election of the Mayor of the Staple. And Sir Thomas Adams, Sir Thomas Soame and Sir Charles Lloyd were put in nomination for the place aforesaid. To which Sir Thomas Adams being chosen by the unanimous consent of the Court he took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Sir Charles Lloyd]	Sir Charles Lloyd and Mr John Holland being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple. The Court proceeding to election made choice of the said Sir Charles Lloyd who was not present to take his oath.
Constables chosen [Henry Cater & Phillipp Nurse]	Mr Henry Cater, Mr Phillipp Nurse and Mr Charles Crayker being nominated for the Constables of the Staple. The Court made choice of the said Mr Cater and Mr Nurse to bear that office for the year ensuing, and they respectively took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Captain Thomas Manfeild]	Captain Thomas Mansfeild, Mr James Abrathat and Mr Thomas Malin being nominated for the place of Treasurer of this Society, election was made of the said Captain Mansfeild to continue treasurer and he took the oath appertaining.

	[Sheet 125 IMG 0800]
Auditors chosen	The Court authorised the present Mayor, Lieutenant and Constables together with Mr Holland, Mr Crayker, Mr Withers and Mr Diason, or any 3 or more of them, to audit the account of Captain Mansfeild the Treasurer, and after examination to allow of the same, if they find it just and reasonable.
[New bond to replace that lost in the Fire] John Wyberd, Thomas Harris	The Court now agreed and ordered that when Mr John Wyberd & Mr Thomas Harris shall come to seal a new bond to the Company for the £50 the said Wyberd owes them, the said Company seal shall be affixed to a general release to discharge them of an old bond, for the said money, which was lost in the late Fire.
[Keeper of the records in the Tower of London] William Ryley admitted into the freedom	The Court taking into consideration as well the pains already taken by Mr William Ryley, Keeper of the Records in the Tower, in searching out several ancient patents, heretofore granted them, as that he has promised to register them in a book[199] and bestow it upon the Company. The Court thereupon granted him the freedom of the Company gratis. And he was admitted, took his oath and paid Hance money 6s 5d.
Charles Crayker junior made free	Charles Crayker, son of Charles Crayker, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this fellowship by patrimony and he paid his Hance money 6s 5d.
Mr Diason fined for coming too late to Court [then refunded upon his excuse]	Mr Thomas Diason coming very late to this Court, it was ordered that he pay half a crown, according to an order of the last Court - in obedience whereunto he paid the money. And after acquainting the Court with the cause which hindered his earlier attendance, it pleased them to return his money again.
[Old] writings to be viewed over	The Constables, with the assistance of Mr Ryley and their Secretary, were desired to look over the old writings belonging to this Company - now standing in 2 hampers at Mr Crayker's house - and to take out those which may be of use.
Joseph Craner apprentice to Henry Cater	Joseph Craner, son of Thomas Craner, late of the city of Coventry girdler deceased, apprentice to Henry Cater, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 8 years from this day.

[199] The book of statutes - the original - is in the London Metropolitan Archives (the original archives in the Guidhall moved here). This book also includes the full coat of arms of the Company. We have photographs of the complete contents. https://www.thelondonarchives.org/

[Sheet 125 REV IMG 0801]

The Account of Captain Thomas Mansfeild,
Treasurer of the Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England
from Michaelmas 1666 until Michaelmas 1667

	£	s	d
First: I charge myself with so much resting upon the foot of my last account as thereby appears	128	04	10
Received for the Iron Chest	002	10	0
Received for 83 ounces of silver plate which had been burned in the late Fire, at 5s per ounce	020	17	0
Received of Mr Treavor and other gentlemen at Westminster for a year and a quarter's rent ended at Michaelmas 1667	006	05	0
Received of Mr William Ryley for his Hance money	000	06	5
Received of Mr Charles Crayker Junior for his Hance money	000	06	5
Total of the charge	**158**	**9**	**8**
Rents in Arrear at this Audit			
Due from William Bayley at Michaelmas 1667	05	19	7
Due from Col. Gower the same time	30	00	0
Due from Mr Atkins of Boston then	07	10	0
Due more from him per a note	02	10	0

[Sheet 126 IMG 0801]

Monies Paid	£	s	d
First: paid for the audit dinner the 18th of December 1666 as per bill	002	17	1
Paid John Mansfeild, beadle, a year's wages due at Michaelmas 1667	004	00	0
Paid: for a dinner when the plate was sold, per bill	000	17	6
Paid: spent 5th April 1667 when we went to Westminster to let the house at the Woolstaple	000	15	6
Paid: the King's Majesty quit rent per Mr Watts for the last mentioned house due at	003	000	0
Paid: for a dinner May 15th 1667 at a meeting to order the making a new lease to William Bayley	001	04	4
Paid: John Godfrey as by his note appears	000	08	2
Paid: spent the 6th July 1667 at the Nags Head when order was given about levying a fine of the tenement at the Woolstaple	001	10	3
Paid: Thomas Adams, Mayor of the Staple, for a year's fee due at Midsummer 1667	010	00	0
Paid: Mr Dalby for sending a letter to Mr Atkins [at Boston]	000	00	6
Paid: spent at a meeting September 11th 1667 to appoint the general meeting	002	01	11
Paid: spent at Mr Peades September 13th at arranging the dinner for the Company	000	07	9
Paid: spent 16th September 1667 at the general dinner at the election	011	07	7
Paid: spent at several times going to Westminster to receive rents	000	02	0
Paid: spent November 20th 1667 at appointing the audit	001	03	0
Paid: Mr Fisher at Gray's Inn for levying the fine and deeds for the tenement at the Woolstaple - as per bill	005	15	1
Paid: John Godfrey, Secretary [Clerk] a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1667	008	00	0
Paid: for a little chest to keep the Company's books and papers in	000	07	0
Paid: given John Mansfeild, Beadle, for extraordinary pains taken by him	002	00	0
Paid: for ingrossing a pair of leases to William Bayley which must be ingrossed over again because new feoffees are since chosen	000	10	0
	056	7	8
Total of the receipts 158 - 9 - 8			
Total of the payments 056 - 7 - 8			
Rest due to the Company 102 - 2 - 0			
Memorandum this account was audited and allowed the 27th November 1667 by us whose names are subscribed and there rests in the hands of the accountant, Captain Mansfeild, due to the Company the sum of:	102	2	0

[Signatures of:] William Withers Thomas Diason John Holland Henry Cater Charles Crayker

	[Sheet 126 REV IMG 0802]
	At a Court of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at Ironmongers' Hall the 15th day of January 1667 **[1668]** Present: Sir Thomas Adams Kt Mayor — Mr James Abrathat Mr Henry Cater Constable — Mr Joseph Reeves Captain Thomas Mansfeild Treasurer — Mr Peter Delaney Mr Charles Crayker senior — Mr John Wright Mr William Withers — Mr Charles Crayker junior Mr Thomas Diason
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Alexander Howgrave [Mercer] made free by redemption	At this Court Mr Alexander Howgrave of Hornecastle in the county of Lincoln, Mercer, desiring to be admitted into the freedom of this Company by redemption, paying such fine as the Court shall think fit. Thereupon it was ordered that he shall be admitted into the freedom according to his desire, he paying down the sum of £10 to the Treasurer as a fine for the Company's use, which he consenting to and paying down the sum aforesaid, together with 6s 5d for his Hance money, he was accordingly admitted, and took his oath in that behalf appointed.
Mr Diason fined	Mr Thomas Diason coming again late to the Court was fined half a crown, which he paid but then pleading a reasonable excuse, the Court accepted thereof and returned his money.
Jeremiah Henchman presented apprentice [to Peter Delaney]	Jeremiah Henchman, son of John Henchman of the town and county of Northampton, tallowhandler, apprentice to Peter Delaney, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the day of the date hereof.

	[Sheet 127 IMG 0802]
	At a Court of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at Gresham College the 13th day of April 1668 Present: Henry Cater } — Mr Barnard Whittle Phillip Nurse} Constables — Mr Thomas Malin Mr John Holland — Mr John Wright Mr Charles Crayker senior — Mr Peter Delaney Mr Thomas Diason — Mr Charles Crayker junior Mr William Withers — Mr Robert Joyce Captain Thomas Mansfeild [Treasurer] — Mr William Herbert Mr Joseph Reeves Mr James Abrathat
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
[Sir Thomas Adams dead] Sir John Frederick chosen Mayor	The Court being acquainted with the death of the Right Worshipful Sir Thomas Adams, late Mayor of the Staple, and it is meet for them forthwith to proceed to the election of another worshipful person to supply that place. They thereupon nominated Sir William Peake[200] now Lord Mayor of the City of London, Sir John Frederick[201] and Sir John Lawrence[202]Knights and Aldermen of London. And they being severally put to the question who should succeed in that place, the choice fell upon the Right Worshipful Sir John Frederick.
Constables etc to wait upon Sir John Frederick	Then the Court deputed certain members of the Company - the 2 Constables, the Treasurer, Mr Holland, Mr Crayker senior and Mr Withers, or any 3 or more of them - to wait upon Sir John Frederick and to acquaint him with his being chosen Mayor of the Staple and to desire his acceptance thereof. And likewise that he would accept the freedom of this Company gratis and without paying Hance money.
Clement Hiller [excused non-attendance]	The Court excused Mr Clement Hiller for not appearing at Court this day, in regard he had other special business to attend.
	It was moved at this Court that Mr William Reeves, a member of this Society, might be excused for his not appearing at some of the late Courts upon his payment of half a crown.

[200] Sir William Peake, Clothworkers company; Lord Mayor 1667-8
[201] Sir John Frederick, 1601-1685, Grocers company; MP for the City; Lord Mayor 1661-2.
[202] Sir John Lawrence, Haberdashers company; Lord Mayor 1664-5.

[Sheet 127 REV IMG 0803]

At a Court of Election of the
Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England
held in Gresham College the 4th day of May 1668

Present:

Sir John Frederick Kt, Alderman	Mayor	Mr Joseph Reeve
Sir Charles Lloyd Kt [Bt]	[Lieutenant]	Mr Thomas Malyn
Mr Henry Cater	}	Mr Peter Delaney
Mr Phillip Nurse	} Constables	Mr John Wright
Mr John Holland		Mr Robert Joyce
Mr Charles Crayker senior		Mr Clement Hiller
Captain Thomas Mansfeild	[Treasurer]	Mr Charles Crayker junior
Mr William Withers		Mr William Herbert
Mr Barnard Whittle		

The Acts of the last Court were read.

Sir John Frederick made free and sworn Mayor of the Staple

The Right Worshipful Sir John Frederick, Knight and Alderman of the City of London, who the 13th day of last April was chosen Mayor of the Staple in the place of Sir Thomas Adams deceased, now appeared and accepted the freedom of this Company and took the oath appertaining. Then having taken the place of Mayor he also took the oath to the said place belonging.

Lieutenant chosen [Sir Charles Lloyd]

Sir Charles Lloyd and Mr John Holland being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the ensuing year, the Court proceeding to election mad choice of the said Sir Charles Lloyd, who being present accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.

Constables chosen [Phillip Nurse & Charles Crayker senior]

Mr Phillip Nurse, Mr Charles Crayker senior and Mr Withers being nominated for Constables of the Staple. The Court made choice of the said Mr Nurse and Mr Crayker to bear that office for the year ensuing and they both took the oath appertaining.

Treasurer chosen [Barnard Whittle]

Mr Barnard Whittle, Mr William Reeve and Mr Thomas Malyn being nominated for the place of Treasurer of the Staple, choice was made of Mr Barnard Whittle to execute that place for the year ensuing and he took the oath appertaining and promised in due time to nominate his sureties.

Auditors chosen. To put forth money [at interest] To view [the Westminster houses]

The Mayor, Lieutenant and Constables together with Mr Holland, Mr Cater, Mr Diason and Mr William Withers, or any 3 or more of them, were desired to audit the account of Captain Manfeild, the late Treasurer, and to allow thereof if found just and reasonable. And further to put forth such money as the Company can spare to interest, upon such security as they shall judge sufficient. They were also desired to view the Company's houses and grounds at Westminster.

	[Sheet 128 IMG 0803]
Peter Delaney [request for loan]	Upon Mr Peter Delaney's suit to have such a parcel of money out of the Company as is usually lent to young men, the Court granted his request provided such money be found to remain in cast [cash?]at the next audit.
[From executors of Thomas Adams] 2 seals delivered to the now Mayor	Mr Henry Cater now presented the 2 seals of the Company lately received by him form the executors of Sir Thomas Adams, the late Mayor, to the Right Worshipful Sir John Frederick the present Mayor.
John Godfrey junior presented apprentice to his father	It was now granted that John Godfrey, the Company's Clerk, shall have liberty to bind his son, John Godfrey junior, apprentice to himself for the term of 7 years from this present day.
Mr Atkins to be sued.	It was now ordered that the Clerk of the Company do take the benefit of this term[203] to sue Mr Atkins, the Company's tenant at Boston, to the Outlawry[204] for the rent which he owes.
John Rochester presented apprentice [to Charles Crayker]	John Rochester, son of John Rochester late of Lawford in the county of Essex, doctor of physick, apprenticed to Charles Crayker senior, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the day of the date.
John Lay presented apprentice [to Thomas Diason]	John Lay, son of William Lay of Coggeshall in the county of Essex clothier, apprenticed to Thomas Diason, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the day of the date.
Nathaniel Paske presented apprentice [to Joseph Reeve]	Nathaniel Pakse, son of [gap] Paske, late of Castle Herningham [Hedingham] in the county of Essex, mercer deceased, apprenticed to Joseph Reeve, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 8 years from the day of the date.
	The 7th of August 1668 Present: Mr Phillip Nurse } Mr Charles Crayker } Constables
[William Monk apprenticed to Peter Delaney]	William Monk, son of Thomas Monk of Aldbury in the county of Hertford, yeoman, was presented apprenticed to Peter Delaney, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the day of the date.
	At a Court of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 26th day of August 1668 Present:

Sir John Frederick Kt & Alderman Mayor	Mr Barnard Whittle [Treasurer]
Mr Phillip Nurse }	Mr Joseph Reeve
Mr Henry Cater } Constables	Mr Peter Delaney
Mr John Holland	Mr William Ryley
Mr Thomas Mansfeild	Mr John Wright
Mr Thomas Diason	Mr Charles Crayker junior
Mr William Withers	Mr William Herbert

[203] Being May, this was still the Easter law term. The Terms were: Michaelmas - October to December; Hilary - January to Easter; Easter - after Easter Sunday up to Whit Sunday; Trinity - after Whitsun to the end of July.

[204] Outlawry: the debt recovery suit and process.

	[Sheet 128 REV IMG 0804]
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mr Barnard Whittle's sureties	Mr Barnard Whittle, being chosen Treasurer of this Company at the last Court to succeed Captain Thomas Mansfeild, now presented the names of his sureties: Mr Howard Baker in the parish of St Thomas in the borough of Southwark in the county of Surrey, blacksmith, and Mr Thomas Stone of Evershot in the county of Dorset, gentleman, of whose sufficiency the Constables and Mr Withers were desired to inquire and satisfy themselves against the next meeting.
To view the houses at Westminster	It was now ordered that the houses at Westminster in lease to Col. Gower shall be viewed between this and Michaelmas next by the viewers appointed at the last Court, that so the bounds of the said houses and ground belonging to them may be kept in memory.
Mr Samuel Lewin made free by redemption	Mr Samuel Lewin, who is a dealer in wool, appearing at this Court and praying that he may be admitted in the freedom of this Society upon his payment of a reasonable fine for the same. The Court granted his request and ordered that upon his promise to pay £10 to the Treasurer for the Company's use, he should presently be received into the freedom. The which he promised and took the oath of Hance and paid 6s 5d for his Hance money and was admitted accordingly.
[John Musson made free by apprenticeship but with fine. His master] Mr William Reeve to be summoned	Mr John Musson, late apprentice to Mr William Reeve, a member of this Society, now appeared and prayed that he might be admitted into the freedom, his indenture being expired. The Court, taking notice that his Master appeared not to testify his service and upon examination finding that some irregularity had passed as well on the part of the Master as the servant, they resolved that in case the said Mr John Musson now present pays down £3 to the Treasurer for the use of the same Company, that notwithstanding the aforesaid irregularities he shall be admitted into the freedom of this Society. Which fine he promising to pay accordingly was sworn and admitted a freeman, paid his Hance money 6s 5d. Then the Court gave order to the Clerk to write to Mr William Reeve a summons to appear at their next meeting and to show reason why this Court should not proceed to fine him as well, for his neglect of appearing at their Courts when duly summoned as for his disorderly proceeding with his late servant Mr John Musson.

	[Sheet 129 IMG 0804]
[Complaint by members about] Tolls demanded for water bailiage of wools	Divers members of this Company having made complaint to the Court that certain tolls have been lately demanded of them for water bayliage[205] of their respective wool, contrary to custom and contrary to the rights and privileges of this most ancient corporation, and threatened with trouble in case of non-payment of the said tolls. The Court, being very sensible of the matter and not willing to lose any of their just rights, resolved that if any member of this Company be troubled by pretence of authority for the non-payment of the said tolls that then this Court will espouse the cause as their general concern and seek by all due means to defend their just rights and privileges at the charge of the common stock.
A committee appointed [to draw new rules and ordinances for better governance]	The Court appointed for the time being the Constables, Mr John Holland, Mr Henry Cater, Captain Thomas Mansfeild and Mr William Ryley or any 3 or more of them to be a committee to look over the privileges of the Company and to prepare such new rules and ordinances for their better government as they shall think convenient. And particularly to search out whatsoever may avail them for their defence against such as shall invade their just rights and privileges by demanding and suing for any unaccustomed tolls or impositions whatsoever. The Committee aforesaid appointed to meet the next Wednesday morning the 2nd of September at the Clerk's lodgings[206] in Gresham College by 7 o'clock in the morning.
Admonition to be endorsed upon indentures.	Ordered that for the future the Clerk of this Company shall endorse upon all apprentices' indentures bound to members of this Society the admonition following: '*This apprentice must serve bona fide and really and not colourably*[207] *only or else lose his Freedom*'.

[205] Samuel Pepys later remarks - 20 January 1668/[1669] - on the opposition by the merchants against this attempt by the City to tax all import and export. https://www.pepysdiary.com/diary/1669/01/20/

[206] Note that the Clerk, John Godfrey, lived at Gresham College.

[207] 'colourably': i.e. ostensibly. This admonition seems to arise from the case of the apprentice John Musson [see previous page], whose service appears to have been questionable.

[Sheet 129 REV IMG 0805]

The Account of Captain Thomas Mansfeild
Treasurer to the Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England
from Michaelmas 1667 until Michaelmas 1668

	£	s	d
Money resting in his hands at the audit November 27th 1667	0102	02	00
Received December 3rd of Colonel Gower due at Michaelmas 1667	0030	00	00
Received January 15th of Mr Alexander Howgrave for his freedom	0010	06	05
Received January 28th of Mr Peacock for rent due at Michaelmas 1667	0005	19	07
Received March 3rd of Mr Carter and Mr Godfrey for interest of Mr Wybert's money	0002	17	06
Received 7th April 1668 of Mr Treavor for half a year's rent due at Lady day 1668	0002	10	00
Received May 6th of Mr Peacock in part of rent	0004	00	00
Received August 21st of Mr Cater that he received of Mr Adkins for 2 years rent due at Lady Day last and a bill of £2 10s, the sum of	0012	10	00
Received of Mr Samuel Lewin for his freedom and Hance money	0010	06	05
Received of Mr John Musson for his freedom and Hance money	0003	06	05
Received of Colonel Thomas Gower for ¾ of a year's rent the 5th of September, due at Midsummer last past	0022	10	00
Received	**206**	**08**	**04**
Paid	179	04	08
Resting	027	03	08

Rent Arrears at the Audit

Col. Gower owes at Michaelmas 1668 for one quarter	007-10-00
Mr Peacock owes due then	005-11-08
Mr Treavor owes due then	002-10-00
Mr Adkins owes due then	002-10-00
Owing more by Mr Adkins for charges of law	001-01-08
	019-03-04
Owing by Mr Wybert at interest per bond	050-00-00
Owing by the Company of Mercers per bond	100-00-00

Memorandum this account was audited and allowed the 12th October 1668 by us whose names are subscribed and there rests due to the Company [Signatures:] Phillip Nurse, Charles Crayker, Henry Cater, Thomas Diason, William Withers	027	03	08

[Sheet 130 IMG 0805]

Monies Paid	£	s	d
First paid: for the audit dinner 27th November 1667	005	17	01
Paid: Col. Gower for taxes 3rd December	007	02	00
Paid: Spent in sending and looking for him and at receiving the rent	000	03	00
Paid: at a meeting at the Bell in St Nicholas Lane about Mr Wybert's business	001	13	04
Paid: 15th January 1667[8] for a dinner at the Nag's Head	003	14	00
Paid: 25th January 1667[8] a quarter's salary to John Mansfeild [Beadle]	001	00	00
Paid: 28th January 1667[8] to Mr Peacock for taxes and quit rent	001	19	04
Paid: spent at several times going to Westminster to look after the rents	000	04	00
Paid: March 3rd at several meetings about Mr Wybert's business and other business concerning the Company	001	03	06
Paid: spent about the looking after seals and the lease at the Woolstaple	001	07	02
Paid: March 16th when the Company received the seals from Sir Thomas Adams' son	000	13	06
Paid: March 28th 1668 for a quit rent to Mr Watts due at Lady day 1668	000	15	04
Paid: spent April 8th 1668 when we appointed the day of election	001	13	04
Paid: April 13th for the election dinner at the Nag's Head	004	16	00
Paid: Spent April 17th when I went to receive the rent at Westminster of Mr Treavors	000	01	06
Paid: a quarter's salary to John Mansfeild	001	00	00
Paid: May 1st at the concluding of the Court of election and other business concerning the Company	001	14	00
Paid: May 4th for the election dinner at the Nag's Head	011	03	02
Paid: May 6th at the making up of the account of the election dinner	001	06	00
Paid: May 28th at a meeting at the Mag's Head	000	17	02
Paid: July 17th a quarter's salary for John Mansfeild	001	00	00
Paid: August 21st Mr Adkins that he paid for taxes and out rent for 2 years due at a Lady Day last past and money spent at receiving of the money	002	14	00
Paid: Mr Crayker that he paid at 2 meetings	000	07	00
Paid: at a meeting at the Nag's Head when we went to the Mayor about a Court and at making the bill of fare	000	19	11
Paid: August 26th for a dinner at the Nag's Head at the last Court	007	02	03
Paid: September 1st to Col. Gower for taxes ended at Michaelmas 1668	004	04	07
Paid: September 2nd at a meeting of those who were appointed for the committee of privileges	000	10	00
Paid: 9th September for a dinner when they went to take a view [of the houses] at Westminster	002	05	06
Lent: 25th September to the Company of Mercers upon bond bearing date this day	100	00	00
Paid: October 8th a quarter's salary to John Mansfeild	001	00	00
Paid: October 12th for a quit rent to Mr Watts due at Michaelmas last past 1668	000	15	04
Paid: John Godfrey Clerk of the Company a year's salary due then	008	00	00
Paid: him more which he paid Mr Storey Attorney for law charges against Mr Adkins of Boston	001	01	08
Paid: Mr Withers for postage of 2 letters about the Company business	000	01	00
Paid: John Mansfeild Beadle a gratuity given him now	001	00	00
Paid:	**179**	**04**	**08**

	[Sheet 130 REV IMG 0806]
	At a Meeting at the Mayor's house in the Old Jewry, London the 18th February 1668 [1669] Present: Sir John Frederick Kt Mayor — Mr John Holland Mr Phillip Nurse } — Mr Henry Cater Mr Charles Crayker } Constables — Mr Barnard Whittle Treasurer
Col. Gower [replacement counterpart lease for the one lost in the Fire]	The counterpart of Mr Thomas Gower's lease of his house at Westminster which he holds of the Company having been consumed in the late dreadful Fire in the year 1666. He was pleased to give the Company a meeting this day and to seal a counterpart which was indented and written by his original lease in the presence of several witnesses.
Charles Otway apprenticed to Charles Crayker senior	Charles Otway, son of George Otway late of the parish of St Olaves in the borough of Southwark in the county of Surrey, brewer deceased, was this day present and bound an apprentice to Mr Charles Crayker senior, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 8 years from this day.
	At a Court of Election of The Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 24th day of May 1669 Present: Sir John Frederick Kt & Alderman Mayor — Captain Thomas Mansfeild Mr Phillip Nurse } — Mr Joseph Reeves Mr Charles Crayker senior } Constables — Mr Peter Delaney Mr John Holland — Mr William Ryley Mr Thomas Diason — Mr John Musson Mr William Withers — Mr Charles Crayker junior Mr Henry Cater — Mr Samuel Lewin Mr Barnard Whittle Treasurer — Mr John Wright
	The Acts of the last Court were read
Mayor chosen [Sir John Frederick]	The Court, according to their wonted custom, proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful persons following: Sir John Frederick, Sir John Lawrence and Sir William Peake. And then by the greatest number of the hands, the choice fell upon Sir John Frederick who took his place and the oath appertaining.

	[Sheet 131 IMG 0806]
Lieutenant chosen [Sir Charles Lloyd]	Sir Charles Lloyd Kt and Mr John Holland being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple and being put to election, the place fell upon Sir Charles Lloyd, who was not present to take his oath.
Constables chosen [Charles Crayker & Thomas Mansfeild]	Mr Charles Crayker, Mr William Withers and Captain Thomas Mansfeild being nominated for Constables of the Staple, the Court made choice of Mr Charles Crayker and Captain Mansfeild to bear that office for the year ensuing. And both of them took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Barnard Whittle]	Mr Barnard Whittle, Mr Joseph Reeves and Mr Thomas Malyn being put to election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing. And choice was made of the said Mr Whittle to continue Treasurer and he took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	The Court authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant and Constables, Mr Holland, Mr Nurse, Mr Cater, Mr Withers and Mr Diason or any 3 or more of them to audit the account of Mr Barnard Whittle Treasurer and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.
[quo-warranto writ] Company's charter to be renewed. Committee named.	The Court being made acquainted by Mr William Ryley, a member thereof, that a Quo-warranto[208] was out against this and other companies who have not renewed their charters since His Majesty's restoration but as to this Company stopped for the present by his favour until they have time to resolve to do therein for which and his other services the thanks of the Court being voted him. They then resolved that the Charter shall be forthwith renewed. And the Constables for the time being, Mr Holland, Mr Nurse, Mr Withers, Mr Cater and Mr Ryley, or any 3 or more of them, are hereby named and empowered to be a committee for the doing thereof and to call in such of the Company's money as they shall think fit for defraying the charge, which Mr Ryley declared would amount to near £100.
Mr Watts [re widow Peacock & lease of tenement at Woolstaple bridge]	The widow Peacock, having made it her request that the Company would grant the lease of their tenement at the Woolstaple bridge, wherein she lives, to Mr John Watts, a woollen draper in the Strand, who would give them satisfaction as well for the arrears of rent as for the charges in law. And he now appearing and declaring himself willing to be the Company's..

[208] A legal writ requiring a company to show proof of authority.

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[Mr Watts continued] tenant if he might have it upon reasonable terms. It was thereupon now agreed that a lease of the said house shall be made to the said Mr Watts for 41 years to commence from Midsummer next ensuing, upon the following terms: that he first clear all arrears of rent due until Midsummer next; that he clear all charges in law against widow Peacock; that he pay the Clerk for the leases that have been made; that he pay down £20 as a fine; and that the rent of £7 11s 8d be reserved in his lease, to be paid free and clear of all taxes and charges whatsoever, together with covenants as in the last lease. To all which Mr Watts agreed and accepted the lease upon the terms aforesaid.

At a Committee of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at Gresham College the 10th of June 1669

Present:

Mr Charles Crayker }	Mr Henry Cater
Captain Thomas Mansfeild } Constables	Mr Bernard Whittle [Treasurer]
Mr Phillip Nurse	Mr William Ryley

The committee taking notice that Mr William Ryley, in pursuance of an order of the last Court held the 24th of last May, has obtained by humble petition the Royal Assent for the renewing of the Company's Charter, and in his further proceedings therein has expended near the sum of £20. They thereupon finding that the Treasurer has but little money in his hand, desired Mr Constable Crayker to accommodate Mr Ryley to the sum of £10 for the present, which shall be repaid him again out of the first money which shall be received. And that money may not be wanting for this and other occasions, it was now ordered that the Treasurer forthwith call in the £50 in Mr Wybert's hands. And that he be speedy in the collection of all rents and arrears due to the Company. Moreover they appointed Thursday next the 17th at 8 o'clock in the morning, that the feoffees of the Company meet to seal Mr Watt's lease that so his fine and the arrears due by widow Peacock may be then also received.

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At a Committee of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at Gresham College the 2nd July 1669

Present:

Mr Charles Crayker }	Mr William Withers
Captain Thomas Mansfeild } Constables	Mr Bernard Whittle [Treasurer]
Mr Phillip Nurse	

Mr Ryley having acquainted the Constables that he is out between £40 and £50 in charges about the renewing of the Charter of this Company, which he affirmed will be finished about a week hence. And desiring that the £10 he has already received may for the present be made up to £30. The committee thereupon ordered the Treasurer to pay him £20 more when he shall have satisfied Mr Constable Crayker how the charges arise.

Mr Withers and Mr Treasurer were both desired to use their best endeavours to hasten the receipt of the money now in the hands of Mr Wybert, towards satisfying the residue of the charges of renewing of their charter.

At a Committee of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at Gresham College the 6th of October 1669

Present:

Mr Constable Crayker	Mr William Withers
Mr John Holland	Mr William Ryley

The several orders of this committee concerning the renewing of their Charter were now read.

The new Charter being finished was now presented to this committee and a copy thereof in English read.

The charge whereof given by Mr Ryley amounting to £83 and only £50 thereof paid, and he pressing to have the residue because he has present occasion thereof. The committee ordered the Treasurer to receive the several rents now due to the Company and to make payment of what moneys are in his hands to the said Mr Ryley towards his satisfaction.

[Sheet 132 REV IMG 0808]

The Account of Mr Bernard Whittle Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1669

	£	s	d
Received 10th December 1668 of Captain Thomas Mansfeild, the foot of his account	027	03	08
Received of Mr William Trevors for a year and a half rent due at Michaelmas 1669	007	10	00
Received of the widow Peacock & of Mr John Watts in full of all rent and arrears of rent due at Michaelmas 1669	014	13	04
Received of Col. Gower in full of rent due at Michaelmas 1669	037	10	00
Received of Mr Wybert a year's interest of £50 due 19th December 1668	003	00	00
Received of the Company of Mercers for a year's interest of £100 due 16th September 1669	006	00	00
Received 17th June 1669 of Mr John Watts in full of his fine	020	00	00
	115	**17**	**00**
Rents in arrear at the audit: 10th November 1669			
Owing by Mr John Adkins of Boston for a year and a half rent due at Michaelmas 1669	007	10	0
Owing by him for charges in law	001	01	8
Owing by Mr Wybert for half a year's interest due the 19th June 1669	001	10	0
	010	**01**	**8**
Owing by Mr Wybert at interest 50-00-0			
Owing by the Company of Mercers 100-00-0			
Received in all	115	17	0
Paid	104	10	8
Rest due to the Company	**011**	**06**	**4**
Memorandum this account was audited and allowed the 10th November 1669 by us whose names are hereunder subscribed, and there rests due to the Company: [Signatures of:] Charles Crayker, Thomas Mansfeild, William Withers, John Holland, Phillip Nurse	**011**	**06**	**04**

[Sheet 133 IMG 0808]

Moneys Paid	£	s	d
Paid: for a dinner at the Nag's Head in Leadenhall Street the 12th October 1668, it being the time when Captain Mansfeild's account was audited	002	02	00
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle of the Company, a year's wages due at Michaelmas 1669	004	00	00
Paid: John Godfrey, Clerk of the Company, for a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1669	008	00	00
Paid: Sir John Frederick, the Mayor of the Staple, for a year's gratuity 16th April 1669	010	00	00
Paid: 10th December 1668 for a dinner at the Nag's Head at the receipt of the foot of Captain Mansfeild's account, per bill	002	13	03
Paid: 10th January 1668[9] for another dinner there, when the committee met at the Mayor's house with Col. Gower about the counterpart of his lease	001	18	02
Paid: 25th January 1668[9] for expenses when the Company went to Westminster, per bill	000	16	00
Paid: the 1st & 8th February 1688[9] these 2 days when the Company attended to have met the widow Peacock about her rent, per bill	000	11	04
Paid: the 18th February 1668[9] for a dinner at the Nag's Head when Col. Gower sealed his counterpart, per bill	002	11	08
Paid: Mr John Watts, receiver for quit rents, due to his Majesty at Michaelmas 1669	002	06	02
Paid: the 21st May 1669 for a dinner at the Nag's Head when the Company met to appoint the election day dinner	001	01	00
Paid: the 24th May 1669 for election dinner there, per bill	011	09	07
Paid: the 17th June 1669 for another dinner there when the feoffees met to seal Mr Watts' lease, per bill	003	19	07
Paid: ditto Mr John Watts in full of all taxes ended at Christmas 1668	000	13	04
Paid: several expenses at several days of meeting from 2nd July to 8th October 1669, per bill, upon the Company's business	000	18	07
Paid: 8th July 1669 to Mr Ryley part of the charges of renewing the Charter	030	00	00
Paid: 8th October 1669 to him more in further part	020	00	00
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, for a gratuity and for nosegays[209]	001	10	00
	104	**10**	**08**

[209] Nosegays [bouquets) linked to the continuing risk of plague.

[Sheet 133 REV IMG 0809]

The 21st of September 1670

Jeremiah Lewin, son of Richard Lewin, late citizen and Haberdasher of London deceased, apprentice to Samuel Lewin, Merchant of the Staple of England, from the day of the date for 7 years.

Raphe Clare, son of Raphe Clare, late of Ashford in the county of Kent, innholder deceased, apprentice to Samuel Lewin, Merchant of the Staple of England, from the day of the date for 7 years.

At a Court of Election of the
Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England
held at Gresham College
the 3rd of October 1670

Present:

Sir John Frederick Kt Mayor	Mr Joseph Reeve
Mr Charles Crayker }	Mr John Wright
Captain Thomas Mansfeild } Constables	Mr Cave Mansfeild
Mr John Holland	Mr James Abrathat
Mr William Bayley	Mr Peter Delaney
Mr Phillip Nurse	Mr Charles Crayker junior
Mr William Withers	Mr John Musson
Mr Bernard Whittle Treasurer	Mr Samuel Lewin
	Mr Clement Hiller

The Acts of the last Court were read.

Mayor chosen [Sir John Frederick]

The Court, according to their wonted custom, proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful persons following: Sir John Frederick, Sir John Lawrence & Sir William Peak. And then by the greatest number of the hands the choice fell upon Sir John Frederick, who took his place and the oath appertaining.

Lieutenant chosen [Sir Charles Lloyd]

Sir Charles Lloyd Kt & Mr John Holland being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple & being put to election, the place fell upon Sir Charles Lloyd who was not present to take his oath.

Constables chosen [Thomas Mansfeild & William Withers]

Captain Thomas Mansfeild, Mr William Withers & Mr Henry Cater being nominated Constables of the Staple, the Court made choice of Captain Thomas Mansfeild & Mr William Withers to bear that office for the year ensuing and both of them took the oath appertaining.

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Treasurer chosen [Joseph Reeve]

Mr Thomas Malyn, Mr James Abrathat and Mr Joseph Reeve being nominated for Treasurer. The said Mr Malyn, upon his request signified by Mr Crayker, was excused for this year. And then the other 2 being put to election, the choice fell upon the said Mr Joseph Reeve, who took his place and oath appertaining.

Auditors

The Court authorised the Lieutenant, Constables, Mr Holland, Mr Crayker, Mr Nurse and Mr Cater, or any 3 of more of them, to audit the account of Mr Bernard Whittle, treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.

[John Clarke apprenticed to Charles Crayker junior]

John Clarke, son of Robert Clarke of London victualler, apprentice to Charles Crayker junior for 7 years from the day of the date.

[Sheet 134 REV IMG 0810]

The Account of Bernard Whittle Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1670

	£	s	d
Resting in my hands in money when my account was audited 10th November 1669	011	06	04
Received of Col. Gower upon account of rent in part due at Michaelmas 1670	018	10	00
Received of William Treavors for a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1670	005	00	00
Received of Mr John Watts due at Michaelmas 1670	007	11	08
Received of the Company of Mercers for a year's interest of £100 due 16th September 1670	006	00	00
Received of Mr Wyberd in part. 10th June 1670	025	00	00
Received of Mr Harries in part. 13th August 1670	010	00	00
Received of Mr Harries in part. 4th November 1670	005	00	00
Received of Mr Harries in part. 25th November 1670	004	00	00
Received:	**092**	**08**	**00**
Paid:	068	19	03
Rest:	**023**	**08**	**09**
Rents upon Arrear at the audit the 30th November 1670			
Owing by Col. Gower at Michaelmas 1670	011	10	00
Owing by Mr John Atkins of Boston, 2 ½ years rent due at Michaelmas 1670	012	10	00
Owing more by himself for law charges	001	01	00
Owing by the Mercers' Company	100	00	00
Owing by Mr Wyberd and Mr Harries as a rest of money due to the Company by bond, being principal money	006	00	00
Owing for interest	[gap]		
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 30th day of November 1670 by us whose names are hereunder subscribed, and there rests due to the Company [Signatures of:] Thomas Mansfeild, William Withers, Charles Crayker senior, Phillip Nurse	**023**	**08**	**09**

[Sheet 135 IMG 0810]

Money Paid

	£	s	d
Paid: 10th November 1669 for a dinner at the Nag's Head tavern in Leadenhall Street at the audit	002	04	02
Paid: 10th June 1670 Mr John Godfrey in full for principal and interest	020	18	00
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle of the Company, a year's wages due at Michaelmas 1670	004	00	00
Paid: John Godfrey, Clerk of the Company, a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1670	008	00	00
Paid: 6th August 1670 to Sir John Frederick, the Mayor of the Staple, a year's gratuity	010	00	00
Paid: John Watts a year's quit rent due to his Majesty at Michaelmas 1670	001	11	08
Paid: 30th September 1670 for a dinner at the Hoop tavern in Thames Street at the appointing the election day dinner	002	10	02
Paid: 3rd October 1670 for a dinner & otherwise at the Hoop tavern in Thames Street the election day and dinner	012	04	09
Paid: 21st October 1670 for a dinner at the Hoop tavern in Thames Street when Sir John Frederick met the Company	003	08	06
Paid: 17th November 1670 for a dinner at the Hoop tavern in Thames Street at the appointing the audit	001	05	00
Paid: 23rd November 1670 for a dinner at the Hoop tavern in Thames Street when the Constables, Mr Holland, Mr Crayker and Mr Nurse met about the Company's business	001	09	00
Paid: for expenses at several times & several places upon receiving of rent	000	04	00
Paid: John Mansfeild for a gratuity	001	04	00
	068	**19**	**03**

[Sheet 135 REV IMG 0811]

[Simon Barry apprenticed to John Musson]

The 9th of February 1670

Present: Mr Constable Withers.

Simon Barry, son of Simon Barry late of Little Stutely in the county of Huntingdon blacksmith deceased, apprentice to John Musson for 7 years from the day of the date.

At a Court of Election of
the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England
held at the Mayor's house[210] the 29th of August 1671

Present:

Sir John Frederick Kt & Alderman	Mayor	Mr Cave Mansfeild
Captain Thomas Mansfeild	}	Mr Thomas Malyn
Mr William Withers	}Constables	Mr James Abrathat
Mr John Holland		Mr Peter Delaney
Mr Charles Crayker senior		Mr John Musson
Mr Joseph Reeves	Treasurer	Mr Samuel Lewin
Mr John Wright		

The Acts of the last Court were read.

Mayor chosen [Sir John Frederick]

The Court, according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing, first nominated the right worshipful persons following: Sir John Frederick, Sir John Lawrence and Sir William Turner[211]. And then by the greatest number of the hands, the choice fell upon Sir John Frederick who took his place and the oath appertaining.

Lieutenant chosen [John Holland; succeeding Sir Charles Lloyd[212]]

Mr John Holland and Mr Charles Crayker senior being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple. And being put to election, choice was made of Mr John Holland who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.

Constables chosen [William Withers & Thomas Mansfeild}

Mr William Withers, Captain Thomas Mansfeild and Mr Henry Cater being nominated Constables of the Staple, the Court made choice of Mr William Withers and Captain Thomas Mansfeild to bear that office for the year ensuing and both of them took the oath appertaining.

Treasurer chosen [Joseph Reeves]

Mr Joseph Reeves, Mr Thomas Malyn and Mr James Abrathat being put to election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Reeves to continue Treasurer and he took the oath appertaining.

Auditors

The Court authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant and Constables, Mr Charles Crayker senior, Mr Nurse, Mr Cater and Mr Whittle, or any 3 or more of them, to audit the accounts of Mr Joseph Reeves Treasurer and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.

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[210] Mayor Sir John Frederick's house in Old Jewry just West of the Bank of England.
[211] Sir William Turner: Merchant Taylor, Lord Mayor in 1668.
[212] Sir Charles Lloyd: 1632 made free by redemption; Lieutenant of the Staple 1657-1671. Died c. 1678 https://biography.wales/article/s-LLOY-LEI-1497

	[Sheet 136 IMG 0811]
Mr Riley [his book of ancient privileges given to the Court]	Mr Ryley, a member of this Company, by the Clerk sent this Court the book[213], which he promised them, of certain ancient records out of the Tower, translated and written therein, which do import the concerns of this Society, together with a letter to Mr Crayker (amongst other things) mentioning £13 10s long since due to him and desiring him to move the Court to pay him the same, which is due. The Court received the book, gratified his man £10 10s, and desired the auditors now chosen, at the next audit to examine his account for the charges of their charter, and what money he has received and to report to this Court their opinion what they judge meet should be done in this case.
Mr Peter Delaney [to have money]	Ordered that Mr Peter Delaney have the first of money that shall come in, for which Mr Raph Wild, fellmonger, and Mr John Hinchman, feltmaker, were allowed for his sureties.
Mr Thomas Malyn [new bond for money]	Ordered that Mr Thomas Malyn continue his money upon sealing a new bond with Mr Robert Rowland & Mr Thomas Brice then becoming bound to him as his sureties.
Mr John Wright [to have the 2nd money]	Ordered that Mr John Wright shall have the second sum of money that shall come in, he giving such surety as the Company shall approve.
Mr Charles Crayker junior [to have money]	Ordered that Mr Charles Crayker junior shall have the third parcel of money that shall come in, he giving such surety as shall be approved of. [added:] Nominated Richard Spires, Haberdasher, and Edward Pigott, Grocer. Approved at the audit 15 November 1671.
Bound [Esaias Jackson apprentice to Samuel Jackson]	Isaias Jackson, son of Samuel Jackson, citizen and leather-seller of London, apprentice to John Musson, merchant of the Staple of England for 7 years from the day of the date.
Made free [Gaven Spurle by apprenticeship]	Gaven Spurle, late apprentice to Luke Bradley, Merchant of the Staple of England, sworn and admitted into the freedom of this fellowship and paid his Hance money 6s 5d.

[213] [November 2018] William Ryley's actual book of the Company's ancient privileges *(from King John to Edward IVth)* - which he donated to the Company - is in the London Metropolitan Archives. The worn original leather front cover reads: '*Ex Dono Guljelmi Ryley De In ...eriori Templo London Armigere'* There is an illustration of the full arms of the Staple Company. Ryley made translations where the original roll or other document was in French or Latin The archive protective cover is labelled: 'W.Ryley-Merchants of the Staple-Privileges Etc 1199-1483 MS 88'. The book is in the London Metropolitan Archives.

[Sheet 136 REV IMG 0812]

The Account of Joseph Reeve, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1671

	£	s	d
Received of Mr Barnard Whittle when he delivered the account to me	023	08	09
Received of Colonel Gower for arrears of rent due at Michaelmas 1670	011	10	00
Received of him more in full of all rent due until Michaelmas 1671	030	00	00
Received of Mr Atkins for rent due to the Company at Michaelmas 1670	012	10	00
Received of him more for law charges	001	01	00
Received him more in full for rent due at Lady Day 1671	002	10	00
Received of Mr Trevors in full for a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1671	005	00	00
Received of John Watts in full for a year's rent due then	007	11	08
Received of Mr Spurle for Hance money	000	06	05
Received of the Company of Mercers for a year's interest of £100 due 16th September 1671	006	00	00
Received:	099	18	06
Paid:	056	18	11
Rest:	**042**	**19**	**07**
Moneys due to the Company			
By the Company of Mercers by bond	100	00	00
By Mr Wyberd and Mr Harris in part of a bond for principal money	006	00	00
By them for interest due this day	005	00	00
By Mr Atkins for half a year's arrears of rent due at Michaelmas 1671	002	10	00
Memorandum this account was audited and allowed the 15th day of November 1671 by us whose names are hereunder subscribed and there rests due to the Company: [Signatures of:] William Withers Phillip Nurse Charles Crayker Bernard Whittle	**042**	**19**	**07**

[Sheet 137 IMG 0812]

Money Paid	£	s	d
Paid: at the Hoop tavern 30th November 1670 when Mr Whittle delivered the account to me at the audit	002	12	08
Paid: spent at the Pope's Head tavern when the Company met with Colonel Gower to discourse him about taxes	001	14	00
Paid: spent at the Hoop tavern 14th December 1670 when Mr Whittle paid the foot of his account to me	002	01	09
Paid: spent with the Constable and Mr Crayker at a meeting the 15th of May 1671 at the Bear in Burthen Lane	000	12	01
Paid: spent the 9th June 1671 with Mr Atkins upon stating his account	001	00	02
Paid: Mr Withers the money he spent on Mr Atkins	000	01	06
Paid: Sir John Frederick the 20th July 1671 for a gratuity as Mayor of the Staple			
Paid: given to his servant when the Constables, Mr Crayker and myself dined at Sir John Frederick's	000	05	00
Paid: spent the 29th of August 1671 at the Fleece tavern in Cornhill for the election dinner	018	14	11
Paid: spent 27th October 1671 at Captain Colebourne's at the appointing the audit day	001	16	08
Paid: ditto to Mr John Watts for one year's quit-rent due to his Majesty at Michaelmas last from the Company	001	11	08
Paid: spent the 3rd November 1671 at the Hoop tavern at the sealing of Mr Malyn's bond	001	17	07
Paid: allowed the 7th November 1671 to Colonel Gower for half a year's subsidy to his Majesty	000	15	00
Paid: spent upon Colonel Gower at the receipt of rent	000	01	00
Paid: John Mansfeild a year's salary as Beadle	004	00	00
Paid: spent in the receiving of rents at Westminster and elsewhere	000	05	00
Paid: Mr John Godfrey a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1671 as Clerk	008	00	00
Paid: allowed John Mansfeild for a gratuity	001	10	00
	056	**18**	**11**

	[Sheet 137 REV IMG 0813]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 3rd day of July 1672 Present:

Sir John Frederick Kt	Mayor	Mr John Musson
Mr John Holland	[Lieutenant]	Mr Gaven Spurle
Mr William Withers }		Mr Charles Crayker junior
Captain Thomas Mansfeild }	[Constables]	Mr Samuel Lewin
Mr Charles Crayker senior		Mr William Ryley
Mr Joseph Reeves	[Treasurer]	Mr Thomas Malyn
Mr John Wright		Mr Jacob Abrathat
Mr Cave Mansfeild		

	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir John Frederick]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful person following: Sir John Frederick, Sir John Robinson[214] and Sir William Turner[215]. And then by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir John Frederick, who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [John Holland]	Sir Charles Lloyd and Mr John Holland being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple and being put to election, choice was made of Mr John Holland who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Thomas Mansfeild & Charles Crayker]	Captain Thomas Mansfeild, Mr Charles Crayker senior and Mr Barnard Whittle being nominated for Constables of the Staple. The Court made choice of Captain Thomas Mansfeild and Mr Charles Crayker senior to bear that office for the year ensuing and both of them took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [John Wright]	Mr John Wright and Mr Thomas Malyn being put to election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing. Choice was made of the said Mr Wright to execute that place for the year ensuing and he took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	The Court authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant and Constables, Mr Cater, Mr withers and Mr Whittle, or any 3 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr Joseph Reeves, treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.
Made free [William Neale by apprenticeship]	William Neale, late apprentice to Henry Cater, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society.

	[Sheet 138 IMG 0813]
Letter to be sent to Mr Atkins [son of deceased]	Mr Atkins of Boston, being lately dead, and his son and successor now owing a year's rent due to this Company at our Lady Day last past. The Court ordered the Clerk of the Company to question him by letter to the payment of the rent.
[Court declined to pay more to [Mr Ryley]	Upon Mr Ryley's motion to have the residue of the money due for exemplification of the Company's charter. The Court after consideration acquainted Mr Ryley that more was paid already than divers other Companies have been charged with upon the like occasion, and therefore they demurred upon it for the present.
Bound [James Holybread apprentice to G Spurle]	James Holybread, son of Thomas Holybread, of the parish of St George the Martyr in the county of Surrey, looking glass maker, apprentice to Goyen Spurle, Merchant of the Staple of England for 8 years from the date.

[214] Sir John Robinson Kt & Baronet; 1616-80; Clothworkers' Company; Lord Mayor 1662; Lieutenant of the Tower. https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1660-1690/member/robinson-john-i-1615-80

[215] Sir William Turner; 1615-93; Merchant Taylors; woollen draper; Lord Mayor 1668-9; https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1690-1715/member/turner-sir-william-1615-93

[Sheet 138 REV IMG 0814]

The Account of Joseph Reeve Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1672

	£	s	d
Resting in his hands when the auditors audited his last account, being the 15th November 1671	042	19	07
Received of Mr William Withers in full of Wybert and Harris' bond for principal and interest	011	00	00
Received of Colonel Gower in full of half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	015	00	00
Received of Mr Watts in full of half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	003	15	10
Received of Mr Trevor in full for half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	002	10	00
Received of Mr Watts in full for half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	003	15	10
Received of Mr John Atkins for rent due to the Company at Michaelmas 1672	007	10	00
Received of Mr Atkins of Boston in part of rent which will be due at Lady Day next 1673	000	10	00
Received of Colonel Gower in full for half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	015	00	00
Received of Mr William Neale for Hance money	000	06	05
Received of the Mercer's Company a year's interest of £100 due the 16th September 1672	006	00	00
Received:	110	17	08
Paid:	064	06	11
Rest:	046	10	09
Owing by the Company of Mercers by bond £100-00-00			
Memorandum this account was audited and allowed the 13th day of November 1672 by us whose names are hereunder subscribed and there rests due to the Company [Signatures of:] John Frederick, Thomas Mansfeild, Charles Crayker senior, William Withers, Bernard Whittle	**046**	**10**	**09**

[Sheet 139 IMG 0814]

Money Paid	£	s	d
Paid: the 15th of November 1671 for the audit dinner at Mr Spyres at the Hoop tavern	004	06	06
Paid: the 28th of February 1671[2] for a dinner for the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England	004	12	01
Paid: the 26th of April 1672 for a dinner at Captain Colbornes' at the Fleece tavern when the Company met	001	07	00
Paid: the 30th of April 1672. Allowed Colonel Gower 2 quarters' subsidy due to the King's Majesty	000	15	00
Paid: the 13th of June 1672 by the Company's order to Sir John Frederick for a gratuity	010	00	00
Paid: the time of appointment of the election dinner, for a dinner for the Company	001	07	02
Paid: the 15th of August 1672 for a dinner at Captain Colebourne's when the Constables met at the Company's business	000	18	09
Paid: spent at the Hoop tavern when the Company met to wish Mr Cater a good journey in the country	001	08	00
Paid: for the election dinner at the Bull Head tavern in Cheapside the 3rd of July 1672	021	19	10
Paid: at the Hoop tavern the 1st of November when the Company met to appoint the audit day	001	02	05
Paid: Mr Watts for one whole year's quit-rent due from the Company to his Majesty at Michaelmas 1672	001	11	08
Paid: John Mansfeild a year's salary due to him at Michaelmas last	004	00	00
Paid: spent at several times in receiving the rents	000	06	00
Paid: Mr John Godfrey, Clerk of the Company, for a year's salary due to him at Michaelmas 1672	008	00	00
Paid: spent at Captain Colebourne's in Cornhill at a meeting upon the Company's business	000	17	06
Paid: allowed John Mansfeild, Beadle, a gratuity	001	15	00
	064	**06**	**11**

	[Sheet 139 REV IMG 0815]
	The 7th of May 1673
[Joseph Barber apprenticed to Joseph Reeve]	Joseph Barber, son of Samuel Barber of Northowram in the county of York, clothier, apprentice to Joseph Reeve, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the day of the date above written.
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 24th of Jul AD 1673 Present: Sir John Frederick Kt Mayor — Mr Thomas Malyn Mr Charles Crayker senior [Constable] — Mr Cave Mansfeild Mr William Withers — Mr Peter Delaney Mr William Bayley — Mr William Ryley Mr John Wright Treasurer — Mr Charles Crayker junior Mr Bernard Whittle — Mr John Musson Mr Joseph Reeve — Mr Goyen Spurle Mr James Abrathat — Mr William Herbert
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir John Frederick]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing, first nominated the Right Worshipful persons following: Sir John Frederick, Sir John Robinson and Sir John Lawrence. And then the choice fell upon Sir John Frederick who took his place and oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [John Holland]	Sir Charles Lloyd and Mr John Holland being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple and being put to election, choice was made of Mr John Holland, who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Charles Crayker senior & Bernard Whittle]	Mr Charles Crayker, Mr Bernard Whittle and Mr Joseph reeve being nominated for Constables of the Staple, the Court made choice of Mr Charles Crayker and Mr Bernard Whittle to bear that office for the year ensuing and both of them took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [John Wright]	Mr John Wright and Mr Thomas Malyn being put to election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Wright to execute that place for the year ensuing and he took the oath appertaining.

	[Sheet 140 IMG 0815]
Auditors	The Court authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant and Constables, Mr Withers, Captain Mansfeild and Mr reeve, or any 3 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr John Wright, Treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.
Daniel Rosewell made free by apprenticeship	Daniel Rosewell, apprentice to Joseph Reeve, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society.
Fees of admission settled	Upon a humble suit of the Clerk, it was declared and so ordered that every person, that shall hereafter be admitted into the freedom of this Society, shall pay 5s to the said Clerk for the fees of his admission and 1s 6d to the Beadle, as well as for their fees here as Westminster, except what is due to the Clerk of the Statutes.
	The 4th of November 1673
[Kellam Merry apprenticed to Samuel Lewin]	Kellam Merry, son of John Merry citizen and weaver of London, apprentice to Samuel Lewin, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the day of the date.

[Sheet 140 REV IMG 0816]

The Account of John Wright, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1673

	£	s	d
Received of Mr Joseph reeve, the late Treasurer	046	10	09
Received of Colonel Gower a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1673	030	00	00
Received of the Company of Mercers one year's interest for £100 due 16th September 1673	006	00	00
Received of Mr Watts a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1673	007	11	08
Received of Mr Trevor a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1673	005	00	00
Received of Mr Atkins of Boston for the residue of a year's rent, which was due at Michaelmas 1673 - £4 10s	--	--	--
Received of Mr Daniel Rosewell his Hance money when he was made free 24th July 1673	000	06	05
Received:	095	08	10
Paid:	062	16	02
Rest:	**032**	**12**	**08**
Owing by the Company of Mercers by Bond 100-00-0			
Arrears due by Mr Atkins of Boston which was due at Michaelmas 004-10-0			
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 2nd day of December 1673 by us whose names are hereunder subscribed, and there rests due to the Company as appears above: [signatures of:] Charles Crayker senior, Thomas Mansfeild, William Withers, Joseph Reeve	032	12	08

[Sheet 141 IMG 0816]

Money Paid	£	s	d
Paid: for the audit dinner held the 2nd November 1673	005	14	00
Paid: for a dinner held the 27th November 1673 at a meeting of the Company at the Hoop tavern at the delivering up the Treasury to him	004	02	00
Paid: the Bear tavern in Cornhill the 10th November 1673 2s and at the Hoop at the Tower 4s about consulting Mr Ryley about the jobbers	000	06	00
Paid: the 7th of March 1672[1673] at the Hoop tavern at a meeting about the same business	000	16	06
Paid: the 19th of March 1672[1673] at the tavern in St Michael's churchyard	000	01	00
Paid: the 8th of April 1673 half a year's quit-rent due Lady Day 1673 and 4d for the acquittance	000	16	02
Paid: the 22nd of May 1673 at a meeting of the Company to Mr Henry Cater at the Hoop tavern on Fish Street Hill	001	03	06
Paid: the 3rd of July 1673 at a meeting at the Ship in Bartholomew lane about going to the Mayor of the Staple	000	16	00
Paid: the 4th of July 1673 the Mayor of the Staple according to the wonted custom of the Company his annual present	010	00	00
Paid: the 18th of July 1673 at several meetings at the Ship and at the Hoop about considering of a bill of fare	000	17	02
Paid: the 25th day of July 1673 for the election dinner and expenses appertaining	018	14	08
Paid: Mr John Godfrey a year's salary due Michaelmas 1673	008	00	00
Paid: Mr John Mansfeild a year's salary due Michaelmas 1673	004	00	00
Paid: Colonel Gower the 22nd October 1673 for 2 quarterly payments for taxes ending in November 1673	000	16	03
Paid: a bill of charges at the Hoop tavern in Fish Street about several meetings of the Company in going to Westminster and viewing their land, and setting up the Arms of the Company in several places to know their bounds.	002	19	07
Paid: for expenses to Westminster at several times in receiving the Company's rents for the whole year	000	04	07
Paid: Mr Watts the 15th of November 1673 half a year's quit-rent due at Michaelmas 1673 to the King and 4d for the acquittance	000	16	02
Paid: the 28th November 1673 for a dinner at a meeting to appoint the audit	001	02	07
Paid: allowed John Mansfeild, Beadle, a gratuity	001	10	00
	062	**16**	**02**

	[Sheet 141 REV IMG 0817]
	The 16th July 1674
Mr Constable Crayker being present [Isaac Rutton apprenticed]	Isaac Rutton, son of John Rutton citizen and haberdasher of London, apprentice to Peter Delaney, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from this day.
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house 7th of September 1674 Present:

Sir John Frederick Kt	Mayor	Mr Peter Delaney
Mr Charles Crayker senior	Constable	Mr John Musson
Mr William Withers		Mr Gawen Spurle
Mr William Bayley		Mr William Herbert
Mr Joseph Reeves		Mr William Neale
Mr John Wright	Treasurer	Mr David Rosewell
Mr James Abrathat		Mr Charles Crayker junior
Mr Thomas Malyn		Mr William Ryley
Mr Cave Mansfeild		

	The Acts of the last Court read.
Mayor chosen [Sir John Frederick]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing, first nominated the right worshipful persons following: Sir John Frederick, Sir John Robinson and Sir John Lawrence. And then by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir John Frederick, who took his place and oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [John Holland]	Mr John Holland and Sir Charles Lloyd being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put to election, choice was made of Mr John Holland for supplying of that place.
Constables chosen [Bernard Whittle & Joseph Reeve]	Mr Bernard Whittle, Mr Joseph reeves and Mr Henry Cater being nominated for Constables of the Staple, the Court made choice of Mr Bernard Whittle and Mr Joseph Reeve to bear that office for the year ensuing and the said Joseph Reeve being present took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Peter Delaney]	Mr Thomas Malyn and Mr Peter Delaney being put to election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Peter Delaney to execute that place for the year ensuing and he took the oath appertaining.

	[Sheet 142 IMG 0817]
Auditors	The Court authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables, Captain Mansfeild and Mr Withers, or any 3 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr John Wright, Treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.
Made free [Jacob Nurse by apprenticeship]	Jacob Nurse, late an apprentice to his father Phillip Nurse, Merchant of the staple of England, was now sworn and admitted in the freedom of this Society.
Made free [Samuel Crayker by patrimony]	Samuel Crayker, son of Charles Crayker, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society by patrimony.

[Sheet 142 REV IMG 0818]

The Account of Mr John Wright, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1674

	£	s	d
Resting in my hands the last audit	032	12	8
Owing by Mr John Atkins of Boston in full of all rent due at Michaelmas 1674 £9 10s, whereof I have received in part:	004	17	3
Received of Mr Trevor a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1674	005	00	0
Received of Mr Watts a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1674	007	11	8
Received of Colonel Gower a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1674	030	00	0
Received of the Mercer's Company a year's interest of £100, due the 16th of September 1674	006	00	0
Received 2 Hances of Mr Samuel Crayker and Mr Jacob Nurse last election day	000	12	10
Received:	086	14	5
Paid:	054	11	6
Rest:	**032**	**2**	**11**
Owing by the Company of Mercers by bond 100-00-0			
Arrears due by Mr Atkins of Boston which was due at Michaelmas 1674 004-12-9			
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 30th day of November 1674 by us whose names are hereunder subscribed and there rests due to the Company as appears above	**032**	**02**	**11**
[Signatures of:] Charles Crayker senior, William Withers, Thomas Mansfeild, Bernard Whittle, Joseph Reeve			

[Sheet 143 IMG 0818]

Money Paid

	£	s	d
Paid: for the audit dinner the 2nd of December 1673	004	09	7
Paid: for 2 letters to Boston in December 1673	000	00	6
Paid: spent at the Hoop tavern about Mr Atkins business 27th of January 1673	001	06	6
Paid: for Mr Godfrey letter sent by post	00	00	3
Paid: John Mansfeild a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1674	004	00	0
Paid: Mr Godfrey a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1674	008	00	0
Paid: Mr Watts a year's quit-rent due at Michaelmas 1674	001	12	4
Paid: Colonel Gower for the 3rd 4th 5th & 6th quarters payment for taxes	002	03	9
Paid: the Mayor of the Staple the 27th of May 1674	010	00	0
Paid: Mr Stones for Mr Atkin's letter 2nd of March 1674	000	00	3
Paid: at the Ship in Bartholomew Lane about receiving and sending letters to Captain Mansfeild and to Mr Atkins	000	13	4
Paid: for journeys and expenses to Westminster in receiving the rents	000	09	7
Paid: 27th of May at the Nags Head with the Constable and Mr Crayker	000	07	8
Paid: 21st of August at a meeting about the bill of fare	000	11	3
Paid: 8th of September for the election dinner and charges of the day	019	04	6
Paid: given to John Mansfeild a gratuity	001	12	0
	054	**11**	**6**

	[Sheet 143 REV IMG 0819]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at Sir Nathaniel Hearne's house in the Old Jewry, Sherriff of the City of London, the 23rd day of August 1675 Present: Sir John Frederick Kt — Mayor — Mr James Abrathat Mr John Holland — Lieutenant — Mr Charles Crayker junior Mr Bernard Whittle } — Mr John Musson Mr Joseph Reeve }Constables — Mr Samuel Lewin Mr Charles Crayker senior — Mr Goyen Spurle Mr William Withers — Mr William Herbert Mr William Bayley — Mr William Neale Mr John Wright — Mr Daniel Rosewell Mr Peter Delaney — Treasurer — Mr Samuel Crayker
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Sir Nathaniel Hearne made free [Sherriff]	The Court now sitting in the house of Sir Nathaniel Hearne Kt and Sherriff of the City of London, from whom they have received divers kindnesses, as a reciprocal return of their respects unanimously offered him the freedom of this Society. Which he accepting took the oath of Hances, was welcomed into the Society by the Mayor, Constables and other members and took his place accordingly.
Mayr chosen [Sir John Frederick]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing, first nominated the Right Worshipful persons following: Sir John Frederick and Sir John Lawrence. And then by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir John Frederick who took his place and oath appertaining.

	[Sheet 144 IMG 0819]
Lieutenant chosen [Sir Nathaniel Hearne]	Sir Nathaniel Hearne[216] Kt, Sherriff of the City of London, and Mr John Holland being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing. And being put to election, choice was made of Sir Nathaniel Hearne who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Joseph Reeve & John Wright]	Mr Joseph Reeve, Mr John Wright and Mr Henry Cater being now nominated for Constables of the Staple, the Court made choice of Mr Joseph Reeve and Mr John Wright to bear that office for the year ensuing and both of them took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Peter Delaney]	Mr Peter Delaney and Mr Charles Crayker junior being put to election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Peter Delaney to execute that place for the year ensuing.
Auditors chosen	The Court authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant and Constables, Mr Crayker senior, Mr Withers, Captain Mansfeild and Mr Whittle, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr Peter Delaney, Treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.
Bound [William Crich apprentice to Charles Crayker]	William Crich, son of William Crich of Deptford in the county of Kent, chandler, apprentice to Charles Crayker senior, Merchant of the Staple of England for 7 years from this day.
made free [John Rochester by apprenticeship]	John Rochester, late apprentice of Charles Crayker senior, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society and took the oath of Hance and paid 6s 5d.
	2nd November 1675
Bound[John Knapp apprenticed to Joseph Reeve]	John Knapp, son of John Knapp, late citizen and cooper of London, apprentice to Joseph Reeve, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from this day.

[216] Sir Nathaniel Hearne, c.1629-Aug1679, Master of the Barber Surgeons Company 1674. He had been apprentice to the Mayor, Sir John Frederick, and had married his daughter Judith. Ref: http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1660-1690/member/herne-sir-nathaniel-1629-79

[Sheet 144 REV IMG 0820]

The Account of Mr Peter Delaney, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1675

	£	s	d
Received of my predecessor, Mr John Wright late Treasurer, in full of the foot of his account ended as above	032	02	11
Received of Mr John Trevor for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1675	005	00	0
Received of Mr John Watts a year's rent due Michaelmas 1675	007	11	8
Received of Colonel Gower a year's rent due Michaelmas 1675	030	00	0
Owing by John Atkins of Boston in full of all rent due Michaelmas 1675 £9 7s 9d of which I have received	-	-	-
Received of the Mercer's Company a year's interest of £100 due the 16th of September 1675	006	00	0
Received of Mr Robert Rowland, one of the sureties of Mr Thomas Malyn, a member of this Company, which was due by bond	025	00	0
Received of Mr John Rochester, late apprentice to Mr Charles Crayker senior, his Hance money	000	06	5
Received more of my predecessor, Mr John Wright, which he abated of the foot of the bill and not entered into his account	000	05	2
Received	**106**	**06**	**2**
Paid	057	16	10
Rest	**048**	**09**	**4**
Owing by the Company of Mercers by bond 100-00-0			
Owing by Mr John Atkins of Boston for arrear of rent due Michaelmas 1675 009-12-9			
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 8th day of December 1675 by us whose names are here subscribed and there rests due to the Company as appears above [Signatures of:] Joseph Reeve, John Wright, Thomas Mansfeild, Charles Crayker senior, William Withers, Bernard Whittle	**048**	**09**	**4**

[Sheet 145 IMG 0820]

Money Paid	£	s	d
Paid: for the dinner held 30th November 1674	004	13	6
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a year's salary due Michaelmas 1675 by quarterly payment	004	00	0
Paid: John Godfrey, Clerk of the Company, for a year's fee due Michaelmas 1675	008	00	0
Paid: John Watts, the King's Receiver, a year's quit-rent due Michaelmas 1675 and for acquittance money	001	12	4
Paid: The Right Worshipful Mayor of the Staple a year's allowance due Michaelmas 1675, which was delivered 17th June 1675	010	00	0
Paid: for charges disbursed about receiving the 2 half year's rents	000	06	6
Paid: for election dinner the 25th of August 1675 as per bill	019	03	10
Paid: the woman for the strowings at Westminster	000	02	6
Paid: for dinner and expenses when the now Treasurer sealed his bond, being the 16th December 1674. 4s 5d	003	15	0
Paid: at a meeting with Mr Rowland at the Red Lion in Gracechurch Street the 22nd January 1674[1675], as per the bill	001	09	0
Paid: spent more at the Crown tavern by the Exchange the 5th March 1674 [1675] when a writ was ordered against Mr Atkins, as per the bill	001	02	3
Paid: at several other times, as per the bill	000	14	1
Paid: more for a dinner the 5th December 1675 at the Hoop tavern at the appointing of the audit	001	02	10
Paid: given to Mr John Mansfeild, Beadle, a gratuity	001	15	10
	057	**16**	**10**

	At the audit
Bound [Joseph Body John Musson]	Joseph Body, son of Joseph Body late of St Olaves in the Borough of Southwark gentleman, declared apprentice to John Musson, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from this day.

	[Sheet 145 REV IMG 0821]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 2nd day of August 1676 Present:

	Sir John Frederick Kt Mayor	Mr James Abrathat
	Mr Joseph Reeve }	Mr Charles Crayker junior
	Mr John Wright } Constables	Mr Samuel Lewin
	Mr Charles Crayker senior	Mr John Musson
	Mr William Bayley	Mr William Herbert
	Mr Bernard Whittle	Mr Daniel Rosewell
	Mr Peter Delaney Treasurer	Mr John Rochester

	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir John Frederick]	The Court, according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing, first nominated the Right Worshipful persons following: Sir John Frederick and Sir John Lawrence and then by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir John Frederick, who took his place and oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Sir Nathaniel Hearne]	Sir Nathaniel Hearne and Mr Charles Crayker senior being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put to election, choice was made of Sir Nathaniel Hearne to officiate that place.
Constables chosen [John Wright and Charles Crayker senior]	Mr John Wright, Major Thomas Mansfeild and Mr Charles Crayker senior being nominated for Constables of the Staple. The Court made choice of Mr John Wright and Mr Charles Crayker senior to bear that office for the year ensuing and both of them took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Charles Crayker junior]	Mr Charles Crayker junior and Mr Samuel Lewin being put to election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Charles Crayker junior to execute that place for the said year, who took the oath appertaining.

	[Sheet 146 IMG 0821]
Auditors chosen	The Court authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables, Mr Joseph Reeve, Mr William Withers, Major Thomas Mansfeild and Mr Bernard Whittle, or any 4 of them, to audit the account of Mr Peter Delaney, treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.
Mr Daniel Rosewell [lent £25]	The Court, upon the request of Mr Daniel Rosewell, did order that he should have the £25 lately paid in by Mr Thomas Maylin, he giving such security as the Company shall approve of.
William Carter [paid £5 gratuity re wool export prosecutions]	Upon reading of William Carter's petition to be considered for the trouble and charges he has been at in prosecuting those that transport wool into foreign parts, the Court, apprehending that he had and might thereby do good to the wool trade, ordered that the Treasurer should forthwith pay him £5 as a gratuity for his pains taken therein and also declared that if they find him do any further good therein, they might consider him more hereafter.
Bound [Anthony Ebbutt apprenticed to John Musson]	Anthony Ebbutt, son of Thomas Ebbutt late of Dartford in the county of Kent yeoman deceased, apprentice to John Musson, merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the day of the date.

[Sheet 146 REV IMG 0823]

The Account of Mr Peter Delaney, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1676

	£	s	d
Resting in my hands the last audit	048	09	4
Received of Mr John Trevor for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1676	005	00	0
Received of Mr John Atkins of Boston in full of all rent due at Michaelmas 1676	014	12	9
Received of Colonel Gower for half a year's rent due Lady Day 1676	015	00	0
Received of the Mercer's Company a year's interest of £100 due the 16th of September 1676	006	00	0
Received	089	02	1
Paid	056	09	3
Rest	**032**	**12**	**10**
Owing by the Company of Mercers by bond	100	00	0
Owing by Mr John Watts a year's rent due Michaelmas 1676	007	11	8
Owing by Colonel Gower ½ a year's rent die Michaelmas 1676	015	00	0
Memorandum this account was audited and allowed the 21st of November 1676 by us whose names are here subscribed. And there rests due to the Company as appears above £32 12s 10d besides Mr Watts' and Colonel Gower's arrears	**32**	**12**	**10**
[Signatures of:] John Wright, Charles Crayker senior, William Withers, Thomas Mansfeild, Joseph Reeve			

[Sheet 147 IMG 0823]

Money Paid

	£	s	d
Paid: for the audit dinner the 8th of December 1675	04	05	7
Paid: John Mansfeild a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1676 by quarterly payments	04	00	0
Paid: John Godfrey, Clerk of the Company, for a year's fee due Michaelmas 1676	08	00	0
Paid: Mr John Smith, the King's Receiver, a year's quit-rent due Michaelmas 1676 |& for acquittance	01	12	4
Paid: The Right Worshipful Mayor of the Staple a year's allowance due Michaelmas 1676 which was delivered the 8th of June 1676	10	00	0
Paid: for charges disbursed about receiving the divers half year's rents	00	07	0
Paid: Mr William Carter a gratuity given him at the last election Court held 2nd August 1676	05	00	0
Paid: spent at the Bear in Cornhill 12th January 1675[1676]	02	02	4
Paid: spent at the Bear in Cornhill 12th April 1676 about Mr Watts' lease and Mr Wright's bond	01	19	3
Paid: spent when the Company met to agree an answer to give Mr Whight in Colonel Gower's affair 7th June 1676	00	09	6
Paid: spent at the Bear in Cornhill about ordering the demand of Colonel Gower's rent and about the rent due from Mr Atkins of Boston	01	08	0
Paid: for the election dinner 2nd August 1676	15	11	11
Paid: given to John Mansfeild, Beadle, a gratuity	01	13	4
	56	**09**	**3**

	[Sheet 147 REV IMG 0824]
	The 10th of May 1677
Bound [apprentice Alexander Fisher to Samuel Lewin]	Alexander Fisher, son of Thomas Fisher, citizen and feltmaker of London, apprentice to Samuel Lewin, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from this day.
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 1st day of August 1677 Present: Sir John Frederick Kt Mayor — Mr Samuel Lewin Mr John Wright } — Mr William Bayley Mr Charles Crayker senior } Constables — Mr James Abrathat Mr Joseph Reeve — Mr John Musson Mr Peter Delaney — Mr Daniel Rosewell Mr Charles Crayker junior Treasurer — Mr Jacob Nurse — Mr William Herbert — Mr Robert Joyce
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir John Frederick]	The Court, according to their wonted custom, proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful persons following: Sir John Frederick and Sir John Lawrence. And then by the greatest number of hands, the choice fell upon Sir John Frederick who took his place and oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Sir Nathaniel Hearne]	Sir Nathaniel Hearne and Sir Charles Lloyd being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put to election, choice was made of Sir Nathaniel Hearne to officiate that place.
Constables chosen [Charles Crayker senior and Major Thomas Mansfeild]	Mr Charles Crayker senior, Major Thomas Mansfeild, Mr William Withers and Mr Peter Delaney being nominated for Constables of the Staple. The Court made choice of Mr Charles Crayker senior and Major Thomas Mansfeild to bear that office for the year ensuing and both of them took the oath appertaining.

	[Sheet 148 IMG 0824 & IMG 1367]
Treasurer chosen [Charles Crayker junior]	Mr Charles Crayker junior and Mr Samuel Lewin being put to election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Charles Crayker junior to continue and execute that place for the ensuing year.
Auditors chosen	The Court authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables, Mr William Withers, Mr Bernard Whittle, Mr Joseph Reeve and Mr John Wright, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr Charles Crayker junior, treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.
The [silver] seal [to be made perfect]	The Court desired the Constables to take care that the silver seal belonging to this Company be made perfect.
Old writings [to be reviewed]	Ordered that the Company's writings, now in Mr Crayker senior's hands, be looked over by the Constables attended by the Clerk and so many as are valuable to be inventoried and the same to be removed from Treasurer to treasurer in a box or hamper as may be most convenient.
Made free [Joseph Craner by apprenticeship]	Joseph Craner, late apprentice to Henry Cater, Merchant of the Staple of England, his service being attested by Mr John Wright, was now admitted into the freedom of this Society and took the oath of Hances and paid 6s 5d.
Made free [Charles Otway by apprenticeship]	Charles Otway, late apprentice to Charles Crayker senior, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now admitted into the freedom of this Society and took the oath of Hances and paid 6s 5d.

[Sheet 148 REV IMG 0825]

The Account of Charles Crayker junior, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1677

	£	s	d
Received of my predecessor Mr Peter Delaney in full of the balance of his account	032	12	10
Received of Mr Richard Gower a year's rent due Michaelmas 1677	030	00	0
Received of Mr John Watts by his hands of Mr Prudent Vlock a year's rent due Michaelmas 1677	007	11	8
Received of Sir John Trevor a year's rent due Michaelmas 1677 for the Wharf at Woolstaple Bridge	005	00	0
Received of Mr John Atkins of Boston a year's rent due Michaelmas 1677	005	00	0
Received of the Company of Mercers London a year's interest of £100 due 16th of September 1677	006	00	0
Next- I charge myself with arrears of rent due by Mr John Watts at Michaelmas 1676 as by my predecessor's account	007	11	8
Next- I charge myself with the arrears of rent due by Mr Richard Gower at Michaelmas 1676	015	00	0
Also: received of Mr Watts by Mr Vlock towards charges in law	001	02	6
Also: received of Mr Charles Otway his Hance money	000	06	5
Also: received of Mr Joseph Craner his Hance money	000	06	5
Received	**110**	**11**	**6**
Paid	071	12	9 ½
Rest	038	18	8 ½
Memorandum this account was audited and allowed the 4th of December 1677 by us whose names are here subscribed and there rests due to the Company as appears above [Signatures of:] Charles Crayker senior, Thomas Mansfeild, William Withers, Joseph Reeve, Bernard Whittle, John Wright	**038**	**18**	**8 ½**

[Sheet 149 IMG 0825]

Money Paid	£	s	d
Paid: for the audit dinner 21st November 1676 by Mr Peter Delaney the late Treasurer	006	19	5
Paid: charges of a view at Westminster as per bill	001	05	5
Paid: charges at the taking upon me the Treasury as per bill	003	13	9 ½
Paid: for a dinner at the Ship Ordinary in Bartholomew Lane as per bill	000	13	0
Paid: for a dinner at the Ship tavern in Bartholomew Lane as per bill	001	11	10
Paid: spent going to receive Mr Trevor's rent and paying Mr Smith the quit-rent	000	01	10
Paid: Mr John Smith, Receiver, a year's quit-rent due to the King's Majesty at Michaelmas 1677 and 2 acquittances	001	12	4
Paid: The Right Worshipful Mayor of the Staple a year's allowance due Michaelmas 1677 which was paid 7th June 1677	010	00	0
Paid: for sending a letter to Mr Gower and for a porter and spent then in the company of one of the Constables	000	00	6
Paid: spent at the Ship in Bartholomew Lane as per bill	000	19	0
Paid: for the election dinner the 1st of August 1677	018	07	6
Paid: at the Ship in Bartholomew Lane as per bill	001	05	6
Paid: for coach hire and coffee going to Highgate to Mr Gower	000	05	3
Paid: for water hire going to receive Mr Trevor's rent with Major Mansfeild and spent upon Mr Trevor	000	03	1
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1677 by quarterly payments	004	00	0
Paid: spent at the appointment of the audit	000	18	6
Paid: for sending a letter to Mr Gower for the remainder of the rent	000	00	4
Paid: John Godfrey, Clerk of the Company, a year's fee due Michaelmas 1677	008	00	0
Paid: for 2 hampers and 2 cords and spent at the taking over the writings	000	04	6
Also: I ask allowance for arrears of rent due by Mr Richard Gower at Michaelmas 1677	003	00	0
Also: I ask allowance for arrears of rent due by Mr John Atkins of Boston at Michaelmas 1677	002	10	0
Also: allowed John Godfrey, Clerk, for his pains in sorting of the Company's old writings in the hamper at Mr Charles Crayker senior's house	001	00	0
Also: paid: given Robert Joyce, a poor member of this Company, out of charity, he having been very sick	003	00	0
Also: paid: given John Mansfeild, Beadle, a gratuity	002	00	0
	071	**12**	**9 ½**

	[Sheet 149 REV IMG 0826]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 8th day of August 1678 Present: Sir John Frederick Kt Mayor — Mr John Musson Mr Charles Crayker senior } — Mr William Bayley Major Thomas Mansfeild } Constables — Mr James Abrathat Mr William Withers — Mr Daniel Rosewell Mr Joseph Reeve — Mr Jacob Nurse Mr John Wright — Mr William Herbert Mr Peter Delaney — Mr Charles Otway Mr Charles Crayker junior Treasurer — Mr John Rochester Mr Samuel Lewin
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir John Frederick]	The Court, according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing, first nominated the Right Worshipful persons following: Sir John Frederick and Sir John Lawrence. And then by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir John Frederick, who took his place and oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Sir Nathaniel Hearne]	Sir Nathaniel Hearne and Mr Charles Crayker senior being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing, choice was made of Sir Nathaniel Hearne to officiate that place.

	[Sheet 150 IMG 0826 & IMG 1369]
Constables chosen [Thomas Mansfeild & Peter Delaney]	Major Thomas Mansfeild, Mr William Withers and Mr Peter Delaney being nominated for Constables of the Staple, the Court made choice of Major Thomas Mansfeild and Mr Peter Delaney to bear that office for the year ensuing and both of them took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Samuel Lewin]	Mr Samuel Lewin and Mr John Musson being put to election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Samuel Lewin to execute that place for the said year, who took the oath appertaining.
Auditors chosen	The Court authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables, Mr Charles Crayker senior, Mr William Withers, Mr Joseph Reeve and Mr John Wright, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr Charles Crayker junior, treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.
Swearing [in] at Westminster [Clerk to research need]	The Clerk of this Company was ordered by this Court to search their records and to inform them at the next Court whether they are any ways obliged to go to Westminster to swear in the Mayor etc.
Mr Charles Crayker junior [£33 6s 8d for 3 more years]	The Court ordered that the £33 6s 8d now being due from Mr Charles Crayker junior shall be continued in his hands for 3 years more, upon giving sufficient security by bond.
Hamper of Writings [to go to the Treasurer]	Ordered that the hamper of writings in the possession of Mr Charles Crayker senior shall be delivered to Mr Samuel Lewin, Treasurer.
Made free [William Withers junior -patrimony]	Mr Withers, son of William Withers, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Fellowship by patrimony and paid his Hance money 6s 5d.
Made free [Ralph Clare-apprenticeship]	Ralph Clare, late apprentice to Samuel Lewin, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Fellowship and paid his Hance money 6s 5d.
Made free [Benjamin Crayker-patrimony]	Benjamin Crayker, son of Charles Crayker senior, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Fellowship by patrimony and paid his Hance money 6s 5d.
Bound [apprentice Matthew Smith]	Matthew Smith, son of Thomas Smith late of Penrith in the county of Cumberland yeoman deceased, apprentice to Charles Crayker junior, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 9 years from the day of the date.

[Sheet 150 REV IMG 0827]

The Account of Mr Charles Crayker junior, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1678

	£	s	d
Resting in my hands the last audit	038	18	8 ½
Received of Mr Richard Gower a year's rent due Michaelmas 1678	030	00	0
Received of Mr John Watts by the hands of Mr Nicholas Clarke a year's rent due Michaelmas 1678	007	11	8
Received of Sir John Trevor a year's rent due Michaelmas 1678 for the Wharf at Woolstaple Bridge	005	00	0
Received of Mr John Atkins of Boston a year's rent due Michaelmas 1678	005	00	0
Received of the Company of Mercers, London, a year's interest of £100 due 16th September 1678	006	00	0
Received of Mr William Withers junior his Hance money	000	06	5
Received of Mr Benjamin Crayker his Hance money	000	06	5
Received of Mr Ralph Clare his Hance money	000	06	5
Also: I charge myself with arrears of rent due by Mr Richard Gower at Michaelmas 1677	003	00	0
Also: I charge myself with the arrears of rent due by Mr John Atkins at Michaelmas 1677	002	10	0
Received	098	19	7 ½
Paid	068	12	9
Rest	**030**	**06**	**10 ½**
Owing by the Mercers' Company by bond 100-00-0			
Owing by John Atkins a year and a half's rent due Michaelmas 1678 007-10-0			
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 18th of November 1678 by us whose names are here subscribed. And there rests due to the Company as appears above	**030**	**06**	**10 ½**
[Signatures of:] Joseph Reeves, John Wright, Charles Crayker senior, Thomas Mansfeild, Peter Delaney, William Withers			

[Sheet 151 IMG 0827]

Money Paid	£	s	d
Paid: spent at the Bull Head tavern in Cheapside 4th December 1677 as per bill	005	04	9
Paid: spent at the said tavern 10th May 1678 as per bill	002	01	4
Paid: spent at the Ship tavern in Bartholomew Lane the 5th of June 1678 as per bill	001	13	8
Paid: spent at the Bull Head aforesaid 2nd August 1678 at the appointment of the election, as per bill	001	02	8
Paid: spent at the said Bull Head for the election dinner the 8th of August 1678, as per bill	021	00	5
Paid: spent with Major Mansfeild, Constable, 26th October 1678 for his advice in some concerns of the Company	000	02	0
Paid: spent at the receipt of Sir John Trevor's rent and water hire to Westminster and back again	000	01	10
Paid: spent at the Bull Head 1st of November 1678 at the appointment of the audit, as per bill	001	17	9
Paid: spent for water hire going to Major Mansfeild's about the appointment of the audit and bill of fare	000	01	0
Paid: the King's Majesty a year's quit-rent due Michaelmas 1678 and for acquittances	001	12	4
Paid: the 5th of June 1678 to the Right Worshipful Mayor of the Staple for a year's allowance due Michaelmas 1678 in the presence of Mr Charles Crayker senior, Major Thomas Mansfeild & Mr William Withers	010	00	0
Paid: John Godfrey, Clerk of the Company, a year's fee due Michaelmas 1678	008	00	0
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, for a year's salary due Michaelmas 1678 by quarterly payments	004	00	0
Also: I ask allowance for arrears of rent due by Mr John Atkins at Michaelmas 1678	007	10	0
Paid: Richard Gower in full of the 17 months' tax £2 2s 6d & for Trophy[217] taxes 5s - in all:	002	07	6
Paid: given John Mansfeild, Beadle, a gratuity	001	17	6
	068	**12**	**9**

[217] Trophy tax went towards the upkeep of the militia. The subject of a Parliamentary question in 1908. *The tax is levied by the local authorities and the War Office has no cognisance of the mode of collection.* https://api.parliament.uk/historic-hansard/commons/1908/apr/30/trophy-tax

	[Sheet 151 REV IMG 0828]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 23rd day of July 1679 Present: Sir John Frederick Kt — Mayor — Mr John Musson Sir Nathaniel Hearne Kt — Lieutenant — Mr James Abrathat Mr Peter Delaney — Constable — Mr Daniel Rosewell Mr Charles Crayker senior — Mr Jacob Nurse Mr William Withers senior — Mr John Rochester Mr Joseph Reeve — Mr Charles Otway Mr Charles Crayker junior — Mr William Herbert Mr Samuel Lewin — Treasurer — Mr Ralph Clare — Mr Benjamin Crayker
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir John Frederick]	The Court, according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing, first nominated the Right Worshipful persons following: Sir John Frederick and Sir John Lawrence. And then by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir John Frederick, who took his place and oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Sir Nathaniel Hearne]	Sir Nathaniel Hearne and Mr Charles Crayker senior being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put to election, choice was made of the said Sir Nathaniel Hearne who accepted the place. and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Peter Delaney & Charles Crayker junior]	Mr Peter Delaney, Mr Charles Crayker junior and Mr William Withers senior being nominated for Constables of the Staple, the Court made choice of Mr Peter Delaney and Mr Charles Crayker junior to bear that office for the year ensuing and both of them took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Samuel Lewin]	Mr Samuel Lewin and Mr John Musson being put to election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Samuel Lewin to continue and execute that place for the said ensuing year.

	[Sheet 152 IMG 0828]
Auditors chosen	The Court authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables, Mr Charles Crayker senior, Mr William Withers senior, Major Thomas Mansfeild and Mr Joseph Reeve, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr Samuel Lewin, Treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.
Fines for coming late [refunded]	Mr Reeve, Mr Musson and Mr Clare, coming too late, paid their half crowns apiece, but the Court being satisfied with the reasons thereof did upon their requests return them their money again.
To look out Colonel Gower's lease	The Court ordered their Clerk to produce Colonel Gower's counterpart of his lease at the next audit and then to take notice and satisfy the auditors how many years are yet to come and unexpired of this term in the said lease.
Made free [Esaias Jackson by apprenticeship]	Esaias Jackson, late apprentice to John Musson, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now admitted into the freedom of this Society and took the oath of Hance and paid his Hance money 6s 5d.
	The 20th of August 1679
Bound [apprentice John Wilkinson to Joseph Reeve]	John Wilkinson, son of Henry Wilkinson, late of Halifax in the county of York clothier deceased, Apprentice to Joseph Reeve, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from this day. Mr Constable Crayker junior present at the binding.
	The 10th February 1679 **[1680]**
Bound [apprentice Richard Smith to John Musson]	Richard Smith, son of Richard Smith citizen and butcher of London, Apprentice to John Musson, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from this day. Mr Constable Delaney present at the binding.
	The 16th February 1679 **[1680]**
Bound [apprentice Abel Wright to Isaiah Jackson]	Abell Wright, son of Abell Wright citizen and Merchant Taylor of London, Apprentice to Isaiah Jackson for 7 years from this day. Mr Constable Delaney present at the binding.
	The 21st June 1680
Bound [apprentice John Rogers to Peter Delaney]	John Rogers, son of John Rogers of Sutton in the county of Surrey yeoman, Apprentice to Peter Delaney, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 8 years from the day of the date. Mr Delaney being present - Constable.

[Sheet 152 REV IMG 0830]

The Account of Mr Samuel Lewin, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1679

	£	s	d
Received of my predecessor Mr Charles Crayker junior in full of the balance of his account	030	06	10 ½
Received of Mr Richard Gower a year's rent due Michaelmas 1679	030	00	0
Received of Mr John Watts a year's rent due Michaelmas 1679	007	11	8
Received of Sir John Trevor Kt a year's rent due Michaelmas 1679 for the Wharf at Woolstaple Bridge	005	00	0
Received of Mr John Atkins of Boston a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1679	005	00	0
Received of the Company of Mercers London a year's interest of £100 due 16th September 1679	006	00	0
Received of Mr Esaias Jackson his Hance money	000	06	5
Also: I charge myself with arrears of rent due by John Atkins at Michaelmas 1678	007	10	0
Received	091	14	11 ½
Paid	083	18	9
Rest	007	16	2 ½
Memorandum this account was audited and allowed the 19th of November 1679 by us whose names are here subscribed. And there rests due to the Company as appears above [Signatures of:] Charles Crayker, William Withers, Joseph Reeve, Peter Delaney, Charles Crayker junior	**007**	**16**	**2½**

[Sheet 153 IMG 0830]

Money Paid	£	s	d
Paid: spent 18th November 1678 being the audit day	006	08	10
Paid: spent 22nd November 1678 when the treasurer's bond was sealed	004	10	4
Paid: the charges of a view at Westminster 28th April 1679, as per bill	000	06	11
Paid: the Right Worshipful Mayor of the Staple a year's allowance due Michaelmas 1679, which was paid 12th July 1679 in the presence of Mr Crayker senior, Mr withers & Mr Reeve	010	00	0
Paid: spent 18th July 1679 at the appointing of the election Court, as per bill	002	11	0
Paid: spent 23rd Jul 1679 on the election day at the Bull head tavern in Cheapside, as per bill	018	08	1
Paid: spent the day after the election, as per bill	001	14	0
Paid: spent 10th September 1679 at the Ship in Bartholomew Lane, as per bill	001	00	0
Paid: spent 20th October 1679 with Mr Constable Crayker at the receipt of Mr Trevor's rent and looking after Mr Watts	000	02	7
Paid: the King's Majesty a year's quit-rent due Michaelmas 1679 and for acquittance	001	12	4
Paid: spent at the appointment of the audit	001	06	6
Paid: allowed Mr Gower for taxes	001	13	6
Paid: spent at the receipt of Mr Gower's rent	000	05	0
Paid: John Godfrey, Clerk of the Company, a year's fee due at Michaelmas 1679	008	00	0
Paid: John Mansfeild, beadle, a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1679	004	00	0
Also: I ask allowance for arrears of rent due by John watts at Michaelmas 1679	007	11	8
Also: I ask allowance for arrears of rent due by John Atkins at Michaelmas 1679	012	10	0
Paid: given John Mansfeild, Beadle, a gratuity	001	18	0
	083	**18**	**0**

	[Sheet 153 REV IMG 0831]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 4th day of August 1680 Present: Sir John Frederick Kt & Alderman Mayor — Mr John Musson Mr Peter Delaney } — Mr Daniel Roswell Mr Charles Crayker junior } Constables — Mr Jacob Nurse Mr Thomas Mansfeild — Mr Charles Otway Mr Joseph Reeve — Mr William Withers junior Mr William Bayley — Mr Benjamin Crayker Mr John Wright — Mr John Godfrey senior
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir John Frederick]	The Court, according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing, first nominated the Right Worshipful persons following: Sir John Frederick and Sir John Lawrence. And then by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir John Frederick, who took his place and oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Charles Crayker senior]	Mr Charles Crayker senior and Mr William Withers senior being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put to election, choice was made of the said Mr Charles Crayker senior, who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Charles Crayker junior & William Withers senior]	Mr Charles Crayker junior, Mr William Withers senior and Mr Joseph Reeve being nominated for Constables of the Staple, the Court made choice of Mr Charles Crayker junior and Mr William Withers senior to bear that office for the year ensuing.
Treasurer chosen [John Musson]	Mr John Musson and Mr Daniel Roswell being put to election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr John Musson to execute that place for the said year, who took the oath appertaining.
Auditors chosen	The Court authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant & Constables, Major Mansfeild, Mr Reeve & Mr Delaney, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr Samuel Lewin, Treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.

	[Sheet 154 IMG 0831]
Christ's Hospital [lease]	Upon the request of the Treasurer and others who came of the Committee on behalf of Christ's Hospital that the Court grant them an additional term of 62 years in 3 small rooms now in the occupation of the said hospital tenant in regard the house and rooms must of necessity be new built. The Court finding that the first room which is 2 storeys high contains in length but 10 foot 4 inches and about 7 foot 8 inches in breadth, they proffered to make them such a lease in reversion of their present term of 37 years, as the gentlemen now present desired, upon condition the said Hospital would pay this Company 20 guineas. But the Committee aforesaid did not accept the proffer in regard they declared that thought it too dear.
Made free [Joseph Barber by apprenticeship]	Joseph Barber, late apprentice to Joseph Reeve Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society and took the oath of Hances and paid his Hance money 6s 5d.
Bound [apprentice William Miller to Charles Crayker senior]	William Miller, son of Thomas Miller late citizen and weaver of London deceased, Apprentice to Charles Crayker senior, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 9 years from the date.
Bound [John Thorp apprentice to Benjamin Crayker]	John Thorp, son of William Thorp of Queniborough in the county of Leicester yeoman, Apprentice to Benjamin Crayker, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the date.
[Apprentices] inrolled.	The said William Miller, apprentice to the said Charles Crayker senior, and the said John Thorp, apprentice to the said Benjamin Crayker, were both this day inrolled before Sir John Fredrick Kt & Alderman, Mayor of the Staple and one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace.
	The 19th August 1680
Bound [apprentice Richard Richardson to Daniel Rosewell]	Richard Richardson, son of Simon Richardson of the parish of St Martins in the Fields in the county of Middlesex parchment maker, Apprentice to Daniel Rosewell, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 9 years from the date. Mr Constable Crayker junior present.
	The 14th April 1681
Bound [apprentice John Lewin to Samuel Lewin]	John Lewin, son of Samuel Lewin, Merchant of the Staple of England, Apprentice to his said father Samuel Lewin for 7 years from the date. Mr Constable Withers senior present.
	The 11th July 1681
Bound [apprentice William Cullen to John Musson]	William Cullen, son of William Cullen late of Fordige [Fordwich] in the county of Kent gentleman deceased, Apprentice to John Musson, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the date. Mr Constable Crayker junior present.

[Sheet 154 REV IMG 0832]

The Account of Mr Samuel Lewin, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England, for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1680

Charge	£	s	d
Resting in my hands the last audit	007	16	2 ½
Mr Richard Gower for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1680	030	00	0
Mr John Watts for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1680	007	11	8
Sir John Trevor Kt for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1680 for the Wharf at Woolstaple Bridge	005	00	0
Mr John Atkins of Boston for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1680	005	00	0
The Company of Mercers London for a year's interest of £100 at 5% and due 16th September 1680	005	00	0
Joseph Barber for his Hance money	000	06	5
Also: I charge myself with the arrears of rent due by John Watts at Michaelmas 1679	007	11	8
Also: I charge myself with the arrears of rent due by John Atkins at Michaelmas 1679	012	10	0
Received: 16th July 1680 of Mr John Wright the principal money due by bond	025	00	0
Received:	105	15	11½
Paid:	066	06	5
Rest:	039	09	6 ½
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 24th of November 1680 by us whose names are hereunder subscribed. And there rests due to the Company as appears above [Signatures of:] Charles Crayker, Thomas Mansfeild, Charles Crayker junior, Joseph Reeve, William Withers	**039**	**09**	**6 ½**

[Sheet 155 IMG 0832]

Discharge	£	s	d
Paid: spent 19th November 1679 being audit day	006	09	10
Paid: charges of a view at Westminster 26th November 1679	000	09	7
Paid: spent at a meeting of the Constables and others of the Company 13th February 1679 [1680]	000	19	0
Paid: spent at a meeting of the Constables and others about Mr Atkin's business 16th March 1679 [1680]	002	09	6
Paid: the Right Worshipful Mayor of the Staple a year's allowance due Michaelmas 1680 on 16th June 1680	010	00	0
Paid: spent at a meeting of the Constables and others at the appointment of the election Court 29th July 1680	000	19	8
Paid: spent on the election day at the Bull Head tavern in Cheapside 4th August 1680	017	01	4
Paid: spent at receiving the Company's rents the year past	000	08	6
Paid: the King's Majesty a year's quit-rent due Michaelmas 1680 & for acquittances	001	12	4
Paid: allowed Mr Richard Gower in full of all taxes due at Michaelmas 1680	001	12	0
Paid: John Godfrey, Clerk of the Company, a year's fee due Michaelmas 1680	008	00	0
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1680	004	00	0
Also: I ask allowance for arrears of rent due by John Watts at Michaelmas 1680	007	11	8
Also: I ask allowance for arrears of rent due by John Atkins at Michaelmas 1680	002	10	0
Paid: given John Mansfeild, Beadle, a gratuity	002	00	0
Paid: spent at a meeting of the Constables when the Mayor was paid	000	03	0
	066	**06**	**5**

	[Sheet 155 REV IMG 0833]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 17th of August 1681 Present: Sir John Frederick Kt & Alderman Mayor — Mr Samuel Lewin Mr Charles Crayker senior Lieutenant — Mr John Musson Treasurer Mr Charles Crayker junior } — Mr Daniel Rosewell Mr William Withers senior } Constables — Mr William Neale Joseph Reeve Esquire Sherriff of Surrey — Mr Benjamin Crayker Major Thomas Mansfeild — Mr Jacob Nurse Mr John Bayley — Mr John Rochester Mr John Wright — Mr Joseph Barker
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir John Frederick]	The Court, according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing, first nominated the Right Worshipful persons following: Sir John Frederick and Sir John Lawrence. And then by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir John Frederick, who took his place and oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Charles Crayker senior]	Mr Charles Crayker senior and Mr William Withers senior being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put to election, choice was made of the said Mr Charles Crayker senior, who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [William Withers senior & Samuel Lewin]	Mr William Withers senior, Mr Samuel Lewin and Joseph Reeve Esquire being nominated for Constables of the Staple, the Court made choice of Mr William Withers senior and Mr Samuel Lewin to bear that office for the year ensuing and both of them took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [John Musson]	Mr John Musson and Mr Daniel Roswell being put to election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr John Musson to execute that place for the said year, who took the oath appertaining.
Auditors chosen	The Court authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant & Constables, Joseph Reeve Esq., Major Mansfeild, Mr John Wright and Mr Charles Crayker junior, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr John Musson, Treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.

	[Sheet 156 IMG 0833]
Mr Charles Crayker junior [to continue his money]	The £33 6s 8d in Mr Charles Crayker junior's hands, which will be due to the Company in November next, the term of the bond being then out, it was ordered that he continue it, provided he gives such surety as the Company shall like.
Mr Joseph Barker [to have £25] [Peter Delaney dead]	The Court ordered that the £25 in the hands of the executors of Mr Delaney be forthwith called in, which they now granted to Mr Joseph Barker, provided he gives such security as the Company shall approve.
[Joseph Hearne] made free	Mr Joseph Hearne, merchant, son in law to the Right Worshipful Sir John Frederick, Mayor, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of the Company by the unanimous consent of this Court, and he paid 6s 5d for Hance money
[Kellam Merry by apprenticeship] made free	Kellam Merry, late apprentice to Samuel Lewin, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society. and he paid 6s 5d for the Hance money.
The measures and draught of the houses at Westminster to be taken.	The Court finding it necessary to have the dimensions of their houses and ground at Westminster taken and a fair draft thereof to be made, ordered that Mr Marr should do it and desired the Lieutenant and Constables, Esquire Reeves, Major Mansfeild, the Treasurer and the Clerk, or any 3 or more of them, to go with the said Mr Marr and show him where the Company's ground and houses lie, together with the bounds thereof.
	The 5th April 1682
	Memorandum that William Miller, apprentice to Charles Crayker senior, declared himself willing to be turned over to and to serve Mr Charles Crayker junior of London, Stapler, and accordingly was turned over by his first master, Charles Crayker senior, to Charles Crayker junior in the presence of the Right Worshipful Sir John Frederick Kt & Alderman of the City of London & Mayor of the Staple of England and in the presence of Mr William Withers, Constable of the said Staple.

[Sheet 156 REV IMG 0834]

The Account of Mr John Musson, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1681

Charge	£	s	d
Received: of my predecessor Mr Sam Lewin in full of the balance of his account	039	09	6 ½
Mr Richard Gower for a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1681	030	00	0
Mr John Watts .. arrears for a tenement at Woolstaple Bridge	-	-	-
Sir John Trevor for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1681 for the Wharf at Woolstaple Bridge	005	00	0
Mr John Atkins of Boston for a year's rent due then	005	00	0
The Company of Mercers London for a year's interest of £100 at 5% a year due 16th September 1681	005	00	0
Mr Joseph Hearne for his Hance money	000	06	5
Kellam Merry for his Hance money	000	06	5
Received the 23rd November 1681 of Mrs Delaney principal money due by bond at the death of her late husband Mr Peter Delaney	025	00	0
Also: I charge myself with the arrears of rent due by John Watts .. due Michaelmas 1680	007	11	8
Also: I charge myself with the arrears of rent due by John Atkins at Michaelmas 1680	002	10	0
Received	120	04	0 ½
Paid	077	11	7
Rest	042	12	5 ½
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 29th of November 1681 by us whose names are here subscribed and there rests due to the Company as appears above [Signatures of:] Charles Crayker senior, William Withers, Joseph Reeve, Samuel Lewin, John Wright, Charles Crayker junior	**042**	**12**	**5 ½**

[Sheet 157 IMG 0834]

Discharge	£	s	d
Paid: spent 24th November 1680 being audit day	07	12	3
Paid: spent 15th January 1680 [1681] when the Lieutenant, Major Mansfeild, the Treasurer and the Clerk went to Westminster	00	06	5
Paid: spent 15th April 1681 when the demand of rent was made upon the premises of the late Mr John Watts	00	05	5
Paid: spent 26th April 1681 in receiving Sir John Trevor's rent	00	02	3
Paid: the Right Worshipful Sir John Frederick, Mayor of the Staple, a year's allowance due Michaelmas 1681 on 27th May 1681	10	00	0
Paid: spent at the Swan tavern when some members of the Company went to wait on the Mayor	01	05	0 ½
Paid: 31st May 1681 Mr Sanders, the counsellor 10s Coach hire 2s	00	12	0
Paid: 13th July 1681 at the Ship tavern in Bartholomew Lane	00	15	1 ½
Paid: 30th July 1681 for padlocks when possession was taken of the tenement of the late Watts	00	08	0
Paid: spent 17th August 1681 on the election day at the Bull Head tavern in Cheapside	15	19	6
Paid: spent 8th August 1681 at the appointment of the election day	00	15	0
Paid: spent 27th August 1681 at the Dog tavern Westminster -a survey of the Company's land	01	03	0
Paid: 7th October 1681 at Westminster meeting the Governors of Christ's Hospital	00	07	0
Paid: 17th October 1681 the Beadle for money laid out upon the Company's account	00	03	11
Paid: the King's Majesty a year's quit-rent due Michaelmas 1681 and for acquittances	01	12	4
Paid: 31st October 1681 the Clerk of the Company for money laid out on the Company's acct	00	05	4
Paid: for Oranges & Lemons used at the last election dinner	00	04	0
Paid: spent at the receipt of Michaelmas rents	00	03	0
Paid: spent 18th Nov 1681 at the ship tavern in Bartholomew Lane	00	09	0
Paid: spent 23rd Nov 1681 in coach hire to Fleet Street to speak with the Attorney of Boston	00	02	0
Paid: spent 25th Nov 1681 at the Ship tavern Bartholomew Lane at appointment of the audit	00	09	0
Paid: John Godfrey senior, Clerk of the Company, a year's fee	08	00	0
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a year's salary due then	04	00	0
Also: I ask allowance for arrears of rent due by John Watts at Michaelmas 1680	07	11	8
Also: I ask allowance for arrears of rent due by John Atkins at Michaelmas 1681	07	10	0
Paid: given Mr John Marr, surveyor, for drawing the ground plot of the Company's houses and land at Westminster	03	00	0
Paid: John Godfrey senior, Clerk, for his pains taken in the Company's business the year past - a gratuity	02	00	0
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a gratuity for his pains taken in the Company's service the year past	02	10	0
	77	**11**	**7**

	[Sheet 157 REV IMG 0835]
	At an Election Court of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 30th of May 1682 Present: Sir John Frederick Kt & Alderman — Mayor — Mr John Musson — Treasurer Mr Charles Crayker senior — Lieutenant — Mr Daniel Rosewell Mr William Withers senior } Constables — Mr Jacob Nurse Mr Samuel Lewin } Constables — Mr Benjamin Crayker Major Thomas Mansfeild — Mr John Rochester Joseph Reeve Esquire — Mr Joseph Barker Mr Joseph Hearne — Mr Kellam Merry
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir John Frederick]	The Court, according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing, first nominated the Right Worshipful persons following: Sir John Frederick and Sir John Lawrence. And then by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir John Frederick, who took his place and oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Charles Crayker senior]	Mr Charles Crayker senior and Mr William Withers senior being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put to election, choice was made of the said Mr Charles Crayker senior, who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Samuel Lewin & Joseph Reeve]	Mr Samuel Lewin, Joseph Reeve Esquire and Major Thomas Mansfeild being nominated for Constables of the Staple, the Court made choice of Mr Samuel Lewin and Joseph Reeve Esquire to bear that office for the year ensuing and both of them took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Daniel Rosewell]	Mr Daniel Roswell and Mr William Withers junior being put to election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Daniel Rosewell to execute that place for the said year, who took the oath appertaining.
Auditors chosen	The Court authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant & Constables, Mr Joseph Hearne, Mr William Withers senior, Major Thomas and Mr Charles Crayker junior, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr John Musson, Treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.

	[Sheet 158 IMG 0835 & IMG 1371]
Order to repair and let the house at Woolstaple Dock.	The Court taking into consideration the loss that the Company has sustained by the standing empty of the house at Woolstaple Dock late John Watts's by reason of the great want there is of repairs ..... about the same. Thought fit that the said house be forthwith repaired for the better encouragement of such person or persons as shall desire to take the same. And to that end and purpose, the Court desired and authorised Mr Charles Crayker senior, Lieutenant of the Staple, Major Mansfeild & the Treasurer for the time being, attended by the Clerk, to agree with some able workman or workmen to repair the said house. And upon finishing the said repairs, the Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay the money for the same according to such agreement. And then, or as soon, and at the best rate they can they are also desired and empowered to let the said house so repaired to any sufficient and able person that is willing to take a lease thereof.
	5th July 1682
Bound [apprentice John Denton to Joseph Reeve]	John Denton, son of Samuel Denton in the parish of Halifax in the county of York clothier, Apprentice to Joseph Reeve Esquire, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the date. Bound in the presence of Samuel Lewin and his Master - the Constables.
	27th October 1682
Bound [apprentice John Markes to John Musson]	John Markes, son of Richard Markes citizen and haberdasher of London, Apprentice to John Musson, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the date. Bound in the presence of Mr Samuel Lewin, Constable.
	1 July 1683
Bound [apprentice Joseph Byard to Joseph Reeve]	Joseph Byard, son of Ralph Byard of London, fishmonger, Apprentice to Joseph Reeve, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the date. Bound in the presence of Mr Samuel Lewin and his Master - Constables.

[Sheet 158 REV IMG 0836]

The Account of Mr John Musson, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1682

Charge	£	s	d
Resting in my hands the last audit	042	12	5 ½
Mr Richard Gower for a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1682	030	00	0
Mr John Watts assignees for a tenement at Woolstaple Bridge, now let to Mrs Elizabeth Barley for 31 years to commence from Midsummer next 1683 at the rent of £7 7s 4d a year. And free of taxes - upon consideration of new building the premises according to the direction of the Act of Parliament for second rate buildings. And she to finish the building by Midsummer 1683. And to confirm the said agreement she paid 7s.	000	01	0
Sir John Trevor for a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1682 for the Wharf at Woolstaple Bridge	005	00	0
Mr John Atkins of Boston for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1682	005	00	0
The Company of Mercers London for a year's interest of £100 due the 16th September 1682 at 5% a year	005	00	0
Received the 2nd November 1682 of Mrs Elizabeth White in full of an agreement made with this Company for law charges and other expenses about the encroachment made by the builders of the houses adjoining to their houses late the Woolstaple Hall in Westminster	015	00	0
Also: I charge myself with arrears of rent due by John Watts' assignees at Michaelmas 1680	007	11	8
Also: I charge myself with arrears of rent due by John Atkins at Michaelmas 1681	007	10	0
Received	**117**	**15**	**1 ½**
Paid	077	17	0
Rest	**039**	**18**	**1 ½**
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 21st day of November 1682 by us whose names are hereunder subscribed and there rests due to the Company as appears above [Signatures of:] Charles Crayker, Samuel Lewin, Joseph Reeve, William Withers, Thomas Mansfeild, Charles Crayker junior	039	18	1 ½

[Sheet 159 IMG 0836]

Discharge	£	s	d
Paid: spent the 29th November 1681 being the audit day	04	14	10
Paid: spent the 17th January 1681[1682] going to Westminster with the Company attorney	00	06	0
Paid: spent 16th May 1682 at the Bull Head in Cheapside	01	19	10
Paid: the Right Worshipful Sir John Frederick, Mayor of the Staple, a year's allowance due Michaelmas 1682 on 17th May 1682	10	00	0
Paid: spent 30th May 1682 on the election day at the Bull Head tavern in Cheapside	16	15	0
Paid: spent 2nd June 1682 in going twice on Company business to Westminster	00	07	6
Paid: spent 10th June 1682 in going again to Westminster upon the Company's business	00	04	0
Paid: 26th July 1682 for a small collation	00	08	10
Paid: spent 29th September 1682 Mr Normansell the Attorney as per bill	04	15	0
Paid: spent 5th October 1682 at the Castle Ordinary in Bartholomew Lane	00	16	6
Paid: John Godfrey, Clerk of the Company, a year's fee due at Michaelmas 1682	08	00	0
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a year's salary due then	04	00	0
Paid: spent 27th October 1682 at the Castle Ordinary	01	08	4
Paid: 1st November 1682 to Mr John Oliver, surveyor, 4 guineas[218]	04	06	0
Paid: then at the Greyhound tavern in the Palace yard in Westminster when divers of the Company with Mr Oliver met with Mr White and made an agreement about the encroachment.	01	09	2
Paid: the King's Majesty a year's quit-rent due Michaelmas 1682 and acquittances	01	12	4
Paid: spent at the receiving the Company's rents the year past	00	12	0
Also: I ask allowance for arrears of rent due by John Watts assignees at Michaelmas 1680	07	11	8
Also: I ask allowance for arrears of rent due by John Atkins at Michaelmas 1682	05	00	0
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, for a gratuity for the year past: he having taken extraordinary pains therefore - to be no precedent for the future	03	10	0
	77	**17**	**0**

[218] The guinea still had a variable worth due to the fluctuating value of gold; here it appears to have been worth £1 1s 6d.

	[Sheet 159 REV IMG 0837]
	At an Election Court of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 29th August 1683 Present: Sir John Frederick Kt & Alderman — Mayor — Mr Benjamin Crayker Mr Charles Crayker senior — Lieutenant — Mr Kellam Merry Mr Samuel Lewin } — Mr Jacob Nurse Mr Joseph Reeve } Constables — Mr Clement Hiller Mr Charles Crayker junior — Mr Charles Otway Mr John Musson — Mr John Rochester Mr Daniel Rosewell — Treasurer
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir John Frederick]	The Court, according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing, first nominated the Right Worshipful persons following: Sir John Frederick and Sir John Moore[219]. And then by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir John Frederick, who took his place and oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Charles Crayker senior]	Mr Charles Crayker senior and Joseph Reeve Esquire being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put to election, choice was made of the said Mr Charles Crayker senior, who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Joseph Reeve & John Musson]	Joseph Reeve Esquire, Mr John Musson and Major Thomas Mansfeild being nominated for Constables of the Staple, the Court made choice of Joseph Reeve Esquire and Mr John Musson to bear that office for the year ensuing and both of them took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Daniel Rosewell]	Mr Daniel Roswell, Mr William Withers & Mr Benjamin Crayker being put to election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Daniel Roswell to execute that place for the said year, who took the oath appertaining.
Auditors chosen	The Court authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant & Constables, Mr William Withers senior, Mr Charles Crayker junior and Mr Samuel Lewin, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr Daniel Roswell, Treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.
Woolstaple Dock [petition from Samuel Baker for new lease dismissed]	Mr Samuel Baker, the only surviving lessee who now holds the Woolstaple Dock at Westminster, wherein he has about 4 years yet to come, now petitioning that this Court would grant him a new lease of the premises for 31 years. The Court, having heard his petition read, acquainted him that his lease was not within 3 years of out, nor were they resolved as yet to grant any new lease of the premises, and so dismissed him.
Woolstaple Dock [Mrs Barley]	Mrs Barley also appeared at this Court and moved that she might have a lease granted her of the Woolstaple Dock and acquainted them that without she had the lease thereof granted, she could not build the contiguous house. Whereupon the Court encouraged her to go on with her building and to pay the rent according to agreement, in regard the Company intends to gratify her request when they see her proceed in the new building at the aforesaid house. Which she promised to do so soon as the ensuing winter is past, and in the meantime she promised to pay the rent and to prepare all things in a readiness for the work.

[219] Sir John Moore (1620-1702), Grocer's company, Lord Mayor 1681-2, President Christ's Hospital, a major merchant in lead https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1660-1690/member/moore-sir-john-1620-1702

	[Sheet 160 IMG 0837 & IMG 1374]
Christ's Hospital	A committee authorised by Christ's Hospital appearing the Court held at Westminster and moving that so much time may be granted to the said hospital in the rooms and ground which lies in the hospital's new built tenements at the end of the Company's houses at Westminster as may make up the term the hospital has from Mr Gower, the Company's tenant 99 years. The Court, having not now time to consider the proposition, referred the consideration thereof to the auditors already appointed for the examination of the Treasurer's account in November next and gave them full power to do therein what they conceive meet and reasonable. And further directed that the Treasurer of the said hospital shall have notice so soon as the audit day shall be appointed that they may attend their own affair.
Made free [Joseph Crayker by patrimony]	Joseph Crayker, son of Charles Crayker senior, Merchant of the staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society. And he paid 6s 5d Hance money
Made free [Joseph Body by apprenticeship]	Joseph Body, late apprentice to John Musson, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now admitted into the freedom of this society and took the oath of Hance and paid his Hance money 6s 5d.
	14th July 1684
Bound [Daniel Norton apprentice to Samuel Lewin]	Daniel Norton, son of Daniel Norton in the parish of St Mary Magdalene Bermondsey in the county of Surrey gluemaker, Apprentice to Samuel Lewin, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the day of the date. Bound by the consent of Joseph Reeve Esquire, Constable.

[Sheet 160 REV IMG 0838]

The Account of Mr Daniel Roswell, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England, for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1683

Charge	£	s	d
Received of my predecessor, Mr John Musson, in full of the balance of his account	039	18	1½
Mr Richard Gower for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1683	030	00	0
Mrs Elizabeth Barley for a quarter's rent of the tenement at Woolstaple Bridge, late [of Mr] Watts', which is to be new built at £7 12s 4d a year	001	18	1
Sir John Trevor for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1683 for the Wharf at Woolstaple Bridge	005	00	0
Mr [gap] Palfreman, late John Atkins of Boston, for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1683	005	00	0
The Company of Mercers London for a year's interest of £100 due 16th September 1683 at 5% a year	005	00	0
Mr Joseph Crayker for his Hance money	000	06	5
Mr Joseph Body for his Hance money	000	06	5
Received the arrears of rent due by John Atkins at Michaelmas 1682	005	00	0
Received	**092**	**09**	**0 ½**
Paid	057	12	5
Rest	**034**	**16**	**7 ½**
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 28th of November 1683 by us whose names are here subscribed and there rests due to the Company as appears above	34	16	7 ½
Besides £7 11s 8d for arrears of rent due by John Watts' assignees at Michaelmas 1680, which arrears being desperate we have therefore ordered a do hereby order that it be not charged in this nor any future account unless it be received. Witness our hands [Signatures of:] Charles Crayker, Joseph Reeve, William Withers, John Musson, Charles Crayker junior, Samuel Lewin			

[Sheet 161 IMG 0838]

Discharge	£	s	d
Paid: spent 21st November 1682 being the audit day	05	09	4
Paid: spent 30th November 1682 at the Hoop tavern in Fleet Street	00	10	0
Paid: the Right worshipful Sir John Frederick Kt Mayor of the Staple a year's allowance due Michaelmas 1683	10	00	0
Paid: spent 8th August 1683 at the Sun tavern in Threadneedle Street at the appointment of the election day	02	14	6
Paid: spent 29th August 1683 being election day at the Bull Head tavern in Cheapside	20	02	6
Paid: spent 9th August 1683 at the Sun tavern in Threadneedle Street	00	07	8
Paid: 6th July 1683 Mr John Normansell attorney in full of his bill	01	18	10
Paid: 9th November 1683 Mr Gower a Trophy tax	00	01	0
Paid: the King's Majesty a year's quit-rent due Michaelmas 1683 & acquittances	01	12	4
Paid: John Godfrey senior, Clerk of the Company, a year's fee due Michaelmas 1683	08	00	0
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a year's salary due Michaelmas 1683	04	00	0
Paid: spent at several times in receiving the Company's rents	00	11	3
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a gratuity for his pains taken in the Company's service the year past	02	05	0
	57	**12**	**5**

	[Sheet 161 REV IMG 0839]
	At an Election Court of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 6th August 1684 **Present:** Sir John Frederick Kt — Mayor Mr Charles Crayker senior — Lieutenant Joseph Reeve Esquire — Constable Mr Charles Crayker junior Mr Samuel Lewin Mr Daniel Roswell — Treasurer Mr William Withers junior Mr Benjamin Crayker Mr Kellam Merry Mr Joseph Barker Mr Clement Hiller Mr Joseph Crayker Mr Joseph Body Mr Charles Otway Mr John Rochester
	The Acts of the last court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir John Frederick]	The Court, according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing, first nominated the Right Worshipful persons following: Sir John Frederick and Sir John Moore Kts. And then by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir John Frederick, who took his place and oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Charles Crayker senior]	Mr Charles Crayker senior and Joseph Reeve Esquire being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put to election, choice was made of the said Mr Charles Crayker senior, who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [John Musson & Charles Crayker junior]	Mr John Musson, Mr Charles Crayker junior and Mr William Withers senior being nominated for Constables of the Staple, the Court made choice of Mr John Musson and Mr Charles Crayker junior to bear that office for the year ensuing. And Mr Charles Crayker junior being present took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [William Withers junior]	Mr William Withers junior & Mr Benjamin Crayker being put to election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr William Withers junior to execute that place for the said year, who took the oath appertaining.
Auditors chosen	The Court authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant & Constables, Joseph Reeve Esquire, Mr William Withers senior and Mr Samuel Lewin, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr Daniel Roswell, Treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.

	[Sheet 162 IMG 0839]
[Agreement - about new building of the tenement at Woolstaple Bridge- with] Elizabeth Barley	Whereas it was agreed the 1st day of November 1682 by and between a committee of this Company on behalf of the Company and Elizabeth Barley of the City of Westminster, corn chandler, on her own behalf: that the said widow shall well and substantially new build from the ground the ruinous tenement, lying and being in the Wool Staple near the Dock there, according to the purport of the Act of Parliament for new buildings in the City of London: of such thickness of walls, scantlings[220] of timber, and all other materials belonging thereunto mentioned in the scheme and the aforesaid Act for houses of second rate building fronting streets and lanes of note. That the said Company shall grant to the said widow a lease of the said tenement for the term of [gap] years to commence from Midsummer 1683 at the yearly rent of £7 12s 4d a year. To be paid free of all taxes and charges whatsoever, except the fee farmer rent due to his Majesty of 32s 4d and she to be bound to repairs and all other covenants as in the late tenant's lease of the said house.
[Elizabeth Barley -Term of lease to be 41 years]	And whereas the said widow appeared at this Court and desired that in regard she is now actually building the said tenement, that her term may be 41 years - which was left blank in the aforementioned agreement - and that she may also have a new lease of the Woolstaple Dock in reversion of the lease thereof now in being, without which she declared her house would be but of little value to her. The Court, upon due consideration of the premises, and for the encouragement of the said widow in her building, granted that her term in the said house, from the time before agreed, shall be 41 years.
[Elizabeth Barley -New lease for the Dock]	And further they agreed that, in case she do forthwith well and substantially new-build the aforesaid house, that then when she shall have performed her part in that behalf they will then forthwith grant her a new lease of the said Dock, in reversion of the present lease, for the same reserved in the lease yet in being.
Made free [Alexander Fisher by apprenticeship]	Alexander Fisher, late apprentice to Samuel Lewin, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society. And he paid 6s 5d for his Hance money.
	7th August 1684
Bound [apprentice Thomas Franklin to Alexander Fisher]	Thomas Franklin, son of Richard Franklin late of St Olave's Southwark in the county of Surrey brewer deceased, Apprentice to Alexander Fisher, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the date. Bound in the presence of Mr John Musson, Constable.

[220] Scantling: a wooden beam.

[Sheet 162 REV IMG 0840]

The Account of Mr Daniel Roswell, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1684

Charge	£	s	d
Resting in my hands the last audit	034	16	7 ½
Mr Richard Gower for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1684	030	00	0
Mrs Elizabeth Barley for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1684 for the tenement new built at Woolstaple Bridge	007	12	4
Sir John Trevor for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1684 for the Wharf at Woolstaple Bridge	005	00	0
Mr [gap] Palfreman, late John Atkins of Boston, for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1684	005	00	0
The Company of Mercers London for a year's interest of £100 due 16th September 1684	005	00	0
Mr Alexander Fisher for his Hance money	000	06	5
Received	**087**	**15**	**4 ½**
Paid	048	02	10
Rest	**039**	**12**	**6 ½**
Memorandum: that this account was audited and allowed the 26th day of November 1684 by us whose names are here subscribed and there rests due to the Company as appears above [Signatures of:] William Withers, Samuel Lewin, Charles Crayker, Joseph Reeve, Charles Crayker junior, John Musson	039	12	6 ½

[Sheet 163 IMG 0840]

Discharge	£	s	d
Paid: spent 28th November 1683 being audit day	04	09	7
Paid: spent at the Swan tavern in Cornhill	00	03	9
Paid: the Right Worshipful Sir John Frederick Kt Mayor of the Staple of England a year's allowance due Michaelmas 1684	10	00	0
Paid: spent 30th July 1684 at the Cork tavern in Cornhill at the appointment of the election day	01	00	0
Paid: spent 6th August 1684 being the election day at Armourers' Hall in Coleman Street	15	16	6
Paid: the King's Majesty a year's quit-rent due Michaelmas 1684 and for acquittances	01	12	4
Paid: John Godfrey senior, Clerk of the Company, a year's fee due at Michaelmas 1684	08	00	0
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a year's salary due then	04	00	0
Paid: spent at the Crown tavern in Threadneedle Street at the appointment of the audit	00	05	2
Paid: spent at several times in receiving the Company's rents	00	10	6
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a gratuity for his pains taken in the Company's service the year past	02	05	0
	48	**02**	**10**

[Sheet 163 REV IMG 0841]

At a Court of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at their Clerk's house near Mercers Chapel London 22nd April 1685

Present:

Charles Crayker senior Lieutenant	Mr Benjamin Crayker
Mr John Musson }	Mr Kellam Merry
Mr Charles Crayker junior } Constables	Mr Joseph Crayker
Samuel Lewin Esquire, High Sherriff of Surrey	Mr Joseph Body
Joseph Reeve Esquire	Mr Alexander Fisher
Mr Joseph Hearne, Merchant	Mr Robert Joyce
Mr William Withers junior Treasurer	Mr Charles Otway
Mr Daniel Rosewell	Mr John Rochester

Sir Peter Daniel chosen Mayor in the room of Sir John Frederick deceased.

Sir John Frederick, who for many years has been Mayor of the Staple, being lately deceased and the Court being now resolved to proceed to the election of a new Mayor for the year ensuing. In order thereunto they nominated divers Right Worshipful persons, aldermen of the City of London and at length agreed that Sir Peter Daniel[221] Kt and Sir Samuel Dashwood Kt, both aldermen of the City of London, shall be put in election for that place. And upon the question by the election of hands it thereby appeared that Sir Peter Daniel was chosen. Whereupon the Court resolved to meet again the next week and then first to make him free of the Company gratis and to give him the oath of Hance standing and then to swear him Mayor of the Staple, at Westminster, according to the ancient custom, if he will accept the place for which he is freely chosen and then the Court desired Mr Lieutenant Crayker, Sherriff Lewin, Mr Joseph Hearne, Mr John Musson, Mr Charles Crayker junior and Mr Treasurer Withers to wait upon the new elected Mayor and to give him notice of his election and in the name of the Court to desire him to take the said place upon him.

At an Election Court of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at their Clerk's near Mercers' Chapel London the 30th April 1685

Present:

Sir Peter Daniel Kt & Alderman Mayor	Mr Benjamin Crayker
Mr Charles Crayker Lieutenant	Mr Kellam Merry
Mr John Musson }	Mr Joseph Crayker
Mr Charles Crayker junior } Constables	Mr Joseph Body
Samuel Lewin Esq, High Sherriff of Surrey	Mr Alexander Fisher
Joseph Reeves Esq	Mr Robert Joyce
Mr William Withers senior	Mr Clement Hiller
Mr Daniel Rosewell	Mr John Rochester
Mr William Withers junior Treasurer	Mr Charles Otway

The Acts of the last Court were read.

[221] Sir Peter Daniel (d.1700); Alderman; Sherriff 1683; Colonel of Militia; Master of the Haberdashers' Company 1683; (Tory)MP for Southwark; blocked by Whig party from becoming Lord Mayor. Governor of the Irish Society (which administered the City's plantation in Ulster). Ref: https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1660-1690/member/daniel-sir-peter-1700

	[Sheet 164 IMG 0841]
Sir Peter Daniel made free. Sworn Mayor of the Staple	The Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel Kt, Alderman of the City of London, who on 22nd April was chosen Mayor of the Staple in place of Sir John Frederick deceased, now appeared and accepted the freedom of this Company and took the oath appertaining. Then having taken the place of Mayor he also took the oath to that said place belonging.
Lieutenant chosen [Charles Crayker senior]	Mr Charles Crayker senior and Mr William Withers senior being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put to election, choice was made of the said Mr Charles Crayker senior, who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Charles Crayker junior & Daniel Roswell]	Mr Charles Crayker junior, Mr Daniel Roswell and Joseph Reeve Esq being nominated for Constables of the Staple, the Court made choice of Mr Charles Crayker junior and Mr Daniel Roswell to bear that office for the year ensuing. And Mr Daniel Roswell took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [William Withers junior]	Mr William Withers junior & Mr Benjamin Crayker being put to election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr William Withers junior to execute that place for the said year.
Auditors chosen	The Court authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant & Constables, Mr William Withers senior, Joseph Reeve Esquire, Mr Samuel Lewin and Mr Musson, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr William Withers junior, Treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.
Elizabeth Barley's grant of the Woolstaple Dock.	The widow Elizabeth Barley now again appearing, and first declaring that she had mad good her bargain with the Company in new building their house at Woolstaple Dock, and that she had done much more in the said building than she was obliged to, and has laid out upward of £300 in the said building. And then praying the Court that they would make good their part in giving order that her lease, of the said new built tenement and of the said dock, may be forthwith made and executed. Whereupon the Court took into consideration what rent and term she shall pay and have in the said dock. And after much debate it was at length agreed that the rent for the said dock shall be £6 a year and that her term shall be 21 years in reversion of the lease in being, and that the covenants in both leases shall be the same as they were in the former leases of the respective premises. And they ordered their Clerk to draw and ingross the said lease forthwith.
Made free [John Yates by apprenticeship]	John Yates, late apprentice to the Worshipful Samuel Lewin Esquire, now Sherriff of Surrey, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for his Hance money.
	3rd September 1685
Bound	Richard Trotter, son of Edward Trotter late of Lewisham in the county of Kent clerk deceased, Apprentice to Daniel Roswell, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the date. The said Mr Roswell being Constable.

[Sheet 164 REV IMG 0842 & IMG 1379]

The Account of Mr William Withers junior, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1685

Charge	£	s	d
Received of my predecessor Mr Daniel Rosewell in full of the balance of his account	039	12	6 ½
Mr Richard Gower for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1685	030	00	0
Mrs Elizabeth Barley for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1685 for the tenement new built at Woolstaple Bridge	007	12	4
Sir John Trevor for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1685 for the Wharf at Woolstaple Bridge	005	00	0
Mr Palfreman, late John Atkins, of Boston for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1685	005	00	0
The Company of Mercers London for a year's interest of £100 due 16th September 1685	005	00	0
Mr John Yates for his Hance money	000	06	05
Received	**092**	**11**	**3 ½**
Paid	075	04	9
Rest	**017**	**06**	**6 ½**
Memorandum: that this account was audited and allowed the 7th day of December 1685 by us whose names are here subscribed and there rests due to the Company [Signatures of:] Charles Crayker, Joseph Reeve, Samuel Lewin, Charles Crayker junior, John Musson, Daniel Rosewell	017	06	6 ½

[Sheet 165 IMG 0842]

Discharge	£	s	d
Paid: spent 26th November 1684 being the audit day	05	04	4
Paid: spent in receiving the rents and bringing the old writings from Mr Rosewell 26th January 1684 [1685]	00	03	0
Paid: spent at the Swan in Bartholomew Lane 5th February 1684[1685]	00	19	0
Paid: spent 22nd April 1685 at the Rummer in Queensfield when a new Mayor was elected.	05	17	0
Paid: spent 30th April 1685 at the said Rummer when the other officers of the Company were elected	21	14	4
Paid: the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel Kt, Mayor of the Staple of England, a year's allowance due Michaelmas 1685	10	00	0
Paid: the King's Majesty a year's quit-rent due Michaelmas 1685 and for acquittances	01	12	4
Paid: John Godfrey senior, Clerk of the Company, a year's fee due Michaelmas 1685	08	00	0
Paid: John Mansfeild, beadle, for a year's salary due then	04	00	0
Paid: spent more in receiving the rents	00	01	3
Paid: spent at the Swan in Cornhill at the appointment of the audit day	00	06	0
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a gratuity given him for his pains taken in the Company's service	02	07	6
Also: I take allowance for arrears of rent due by Mr Richard Gower at Michaelmas 1685	15	00	0
	75	**04**	**9**

	[Sheet 165 REV IMG 0843]
	At an Election Court of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 18th of August 1686 Present: Sir Peter Daniel Mayor — Mr Alexander Fisher Joseph Reeve Esquire — Mr Joseph Barker Mr Daniel Roswell Constable — Mr Clement Hiller Samuel Lewin Esquire — Mr John Yates Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Robert Joyce Mr Kellam Merry — Mr Joseph Crayker Mr Joseph Body — Mr Charles Otway
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Peter Daniel]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeding to election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. They first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel and Sir Samuel Dashwood, both Knights and Aldermen of the City of London. And then having put them both to the question, it appeared by the greatest number of hands that Sir Peter Daniel was elected Mayor of the Staple, of which he accepted and took his and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Charles Crayker senior]	Mr Charles Crayker senior and Mr William Withers senior being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put to election, choice was made of the said Mr Charles Crayker senior, who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Daniel Roswell & Samuel Lewin]	Mr Daniel Roswell, Samuel Lewin Esq and Joseph Reeve Esq being nominated for Constables of the Staple, the Court made choice of Mr Daniel Rosewell and Esquire Reeve to bear that office for the year and they both took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Joseph Barker being put in election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Crayker to execute that place for the said year and he took the oath appertaining.
Auditors appointed	The Court now authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables, Joseph Reeve Esquire, Mr Deputy William Withers and Mr Charles Crayker junior, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr William Withers junior, Treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.
A lease sealed [for 41 years to Elizabeth Barley for the new-built tenement at Woolstaple Dock]	At this Court a lease bearing date the 19th of November 1685 was sealed to Mrs Elizabeth Barley, of the parish of St Margaret's Westminster in the county of Middlesex widow, of the messuage or tenement situated in the long Woolstaple near the Bridge (or Dock) there in the parish aforesaid, which she lately new built. To hold for the term of 41 years commencing from Midsummer which was in the year of our Lord Christ 1683. And let it be remembered that the said lease was sealed by Mr Charles Crayker senior and Mr William Withers senior, the 2 only surviving Treasurers before they delivered up their right to a new set of trustees for the use of this Society. The rent per year: £7 12s 4d.

	[Sheet 166 IMG 0843]
Another lease sealed [to Elizabeth Barley for the Woolstaple Wharf]	Another lease was then also sealed to the said widow Mrs Elizabeth Barley of the ground and soil wharf, quay and stairs called the Woolstaple Bridge (except as therein is excepted) dated the 19th of November 1685 for 21 years to commence from Lady Day which shall be in the year of our Lord Christ 1688, yielding £6 rent a year.
The Clerk gratified	The feoffment transferring the right and title of the old feoffees in the messuage or tenement by the Woolstaple Bridge or Dock, now in the lease to the Widow Barley, was also sealed to the new feoffees in trust for this Society. And the Court ordered that the charge of making the said feoffments being 40s which the Clerk paid shall be returned to him again. And as a gratification for his pains and care in that and their other affairs, the Court of their own free will and bounty gave him 40s more; both which sums Mr Treasurer Withers by the hand of his father paid him in the Court, which he thankfully received.
	The 5th of November 1686
Bound [Richard Wiffin apprentice to Samuel Lewin]	Richard Whiffin, son of Richard Wiffin late of [gap] in the county of Kent yeoman deceased, Apprentice to Samuel Lewin Esquire Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the day of the date. The said Esquire being one of the Constables for the present year.

[Sheet 166 REV IMG 0844]

The Account of Mr William Withers junior, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one whole year ended at Michaelmas 1686

Charge	£	s	d
Resting in my hands at the last audit	017	06	6 ½
Received of Mr Richard Gower for a year's rent due at Michaelmas	030	00	0
Received of Mrs Elizabeth Barley widow for a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1686 for the new built tenement at the Woolstaple Bridge or Dock	007	12	4
Received of Sir John Trevor for a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1686 for the Wharf at the Woolstaple Bridge or Dock	005	00	0
Received of Mr Palfreman, late Mr John Atkins of Boston, for a year, due Michaelmas 1686	005	00	0
Received of the Worshipful Company of Mercers London for a year's interest of £100 due 16th September 1686	005	00	0
Also: I charge myself with £15 for which I asked allowance in my last account for half a year's rent then unpaid by Mr Gower	015	00	0
Received	084	18	10 ½
Paid	053	05	7
Rest due to the Company	031	13	3 ½
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 15th of December 1686 by us whose names are subscribed and there rests due to the Company as appears above [Signatures of:] Peter Daniel, Joseph Reeve, Samuel Lewin, Daniel Rosewell	031	13	3 ½

[Sheet 167 IMG 0844]

Discharge	£	s	d
Paid: spent 7th December 1685 at the Hoop tavern on Fish Street Hill being audit day	004	16	11
Paid: John Mansfeild 5th January 1685[1686] for sums laid out in fruit for the audit dinner which was omitted to be entered in that bill	000	02	6
Paid: Mr Rosewell	000	01	0
Paid: spent at the Swan in Bartholomew Lane the 29th July 1686	000	18	6
Paid: spent at the Sun tavern behind the Exchange 12th August 1686	000	15	0
Paid: the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel, Mayor of the Staple, as usual	010	00	0
Paid: John Godfrey, the Company's Clerk, for his pains taken about settling new Feoffees in Trust for the house at Woolstaple Dock	002	00	00
Paid: Mr Hiller of Gray's Inn who drew the writings for that Trust	002	00	0
Paid: the 18th of August 1686 for the election dinner at the Hoop tavern - as per bill	014	16	4
Paid: spent the 19th of August 1686	001	01	6
Paid: spent 10th December 1686 at appointing the audit	000	15	6
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1686	004	00	0
Paid: John Godfrey, Clerk, a year's salary due then	008	00	0
Paid: the King's Majesty a year's quit-rent due at Michaelmas 1686 -out of the house at Woolstaple Dock	001	12	4
Paid: for charges in receiving rents and for postage of letters	000	01	0
	051	00	7
Paid: John Mansfeild a gratuity given him for pains taken in the Company's service the year past	002	05	0
	053	**05**	**7**

	[Sheet 167 REV IMG 0845 & IMG 1383]
	At an Election Court of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 10th of August 1687
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Peter Daniel]	According to custom the Court proceeding to elect a Mayor of the Staple for the year ensuing. They first nominated the worshipful persons following: Sir Peter Daniel Kt and Alderman of the City of London, and Joseph Hearne of London Esquire. And then having put them both to the question, it appeared by the greatest number of hands that Sir Peter Daniel was elected Mayor, of which he accepted and took his place and the oath appertaining.
[Charles Crayker senior died] Lieutenant chosen [Samuel Lewin]	The late Lieutenant, Mr Charles Crayker senior being deceased, the Court nominated the four worshipful persons following: Joseph Hearne Esq., Deputy William Withers, Joseph Reeve Esq. and Samuel Lewin Esq. and then proceeded to election of a Lieutenant for the year ensuing. And by the major part of the hands it appeared that the said Esquire Lewin was chosen to execute that office, of which he accepted and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Daniel Roswell & William Withers junior]	Esquire Lewin that was the younger Constable the last year being now Lieutenant, the Court thereupon nominated Mr Daniel Rosewell to be again, together with Joseph Reeve Esq., Mr William Withers junior and Mr Benjamin Crayker put to election for Constables for the year ensuing. And then by the greater number of hands it appeared that Mr Daniel Rosewell and Mr William Withers junior were chosen to serve the place aforesaid. And Mr Daniel Rosewell being present took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Joseph Barker being put in election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Benjamin Crayker to continue in his place of Treasurer for the ensuing year.
Auditors appointed	The Court now authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables, Joseph Reeve Esquire and Deputy William Withers, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr Benjamin Crayker, Treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.
Made free [Matthew Smith by apprenticeship]	Matthew Smith, late apprentice to Charles Crayker junior deceased, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for his Hance money.

	[Sheet 168 IMG 0845]
Bound [John Stone apprentice to Joseph Reeve]	**The 10th day of August 1687** John Stone, son of Francis Stone citizen and salter of London, Apprentice to Joseph Reeve Esquire of London Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the day of the above written date.
Bound [John Hiller apprentice to Clement Hiller]	**The 16th day of August 1687** John Hiller, son of Clement Hiller Merchant of the Staple of England, Apprentice to his said father Clement Hiller merchant, for 7 years from the day of the date above written.
	Memorandum: Esquire Lewin, Lieutenant of the Staple was present at the binding of those two apprentices above named.
Bound [Samuel Crayker apprentice to Benjamin Crayker]	**The 19th of April 1688** Samuel Crayker, son of Samuel Crayker, Merchant of the Staple of England, Apprentice to Benjamin Crayker, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the day of the date above written. Memorandum: Mr Danie Rosewell, the Upper Constable, was present at the binding of the apprentice last above mentioned, at the Swan & Hoop tavern in Cornhill

[Sheet 168 REV IMG 0846]

The Account of Mr Benjamin Crayker, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas 1687

Charge	£	s	d
Received of my predecessor Mr William Withers junior in full of the balance of his account	031	13	3 ½
Received of Mr Francis Goodenough and Mr Thomas Mayleigh, the 2 sureties of Mr Charles Crayker junior deceased, due to the Company upon bond	033	06	8
Received of the Company of Mercers London due by bond the 17th of March 1686: for principal and interest due then	102	10	0
Received of Mr Richard Gower a year's rent due at Michaelmas last past 1687	030	00	0
Received of Mrs Elizabeth Barley, widow, for a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1687 for the new built house at Woolstaple Bridge	007	12	4
Received of her more for a year's rent due then for the Wharf there	000	06	5
Received of Mr Matthew Smith for Hance money	000	06	5
Received of Mr Richard Palfreman by order of Mr Roger Rany a year's rent of the house at Boston due at Michaelmas 1687	005	00	0
Received	215	08	8 ½
Paid	052	02	6
Rest	**163**	**06**	**2 ½**
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 23rd day of November 1687 by us whose name are subscribed and there rests due to the Company as appears above	163	06	2 ½
[Signatures of:] Peter Daniel Samuel Lewin Daniel Rosewell William Withers junior			

[Sheet 169 IMG 0846]

Discharge	£	s	d
Paid: for the audit dinner at the Bear tavern in Grace Church Street	006	09	11
Paid: a porter for bringing in 2 hampers from Mr Withers	000	01	00
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, for a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1687	004	00	00
Paid: Sir Peter Daniel, Mayor of the Staple, as usual per year	010	00	00
Paid: for the election dinner as per bill at the Hoop tavern in New Frith Street	019	13	03
Paid: John Godfrey, Clerk of the Company, a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1687	008	00	00
Paid: a year's quit-rent due to his Majesty at Michaelmas 1687	001	12	04
Paid: by expenses at receipt of the Company's rents	001	00	00
Paid: John Mansfeild a gratuity given him by the auditors for extraordinary pains taken in the Company's service the year past	002	05	00
	052	**02**	**6**

Bound [John Smith apprentice to Alexander Fisher]

The 7th day of December 1687

John Smith, son of Thomas Smith late of Okingham in the county of Berkshire, clothworker deceased, Apprentice to Alexander Fisher, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the day of the date above written. Memorandum: Mr Daniel Rosewell, Constable, and Mr Benjamin Crayker, treasurer, were both present at the binding of the Apprentice above mentioned.

Bound [John Charles apprentice to Matthew Smith]

The 14th day of May 1688

Present: Mr Constable William Withers.

John Charles, son of William Charles, citizen and stationer of London, Apprentice to Matthew Smith, merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the day of the date above written.

	[Sheet 169 REV IMG 0847]
	At an Election Court of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 22nd day of August 1688 Present: Sir Peter Daniel Kt Mayor — Mr Kellam Merry Mr Daniel Rosewell Constable — Mr Joseph Crayker Mr Benjamin Crayker Treasurer — Mr Alexander Fisher Deputy William Withers — Mr Charles Otway Mr Joseph Barker — Mr Matthew Smith
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Peter Daniel]	According to custom this Court proceeding to elect a Mayor of the Staple for the year ensuing. They first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel and Sir Jonathan Raymond [222], both Kts and Aldermen of the City of London. And then having put them both to the question, it appeared by the greatest number of hands that Sir Peter Daniel was elected Mayor, of which he accepted and took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Samuel Lewin]	Samuel Lewin Esq, Deputy William Withers and Joseph Reeve Esq. being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put to election, choice was made of the said Samuel Lewin Esq. who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [William Withers junior & Benjamin Crayker]	Mr William Withers junior, Mr Benjamin Crayker and Joseph Reeve Esq. being nominated for Constables of the Staple for the year ensuing. The Court made choice of Mr William Withers and Mr Benjamin Crayker to bear that office. Mr Benjamin Crayker being present took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Joseph Barker]	Mr Joseph Barker and Mr Kellam Merry being put in election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Joseph Barker to execute that place for the said year and he took the oath appertaining.
Auditors appointed	The Court now authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables, Joseph Reeve Esquire, Deputy William Withers and Mr Daniel Rosewell, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr Benjamin Crayker, Treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.

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[222] Sir Jonathan Raymond: (c.1637-1711); Haberdashers Company, Brewers Company; Sherriff 1679; Tory MP 1690-1695. http://www.histparl.ac.uk/volume/1690-1715/member/raymond-sir-jonathan-1637-1711

[Sheet 170 REV IMG 0848]

The Account of Mr Benjamin Crayker, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas 1688

Charge	£	s	d
Resting in my hands at the last audit which was the 23rd of November 1687	163	06	2 ½
Received of Mrs Elizabeth Barley, widow, a year's rent due at Michaelmas last 1688 for the new built house at Woolstaple Bridge	007	12	4
Received of her more, a year's rent due then for the Wharf and Dock adjacent. The new lease of the Dock began Lady Day 1688	005	10	0
Received of Mr Richard Gower a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1688	030	00	0
Received of Mr Richard Palfreman a year's rent due at Michaelmas last 1688 for the house etc at Boston	005	00	0
	211	08	6 ½
	148	10	2
	062	**18**	**4 ½**
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 13th day of December 1688 by us whose names are subscribed and there rests due to the Company as appears above	062	18	4 ½
[Signatures of:] Samuel Lewin, William Wither, Daniel Rosewell			

[Sheet 171 IMG 0848]

Discharge	£	s	d
Paid: for the audit dinner at the Hoop tavern on Fish Street Hill	003	18	8
Paid: Sir Peter Daniel, Mayor of the Staple, as usual for the year	010	00	0
Paid: spent the 8th of June 1688 when the said present was made to the Mayor	000	17	6
Paid: Lent the Worshipful Company of Mercers London the 22nd of June 1688 upon their bond under their common seal at 5% a year	100	00	0
Paid: John Godfrey senior, Clerk of the Staple, a year's salary due Michaelmas 1688	008	00	0
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a year's salary due Michaelmas 1688	004	00	0
Paid: for the election dinner held the 22nd August 1688 as per bill	017	14	2
Paid: a year's quit-rent due to his Majesty at Michaelmas last 1688	001	12	4
Paid: spent at the Swan the 6th of December 1688 about appointing the audit day	000	02	6
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a gratuity given him by the auditors for extraordinary pains taken in the Company's service the year past	002	05	0
	148	**10**	**2**

	[Sheet 171 REV IMG 0849]
	At an Election Court of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 18th day of September 1689 Present: Sir Peter Daniel Kt. Mayor — Mr Alexander Fisher Samuel Lewin Esq. — Mr Matthew Smith Mr Daniel Rosewell — Mr Clement Hiller Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Charles Otway Mr Joseph Barker — Mr Richard Richardson Mr Kenhelm Marry Mr Joseph Crayker
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Peter Daniel]	According to custom this Court proceeding to elect a Mayor of the Staple for the year ensuing. They first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel, Sir William Pritchard[223] and Sir Jonathan Raymond, Knights and Aldermen of London. And then having put them to the question, it appeared by the greatest number of hands that Sir Peter Daniel was elected Mayor, of which he accepted and took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [William Withers]	Samuel Lewin Esq and Deputy William Withers being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put to election, choice was made of the said William Withers, who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Benjamin Crayker & Daniel Rosewell]	Mr Benjamin Crayker, Samuel Lewin Esq. and Mr Daniel Rosewell being nominated for Constables of the Staple for the year ensuing. The Court made choice of Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Daniel Rosewell and they, the said Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Daniel Rosewell, took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Joseph Barker]	Mr Joseph Barker and Mr Kenhelm Merry being put in election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Joseph Barker to execute that place for the said year.

	[Sheet 172 IMG 0849]
Auditors appointed	The Court now authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables, Samuel Lewin Esquire, Mr William Withers junior, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr Joseph Barker, Treasurer, and after examination of the same to allow thereof if they find it right.
Made free [Richard Richardson by apprenticeship]	Richard Richardson, late apprentice to Daniel Rosewell, upon the testimony of his said Master was now at this Court sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for his Hance money.

[223] Sir William Pritchard: (c1632-1705); Master of the Merchant Taylor's Company 1673; Lord Mayor 1682-3; rope and matchmaker to the Ordnance; MP for London 1685. http://www.histparl.ac.uk/volume/1660-1690/member/pritchard-sir-william-1632-1705

[Sheet 172 REV IMG 0850]

The Account of Mr Joseph Barker, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas 1689

	£	s	d
Resting in my hands at the last audit which was the 13th day of December 1688	062	18	4 ½
Received of Mrs Elizabeth Barley widow a year's rent due at Michaelmas last 1689 for the new built house at Wool Staple Bridge	007	12	4
Received of her more- a year's rent due then for the Wharf & Dock adjacent	006	00	0
Received of Mr Richard Gower's executors a year's rent due then	030	00	0
Received of Mr Richard Palfreman a year's rent due then for the house etc at Boston	005	00	0
Received of the Worshipful Company of Mercers London a year's interest of £100 due 23rd June last 1689	005	00	0
Received of Richard Richardson his Hance money	000	06	5
Received:	**116**	**17**	**1 ½**
Paid:	066	04	4
Remaining:	**050**	**12**	**9 ½**
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 28th day of November 1689 by us whose names are subscribed and there rests due to the Company as appears above	50	12	9 ½
[Signatures of:] William Withers senior, Benjamin Crayker, William Withers junior			

[Sheet 173 IMG 0850]

Discharge	£	s	d
Paid: for the election dinner at the Hoop tavern on Fish Street Hill	005	08	3
Paid: Sir Peter Daniel, Mayor of the Staple, as usual for the year	010	00	0
Paid: expended by water & otherwise when the members went to the Mayor's country house	001	08	4
Paid: for a new book[224] for the Clerk of the Staple at Westminster to enter the orders and ordinances	000	09	8
Paid; expended by water to Westminster and going to Highgate to receive the rents	000	05	6
Paid: for the election dinner the 18th September 1689 held at the Spread Eagle in Grace Church Street	025	15	9
Paid: a year's quit-rent due to their Majesties[225] at Michaelmas last 1689	001	12	4
Paid: John Godfrey senior, Clerk of the Company, a year's salary due then	008	00	0
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a year's salary due then	004	00	0
Paid: and allowed Mr Gower's executors for taxes for the houses at Westminster	001	14	0
Expended at Mr Hall's the cook's about appointing the audit day	000	03	0
Also: I ask allowance for the arrears of rent due by Mr Richard Palfreman at Michaelmas last 1689	005	00	0
Paid: and given John Mansfeild, Beadle, a gratuity given him for his pains taken in the Company's service the year past	002	07	6
	066	**04**	**4**

[224] This is probably a different book from the old 16th century Ordinance Book. However the old Ordinance Book does have at the back several pages of 'Extracts of Special Acts of Court' starting Feb 1619 and lasting until 1785.

[225] Their Majesties: William & Mary - the 'Glorious Revolution' having taken place.

	[Sheet 173 REV IMG 0851]
Bound [Richard Neale apprentice to William Neale]	**The 5th December 1689** Richard Neale, son of Richard Neale late of the parish of Ashington in the county of Buckinghamshire husbandman deceased, put himself Apprentice to William Neale, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from this day.
Bound [James Coddington apprentice to Samuel Lewin]	**The 20th February** 1689 **[1690]** James Coddington, son of James Coddington late of London gentleman deceased, put himself Apprentice to Samuel Lewin Esquire, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from this day.
Bound [Samuel Hawker apprentice to Daniel Rosewell]	**The 7th of May 1690** Samuel Hawker, son of Samuel Hawker citizen and goldsmith of London, put himself Apprentice to Daniel Rosewell, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the day last above mentioned.
[Gersham Uridge]	Gersham Uridge, son of William Uridge late citizen and ironmonger of London deceased, put himself Apprentice to Daniel Rosewell, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 9 years from the day last above mentioned.

	[Sheet 174 IMG 0851]
	At a Court of the **Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England** **held at the Mayor's house the 14th day of May 1690** Present:

Sir Peter Daniel Kt & Alderman	Mayor	Mr Charles Otway
Mr William Withers	Lieutenant	Mr Joseph Crayker
Mr Benjamin Crayker }		Mr William Neale
Mr Damiel Rosewell }	Constables	Mr Mathew Smith
Mr Joseph Barker	Treasurer	Mr Clement Hiller
Mr William Withers		Mr Richard Richardson

	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Made free [John Denton by apprenticeship]	John Denton, late apprentice to Joseph Reeve, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now admitted into the freedom of this Society and took the oath of Hance and paid his Hance money 6s 5d.
Made free [John Markes by apprenticeship]	John Markes, late apprentice to John Musson, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now admitted into the freedom of this Society and took the oath of Hance and paid his Hance money 6s 5d.
	The 5th of June 1690
Bound [Henry Durnford apprentice to John Denton]	Henry Durnford, son of Henry Durnford late citizen and haberdasher of London deceased, put himself Apprentice to John Denton Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from this day.

[174 REV IMG 0852]

At an Election Court of the
Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England
held at the Mayor's house the 13th day of August 1690

Present:

Sir Peter Daniel Kt	Mayor	Mr William Withers junior
Mr William Withers senior	Lieutenant	Mr Kenhelm Merry
Mr Benjamin Crayker	}	Mr Joseph Crayker
Mr Daniel Rosewell	} Constables	Mr Alexander Fisher
Mr Joseph Barker	Treasurer	Mr Mathew Smith
Mr Clement Hiller		Mr Richard Richardson
Mr Charles Otway		Mr John Denton
		Mr John Markes

The Acts of the last Court were read.

Mayor chosen [Sir Peter Daniel]: According to custom this Court proceeding to elect a Mayor of the Staple for the year ensuing, they first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel and Sir Jonathan Raymond, Knights and Aldermen of London. And then having put them to election it appeared by the greatest number of hands that Sir Peter Daniel was elected Mayor, of which he accepted and took his place and the oath appertaining.

Lieutenant chosen [William Withers senior]: Mr William Withers senior and Samuel Lewin Esquire being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing, and being put to election choice was made of Mr William Withers aforesaid who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.

Constables chosen [Daniel Rosewell & William Withers]: Mr Daniel Rosewell and Mr William Withers junior being nominated for Constables of the Staple for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Daniel Rosewell and Mr William Withers. And the said Mr Withers took the oath appertaining.

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Treasurer chosen [Kenhelm Merry]: Mr Kenhelm Merry and Mr Joseph Crayker being put in election for the place of Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Kenhelm Merry to execute that place for the said year and he took the oath appertaining.

Auditors chosen: The Court now authorised and desired the Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables, Samuel Lewin Esq. and Mr Benjamin Crayker, or any 3 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr Joseph Barker, treasurer, and after examination thereof if they find it right to allow the same.

Election Day [St Bartholomew's]: Agreed that for the future the Wednesday next before or after St Bartholomew Day[226] yearly shall be the day of election of Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables, treasurer and auditors.

Such as shall dine and not act at the Court to pay 2s 6d to the Poor-box: For the more certain holding of Courts for the dispatch of affairs of this Company, it is unanimously agreed that such members of this Company as shall come to dinner on the days to be appointed for holding the said Court when they shall have neglected to appear and act at the Court, pursuant to the duty incumbent on them, shall for such his omission pay to the Poor-box 2s 6d.

The 6th October 1690

Bound [John Hitchin apprentice to Alexander Fisher]: John Hitchin, son of Edward Hitchin late citizen and distiller of London deceased, puts himself Apprentice to Alexander Fisher, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the day above.

[226] St Bartholomew's Day: 24th August

[Sheet 175 REV IMG 0853]

The Account of Mr Joseph Barker, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas 1690

Charge	£	s	d
Resting in my hands at the last audit which was 28th November 1698	050	12	9 ½
Received: of Mrs Elizabeth Barley widow a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1690 for the new built house at Wool Staple Bridge	007	12	4
Received: of her more a year's rent due then for the Wharf and Dock adjacent	006	00	0
Received: of Mr Rutland (who married Mr Gower's daughter) a year's rent due then	030	00	0
Received: of Mr Richard Palfreman 2 year's rent due then for the house etc at Boston	010	00	0
Received: of the Worshipful Company of Mercers London a year's interest of £100 due the 23rd June 1690	050	00	0
Received: of John Denton his Hance money	000	06	5
Received: of John Markes his Hance money	000	06	5
Received:	109	17	11 ½
Paid:	060	17	5
Rest:	049	00	6 ½
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 3rd December 1690 by us whose names are subscribed and there rests due to the Company the sum of £49 and 6 ½d as appears above by the aforesaid account. [Signatures of:] William Withers, Daniel Rosewell, William Withers junior, Benjamin Crayker			

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Discharge	£	s	d
Paid: for the audit dinner at Mr Hall's the Cook's in Cheapside	004	05	4
Paid: Sir Peter Daniel, Mayor of the Staple, as usual for the year	010	00	0
Paid: expended by water etc when the members went to Sir Peter Daniel's country house	001	10	0
Paid: expended on the members of this Company at an extraordinary Court receiving Mr Denton and Mr Markes freemen of the Company	000	16	6
Paid: for the election dinner the 13th August 1690 being at the Bull Head tavern in Cheapside	022	01	9
Paid: a year's quit-rent due to their Majesties at Michaelmas 1690	001	12	4
Paid: John Godfrey senior, Clerk of the Company, a year's salary due then	008	00	0
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a year's salary due then	004	00	0
Paid: allowed Mr Rutland trophy money and other taxes this year	004	17	6
Paid: expended receiving the rents and otherwise of the Company's business this year	000	02	0
Paid: expended at Mr Hall's the Cook's when audit day was appointed	001	00	0
Paid: as the gift of the Company to John Mansfeild, Beadle, for his pains taken the year past and in consideration that trading is at present low	002	10	0
Paid: for a hamper to put the Company's writings in	000	02	0
	060	17	5

	[Sheet 176 REV IMG 0854]
Bound [Henry Sims apprentice to John Denton]	**10th June 1791** Henry Sims, son of John Sims citizen and stationer of London, put himself Apprentice to John Denton, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the 10th day of June 1691.
Turn Over [John Charles apprentice to Benjamin Crayker]	**16th July 1691** Memorandum the 10th day of July 1691 by the approbation of Sir Peter Daniel Kt, Mayor of the Staple of England, and by and with the consent of all parties, John Charles the apprentice to Mathew Smith is committed unto Benjamin Crayker, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve him as an apprentice from this day until the 15th day of May which will be in the year of our Lord 1696.
Bound [Joseph Heaton apprentice to Samuel Lewin]	**30th July 1691** Joseph Heaton, son of Joseph Heaton of St Mary Magdalene Bermondsey in the county of Surrey tanner, put himself Apprentice to Samuel Lewin Esquire, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from 30th July 1691

	[Sheet 177 IMG 0854]
	At a Court of Election of the **Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England** **held at the Mayor's house the 26th day of 1691** Present: Sir Peter Daniel Kt — Mayor — Mr Joseph Crayker Mr William Withers senior — Lieutenant — Mr Clement Hiller Mr Daniel Rosewell } — Mr Charles Otway Mr William Withers junior } Constables — Mr Mathew Smith Mr Kenhelm Merry — Treasurer — Mr Richard Richardson Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr John Denton Mr Joseph Barker
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Peter Daniel]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to elect a Mayor of the Staple for the year ensuing, they first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel and Sir Jonathan Raymond, Knights and Aldermen of London. And then by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir Peter Daniel who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [William Withers senior]	Mr William Withers senior and Samuel Lewin Esquire being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing, and being put to election, choice was made of the said Mr William Withers who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [William Withers & Joseph Barker]	Mr William Withers junior and Mr Joseph Barker being nominated for Constables of the Staple for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Withers and Mr Barker. And the said Mr Joseph Barker took the oath appertaining.

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Mr Merry Treasurer	Mr Kenhelm Merry and Mr Joseph Crayker being put in election for the place of Treasurer of this Company for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Kenhelm Merry to continue and execute that place for the ensuing year.
Auditors chosen	The Court authorised and desired the Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables, Samuel Lewin Esquire, Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Daniel Rosewell, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr Kenhelm Merry, treasurer, and after examination thereof to allow the same if they find it right.
£33 6s 8d lent to Mr Richardson	Upon the desire of Mr Richard Richardson, a member of this Company, the Court was pleased to order that Mr Treasurer Merry (at such time as he shall have moneys of this Company in his hands) shall pay and lend unto the said Mr Richardson £33 6s 8d for 3 years without interest, provided he give such security for the repayment thereof as shall be approved of by the auditors.

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[Sheet 178 REV IMG 0856]

The Account of Mr Kenelm Merry, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas 1691

Charge	£	s	d
Received: of my predecessor Mr Joseph Barker the balance of his account	49	0	6 ½
Received: of Mrs Elizabeth Barley widow a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1691 for the new built house at Wool Staple Bridge	7	12	4
Received: of her more a year's rent due then for a Wharf & Dock adjacent	6	00	0
Received: of Mr Rutland (who married Mr Gower's daughter) a year's rent due then	30	00	0
Received: of Mr Richard Palfreman a year's rent due then for the house at Boston	05	00	0
Received: of the Worshipful Company of Mercers London a year's interest of £100 due the 23rd June 1691	05	00	0
Received:	**102**	**12**	**10 ½**
Paid:	64	13	7
Remains:	**37**	**19**	**3 ½**
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 9th December 1691 by us whose names are subscribed and there rests due to the Company (by the foregoing account the sum of £37 19s 3 ½ d [Signatures of:] William Withers senior, William Withers junior, Benjamin Crayker, Daniel Rosewell, Joseph Barker			

[Sheet 179 IMG 0856]

Discharge	£	s	d
Paid: for the audit dinner at Mr Hall's the Cook's in Cheapside as per bill	06	07	10
Paid: the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel Kt, Mayor of the Staple as usual for the year	10	00	0
Paid: at a meeting about the Company's occasions as per the bill	2	05	3
Paid: expended with several members when they considered of the rooms at Westminster in the possession of Christ's Hospital	00	09	0
Paid: for the election dinner the 27th August 1691 at the Bull Head tavern in Cheapside as per bill	22	02	2
Paid: their Majesties a year's quit-rent due Michaelmas 1691 and for the acquittance	01	12	4
Paid: John Godfrey senior, Clerk of the Company, a year's salary due then	08	00	0
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a year's salary due then	04	00	0
Paid: allowed Mr Rutland for taxes charged on the houses at Westminster	06	00	0
Paid: allowed Mr Palfreman for taxes charged on the house at Boston	01	12	0
Paid: given John Mansfeild, Beadle, a gratuity given him by order for his pains taken in the Company's service in the year past	02	05	0
	64	**13**	**7**

	[Sheet 179 REV IMG 0857]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house 31st August 1692 Present: Sir Peter Daniel Kt — Mayor — Mr Charles Otway William Withers senior Esquire — Lieutenant — Mr Richard Richardson Mr William Withers junior } — Mr John Denton Mr Joseph Barker } Constables — Mr Samuel Smith Mr Kenhelm Merry — Treasurer Mr Benjamin Crayker Mr Joseph Crayker Mr William Neale
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Peter Daniel]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing, first nominated the Right Worshipful persons following: Sir Peter Daniel and Sir Jonathan Raymond, Knights and Aldermen. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir Peter Daniel who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [William Withers senior]	William Withers senior Esq. and Samuel Lewin Esq. being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing, and being put to election, choice was made of the said Esq. Withers who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.

	[Sheet 180 IMG 0857]
Constables chosen [Joseph Barker & Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Joseph Barker and Mr Benjamin Crayker being nominated for Constables of the Staple for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Barker and Mr Crayker. And the said Mr Crayker took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Joseph Crayker]	Mr Joseph Crayker and Mr Alexander Fisher being put in election for the place of Treasurer of this Company for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Joseph Crayker to execute that place and he took the oath appertaining.
Auditors chosen	The Court now authorised and desired the Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables, Samuel Lewin Esquire, Mr Daniel Rosewell and Mr William Withers junior, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr Kenhelm Merry, Treasurer, and after examination thereof if they find it right to allow the same.
Apprentice bound [John Wiggins to William Neale]	John Wiggins, son of Ralph Wiggins of the city of Oxford slater, puts himself Apprentice to William Neale, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve for 7 years from this day.
Mr Neale bound	Mr William Neale being now charged with serving a foreigner and teaching him the faculty of separating of the fleeces of Wool, to which he pleaded he served for pay but did not teach him anything nor ever intended so to do, but the Court finding he did it in his said Master's house, they thought it meet to let the fine of 20 nobles upon him to be demanded 3 months hence from this day in case he proceed in his error. But in case he work for himself or for any of this fraternity then the said fine to be mitigated.
Free [Daniel Norton by apprenticeship]	Daniel Norton, late apprentice to Samuel Lewin Esq, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hance money.
Free [Joseph Byard by apprenticeship]	Joseph Byard, late apprentice to Joseph Reeve, late Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hance money.

[Sheet 180 REV IMG 0858]

The Account of Mr Kenhelm Merry, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas 1692

Charge	£	s	d
Resting in my hands at the last audit which was the 9th of December 1691	037	19	3 ½
Received: of Mr S Elizabeth Barley widow a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1692 for the new built house at Wool Staple Bridge	007	12	4
Received: of her more a year's rent due then for a Wharf & Dock adjacent	006	00	0
Received: of Mr Rutland (who married Mr Gower's daughter) a year's rent due then	030	00	0
Received: of Mr Richard Palfreman a year's rent due then for the house at Boston	005	00	0
Received: of the Worshipful Company of Mercers London a year's interest of £100 due the 23rd of June 1692	005	00	0
Received: of Daniel Norton his Hance	000	06	5
Received: of Joseph Byard his Hance money	000	06	5
Received:	**092**	**04**	**5 ½**
Paid:	065	08	7
Remains:	**026**	**15**	**10 ½**
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed of the 11th of November 1692 by us whose names are subscribed and there rests due to the Company by the foregoing account the sum of	26	15	10 ½
[Signatures of:] William Withers senior, Samuel Lewin, Joseph Barker, Benjamin Crayker, Daniel Rosewell, William Withers junior			

[Sheet 181 IMG 0858]

Discharge	£	s	d
Paid: for the audit dinner at the Bull Head tavern in Cheapside the 9th December 1691 as per bill	04	16	4
Paid: the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel Kt Mayor of the Staple a usual for the year	10	00	0
Paid: expended at the Hoop tavern on Fish Street Hill the 25th December 1691 at a meeting about the affairs of the Company, as per bill	01	00	0
Paid: expended at another meeting at the same tavern the 29th December 1691 about the affairs of the Company, as per bill	01	09	5
Paid: for the election dinner the 31st August 1692 at the Bull Head tavern in Cheapside as per bill	24	09	8
Paid: their Majesties a year's quit-rent due at Michaelmas 1692 and for the acquittance	01	12	4
Paid: John Godfrey senior, Clerk of the Company, a year's salary	08	00	0
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a year's salary due then	04	00	0
Paid: him more as a gratuity given him by an order this day for his pains taken in the Company's service the year past	02	10	0
Also: I ask allowance for a year's rent due from Mr Palfreman	05	00	0
Paid: Charles Burroughs what he expended at Westminster about a bill then depending in Parliament relating to this Company and for his pains	00	15	6
Paid: expended receiving rents and at meetings about the affairs of the Company	01	15	4
	65	**08**	**7**

	[Sheet 181 REV IMG 0859]
Bound [St John Charnock apprentice to Benjamin Crayker]	**15th April 1693** St John Charnock, son of Sir Villiers Charnock[227] Kt and Baronet, put himself Apprentice to Benjamin Crayker, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the 15th day of August 1693.
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 30th August 1693 Present:

Sir Peter Daniel Kt	Mayor	Mr Daniel Rosewell
William Withers Esq.	Lieutenant	Mr William Withers junior
Samuel Lewin Esq.		Mr Kellam Merry
Mr Joseph Barker	}	Mr Alexander Fisher
Mr Benjamin Crayker	} Constables	Mr John Yates
Mr Joseph Crayker	Treasurer	Mr Mathew Smith
Mr Robert Joyce		Mr Richard Richardson
Mr Clement Hiller		Mr John Denton
Mr William Neale		Mr Daniel Norton
Mr [name faded]		Mr Joseph Byard

	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Peter Daniel]	The Court according to the wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel and Sir Jonathan Raymond, Kts and Alderman, and by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir Peter Daniel who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Samuel Lewin]	William Withers Esq. and Samuel Lewin Esq. being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put in election, choice was made of Samuel Lewin Esq. who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.

	[Sheet 182 IMG 0859]
Constables chosen [Benjamin Crayker & Kenhelm Merry]	Mr Benjamin Crayker, Mr Daniel Rosewell and Mr Kenhelm Merry being nominated for Constables for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Kenhelm Merry who accepted thereof and Mr Merry took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Joseph Crayker]	Mr Joseph Crayker, the present Treasurer and Mr Alexander Fisher being nominated and put in election for the place of Treasurer for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Joseph Crayker to continue and execute that office the year ensuing.
Auditors chosen	The Court now authorised and desired the Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables and all the other members of this Company who have served the office of Treasurer, or any four or more of them, to audit the account of Mr Joseph Crayker, Treasurer. and after examination thereof if they find it right to allow the same.
40s to the widow Whittle	The humble petition of [gap] Whittle, the widow of a deceased member of this Company, being read setting forth her low condition and praying a loan of money upon security or a charitable gift, the Court, considering the contents of the said petition, ordered Mr Treasurer Crayker to pay her 40s as the gift of this Company.

[227] The Charnocks (also Chernock) were a Lancashire family. http://www.histparl.ac.uk/volume/1660-1690/member/chernock-%28charnock%29-sir-villiers-1641-94

[Sheet 182 REV IMG 0860]

The Account of Mr Joseph Crayker, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas 1693

Charge	£	s	d
Received: of Mr Kenhelm Merry my predecessor the balance of his account	026	15	10 ½
Received: of Mrs Elizabeth Barley widow a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1693 for the new built house at Wool Staple Bridge	007	12	4
Received: of Mr Rutland (who married Mr Gower's daughter) a year's rent due then	030	00	0
Received: of Mr Palfreeman 2 years rent due then for the house at Boston	010	00	0
Received: of the Worshipful Company of Mercers London a year's interest of £100 due 23rd June 1693	005	00	0
Received:	**085**	**8**	**2 ½**
Paid:	066	9	11
Remains:	**018**	**18**	**3 ½**
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 15th day of December 1693 by us whose names are subscribed. So there remains due to the Company by the said account the sum of £18 18s 3½d [Signatures of:] Peter Daniel, William Withers, Benjamin Crayker, Joseph Barker, Samuel Lewin, William Withers senior, Daniel Rosewell			

[Sheet 183 IMG 0860]

Discharge	£	s	d
Paid: 11th November 1692 for the audit dinner at the Bill Head in Cheapside	006	16	9
Paid: expended at the Bell tavern in St Nicholas Lane at a meeting about the affairs of the Company	001	17	0
Paid: the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniels Kt Mayor of the Staple as usual for the year	010	00	0
Paid: given Joice Whittle widow the Company's charitable gift per order 30 Aug 1693	002	00	0
Paid: for the dinner on election day at the Hoop tavern the 31st Aug 1693	021	14	8
Paid: their Majesties a year's quit-rent due at Michaelmas 1693 and for acquittance	001	12	4
Paid: John Godfrey senior, Clerk of the Company, a year's salary due then	008	00	0
Paid: allowed Mr Rutland a year's taxes at 4s per £ ending at Michaelmas 1693	006	00	0
Paid: allowed Mr Richard Palfreeman a year's Aid tax at Michaelmas 1692 - 19s 2d and a year's Aid tax at Michaelmas 1693 - £1	001	19	2
Paid: John Mansfeild, Beadle, a year's salary at Michaelmas 1693	004	00	0
Paid: him a gratuity given him by the auditors for his extraordinary pains taken in the Company's service the year past	002	10	0
	066	**09**	**11**

	[Sheet 183 REV IMG 0861]
	At a Court of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Rumer in Gracechurch Street the 15th of December 1693 Present: Sir Peter Daniel Kt Mayor — Mr William Withers junior Mr William Withers senior — Mr Clement Hiller Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr William Neale Mr Daniel Rosewell — Mr Charles Otway Mr Joseph Barker — Mr Richard Richardson Mr Joseph Crayker — Mr John Godfrey Mr Joseph Byard
Mr John Godfrey surrender of his office of Clerk	This day Mr John Godfrey senior surrendered his office of Clerk of this Company, the which his surrender at his request was accepted of.
Charles Burroughs elected Clerk	The humble petition of Charles Burroughs was read, setting forth that he had for some years past been a servant to Mr John Godfrey and had thereby well acquainted himself with the Company's business and praying the favour of this Court that he may be admitted Clerk of this Company in the room of the said Mr Godfrey. Upon consideration whereof this Court by vote unanimously elected the said Charles Burroughs Clerk of this Company, to hold the same with the salary, fees and perquisites thereunto of right belonging during so long time as he shall well and faithfully execute the said office, and he now took the oath appertaining

	[Sheet 184 IMG 0861]
Free [Charles Burroughs the new Clerk]	The Court were pleased to admit Charles Burroughs to the freedom of their Company and he took the oath appertaining and paid £10 as a fine[228] and 6s 5d Hance money.
Free [Richard Whiffin by apprenticeship]	Richard Whiffin, late apprentice to Samuel Lewin Esquire, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now admitted a freeman of this Company and he took the oath appertaining and paid 6s 5d Hance money.
Bound [Thomas Best apprentice to Samuel Lewin]	**The 11th of May 1694** Thomas Best, son of Thomas Best late of Sutton on the county of Surrey farmer, put himself Apprentice to Samuel Lewin Esq., Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the date hereof. Mr Constable Merry was present when this apprentice was bound.
Bound [Humphrey Morse apprentice to Kenhelm Merry]	**The 21st of June 1694** Humphrey Morse, the son of Richard Morse of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, Mercer, puts himself Apprentice to Kenhelm Merry, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the date hereof. Mr Merry being Constable.

[228] The previous Clerk in 1666 had been admitted gratis!

	[Sheet 184 REV IMG 0862]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 22nd day of August 1694 Present: Sir Peter Daniel Kt Mayor — Mr Matthew Smith Samuel Lewin Esq Lieutenant — Mr John Yates Mr Kenhelm Merry } — Mr John Markes Mr Joseph Crayker } Constables — Mr Charles Otway Mr Alexander Fisher — Mr Daniel Norton Mr John Denton — Mr Joseph Byard Mr William Neale — Mr Richard Whiffin Mr Richard Richardson — Mr Robert Joyce
	The Acts of the last 2 Courts were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Peter Daniel]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel and Sir William Pritchard, Knights and Aldermen. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir Peter Daniel, who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Samuel Lewin Esq]	Samuel Lewin Esq and William Withers junior being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put in election, choice was made of Samuel Lewin Esq, who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Kenhelm Merry & Joseph Crayker]	Mr Kenhelm Merry and Mr Joseph Crayker being nominated for Constables for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Kenhelm Merry and Mr Joseph Crayker, who accepted thereof and Mr Joseph Crayker took the oath appertaining.

	[Sheet 185 IMG 0862]
Treasurer chosen [Alexander Fisher]	Mr Alexander Fisher and Mr John Denton being nominated and put in election for the place of Treasurer for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Alexander Fisher to execute that place and he took the oath appertaining.
Auditors chosen	The Court now desired and authorised the Mayor, Lieutenant and all other members of this Company who have served the office of Treasurer, or any 4 or more of them, to audit the account of Mr Joseph Crayker, Treasurer, and after examination thereof, if they find it right, to allow the same.
Free [Henry Durnford]	Henry Durnford, in consideration of his paying 3 guineas and 6s 5d Hance money, was sworn and admitted in the freedom of this Society, notwithstanding he has served but 4 years of his time.
40s to Robert Joyce	Ordered that 40s be given to Robert Joyce as a free gift, he being a poor member of this Society.
[salary to John Godfrey]	Ordered that the year's salary that will end at Michaelmas next 1694 as due to the Clerk of the Company be paid to John Godfrey senior, he having officiated the business the year past.
A new Clerk chosen [Benjamin Wild]	The Court being informed of the death of Mr Charles Burroughs, their late Clerk, and proceeding to election of a new one in his stead, choice was made of Benjamin Wild to be Clerk of this Society. Which he thankfully accepted and took the oath appertaining. But before he is to be admitted to officiate the same, he is to pay £5 to Mr Treasurer for the use of this Society.

[Sheet 185 REV IMG 0863 & IMG 1386 & 1387]

The Account of Mr Joseph Crayker, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas last

Charge	£	s	d
Dec 15th 1693: There remained in the hands of the said Mr Crayker	18	18	3 ½
The same day. Received of Mr Burroughs for his freedom of this Company	10	00	0
The same day of Mr Burroughs for Hance money	00	06	5
The same day of Mr Lewin's Richard Whiffin for Hance money	00	06	5
Aug 8th '94 of the Mercers' Company for interest of £100 due 23rd June last	05	00	0
Aug 22nd '94 of Mr Henry Durnford for granting his freedom before his 7 years were expired.	03	06	0
The same day of Mr Durnford for Hance money	00	06	05
Oct 9th '94 of Mr John Dorrell by order of Mrs Eliz. Raynge for one year's rent of a house in Boston	05	00	0
Nov 1st '94 of Mrs Eliz. Barley in full for one year's rent of a tenement new-built at Woolstaple Bridge and for the Wharf due at Michaelmas last	13	12	4
Nov 8th ' 94 of Mr William Rutland junior in full for one year's ground rent due the 29th Sept last past	30	00	0
Received:	**86**	**15**	**10 ½**
Paid:	66	14	11
Rest:	**20**	**00**	**11 ½**
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 12th day of December 1694 by us whose names are subscribed. So there remains due to the Company by the said account the sum of £20 & 11½d [Signatures of:] Peter Daniel, William Withers senior, William Withers junior, Benjamin Crayker, Joseph Barker, Samuel Lewin			

[Sheet 186 IMG 0863 & 1390]

Discharge	£	s	d
Dec 15th '93 Paid for an audit dinner but at a general Court held for the election of a Clerk, at the Rummer tavern	09	02	6
May 3rd '94 Paid to Sir Peter Daniel, Mayor	10	00	0
Expended the same day at the Rummer tavern in Gracechurch Street when paid the money to the said Mayor	01	19	10
Aug 10th '94 gave Sir Peter Daniel's servant	00	12	6
Aug 22nd '94 to Robert Joyce a free gift	02	00	0
Aug 22nd '94 Paid for the election dinner at the Hoop tavern on Fish Street Hill	19	16	9
Oct 9th '94 Paid to Mrs Raynge for one whole year taxes of the house in Boston	01	00	0
Paid: to John Mansfeild a year's salary	04	00	0
Paid: for going by water when received Mrs Barley's rent	00	01	0
Nov 8th '94 to Mr James[?] Rutland for one year's taxes	06	00	0
ditto to Mr Godfrey for a year Quit-rent due to their Majesties 29 Sept	01	12	4
Nov 20th '94 Paid to Mr John Godfrey for a year's salary	08	00	0
Paid John Mansfeild a gratuity given him by the auditors for his extraordinary pains taken in the Company's service the year past	02	10	0
	66	**14**	**11**

	[Sheet 186 REV IMG 0864]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's [house] in Grace Church Street 28th of August 1695 Present: Sir Peter Daniel Kt — Mayor — Mr Matthew Smith Samuel Lewin Esq — Lieutenant — Mr Charles Otway Mr Kenhelm Merry } — Mr Richard Richardson Mr Joseph Crayker } Constables — Mr Henry Durnford Mr Alexander Fisher — Treasurer — Mr Daniel Norton Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Richard Whiffin Mr John Denton Mr William Neale
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Peter Daniel]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel and Sir William Pritchard, Knights and Aldermen. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir Peter Daniel who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Samuel Lewin]	Samuel Lewin Esq and William Withers junior, being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put in election, choice was made of the said Samuel Lewin who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Joseph Crayker & Joseph Barker]	Mr Joseph Crayker and Mr Joseph Barker being nominated for Constables for the year ensuing the Court made choice of the said Mr Crayker and Mr Barker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Alexander Fisher]	Mr Alexander Fisher, the present Treasurer, and Mr John Denton being nominated and put in election for the place of Treasurer for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Fisher to continue and execute that office for the year ensuing.
Auditors chosen	It is ordered that the same auditors as were chosen by the last Court of Election: the Mayor, Lieutenant, Constables and all other members of this Company (who have served the office of Treasurer), or any 4 or more of them, do audit the account of Mr Alexander Fisher, Treasurer, as aforesaid. And after examination thereof and finding the same to be right to allow the same.

	[Sheet 187 IMG 0864 & IMG 1391]
	It is also ordered that as many as can spare time on the audit day do go and view the state of this Company and make their report of the same at the next Court to be held by the said Society.
	It is therefore ordered that the £5 ordered to be paid by Benjamin Wild, the present Clerk of this Company, at the last Court of election be remitted. And the said Benjamin Wild is freely elected and admitted Clerk of the Company.
Free [John Smith by apprenticeship]	John Smith, late apprentice to Alexander Fisher, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hance money
	February 13th 1695 **[1696]**
Bound [James Coxen apprentice to Kenhelm Merry]	James Coxen, son of John Coxen late of Putney in the county of Surrey joiner deceased, puts himself Apprentice to Kenhelm Merry, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve for 7 years from the said 13th day of February.
	May 19th 1696
Bound [Richard Marsh apprentice to John Denton]	Richard Marsh, son of Samuel Marsh late citizen and Haberdasher of London deceased, puts himself apprentice to John Denton, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve for 7 years from the said 19th day of May.

[Sheet 187 REV IMG 0865]

The Account of Mr Alexander Fisher, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ending at Michaelmas last [1695]

Charge	£	s	d
Received: of Mr Joseph Crayker, late Treasurer of this said Company	20	00	11 ½
July 9th 1695 Received of Mrs Barley ½ a year's rent due at Lady Day last	06	16	2
Oct 3rd Received of Mr Godfrey a year's interest due the 23rd of June from the Mercers' Company	05	00	0
Oct 9th Received of the said Mrs Barley ½ a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	06	16	2
Received of Mr John Smith for Hance money	00	06	5
Nov 20th Received of Mr Darry on the behalf of Mrs Elizabeth Raney a year's rent for the house at Boston	05	00	0
Received of Mr Rutland junior a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	30	00	0
Received:	**73**	**19**	**8 ½**
Paid:	60	15	5
Rest:	**13**	**4**	**3 ½**
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 4th day of December 1695 by us whose names are subscribed. And there remains due to the Company by the said account the sum of £13 4s 3½d [Signatures of:] Samuel Lewin, Benjamin Crayker, Joseph Barker, Kenhelm Merry, Joseph Crayker			

[Sheet 188 IMG 0865]

Discharge	£	s	d
Dec 12th 1694 Paid: at the Hoop tavern	6	19	6
Paid: at times	0	07	6
June 23rd 1695 Paid: Sir Peter Daniel	10	00	0
Paid: expended then	00	17	6
Aug 29th Paid: at the election dinner	21	00	11
Paid: Benjamin Wild, Clerk of this Company, his year's salary due at Michaelmas last	08	00	0
Allowed for King's[229] taxes to Mr Rutland	06	00	0
Allowed taxes out of the rent at Boston	01	00	0
Paid: to John Mansfeild, Beadle, a year's salary due at Michaelmas last	04	00	0
Paid: him a gratuity given him by the auditors for his extraordinary pains taken in the Company's service the year last past	02	10	0
	60	**15**	**5**

[229] Taxes to King William (III) alone; Queen Mary (II) having died in December 1694.

[Sheet 188 REV IMG 0866]

At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's in Grace Church Street the 26th day of August 1696

Present:

Sir Peter Daniel Kt	Mayor	Mr Matthew Smith
Samuel Lewin Esq	Lieutenant	Mr Charles Otway
Mr William Withers senior		Mr Henry Durnford
Mr William Withers junior		Mr Richard Wiffin
Mr Joseph Barker		Mr Richard Richardson
Mr Joseph Crayker		Mr Daniel Norton
Mr Benjamin Crayker		Mr John Yates
Mr Kenhelm Merry		Mr William Neale
Mr John Denton		Mr Robert Joyce

The Acts of the Last Court were read

Mayor chosen [Sir Peter Daniel]

The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel and Sir William Pritchard, Knights and Aldermen. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir Peter Daniel who took his place and the oath appertaining.

Lieutenant chosen [Samuel Lewin Esq]

Samuel Lewin Esq and William Withers senior, being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put in election, choice was made of the said Samuel Lewin who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.

Constables chosen [Joseph Barker & William Withers junior]

Mr Joseph Barker, Mr William Withers Junior & Mr Benjamin Crayker being nominated for Constables for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Barker and Mr Withers who accepted thereof and the said Mr Withers took the oath appertaining.

Treasurer chosen [John Denton]

Mr John Denton and Mr Matthew Smith being nominated and put in election for the place of Treasurer for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Denton to execute that place and he took the oath appertaining.

Auditors chosen

Ordered that the same auditors as were nominated by the last Court of Election be continued.

[40s gift to Robert Joyce]

Ordered that Mr Alexander Fisher, the present Treasurer of this Company, pay to Mr Robert Joyce - being a poor member of this Society - the sum of 40s as a free gift of this Company.

[No pensioners to have a vote]

Ordered that no pensioners of this Society be for the future permitted to have any vote in the same Company.

Free [John Hitchin]

John Hitchin, late apprentice of Alexander Fisher, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society upon payment of 5 guineas to the present Treasurer for the use of the Company and 6s 5d for Hance money

[Sheet 189 IMG 0866]

[Apprentice to Richard Richardson]

October 21st 1696

Thomas East, son of Richard East of the parish of Christ Church in the county of Surrey, Mariner, puts himself Apprentice to Richard Richardson, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve for 7 years from the 21st of October.

At a meeting of this Company the 13th day of January 1696 **[1697] at the Crown tavern behind the Royal Exchange in order to audit the account of Mr Alexander Fisher, late Treasurer of this Company** Present:

Samuel Lewin Esq Lieutenant	Mr William Withers junior	Mr Joseph Barker
Mr William Withers senior	Mr Joseph Crayker	Mr Kenhelm Merry

It was ordered or agreed that the bond given by the said Alexander Fisher, and Mr Jacob Harvey and Mr William White, his security, for the performance of the Treasurership of the said Company should be delivered up to the said security, with the said security then and there giving a note and or his hand payable to Mr John Denton, the now present treasurer, for the several sums of £34 and 7s, a demand which sum of £34 and 7s was the half of £68 & 14s then appearing to be due, and in arrears from the said Alexander Fisher to this Company, by virtue of his Treasurership aforesaid. And the said John Denton did then and there accept the notes from the said security for which money chargeable to him on account of the said Company, upon which the said bond was delivered to the said security.

Bound [Edward Lambert to John Denton]

April 27th 1697

Edward Lambert, son of Daniel Lambert of Banstead in the county of Surrey yeoman, bound to John Denton, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve for 7 years from the said 27th day of April.

Bound [Mansfeild to Samuel Lewin]

June 17th 1697

Obedience Mansfeild, son of Samuel Mansfeild of Stratford in the county of Essex gentleman [?], bound Apprentice to Samuel Lewin Esq, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve for 7 years from the said 17th day of June.

	[Sheet 189 REV IMG 0867]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's in Grace Church Street the 25th day of August 1697 Present: Sir Peter Daniel Kt Mayor — Mr William Neale Samuel Lewin Esq Lieutenant — Mr Charles Otway Mr William Withers senior — Mr Richard Richardson Mr William Withers junior — Mr Richard Wiffin Mr Joseph Barker — Mr Daniel Norton Mr Kenhelm Merry — Mr John Smith Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Henry Durnford Mr Alexander Fisher — Mr John Hitchin Mr John Denton
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Peter Daniel]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel and Sir William Pritchard, Knights and Aldermen of the City of London. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir Peter Daniel who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Samuel Lewin Esq]	Samuel Lewin Esq and William Withers senior, being nominated for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put in election, choice was made of the said Samuel Lewin who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Wm Withers junior & Alexander Fisher]	Mr William Withers junior, Mr Joseph Barker and Mr Alexander Fisher being nominated for Constables for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of Mr Withers and Mr Fisher who accepted thereof and Mr Fisher took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [John Denton]	Mr John Denton, the present Treasurer, and Mr Matthew Smith being nominated and put in election for the place of Treasurer for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Denton to continue and execute that office for the said ensuing year.
[Auditors]	It is ordered that the same auditors as were chosen by the last Court of Election be continued and that they, or any 4 or more of them, do audit the account of Mr John Denton, Treasurer. And after examination thereof and finding the same to be right to allow the same.
Free [Richard Neale by apprenticeship]	Richard Neale, late apprentice to William Neale, Merchant of the Staple of England, was now sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hance money.
Free [Samuel Hawkes]	Samuel Hawkes, late apprentice to Daniel Rosewell, Merchant of the Staple of England, upon payment of 5 guineas and 6s 5d Hance money, for the use of the Company, was sworn and admitted in the freedom of this Society, he having not duly served the term of his apprenticeship.
[30s given to the widow of Robert Joyce]	The humble petition of [gap] Joyce, widow of a poor deceased member of this Society, being presented to the Court and read. And the Court taking the same into consideration did order Mr Treasurer Denton to give to the said widow Joyce 30s for her relief.

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[20s given to widow Whittle]	It was also ordered that the said Mr Denton do give to the [gap]Whittle, widow of a deceased member of this Society, the sum of 20s as a charitable gift of this Society, she also waiting there and begging the charity of this Company.
[Henry Stone apprentice]	**October 15th 1695** Henry Stone, son of John Stone of Rusper in the county of Sussex, bound to John Hitchin, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 15th of October.

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The Account of Mr John Denton, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas last [1697]

Charge	£	s	d
April 1697 Rcvd of the widow Barley ½ a year's rent due at Lady Day last	6	16	2
10th Rcvd of Mr Jacob Harvey in part:	20	00	0
25th Rcvd of Mr Rutland ½ a year's rent due at Lady last, taxes allowed	12	00	0
August 25th Rcvd of Mr Hawkes for his freedom	5	10	0
Rcvd of the said Mr Hawkes for Hance money	0	6	5
Rcvd of Mr Neale for Hance money	0	6	5
Rcvd of the Mercers' Company 1 year's interest due the 23rd of June	5	0	0
Rcvd of Mr William White in part	21	0	0
Oct 11th Rcvd of the widow Barley ½ a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	6	16	2
Rcvd of Mr Rutland ½ a year's rent due at Michaelmas last, taxes allowed	12	0	0
Nov 16th Rcvd of Mr Jacob Harvey in full	14	7	0
Dec 15th Rcvd of Mrs Eliz Raney 1 year's rent due at Michaelmas last taxes allowed	4	0	0
Received:	**108**	**2**	**2**
Paid:	101	14	11
Remains:	**6**	**7**	**3**
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 16th day of December 1697 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company by the same account the sum of £6 7s 3d. And the sum of £68 14s charged to be in arrear of the late Treasurer, Mr Alexander Fisher. We find and allow the same to be over charged by the sum of £18 19s 6d. And which said sum of £68 14s is now accounted for and allowed. [Signatures of:] Samuel Lewin, Benjamin Crayker, Joseph Barker, Joseph Crayker			

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Discharge	£	s	d
Dec 6th 1696 Paid for the audit dinner at the Hoop as per bill	4	3	2
Jan 14th Paid John Mansfeild 5 quarters' salary due at Christmas last	5	0	0
Paid the said John Mansfeild as a gratuity of the Company	2	5	0
Paid Robert Joyce by order a charitable gift of the Company	2	0	0
Paid at the Crown tavern at a meeting of the Company as per bill	0	14	4
Apr 14th '97 Paid Mr Gillham the Fishmonger as appears by bill	1	5	6
18th Paid John Mansfeild one quarter's salary due at Lady Day last	1	0	0
21st Paid poulterer as appears by bill	2	15	0
Paid the Clerk 1 year's salary due at Michaelmas '96	8	0	0
30th Paid Mr Hale the cook as per bill	6	17	0
July 1st Paid Mr Benjamin Crayker money by him paid to Sir Peter Daniel	10	0	0
Paid Sir Peter Daniel	10	0	0
Paid at the same time as appears by the bill	0	14	9
Paid the Clerk ½ a year's salary due at Lady Day '97	4	0	0
Aug 4th Paid John Mansfeild 1 quarter's salary due at Midsummer '97	1	0	0
25th Paid the widow Joyce the Company's gift	1	10	0
Paid the widow Whittle the Company's gift	1	0	0
Paid Mr Collins at the Hoop as by the bill	12	4	0
Paid for the dinner the last Court day as by the bill	20	13	4
Paid our year's quit-rent due at Lady Day 1697	1	12	4
Paid the Clerk 1 quarter's salary due at Midsummer last	2	0	0
Paid him a quarter's salary due at Michaelmas last	2	0	0
Paid John Mansfeild 1 quarter's salary due at Michaelmas last	1	0	0
Paid for 2 letters from Boston	0	0	6
	101	**14**	**11**

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March 8th 1697

[Mark Cholmley apprentice to Samuel Lewin]

Mark Cholmley, son of John Cholmley[230] late of the parish of St Olaves Southwark, Brewer deceased, bound Apprentice to Samuel Lewin Esq, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years.

At a Meeting of the Company at the house of the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel, Mayor, at Balham the 26th August 1698

Present:

Sir Peter Daniel Kt	Mr Benjamin Crayker
Samuel Lewin Esq	Mr Alexander Fisher
Mr William Withers senior	Mr John Denton
Mr William Withers junior	Mr Henry Durnford
Mr Joseph Crayker	

It was then and there ordered that the Court of Election for the said Company be held on Wednesday the 7th of September next by reason of the indisposition of the Mayor.

At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house in Grace Church Street the 7th day of September 1698

Present:

Sir Peter Daniel Kt	Mayor	Mr Richard Wiffin
Samuel Lewin Esq	Lieutenant	Mr Daniel Norton
Mr William Withers senior		Mr Charles Otway
Mr Benjamin Crayker		Mr Henry Durnford
Mr Kenhelm Merry		Mr John Smith
Mr Alexander Fisher	Constable	Mr Samuel Hawkes
Mr John Denton		Mr John Hitchin
Mr William Neale		Mr Richard Neale
Mr Matthew Smith		
Mr Richard Richardson		

The Acts of the last Court were read.

Mayor chosen [Sir Peter Daniel]

The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel and Sir William Pritchard, Knights and Aldermen. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon the said Sir Peter Daniel who took his place and the oath appertaining.

Lieutenant chosen [Samuel Lewin]

Samuel Lewin Esq and Mr William Withers junior, being in nomination for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing and being put in election, choice was made of the said Esq Lewin who accepted the place and took the oath appertaining.

Constables chosen [Alexander Fisher & Kenhelm Merry]

Mr Kenhelm Merry and Mr John Denton being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Merry, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining and Mr Alexander Fisher ordered to continue Constable for the ensuing year.

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Treasurer chosen [William Neale]

Mr Matthew Smith and Mr William Neale being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Neale, who accepted thereof and soberly promised to execute the said place of Treasurer duly and truly - being excused from the oath by reason he was a Quaker.

[Same auditors]

Ordered that the same auditors, which already are, be continued.

[Auditors to Westminster 21st September]

Ordered that so many of the auditors who can conveniently, go to Westminster to view the estate belonging to the Company at Westminster, and make their report concerning the same at the next audit, and go the 21st instant.

Ordered that the Boston lease be brought before the next audit. And that Mr Joseph Crayker be desired to bring there the Company's Charter.

[30s gift to widow Susanna Joyce]

The humble petition of Susanna Joyce, widow of a poor deceased member of this Society being presented to the Court and read. And the Court considering the same did ordered Mr Treasurer Denton to pay her the sum of 30s for her relief and as a charitable gift of this Company.

Joseph Heaton, late apprentice of Samuel Lewin Esq, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day sworn and admitted in the freedom of this Society and paid for Hance money 6s 5d.

[230] Cholmley: an established family in Southwark which included a Master of the Brewers Company; Whigs in Parliament. See https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1690-1715/member/cholmley-john-1661-1711

[Sheet 192 REV IMG 0871]

The Account of Mr John Denton, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ending at Michaelmas last 1698

	Charge	£	s	d
	Resting in his hands the last audit being 16th Dec 1698[7]	6	7	3
Apr 25	Rcvd of the widow Barley ½ a year's rent due at Lady Day last	6	16	2
	Rcvd of Mr Rutland ½ a year's rent due at Lady Day last	15	00	0
	Rcvd of Mr Heaton for Hance money	0	6	5
Oct 20	Rcvd of Eliz. Raney for 1 year's rent due Michaelmas 98, taxes allowed	4	0	0
	Rcvd of the Mercers' Company 1 year's interest due 23rd June 98	5	0	0
Nov 15	Rcvd of Mr Rutland ½ a year's rent due at Michaelmas 98	15	0	0
Nov 22	Rcvd of the widow Barley ½ year's rent due at Michaelmas 98	6	16	2
	Rcvd by the last year's Confectioner's bill	1	1	8
		60	**7**	**8**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 30th day of December 1698 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the said Treasurer the sum of £4 13s 8d [Signatures of:] Samuel Lewin, William Withers senior, William Withers junior, Benjamin Crayker, Joseph Barker, Kenhelm Merry, Joseph Crayker, Alexander Fisher			

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	Discharge	£	s	d
Dec 16	Paid for the last audit dinner as per bill	6	13	0
Jan 12	Paid John Mansfeild his salary due at Christmas 97	1	0	0
	Pai him the Company's gift	2	0	0
	Paid the Clerk a quarter's salary due at Christmas 97	2	0	0
	Paid John Mansfeild a quarter's salary due at Lady Day 98	1	0	0
	Paid the Clerk a quarter's salary due at Lady Day 98	2	0	0
	Paid the said John Mansfeild a quarter's salary due at Midsummer 98	1	0	0
	Paid the Clerk his salary due at Midsummer 98	2	0	0
Oct 11	Paid the widow Joyce the Company's gift	1	10	0
	Paid the Land Tax by Mr Rutland for one year & Trophy money	5	16	0
	Paid Sir Peter Daniel	10	0	0
	Paid a year's Quit-Rent due at Lady Day 98	1	11	8
	Paid the Court day	24	12	2
	Paid when paid Sir Peter Daniel	3	4	6
	Paid charges in viewing the houses at Westminster	1	0	0
		65	**1**	**4**
		60	7	8
		4	**13**	**8**

	[Sheet 193 REV IMG 0872]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held the 23rd day of August 1699 at the Mayor's in Grace Church Street Present: Sir Peter Daniel Kt Mayor — Mr Matthew Smith Samuel Lewin Esquire Lieutenant — Mr Charles Otway William Withers senior — Mr Richard Richardson Sir William Withers[231] Kt — Mr Henry Durnford Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr John Smith Mr Kenhelm Merry — Mr Joseph Heaton junior Mr Alexander Fisher — Mr Richard Neale Mr John Denton Mr William Neale
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Peter Daniel]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Peter Daniel and Sir William Pritchard, Knights and Aldermen. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon the said Sir Peter Daniel who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Samuel Lewin]	Samuel Lewin Esq & Mr Benjamin Crayker being in nomination for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Samuel Lewin who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Kenhelm Merry & John Denton]	Mr Kenhelm Merry & Mr John Denton being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Merry and Mr Denton who accepted thereof and the said Mr Denton took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Wm Neale continued]	Mr William Neale the present Treasurer and Mr Henry Durnford being put in nomination for the place of Treasurer for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Neale to continue and execute the said office for the year ensuing.
	Ordered that the auditors who now are be continued.
Bound [Richard Lewin apprentice to Samuel Lewin]	**March 6th ~~1699~~ [1700]** Richard Lewin, son of Samuel Lewin Esq, Merchant of the Staple of England, bound Apprentice to the said Samuel Lewin to serve 7 years from the said 6th day of March
Bound [Walter Moss apprentice to John Denton]	**August 8th 1700** Walter Moss, son of Walter Moss of Pittworth in the county of Sussex, bound Apprentice to John Denton, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 8th day of August.

	[Sheet 194 IMG 0872]
	At a meeting at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church Street the 8th day of August 1700 Present: Samuel Lewin Esquire Lieutenant — Mr Alexander Fisher Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr William Neale Mr Joseph Crayker — Mr Richard Wiffin Mr Joseph Barker
	Agreed that the General Court be held the Wednesday following next Bartholomew Day and to meet at the usual hour at Mr Joseph Crayker's and after to go to Westminster, and due attend the said Ship tavern
Bound [Nicholas Dee apprentice to Samuel Lewin]	**August 22nd 1700** Nicholas Dee, son of John Dee of Pittworth in the county of Sussex gentleman, bound Apprentice to Samuel Lewin Esquire, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 22nd of August.

[231] William Withers junior 1654-1721: Fishmongers' Company (his father was a Draper). 1693 consortium to found the New Pennsylvania Co; 1698 a founding director of the East India Co; 1699 knighted. MP for the City. Lord Mayor 1707-8. Lived St Mary-Le-Bow and Fulham. Biography at: https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1690-1715/member/withers-sir-william-1654-1721

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The Account of Mr William Neale, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas 1699

Charge	£	s	d
Rcvd of Mr Rutland 1 year's rent due at Michaelmas last	30	0	0
Rcvd of Mrs Elizabeth Barley a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	13	12	9
Rcvd of Mrs Raney for the Boston tenements a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	5	0	0
Rcvd of the Mercers' Company 1 year's interest for £100 due the 23rd June 1699	5	0	0
	53	**12**	**4**
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 6th day of December 1699 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company by the same account the sum of £4 5s 2d [Signatures of:] Samuel Lewin, Joseph Barker, Kenhelm Merry, Joseph Crayker, Alexander Fisher, John Denton			

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Discharge	£	s	d
Paid to Mr Denton, late Treasurer, the balance of his account due from the Company upon the last audit as per receipt	04	13	8
Paid for the last audit dinner and election dinner at Mr Foil...[?] as per bills & receipts	13	4	0
Paid to Sir Peter Daniel	10	0	0
Expended at the payment of the same	00	3	8
Paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk, his year's salary	08	0	0
Paid John Mansfeild, Beadle, his year's salary	04	0	0
Paid the said John Mansfeild the gift of the Company	02	5	0
Allowed Mr Rutland for taxes	04	10	0
Allowed him for Trophy money	00	2	6
Allowed Mrs Raney for taxes	00	15	0
Paid the King's Quit-Rent and for the acquittance	01	12	4
Paid twice for a boat to Westminster	00	1	0
	49	**7**	**2**

	[Sheet 195 REV IMG 0874]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at Mr Joseph Crayker's house in Grace Church Street the 28th day of August 1700 Present: Samuel Lewin Esquire Lieutenant — Mr William Neale Mr William Withers [senior] — Mr Richard Richardson Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Matthew Smith Mr Joseph Crayker — Mr Charles Otway Mr Joseph Barker — Mr John Smith Mr Kenhelm Merry — Mr Samuel Hawkes Mr Alexander Fisher — Mr Richard Neale Mr William Denton — Mr Joseph Heaton — Mr Richard Wiffin
[Sir Peter Daniel dead] Mayor chosen [Sir Charles Duncombe]	Sir Peter Daniel Kt, who for many years last past was elected and continued Mayor of this Company, being lately deceased,[232] and the Company thinking it fit first to proceed to the election of a new Mayor for the year ensuing. And in order thereunto nominated the Right Worshipful Sir William Withers, Sir William Pritchard and Sir Charles Duncombe, Knights and Aldermen of the City of London, to be in election for the said place. And the question being severally put, it clearly appeared that the said Sir Charles Duncombe[233] was chosen. Whereupon the Court thought convenient to send notice thereof to the said Sir Charles, which was accordingly done. And the said Sir Charles came (sitting the said Court) when the said Court did acquaint him with the said election and offered the said Sir Charles the freedom of the said Company gratis and to give to him the oath of Hances standing. Which said place of Mayor of the said Company and Staple at Westminster, and also the freedom of the said Company, the said Sir Charles did accept and took the oaths accordingly.
	Then after at the same Court the Acts of the last Court were read.
Lieutenant chosen [Samuel Lewin]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing. And Samuel Lewin Esq and Mr Benjamin Crayker being put in nomination for that place, choice was made of the said Samuel Lewin, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [John Denton & Joseph Crayker]	Mr John Denton and Mr Joseph Crayker being put in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the said Mr Denton was ordered to continue and said Mr Crayker chosen, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Matthew Smith]	Mr Matthew Smith and Mr Richard Richardson being put in nomination for the place of Treasurer for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Smith, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
[Auditors continued]	Ordered that the present auditors be continued.
[30s to widow Joyce]	The petition of Susanna Joyce, widow of a poor deceased member of this Company, being read and considered, the Court ordered her 30s as a charitable gift of this Company.
Free [Henry Sims by apprenticeship]	Henry Simmes [Sims], late apprentice to John Denton, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society and paid for Hance money 6s 5d.

	[Sheet 196 IMG 0874]
Bound [Nathaniel Heaton apprentice to Joseph Heaton junior]	**Dec 9th 1700** Nathaniel Heaton, son of Joseph Heaton senior of the parish of St Mary Magdalene, Bermondsey, in the county of Surrey, tanner, bound Apprentice to Joseph Heaton junior, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 9th of December.

[232] Sir Peter Daniel died 9 May 1700; buried at Clapham. Ref: https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1660-1690/member/daniel-sir-peter-1700

[233] Sir Charles Duncombe - one of the leading bankers of the day. Goldsmiths company Prime Warden 1684; Lord Mayor 1708-9. Biography at: https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1690-1715/member/duncombe-charles-1648-1711 One of his nephews, Thomas Duncombe, established the family and mansion at Duncombe Park, Helmsley North Yorkshire.

[Sheet 196 REV IMG 0875]

The Account of Mr William Neale, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas last [1700]

Charge	£	s	d
Rest due to the Company on the balance of the last account	4	5	2
Rcvd of Mr Rutland 1 year's rent	30	0	0
Rcvd of Mr Barley 1 year's rent	13	12	4
Rcvd of Mrs Raney 1 years rent	5	0	0
Rcvd of the Mercers' Company 1 year's interest due the 23rd June last	5	0	0
Rcvd of Mr Simmes for Hance money	0	6	5
	58	**3**	**11**
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 13th day of December 1700 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company by the same account the sum of **6s 8d** [Signatures of:] Samuel Lewin, Joseph Crayker, John Denton, Alex Fisher, Joseph Barker, Kenhelm Merry			

[Sheet 197 IMG 0875]

	Discharge	£	s	d
Dec 6 1699	Paid at the Swan tavern for the audit dinner	6	17	6
Aug 28 1700	Paid for the election dinner	28	03	11
	Paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk of the Company, a year's salary	08	00	00
	Paid John Mansfeild a year's salary	04	00	00
	Paid the said John Mansfeild the Company's gift	02	03	00
	Paid the widow Joyce the charity of the said Company	01	10	00
	Allowed for taxes to Mr Rutland	03	15	00
	Allowed for taxes to Mrs Raney	00	12	06
	Paid the King's Quit-Rent	01	12	04
	Paid to Sir Charles Duncombe's servants	01	00	00
	Waterage to Westminster 3 times	00	01	06
	Paid the Confectioner's bill	00	01	06
		57	**17**	**03**

	[Sheet 197 REV IMG 0876]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held the 1st day of October 1701 at Goldsmiths Hall, London Present: Sir Charles Duncombe Mayor — Mr Daniel Norton Samuel Lewin Esq Lieutenant — Mr John Smith Mr Kenhelm Merry — Mr Samuel Hawkes Mr Alexander Fisher — Mr Richard Neale Mr John Denton Constable — Mr Joseph Heaton Mr William Neale — Mr John Mansfeild Mr Matthew Smith Treasurer Mr Richard Wiffin
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Charles Duncombe]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Charles Duncombe and Sir William Withers, Knights and Aldermen of London. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon the said Sir Charles Duncombe who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Samuel Lewin Esq]	Samuel Lewin Esq and Benjamin Crayker, being in nomination for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Samuel Lewin who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Wm Neale & Joseph Crayker]	Mr William Neale and Mr Matthew Smith being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said William Neale who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining, and ordered Mr Joseph Crayker, present Constable, to continue for the year ensuing.
Treasurer chosen [Matthew Smith]	Mr Matthew Smith and Mr Richard Whiffin being put in nomination for the place of Treasurer for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Smith to continue, who accepted thereof.
	Ordered that the present auditors continue.
Free [James Coxen by apprenticeship]	James Coxen, late apprentice to Kenhelm Merry, Merchant of the Staple of England, on payment of 3 guineas - not having served the full time of his apprenticeship - was this day sworn and admitted into the freedom of this Society and paid for Hance money 6s 5d.
30s each to [Susanna Joyce and Amy Otway]	Upon the several petitions of Susanna Joyce and Amy Ottoway [Otway] two poor widows of deceased members of this Society praying relief, the Court ordered them 30s each.

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[Sheet 198 REV IMG 0877]

The Account of Mr Matthew Smith, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas last [1701]

Charge	£	s	d
Rcvd of Mr Rutland a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	30	00	0
Rcvd of Mrs Barley a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	13	12	4
Oct 2nd Rcvd of Mr James Coxen, late Apprentice to Mr Kenhelm Merry, 3 guineas for his admittance into the freedom of this Society	03	04	6
Rcvd more of him for Hance money	00	06	5
Rcvd of Mrs Raney a year's rent due at Michaelmas last for the premises at Boston	05	00	0
Rcvd of the Mercers' Company a year's interest due the 23rd of June last	05	00	0
	57	**03**	**03**
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 18th day of December 1701 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the said Treasurer from the said Company the sum of **£9 8s 5d** [Signatures of:] Samuel Lewin, Benjamin Crayker, Joseph Barker, Alexander Fisher, John Denton, Joseph Crayker			

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Discharge	£	s	d
Paid at the audit of Mr William Neale's account	10	8	7
Paid Benjamin Wild a year's salary due at Michaelmas last	08	00	0
Paid the Beadle [John Mansfeild] a year's salary due at Michaelmas last	04	00	0
Paid him as a free gift of the Company	02	05	0
Paid Sir Charles Duncombe, Mayor, his yearly fee	10	00	0
Gave to his servants	00	15	0
Coach hire to Sir Charles' & waterage twice to Westminster	00	03	0
Expended at the Salutation tavern in Lombard Street	00	02	3
Paid at the election dinner	21	11	10
Paid to the widow Ottoway as a charitable gift of the Company	01	10	0
Paid the like to the widow Joyce	01	10	0
Paid the King's Quit-Rent	01	11	8
Paid for the acquittance	00	00	8
Paid waterage	00	01	0
Expended at the receipt of Mrs Raney's money	00	00	6
Expended on Mr Rutland	00	00	6
Allowed taxes to Mr Rutland	04	01	8
Allowed taxes to Mrs Raney for a year	00	10	0
	66	**11**	**8**

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	[Sheet 199 REV IMG 0878] [There is only one entry]
Bound [John Merry apprentice to his father]	**June 18th 1702** John Merry, son of Kenhelm Merry, Merchant of the Staple of England, bound Apprentice to the said Kenhelm Merry to serve 7 years from the said 18th of June.

	[Sheet 200 IMG 0878]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held the 14th day of October 1702 at Vintners' Hall London Present:

Sir Charles Duncombe Kt	Mayor	Mr Richard Wiffin
Samuel Lewin Esq	Lieutenant	Mr Joseph Byard
Mr Benjamin Crayker		Mr John Smith
Mr Joseph Crayker	Constable	Mr Samuel Hawkes
Mr Kenhelm Merry		Mr Henry Simmes
Mr Alexander Fisher		Mr Joseph Heaton
Mr John Denton		Mr James Coxen
Mr William Neale	Constable	
Mr Matthew Smith	Treasurer	

Mayor chosen [Sir Charles Duncombe]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Charles Duncombe and Sir William Withers, Knights and Aldermen. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir Charles Duncombe who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Samuel Lewin]	Samuel Lewin Esq and William Withers senior, being in nomination for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Samuel Lewin who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Wm Neale & Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Alexander Fisher being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining. And ordered Mr William Neale, present Constable to continue for the year ensuing.
Treasurer chosen [Richard Wiffin]	Mr Richard Wiffin and Mr John Smith being put in nomination for the place of Treasurer for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Wiffin who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors chosen [to continue]	Ordered that the present auditors continue.
[30s to widow Susanna Joyce]	The humble petition of Susanna Joyce, poor widow of a deceased member of this Company, being presented and read and praying the charity of this Company, the Court was pleased upon hearing thereof to order the sum of 30s for her relief.

[Sheet 200 REV IMG 0879]

The Account of Mr Matthew Smith, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas 1702

Charge	£	s	d
Received of Mr William Rutland 1 year's rent due at Michaelmas last	30	00	0
Received of Mrs Barley a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	13	12	4
Rcvd of Mrs Raney a year's rent due at Michaelmas last for the premises at Boston	05	00	0
Rcvd of the Mercers' Company a year's interest due 23rd of June last	05	00	0
	53	**12**	**4**

Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 17th day of December 1702 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the said Treasurer from the said Company the sum of **£14 17s 5d**. [Signatures:] Samuel Lewin, Benjamin Crayker, Kenhelm Merry, Joseph Crayker, John Denton, William Neale

At the same meeting and auditing of the above written account it was ordered that the bond, entered into by Mr Matthew Smith, the late Treasurer, and by his sureties to the said Company, be forthwith delivered up to him to be cancelled. And the sum of £100 lately paid by the Mercers Company into the hands of the Treasurer and the same or the security for the same now delivered into the hands of Mr Joseph Crayker - to be disposed and put out by him for the use and benefit of the said Company. And the said Joseph Crayker, having at this present time lent to the said Company the sum of £25 and by order of the persons now present paid the said £25 so lent into the hands of the present Treasurer, Mr Richard Wiffin. And the said Richard Wiffin is to be accountable for the same to the said Company and immediately discharge and pay the said Mr Smith what is in arrears and due to him from the said Company upon the balance of the above written account. And at the same time the said Mr Crayker did give a note payable to the said Company for the said sum of £100 payable on demand and now left in the hands of Mr Benjamin Crayker by order. And the said Mr Wiffin at the present making of this order has received the said sum of £25 and endorsed the receipt of the same on the said note as thereby appears.

At the same meeting ordered that the bond, entered into by Mr Richard Wiffin, Mr John Merryman and Mr Samuel Ruderly his sureties, be left in the hands of Samuel Lewin Esq, Lieutenant. And the said Samuel Lewin has now taken the same into his custody by order as aforesaid.

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Discharge	£	s	d
Paid for the audit dinner at the Ship tavern in Grace Church Street	05	10	6
Paid for the election dinner at the same place	18	14	0
Paid to Sir Charles Duncombe as usual	10	00	0
Gave to his servants	01	04	0
Paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk of the Company, a year's salary	08	00	0
Paid John Mansfeild, Beadle, a year's salary	04	00	0
Paid to the said John Mansfeild the gift of the said Company	01	10	0
Paid the widow Joyce as a charitable gift of the said Company	01	10	0
Paid the Queen's[234] Quit-Rent and for the receipt	01	12	4
Expended and paid the messenger	00	01	6
Paid waterage to Westminster	00	03	0
Paid for Letters and expended with Mr Rutland	00	01	0
Allowed Mr Rutland half a year's tax due at Lady Day last at 3s in the pound	02	05	0
Allowed him half a year's tax due Michaelmas last at 4d in the pound & 5d for Trophy money	03	05	0
Allowed to Mrs Raney for a year's tax at 3d in the pound	00	15	0
Rest due to me from the said Company upon the last audit	09	08	5
	68	**09**	**9**
The account of Mr Richard Wiffin deceased, late Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England:			
Charge: Dec 17 1702 Rcvd of the Company money from the hands of Mr Joseph Crayker	**125**	**0**	**0**
Discharge: Dec 17 1702 Paid Mr Matthew Smith, late Treasurer the balance of his account	14	17	5
due from the Company. Paid for the audit dinner the same day	7	13	4
	22	**10**	**9**

Memorandum this account was audited and allowed this 11th day of March 1702 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company by the said account the sum of **£2 9s 3d**.
[Signatures:] Samuel Lewin, Kenhelm Merry, Joseph Crayker, William Neale, Matthew Smith

[234] Queen Anne now on the throne.

[Sheet 201 REV IMG 0880]

Bound [John Fisher apprentice to his father Alexander Fisher]

March 11th ~~1702~~ [1703]

John Fisher, son of Alexander Fisher, Merchant of the Staple of England, bound to the said Alexander Fisher to serve 7 years from the said 11th day of March.

At a Court held the 11th day of March ~~1702~~ [1703] at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church Street

Present:

Samuel Lewin Esq	Lieutenant	Mr William Neale	[Constable]
Mr Benjamin Crayker	[Constable]	Mr Matthew Smith	
Mr Joseph Crayker		Mr Samuel Hawkes	
Mr Kenhelm Merry		Mr Joseph Heaton	
Mr Alexander Fisher		Mr Henry Simmes	
Mr John Denton		Mr	

[Richard Wiffin died]

Ordered that a Treasurer be elected in the room and stead of Mr Richard Wiffin, late Treasurer, deceased.

[Samuel Hawkes elected Treasurer]

The said Court proceeding to election of such Treasurer put in nomination Mr Samuel Hawkes and Mr Joseph Heaton. And by the majority of hands the choice fell upon the said Mr Hawkes, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Next meeting in a fortnight for the Treasurers' bonds]

Ordered that a meeting be had this day fortnight at the same place at 2 in the afternoon to see the new elected Treasurer's bond of security to the Company executed. And that the late Treasurer's bond, now in custody of the Lieutenant, be delivered up to be cancelled, upon payment or discharging the balance of the late Treasurer's account - being £2 9s 3d due to the Company from him - and that the present Treasurer receive the same.

At a Meeting of the Company the 30th day of September 1702 at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church Street

Present:

Samuel Lewin Esq	Lieutenant	Mr Alexander Fisher	
Mr Benjamin Crayker	[Constable]	Mr John Denton	
Mr Joseph Crayker		Mr Samuel Hawkes	
Mr Kenhelm Merry			

[No election: officials continued]

Ordered and agreed that the present officials of the Company do continue in their respective offices for the year ensuing and until the next Court of election; and that the 2nd Wednesday in January next be appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Bound [Abraham Goodwin apprentice to Samuel Lewin]

January 5th 1703

Abraham Goodwyn, son of Thomas Goodwyn of the parish of St Andrew Holborn, Citizen and Leatherseller of London, bound to Samuel Lewin Esq, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 5th day of January.

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[Sheet 202 REV IMG 0881]

The Account of Mr Samuel Hawkes, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas 1703

Charge	£	s	d
April 8th 1703 Received of Mrs Wiffin the balance of her late husband's account due to the Company	2	9	3
Rcvd of Mr Bowman a year's rent for the Wharf at Woolstaple Bridge due at Michaelmas last	6	0	0
Rcvd of Mr Bowser a year's rent for a tenement at Woolstaple Bridge due at Michaelmas last	7	12	4
Rcvd of Mr Rutland a year's rent due at Michaelmas	30	0	0
Rcvd of Mrs Raney a year's rent due at Michaelmas for the premises at Boston	05	0	0
Rcvd of Mr Joseph Crayker the sum of £75, being money deposited sometime since in his hands for him to put out to interest for the benefit of the Company	75	0	0
Rcvd more of the said Mr Crayker for interest[235] made by him of & for the said £75	3	18	0
Total Receipts:	**129**	**19**	**7**
Remains due:	5	7	10
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 20th day of January 1703 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the said Company by the same account the sum of £5 7s 10d. [Signatures of:] Samuel Lewin, Benjamin Crayker, Kenhelm Merry, John Denton, Joseph Crayker, Alexander Fisher, Mathew Smith			

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	Discharge	£	s	d
Mar 11 170~~2~~[3]	Paid Mr Robbins	5	6	0
Apr 8th 1703	Paid the said Mr Robbins	2	4	11
	Paid Mr Mansfeild a year's wages due at Michaelmas last	4	0	0
	Paid the said Mr Mansfeild as the gift of the Company	1	10	0
	Paid Benjamin Wild a year's salary due at Michaelmas last	8	0	0
	Paid Sir Charles Duncombe as usual	10	0	0
	Paid charges in receiving Westminster rents	0	1	0
	The like in receiving Mr Rutland's rent	0	2	6
	Gave the day the Company dined at Sir Charles' to the servants and other expenses	2	10	0
Sep 30th 1703	Paid Mr Robbins	1	19	6
	Allowed a year's tax to Mr Rutland at Michaelmas last	6	0	0
	Paid the Queen's Quit-Rent and for the acquittance			
	Allowed a year's tax to Mrs Raney at Michaelmas last	1	0	0
Jan 5th 1703	Paid at the Salutation tavern in Lombard Street	0	5	6
	Paid into the hands of Mr Joseph Crayker the sum of four score pounds by order of the Company, for him to put out and dispose for the use and benefit of the said Company. And the said Joseph Crayker has given a note under his hand for the same, payable to the said Company on demand and which note by the like order and consent is left in the hands of Mr Benjamin Crayker.	80	00	0
		124	**11**	**9**

[235] An interest rate of 5.2%

	[Sheet 203 REV IMG 0882]
Bound [Wm Smith apprentice to Samuel Hawkes]	**July 14th 1704** William Smith, son of Richard Smith late citizen and apothecary of London deceased, bound Apprentice to Samuel Hawkes, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 14th day of July.
Bound [Henry Symonds apprentice to John Denton]	**July 15th 1704** Henry Symonds, son of William Symonds of Gravesend in the county of Kent woollen draper, bound Apprentice to John Denton, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 15th day of July.
Bound [Joshua Lyons apprentice to Wm Neale]	**August 7th 1704** Joshua Lyons, son of Jeremiah Lyons of the parish of St Olave Southwark in the county of Surrey Woolman, bound Apprentice to William Neale, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 7th day of August.

	[Sheet 204 IMG 0882]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held 24th August 1704 at Vintners Hall London Present:

Sir Charles Duncombe Kt	Mayor	Mr Matthew Smith	
Samuel Lewin Esq	Lieutenant	Mr John Smith	
Mr Benjamin Crayker	Constable	Mr Samuel Hawkes	Treasurer
Mr Kenelm Merry		Mr Joseph Heaton	
Mr Joseph Crayker		Mr Joseph Byard	
Mr Alexander Fisher		Mr Henry Simmes	
Mr John Denton		Mr James Coxen	
Mr William Neale	Constable		

Mayor chosen [Sir Charles Duncombe]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Charles Duncombe and Sir William Withers, Knights and Aldermen of London. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon the said Sir Charles Duncombe who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Samuel Lewin]	Samuel Lewin Esq and Mr Benjamin Crayker, being in nomination for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Samuel Lewin, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Kenhelm Merry & Matthew Smith]	Mr Kenhelm Merry, Mr Alexander Fisher, Mr Matthew Smith and Mr John Denton being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Merry and Mr Smith who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [John Smith]	Mr John Smith and Mr Joseph Heaton being put in nomination for the place of Treasurer for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Smith, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
[Auditors continued]	Ordered that the same auditors continue.
Made free [Humphrey Morse]	Humphrey Morse, late apprentice of Kenhelm Merry, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid for Hance money 6s 5d, and for his admittance to such freedom, not having served the time of his apprenticeship, the sum of 8 guineas.
Made free [Edward Lambert]	Edward Lambert, late apprentice to John Denton, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hance money.
[Attorney General's opinion to be taken in the case of Kenhelm Merry]	Ordered that the Clerk draw up the case concerning Mr Kenhelm Merry and attend the Mayor at his appointed time to go to the Attorney General and take his opinion, not only of such case but of the whole Charter, and that the Treasurer disburse the fee or charge for such opinion. And the same shall be allowed on his account. And in case it be advised that Mr Merry ought to bring his action against the person or persons who took and defame his horse collars or harness, such account shall be prosecuted at the charge of this Society.
	Ordered that the Treasurer pay Mr John Fisher 5s for each fair copy of the translation of the Charter to be delivered to each member, the consideration for any further gratification being referred to the time of the audit.

[Sheet 204 REV IMG 0883]

The Account of Mr Samuel Hawkes, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas 1704

	Charge	£	s	d
January 20th 1703[4]	Remaining in my hands upon the foot of my last year's account due to the Company	05	07	10
March 29th 1704	Rcvd of Mr Bowman half a year's rent due at Lady Day last for the Wharf at Woolstaple Dock	03	00	0
April 2d 1704	Rcvd of Mr Bowser half a year's rent due at Lady Day last for the messuage at Woolstaple Dock	03	16	2
June 29th 1704	Rcvd of Mr Rutland half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	15	00	0
August 24th 1704	Rcvd of Mr Humphrey Morse for his admittance into the freedom of this Company	08	12	0
	Rcvd of the said Mr Morse for Hance money	00	06	5
	Rcvd of Mr Lambert the like	00	06	5
October 9th 1704	Rcvd of the said Mr Bowman half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last for the said Wharf	03	00	0
	Rcvd of the said Mr Bowser for half a year's rent due at Michaelmas for the said messuage	03	16	2
10th	Rcvd of Mrs Elizabeth Raney a year's rent for the premises at Boston	05	00	0
November 6th 1704	Rcvd of Mr Rutland half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	15	00	0
		63	**05**	**00**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 14th day of December 1704 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the said Treasurer from the said Company the sum of £5 11s 3d [Signatures of:] Samuel Lewin, Benjamin Crayker, Joseph Crayker, John Denton, Alexander Fisher, Matthew Smith			

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	Discharge	£	s	d
January 20th 1703[4]	Paid for the audit dinner	6	13	1
24th	Paid Mr Joseph Crayker by order the Company	1	2	0
	Paid Mr Robbins	0	18	10
June 13th 1704	Paid to the Mayor as usual	10	0	0
	Gave to the servants & other expenses	1	13	0
	Expended in receiving Westminster rents	0	1	0
April 11th 1704	Paid Mr Mansfeild half a year's salary	2	0	0
	Paid the said Mr Mansfeild as the gift of the Company	1	10	0
	Paid at receipt of Mr Rutland's rent	0	2	6
August 28th 1704	Paid to Mr Robbins for the election dinner	17	0	10
	Paid the confectioner's bill	0	14	2
	Paid at Sir Charles'	0	2	6
	Paid Mrs Lowe the cook	3	5	0
	Gave to the servants at Feilders	0	7	6
November 6th 1704	Paid at the receipt of Mr Rutland's rent	0	1	0
16th	Paid the Clerk a year's salary	8	0	0
	Paid the Queen's Quit-Rent	1	12	4
December 14th 1704	Paid to the said John Mansfeild half a year's salary and 2s 6d for the hire of a horse to go to Sir Charles'	2	2	6
	Allowed Mr Rutland for a year's tax	6	0	0
	Allowed to Mrs Elizabeth Raney a year's tax	1	0	0
	Paid to Mr John Fisher by order of the Company	4	10	0
		68	**16**	**03**

	[Sheet 205 REV IMG 0885]
Bound [Wm Hammond apprentice to John Denton]	**February 6th 1704** William Hammond, son of William Hammond of Vauxhall in the county of Surrey gentleman, bound Apprentice to John Denton, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 6th of February.
Bound [Francis Coleman apprentice to Humphrey Morse]	**February 14th 1704** Francis Coleman, son of Andrew Coleman of St Botolph Aldgate goldsmith, bound Apprentice to Humphrey Morse, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 14th of February.
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at Vintners' Hall London the 19th day of July 1705 Present:

Sir Charles Duncombe Kt	Mayor	Mr John Smith	Treasurer
Samuel Lewin Esquire	Lieutenant	Mr Samuel Hawkes	
Mr Benjamin Crayker		Mr Joseph Heaton junior	
Mr Joseph Crayker		Mr Henry Simmes	
Mr Kenhelm Merry	Constable	Mr Samuel Crayker	
Mr John Denton		Mr Joseph Byard	
Mr William Neale		Mr James Coxen	
Mr Matthew Smith	Constable	Mr Humphrey Morse	
		Mr Edward Lambert	

	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Charles Duncombe]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Charles Duncombe and Sir William Withers, Knights and Aldermen of London. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon the said Sir Charles Duncombe who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Samuel Lewin]	Samuel Lewin Esq and Mr Benjamin Crayker, being in nomination for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Samuel Lewin who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
[Constables Kenhelm Merry & Matthew Smith]	Ordered that the present Constables continue for the year ensuing.
[Treasurer John Smith]	Ordered that the present Treasurer continue for the year ensuing.
	Ordered that the present auditors continue for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 206 IMG 0885]
	The Same Court
Free [Richard Lewin by apprenticeship]	Richard Lewin, son and apprentice of Samuel Lewin Esquire, Lieutenant of the said Company, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this society and paid for Hanse money 6s 5d.
Bound [Richard Merriman to Joseph Heaton junior]	**September 4th 1705** Richard Merriman, son of John Merriman late of the parish of St Mary Magdalen Bermondsey in the county of Surrey timeholder[236] deceased, bound Apprentice to Joseph Heaton junior, Merchant of the Staple of England to serve 7 years from the said 4th day of September.

[236] 'timeholder': may refer to a shareholder in a company. https://www.lawinsider.com/dictionary/effective-time-holder#:~:text=Effective%20Time%20Holder%20means%20a,%EF%BC%8B%20New%20List

[Sheet 206 REV IMG 0886]

The Account of Mr John Smith, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas 1705

	Charge	£	s	d
April 3rd 1705	Rcvd of Mr Bowman half a year's rent due at Lady Day last for the Wharf at Woolstaple Bridge	3	0	0
ditto	Rcvd of Mr Bowser half a year's rent due the like for a messuage at Woolstaple Dock	3	16	2
July 8th 1705	Rcvd of Mr William Rutland ½ year's rent due at Lady Day last	15	0	0
19th	Rcvd of Mr Richard Lewin for Hanse money	0	6	5
23rd	Rcvd of Mr Bowman half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	3	0	0
	Rcvd of Mr Bowser the like	3	16	2
	Rcvd of Mrs Elizabeth Raney a year's rent due at Michaelmas last for the premises at Boston	5	0	0
	Rcvd of Mr William Rutland ½ year's rent due at Michaelmas last	15	0	0
		48	**18**	**9**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 20th day of December 1705 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the said Company from the said Treasurer the sum of £3 16s 10d [Signatures of:] Samuel Lewin, Benjamin Crayker, Kenhelm Merry, Joseph Crayker, John Denton, Matthew Smith	**3**	**16**	**10**

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	Discharge	£	s	d
Dec 14th 1704	Paid to Mr Samuel Hawkes, the late Treasurer, the balance of his account due from the Company as by receipt.	5	11	3
Ditto	Paid Mr Stephen Robbins at the audit dinner as per bill & receipt	5	15	10
April 3rd 1705	Paid waterage to Westminster	0	1	0
June 18 1705	Paid John Mansfeild half a year's salary due at Lady Day last	2	0	0
	Paid him as the gift of the Company	1	10	0
July 10th	Paid Benjamin Wild half a year's salary due at Lady Day last	4	0	0
	Paid to the Mayor as usual	10	0	0
	Gave to his servants	1	7	6
	Expended in receiving Rutland's rents	0	3	0
Oct 12th	Paid: John Mansfeild half a year's salary due at Michaelmas last	2	0	0
23rd	Waterage to Westminster twice	0	1	0
Nov 6th	Paid the Queen's Quit-Rent and for a receipt	1	12	4
	Paid Benjamin Wild half a year's salary due at Michaelmas last	4	0	0
	Allowed to Mr William Rutland a year's tax	6	0	0
	To Mrs Elizabeth Raney the like	1	0	0
		45	**1**	**11**

Bound [Matthew Smith to his father]

March 6th 1705

Matthew Smith, son of Matthew Smith, Merchant of the Staple of England, bound Apprentice to his said father to serve 7 years from the said 6th day of March.

Bound [Elias Best apprentice to Joseph Heaton]

May 16th 1706

Elias Best, son of Elias Best late citizen and haberdasher of London deceased, bound Apprentice to Joseph Heaton junior, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 16th day of May.

	[Sheet 207 REV IMG 0887]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church Street the 6th day of November 1706 Present: Sir Charles Duncombe Kt — Mayor — Mr Samuel Hawkes Samuel Lewin Esquire — Lieutenant — Mr Joseph Heaton junior Mr Kenhelm Merry — Constable — Mr Henry Sims Mr Joseph Crayker — Mr James Coxen Mr John Denton — Mr Humphrey Morse Mr Matthew Smith — Constable — Mr Edward Lambert Mr John Smith — Treasurer — Mr Richard Lewin
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Charles Duncombe]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Charles Duncombe and Sir William Withers, Knights and Aldermen of London. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir Charles Duncombe who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Samuel Lewin]	Samuel Lewin Esq and Mr Benjamin Crayker being in nomination for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Samuel Lewin who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [John Denton & Samuel Hawkes]	Mr John Denton, Mr Samuel Hawkes, Mr Joseph Crayker and Mr John Smith being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing the Court made choice of the said Mr Denton and Mr Hawkes who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Joseph Heaton]	Mr Joseph Heaton junior and Mr Joseph Byard being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Heaton who accepted and took the oath appertaining.
	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
[John Mansfeild dead. Samuel Crayker chosen Beadle]	The Court being informed of the death of John Mansfeild, late Beadle to this Society. And Mr Samuel Crayker desiring the same place in his stead at the same Court was unanimously chosen. And it was ordered that the usual salary be allowed him and to commence from Michaelmas last past.
	Ordered that the Company at their next Court go to Westminster.
[30s each to widows Jane Mansfeild & Amy Ottoway]	Ordered that the Treasurer pay to Jane Mansfeild, widow and relict of the said deceased John Mansfeild, for her relief 30s. And the like to Amy Ottoway, widow and relict of Charles Ottoway another deceased member of this Society, for her relief.
Free [Nathaniel Heaton]	Mr Nathaniel Heaton, not having served the full time of his apprenticeship and desiring the Company to admit him into the freedom thereof, the Company was pleased to order the same on his payment of the sum of £10 to the Treasurer for the use of the said Company, which he accordingly did. And was admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid also 6s 5d Hanse money.

	[Sheet 208 IMG 0887]
Free [John Crabb]	John Crabb, late apprentice of John Denton, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
Charter / Letters Patent - Charles II	By exemplification of a certain Charter or Letters Patent dated the 29th day of July, year vissimo primo [21] Charles Second [1669][237] and granted by the said King inter alia, it is thus expressed: *We have inspected the inrollment of a Charter made and granted by Edward the Third, late King of England, our predecessor, to the Mayor and Company of the staple of Callice [Calais]. The King to all whom etc, Greeting. Know ye, that we having graciously taken into consideration the good demeanour which we have hitherto found in our beloved Mayor and Company of the Staple of Callice, have granted for us and our heirs, and by this our Charter, have confirmed to the said Mayor and Company of the Staple aforesaid, that they, their heirs, and successors, shall be forever free from toll, pannage, murage, stallage, payage, cunierage, passage, anchorage, pontage, barbicanage, keyage, strendage, sedage, warfage, plantage, lastage, and lenage, and from all other customs due for their own proper wool, hides, skins, wool-fells, lead, and merchandises within our Kingdom, dominions, and power to be performed.* *Wherefore we will and firmly command, for us and our heirs, that the said Mayor and Company, their heirs and successors be forever free from such toll, pannage, murage, stallage, payage, cunierage, passage, anchorage, pontage, barbicanage, keyage, strendage, sedage, warfage, plantage, lastage, and lenage, and from all other such customs due, for all their own proper wool, hides, skins, wool-fells, lead, and merchandises within our Kingdom, dominions, and power to be performed, as is aforesaid. Teste etc.* *And by this same Charter, the Staple was ordered to be removed from Callice, and all parts beyond the seas, and the merchandise of wools be reduced and established under the direction and government of the Mayor, Constables and Company of the Merchants of the Staple, and were thereby so incorporated and confirmed with all liberties, laws, ordinances, customs, franchises, privileges, powers, authorities, predominance, jurisdictions, immunities, commodities, and all and every right and profits whatsoever, which before the date of the same Letters Patents were given, granted and confirmed etc.*
Case	The Lord Lindsey[238] claims a right to take toll at Stratford near Bow for all carts and carriages that pass that way, for a certain month in the year. And a servant of one Mr Merry, a member of the said Company sometime since, passing through Stratford with the cart and goods of the said Merry, was stopped by a person deputed to receive and take the said toll for refusing to pay. The said Merry then and several times since informed the person, who took and detained his goods, of his privileges as a member of the said Company, and that his goods and carriages ought to pass free from toll, and also caused that part of the Charter -or a substance thereof above written -to be shown and read to such person. And then he seemed free to deliver the collars[harness], but since has refused and still does refuse to deliver the same.
Question [to legal counsel]	Is not every member of the said Company free from toll by the grant above, as well for wools, as all other merchandises belonging to them. And has not the said a proper action against the said person who so took and detained his goods, and will not such person be confined to set forth the Lords' grant upon pleading, or may he plead the general issue and give such grant in evidence. Your opinion also is desired touching the whole the whole Charter, as to and what right the said Company has to restrain others not free from buying and selling.
[Counsel's opinion] 10th April 1705	I[239] am of the opinion, every member of the said Company is to be free from toll for all their merchandises belonging to them, as well as other goods as wool. And an action of trespass will lodge for taking and detaining the goods of Merry, after notice of his privilege, unless the person taking the goods can in pleading show a right to the toll more ancient than the above grant, which is not in this case, the toll demanded being claimed by the Earl of Lindsey, as an officer of the forest for the Queen, from which the Wool Staplers are discharged by the grant above stated. Upon perusal of the Charter, I am of the opinion the Company cannot restrain any person qualified by service from buying and selling, though not free of the Company. Ed. Northey

[237] 21st year of Charles II reign: July 1669. Although he came to the throne in May 1660, after the Commonwealth period, he actually calculated his regnal year as beginning on 30 January 1649, the date of the execution of his father Charles I. So documents written in the first year that Charles II was genuinely on the throne would actually be styled 12 Charles II. https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/palaeography/quick_reference.htm

[238] The 4th Earl of Lindsey, Robert Bertie. Not to be confused with the differently spelt Lindsay family, of which one member, Viscount Lindsay, was a modern Stapler.

[239] Based on the accounts entry on Sheet 214, the legal counsel was Sir Peter King - of the Middle Temple. https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1690-1715/member/king-peter-1669-1734

[Sheet 208 REV IMG 0888]

The Account of Mr John Smith, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas 1706

	Charge	£	s	d
April 10th	Due to the Company: the balance of the last account	3	16	10
1706	Rcvd of Mr Bowser half a year's rent due at Lady Day last for a messuage at Woolstaple Dock	3	16	2
	Rcvd of Mr Bowman half a year's rent due at the same time for a wharf at Woolstaple Dock	3	0	0
July 24th	Rcvd of Mr William Rutland half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	15	0	0
Oct 15th	Rcvd of the said Mr Bowser half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	3	16	2
	Rcvd of Mr Bowman half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	3	0	0
	Rcvd of Mrs Elizabeth Raney a year's rent due at Michaelmas last from the premises at Boston	5	0	0
Nov 6th	Rcvd of Mr Crabb for Hanse money	0	6	5
	Rcvd of Mr Nathaniel Heaton for the like	0	6	5
	Rcvd of the said Mr Heaton a fine to the Company for his freedom	10	0	0
		48	**2**	**0**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 7th day of November 1706 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due from the said Company to the said Treasurer the sum of £10 3s 11d. Memo: there remains due and unreceived[?] from Mr Wm Rutland half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last: £15 [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Kenhelm Merry, Joseph Crayker, John Denton, Matthew Smith			

[Sheet 209 IMG 0888]

	Discharge	£	s	d
Dec 20 1705	Paid at the audit dinner	6	0	0
Jan 8th [1706]	Paid John Mansfeild, Beadle, a quarter's wages due at Christmas last	1	0	0
31st	Paid the said John Mansfeild as a gift of the Company	1	0	0
	Paid for waterage and expenses	0	2	6
Apr 22nd 1706	Paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk, half a year's salary due at Lady Day last	4	0	0
Nov 6th	Paid Sir Charles Duncombe as usual	10	0	0
	Paid for the election dinner	20	10	7
	To the servants	0	7	0
	Paid the said Benjamin Wild half a year's salary due at Michaelmas last	4	0	0
	Paid him for the fee given to the Attorney General for his opinion on the case of Mr Kenhelm Merry and on the Company's Charter	5	7	6
	Paid: the said Benjamin Wild for money by him disbursed for coach hire to and from the Attorney general	0	2	6
	Paid to the said Wild for money's disbursed for a new case for the Charter	0	3	6
	By taxes allowed to Mr William Rutland and Mr Raney	4	0	0
7th	Paid the Quit Rent to the Queen, and for the acquittance	1	12	4
	[...???]	**58**	**5**	**11**

	[Sheet 209 REV IMG 0890]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Swan and Rummer Tavern in Grace Church Street the 7th day of May 1707
	The Acts of the last Court being first read.
	Present: Sir Charles Duncombe Kt Mayor — Mr Joseph Heaton junior Treasurer Samuel Lewin Esq Lieutenant — Mr Joseph Byard Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr James Coxen Mr Kenhelm Merry — Mr Humphrey Morse Mr Joseph Crayker — Mr Edward Lambert Mr John Denton Constable — Mr Richard Lewin Mr Matthew Smith — Mr John Crabbe Mr Samuel Hawkes Constable — Mr Nathaniel Heaton
Mayor chosen [Sir Charles Duncombe]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Charles Duncombe and Sir William Withers, Knights and Aldermen of London. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir Charles Duncombe who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Samuel Lewin]	Samuel Lewin Esq and Mr Benjamin Crayker being in nomination for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Samuel Lewin who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [John Denton & Samuel Hawkes]	Mr John Denton, Mr Samuel Hawkes, Mr Joseph Crayker and Mr John Smith being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Denton and Mr Hawkes to continue for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [Joseph Heaton]	Mr Joseph Heaton junior and Mr Joseph Byard being put in nomination for the place of Treasurer for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Heaton to continue for the year ensuing.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
[Boston premises to be inspected]	Ordered that Samuel Lewin Esq, Mr Benjamin Crayker, Mr Kenhelm Merry, Mr Joseph Crayker, Mr John Denton, Mr Matthew Smith and Mr Joseph Heaton junior, or any 3 or more of them, be appointed as a committee to go and view the Company's premises at Boston in Lincolnshire; and to inspect the several leases granted by the Company and take an account of the determinations of each respective lease, and make their report of the whole matter at the next audit for the said Company.

	[Sheet 210 IMG 0890]
	July 17 1707
Bound [William Benning apprentice to Nathaniel Heaton]	William Benning, son of Thomas Benning of the parish of St Giles Cripplegate citizen and draper of London, bound Apprentice to Nathaniel Heaton, Merchant of the Staple of England to serve 7 years from the said 17th day of July.

[Sheet 210 REV IMG 0891]

The Account of Mr Joseph Heaton junior, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ending at Michaelmas 1707

	Charge	£	s	d
Feb 3rd 17~~06~~ [1707]	Received of Mr William Rutland half a year's rent being in arrears and due at Michaelmas last past	15	0	0
My 3rd 1707	Rcvd of Mr Bowser half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	3	16	2
	Rcvd of Mr Bowman half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	3	0	0
Aug 15th	Rcvd of Mr William Rutland half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	15	0	0
Dec 4th	Rcvd of Mrs Elizabeth Raney a year's rent for the premises at Boston	5	0	0
	Rcvd of Mr William Rutland half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	15	0	0
	Rcvd of Mr Bowser half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	3	16	2
	Rcvd of Mr Bowman half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	3	0	0
		63	**12**	**4**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 31st day of December 1707 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due from the said Company to the said Treasurer the sum of £0 12s 5d [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Kenhelm Merry, John Denton, Matthew Smith, Samuel Hawkes, John Smith			

[Sheet 211 IMG 0891]

	Discharge	£	s	d
Nov 12th 1706	Paid the widow Ottoway as a charitable gift of the Company	01	10	00
	The like to the widow Mansfeild	01	10	00
	Paid to Mr Stephen Robins for the audit dinner	04	10	04
	Paid to Mr John Smith, late Treasurer, the balance of his account due from the Company	10	03	11
Feb 3rd [1707]	Paid Mr Samuel Crayker, Beadle, the gift of the said Company	02	00	00
May 7th 1707	Paid at the election dinner and to Sir Charles as usual [£10]	15	03	01
Oct 23rd	Paid at the Ship in Grace Church Street at a meeting then had to inspect the several leases granted by the Company	00	09	06
Oct 27th	Paid a year's Quit-Rent due to her Majesty at Michaelmas last and for therewith an acquittance	01	12	04
	To Benjamin Wild, Clerk, a year's salary due at Michaelmas last	08	00	00
	To Mr Samuel Crayker, Beadle, a year's salary due the like	04	00	00
	Allowed to Mr William Rutland a year and a half's taxes	09	00	00
	Allowed to Mrs Elizabeth Raney and year's taxes	01	00	00
	Paid to Mr Joseph Crayker by order of the Company the sum of £5 5s 7d to make up the sum of £94 14s 5d [to] £100. Which said sum of £94 14s 5d was remaining in the hands of the said Joseph Crayker on account of a note of £80 and interest thereof from the 20th January 1703, given by the said Mr Crayker the same day payable to the said Company. Which said note of £80 is delivered up to the said Mr Crayker. And he has given another note payable to Joseph Crayker for the said sum of £100 for the use of the said Company. And it is the end and desire of the said Company that the said Mr Joseph Crayker puts out the said £100 to and for the use and benefit of the said Company to interest.	05	05	07
		64	**4**	**9**

	[Sheet 211 REV 0892]
Bound [Charles Biddulph apprentice to Richard Lewin]	**March 6th 1707** Charles Biddulph, son of Michel Biddulph Esq late of Polesworth in the county of Warwick, bound Apprentice to Richard Lewin, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 6th day of March.
Bound [Thomas Attwood apprentice to Richard Lewin]	**June 10th 1708** Thomas Attwood, son of George Attwood Esq of Sanderstead in the county of Surrey, Apprentice to Richard, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 7th day of June.
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held the 7th day of July 1708 Present:

Sir Charles Duncombe Kt	Mayor	Mr Joseph Byard
Mr Benjamin Crayker		Mr Richard Lewin
Mr Kenhelm Merry		Mr Edward Lambert
Mr Joseph Crayker		Mr Richard Neale
Mr John Denton	Constable	Mr John Crabb
Mr Joseph Heaton	Treasurer	Mr Samuel Crayker
Mr Matthew Smith		
Mr Samuel Hawkes	Constable	

	The Acts of the last Court being first read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Charles Duncombe]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Charles Duncombe Knight and Alderman of London and Sir William Withers[240], Knight and Lord Mayor of London. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir Charles Duncombe who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant [Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Kenhelm Merry, being in nomination for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

[240] Sir William Withers 1654-1721: Lord Mayor 1707-1708. https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1690-1715/member/withers-sir-william-1654-1721

	[Sheet 212 IMG 0892]
Constables [Joseph Crayker & John Smith]	Mr Joseph Crayker, Mr John Smith, Mr Matthew Smith and Mr Kenhelm Merry, being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Crayker and Mr John Smith who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer (Joseph Byard)	Mr Joseph Byard and Mr James Cozen, being put in nomination for the place of Treasurer for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Byard who accepted and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors [continued]	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
[Report on the premises at Boston, Lincolnshire]	At the same Court, Mr Benjamin Crayker, Mr John Denton and Mr Joseph Heaton, members appointed as a committee amongst others of this Company, to go and view the premises as Boston and to make their report thereof to the Company, pursuant to an order of the last Court. And having viewed the same the 12th day of April last, found that the premises are a large square of buildings, most brick and fronting to the North and let into several tenements by Mrs Raney . And part is made use of as a house of correction, or Bridewell[241], for the Corporation there and let at the rent of £6 a year. And the other tenements at £12 12s; total £18 12s. And part of the dwelling house is made into stables and the stairs leading to the hay loft are broken down, the floor of the hayloft and the rooms of the tallow chandlers melting house ready to fall, and several other parts of the building quire ruined, and the whole very much out of repair. The gardens adjoining to the house were walled in once with brick and most of it now broken down, and fenced in with pales; and those that are standing much out of repair, and to the prejudice of the neighbourhood who complain thereof.
[William Chapman's information about the premises]	They also were informed by one William Chapman, a carpenter there, that the said Mrs Raney offered him all the premises belonging to the Woolstaple for £500 and that he might pull down what he pleased, only leaving a mansion house standing. The said Mr Chapman also took a measurement of the buttings[242] and boundings of the ground belonging to the Company and which begins at a common sewer along the front of the house to the lower end of the garden wall and is as follows: North side 246 feet; East 110; South 210; West 159. That part of the Peacock Inn in the possession of one Twelves built over the common sewer is supposed to be part built on part of the Company's ground and that there is more ground that appears belonging to the Company, and that the said Mr Twelves did say he purchased of one Sir Charles Turner and that he had security to warrant him from the claims of the Staple Company and promised to send a letter to the Company concerning the same, and has not.
[Committee to consider the Boston premises and also the Westminster premises.]	Upon delivery of which report, the said Court thought fit and ordered that the Lieutenant, Constables, Treasurer, Mr Kenhelm Merry, Mr John Denton and Mr Matthew Smith, Mr Joseph Heaton and Mr Samuel Hawkes be appointed as a further committee with the Clerk to search into the Company's books and writings and all matters relating to the said premises; and to make their report at the next audit touching the same, and what may be further proper and necessary to be done about the same. And that the said committee view and consider is requisite to be done or ordered about the premises at Westminster and make their report of the same at the like audit.
[A letter to be sent to Mr Twelves]	Ordered that a letter be sent to the said Mr Twelves to put him in mind that he has omitted to send a letter to the Company according to his promise, and that if he does not give a satisfactory account and delivery to the Company touching the premises, the Company will endeavour to use such measures to compel him.
[The Charter and the box of writings to be kept by each Treasurer]	Ordered that the Charter with the box of writings therein, lately in the custody of Mr Joseph Crayker and delivered by him to the Clerk, be for the future delivered in charge to each Treasurer to keep the same during his Treasurership. And the said Mr Joseph Crayker whereby discharged of the custody of the same.

	[Sheet 212 Rev IMG 0893]
[Widow Ottoway 20s]	Upon the humble petition of Amy Ottoway, widow of Charles Ottoway deceased late member of this Society, being read and setting forth her extreme want and poverty, the Court considered and ordered the Treasurer to give her 20s for her relief.
[Widow Mansfeild 20s]	Upon the like petition of Jan Mansfeild, widow of John Mansfeild, late Beadle to the said Company, the Court ordered the Treasurer to give her the like sum for her relief.
Bound [Roger Hazard apprentice to John Denton]	**December 15th 1708** Roger Hazard, son of Roger Hazard citizen and Fishmonger of London, bound Apprentice to John Denton, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 15th day of December.

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[241] A 'Bridewell' was a general name for a prison for petty offenders.

[242] 'Buttings' and 'boundings' is another phrasing of 'abuttals and boundaries', for legal delineation of property.

[Sheet 213 REV IMG 0895]

The Account of Mr Joseph Heaton, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas 1708

1708	Charge	£	s	d
July 2	Recvd of Mr William Rutland half a year due at Lady Day 1708	15	00	00
Nov 25	Rcvd of Mrs Elizabeth Raney a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1708 for the premises at Boston	05	00	00
Dec 10	Rcvd of Mr Wm Rutland half a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1708	15	00	00
17	Rcvd of Mr Richard Adams a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1708	13	12	04
		48	**12**	**04**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 2nd day of March 170~~8~~[9] by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due from the said Company to the said Treasurer the sum of £13 0s 8½ d [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, John Denton, Matthew Smith, Samuel Hawkes, John Smith.			

[Sheet 214 IMG 0895]

1707	Discharge	£	s	d
Dec 31	Due from the Company to the said Treasurer on the balance of his last account	06	12	05
	Paid for the audit dinner	07	18	00
Jan 2nd [1708]	Expended at a meeting had at Westminster	03	18	02
Mar 7	Paid Mr Joseph Crayker	00	03	06
15	Paid expenses and charges in a journey into Lincolnshire to view the Company's premises at Boston	07	13	00
May 28	Paid Mr Samuel Crayker, Beadle, as a gift of the Company	02	05	00
	Paid the said Mr Crayker half a year's salary due at Lady Day 1708	02	00	00
July 2	Allowed to Mr Wm Rutland for half a year's tax	03	00	00
7	Paid the Mayor his usual fee	10	00	00
	Paid the Mayor's servants	02	10	02
	Paid for cakes and nosegays	00	12	10
12	Paid the widow Ottoway as a charitable gift of the Company	01	00	00
Aug 5	Paid the widow Mansfeild the like gift of the Company	01	00	00
20	Paid at the Black Swan in Barnaby Street	00	02	7½
	Paid for bringing the hamper of writings from Mr John Smith's	00	01	06
Oct 14	Paid more at the Black Swan aforesaid	00	02	06
Nov 19	Paid more at the same place	00	01	06
20	Paid the said Mr Crayker half a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1708	02	00	00
25	Paid Sir Peter King for his opinion[243] on case touching the Company	02	03	00
	Paid coach hire & other expenses in attending him to take his opinion	00	11	06
	Allowed Mrs Elizabeth Raney for a year's tax	01	00	00
Dec 10	Allowed Mr Wm Rutland for half a year's tax	03	00	00
	Allowed the said Mr Wm Rutland for Trophy money	00	05	00
[1709] Jan 24	Paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk, a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1708	08	00	00
	Paid her Majesty's Quit-Rent and for the receipt	01	12	04
		63	13	0 ½

[243] Case: Nov 1706 - see Sheet 208

	[Sheet 214 REV IMG 0898]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at Goldsmiths Hall the 25th of October 1709 Present: Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant — Mr John Smith Constable Mr Joseph Crayker Constable — Mr Joseph Byard Treasurer Mr Kenhelm Merry — Mr Edward Lambert Mr John Denton — Mr Humphrey Morse Mr Matthew Smith — Mr John Crabb Mr Samuel Hawkes — Mr Samuel Crayker Mr Joseph Heaton junior
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Charles Duncombe]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing first nominated the Right Honourable Sir Charles Duncombe, Knight and Lord Mayor[244] of London, and Sir William Withers, Knight and Alderman of London. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon Sir Charles Duncombe who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant [Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Kenhelm Merry, being in nomination for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Joseph Crayker & John Smith]	Ordered that Mr Joseph Crayker, present Constable, be continued as such for the year ensuing; and that Mr John Smith, who was chosen Constable with the said Mr Joseph Crayker but being not able to come to the last Court was not then sworn, be continued as Constable for the year ensuing, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Joseph Byard]	Ordered that the Treasurer for the year last past be continued.
Auditors [continued]	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Free [Nicholas Dee by apprenticeship]	Nicholas Dee, late apprentice of Samuel Lewin, late Lieutenant of the Staple of England, deceased, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
Free [John Merry by apprenticeship]	John Merry, son and late apprentice of his father Kenhelm Merry, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society, and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
[20s to widow Mansfeild]	Upon the humble petition of Jan Mansfeild, widow of John Mansfeild, late Beadle to the said Company, being read and setting forth her extreme want and poverty, the Court considered and ordered the Treasurer to give her 20s for her relief.
[Widow Ottoway 20s]	Upon the like petition of Amy Ottoway, widow of Charles Ottoway deceased late member of this Society, the Court ordered the Treasurer to give her the sum of 10s for her relief.

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[244] Sir Charles Duncombe: Lord Mayor of London 1708-1709.

[Sheet 215 REV IMG 0900]

The Account of Mr Joseph Byard, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ending at Michaelmas 1709

Charge	£	s	d
Rcvd of Mr William Rutland in part for rent	15	8	0
Rcvd of Mr Adams a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1709 for the premises he holds at Woolstaple Dock	13	12	4
Rcvd of Mrs Elizabeth Raney a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1709 for the premises at Boston	5	0	0
Rcvd of Mr Joseph Crayker 1 year & 10 months interest for the sum of £100 due and in full to the 14th November 1709	9	3	4
Rcvd for Hanse money of Richard Merry and Mr Dee	0	12	10
	43	**16**	**6**
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 9th day of December 1709 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the said Company from the said Treasurer the sum of £10 8s 2d [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Kenhelm Merry, Joseph Crayker, John Denton, Matthew Smith, Samuel Hawkes, John Smith, Joseph Heaton			

[Sheet 216 IMG 0900]

	Discharge	£	s	d
March 2nd	Paid at the audit dinner, and other disbursements	10	9	0
1708[9]	Paid the Mayor as usual	10	0	0
	Paid the Beadle a year's wages due at Michaelmas 1709	4	0	0
	To him a gratuity of the said Company	2	0	0
Oct 25th 1709	Paid to the Mayor's servants and expenses that day	2	16	0
	Paid the widow Mansfeild the Company's gift	1	0	0
	The like to the widow Ottoway	0	10	0
	Allowed Mrs Elizabeth Raney a year's tax	1	0	0
	Paid her Majesty's Quit-Rent	1	12	4
	Expenses in receiving the rent	0	1	0
		33	**8**	**4**

[Sheet 216 REV IMG 0903]

The Account of Mr Joseph Byard, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England for one year ended at Michaelmas 1710

	Charge	£	s	d
	Due from the said Treasurer upon the balance of his last account. Audited the 9th of December 1709	10	08	02
May 8 1710	Rcvd of Mr William Rutland 10 guineas	10	15	0
	Rcvd more of Mr Roberts - Mr Rutland's tenant	03	04	00
		24	**07**	**02**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 8th day of November 1710 by us whose names are hereunder subscribed and there remains due to the said Company the sum of £7 14s 11d from the said Treasurer. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Kenhelm Merry, Joseph Crayker, John Denton, Matthew Smith, Samuel Hawke, John Smith			

[Sheet 217 IMG 0903]

	Discharge	£	s	d
Dec 9: 1700	Paid at the Fountains tavern at Forbes Market at the last audit	04	4	11
May 10: 1710	Paid Mr Joseph Heaton, late Treasurer, 10 guineas	10	15	00
	Paid her Majesty's Quit-Rent due at Michaelmas 1710	01	12	04
		16	**12**	**03**

	[Sheet 217 REV IMG 0904]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church Street London the 8th day of November 1710 Present: Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant / Mr Edward Lambert Mr Joseph Crayker / Mr James Coxen Mr Kenhelm Merry / Mr John Crabb Mr John Denton / Mr Humphrey Morse Mr Matthew Smith / Mr Joseph Merry Mr Samuel Hawkes / Mr Samuel Crayker Mr Joseph Heaton Mr John Smith
	The Acts of the last Court being first read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Charles Duncombe]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing, nominated the Right Worshipful Sir Charles Duncombe Knight and Alderman of London and Sir William Withers, Knight and Alderman of London. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon the said Sir Charles Duncombe who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Kenhelm Merry, being in nomination for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Kenhelm Merry & Joseph Heaton]	Mr Matthew Smith, Mr John Denton, Mr Joseph Heaton and Mr Kenhelm Merry being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Merry and Mr Heaton who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [James Coxen]	Mr James Coxen and Mr Humphrey Morse being in nomination for the place of Treasurer for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Coxen who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors [continued]	Ordered that the same auditors shall be continued.
[Committee for the premises at Boston]	Ordered that the same persons as went down to view the Company's premises at Boston be as a committee to treat with Mrs Elizabeth Raney touching the matter in question.

	[Sheet 218 IMG 0904]
	At a Meeting of this Company at the Swan and Hoop Tavern in Cornhill the 11th day of January 17~~10~~ **[1711]** Present: Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant / Mr John Smith Mr Kenhelm Merry / Mr Samuel Hawkes Mr Joseph Crayker / Mr Joseph Heaton Mr John Denton / Mr Joseph Byard Mr Matthew Smith / Mr James Coxen
	Ordered that the Clerk do forthwith proceed in the case wherein the Company are set against Elizabeth Raney widow.
	Ordered that such of the Company as shall think fit do attend the Mayor tomorrow morning early, as well touching the matter relating to the Woolwinders as Woolstaple store and dock.
	Ordered that the Treasurer do pay to the Beadle the sum of 50s as a gratuity of the said Company and for his extraordinary trouble the last year.
	Ordered that the sum of £100, in the hands of Mr Joseph Crayker due to the said Company, be continued with him at the rate of 6 percent per year till further order. The said Mr Crayker having paid all interest due for the sum at the rate of 5 percent per year. And to the 14th November last and is to pay 6 percent per year from thence for the said £100.
	Ordered that the Treasurer do pay to Mr Joseph Heaton the sum of £2 5s 8½d due to him from the said Company on the balance of his account when Treasurer to the said Company, audited 2nd March 1709.

[Sheet 218 REV IMG 0907]

At a Court held at the Ship Tavern in Gracechurch Street London the 11th day of May 1711

Present:

Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant	Mr Richard Lewin
Mr Joseph Crayker	Mr Joseph Byard
Mr Kenhelm Merry	Mr Humphrey Morse
Mr John Denton	Mr James Coxen
Mr Matthew Smith	Mr John Crabb
Mr Samuel Hawkes	Mr Edward Lambert
Mr John Smith	Mr John Merry

The Acts of the last Court being first read.

Mayor chosen [Sir William Withers]

The Court proceeding to the election of a new Mayor, in the room and stead of Sir Charles Duncombe, Knight and Alderman of London, late Mayor of the said Company deceased. And Sir William Withers, Knight and Alderman of London, and Sir John Parsons, Knight and Alderman also of London, being put in nomination for Mayor, the said Sir William Withers was unanimously chosen, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

[Case in Chancery against Elizabeth Raney (Boston)]

Ordered that the Lieutenant and Constables and such others of the Company as have served as Treasurer of the said Company, or any 3 or more of them, be appointed a committee to inspect the proceedings of the Company in a case in Chancery, wherein the Company are set against Mrs Elizabeth Raney defendant[?]. And to act and do, touching the prosecution, determining and ending the same as they shall think fit.

[Samuel Hickman apprentice to Nicholas Dee]

December 7th 1711

Samuel Hickman, son of Samuel Hickman of the parish of St Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey in the county of Surrey, Fellmonger, bound Apprentice to Nicholas Dee, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the said 7th of December.

[Sheet 219 IMG 0907]

Bound [George Storey apprentice to Joseph Heaton]

June 3rd 1712

George Storey, son of Samuel Storey citizen and Fishmonger of London, bound Apprentice to Joseph Heaton, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the said 3rd day of June.

	[Sheet 219 REV IMG 0908]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Right Worshipful the Mayor's house[245] the 27th day of August 1712 Present: Sir William Withers Kt Mayor — Mr James Coxen Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant — Mr Humphrey Morse Mr Kenhelm Merry — Mr Edward Lambert Mr John Denton — Mr John Crabb Mr Samuel Hawkes — Mr Nicholas Dee Mr John Smith — Mr Samuel Crayker [Beadle] Mr Joseph Byard Mr Joseph Heaton
	The Acts of the last Court being first read.
Mayor chosen [Sir William Withers]	The Court, according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing, nominated the Right Worshipful Sir William Withers, Knight and Alderman of London, and Sir John Parsons, Knight and Alderman of London. And by the greatest number of hands the choice fell upon the said Sir William Withers, who took his place and the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant [Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Kenhelm Merry being in nomination for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Benjamin Crayker, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables	Mr John Denton, Mr Samuel Hawkes, Mr Joseph Crayker and Mr Matthew Smith being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Denton and Mr Hawkes who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer	Mr Humphrey Morse and Mr Edward Lambert being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Morse who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Made free [Wm Withers by patrimony]	William Withers Esquire, son of the said Sir William Withers, at the request of the said Sir William, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
[Made free by apprenticeship Walter Moss, Wm Smith]	Walter Moss, late apprentice of John Denton, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money. William Smith, late apprentice of Samuel Hawkes, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.

	[Sheet 220 IMG 0908]
[Richard Merriman made free]	Richard Meriman, apprentice of Joseph Heaton, Merchant of the Staple of England, having about a week of his apprenticeship to serve and desiring now to be made free, the Company was pleased to order the same on his submitting to such fine as they should think fit, which the said Company was pleased to moderate and order at 1 guinea, which he paid to the Treasurer for the use of the said Company. And accordingly was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and also paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
[Tho Clarkson-Boston]	Ordered that the Clerk prepare and send a letter to Mr Thomas Clarkson of Boston to know his proposals touching the purchasing the Company's premises there.
	Ordered that the Company go to Westminster the next Court day.
	The indenture of covenants between the Company and Mr Thomas Clarkson, executor of Elizabeth Raney widow deceased, being read and approved of was ordered to be sealed and accordingly the seal of the Company was thereunto affixed.
[Woolstaple Dock leased to Richard Adams]	The draft of the lease from the Company to Mr Richard Adams of the Woolstaple Dock at Westminster, being read and approved of, was ordered to be ingrossed and sealed, which accordingly was done and the seal of the said Company thereunto affixed.

[245] Sir William Withers' house: later mentioned as being in Queens Arms Yard (now Kings Arms Yard) in Coleman Street, just north of the Bank of England).

[Sheet 220 REV IMG 0909]

The Account of Mr James Coxen, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England ending the 28th day of August 1712

	Charge	£	s	d
Dec 8 **1710**	Rcvd of Mr Richard Adams one year's rent due at Michaelmas 1710 for the tenement at Woolstaple Dock	07	12	4
Jan 12 [1711]	Rcvd of Mr Joseph Byard, late Treasurer, the sum of £7 14s 11d in part of money due from him to the said Company and there remains due from him to the said Company £2 18s	07	14	11
same day	Rcvd of Mr Joseph Crayker for the interest of the sum of £100, due the 14th day of November last	05	00	0
May 12 1711	Rcvd of Mr Castleman, executor of Mr Rutland deceased, by Mr Samuel Crayker, being the remainder of arrears of rent due from him, as executor to Wm Rutland deceased, at Lady Day 1711	23	05	00
Jan 12 17~~11~~ [171**2]**	Rcvd of Mr Richard Adams one year's rent due at Michaelmas 1711 for the tenement at Woolstaple Dock	07	12	04
Aug 27 1712	Rcvd of Mr Richard Merriman, as a fine ordered for the making him free (his indenture of apprenticeship not being expired by about a week)	01	01	6
	Rcvd more for Hanse money of Mr Wm Withers, Mr Wm Smith, Mr Walter Morse and Richard Merriman being made free	01	05	8
Aug 26 1712	Rcvd of Mr Paul Castleman one year's rent due at Lady Day last - allowed £6 for taxes.	24	00	0
		77	11	9
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 28th day of August 1712 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due from the Company to the said Treasurer the sum of £5 and 1½ d [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, John Denton, Samuel Hawkes, Joseph Heaton	05	00	1½

[Sheet 221 IMG 0909]

	Discharge	£	s	d
Nov 8 1710	Paid to Sir Charles Duncombe as usual	10	00	0
January 6 [1711]	Expenses at Westminster	00	10	00
12	Paid Mr Joseph Heaton, late Treasurer, the remainder of the balance of his account	02	05	08½
ditto	Paid Mr Samuel Crayker [Beadle] the Company's gift ordered this day	02	10	00
ditto	Paid at the Swan and Hoop	06	13	00
May 11 1711	Paid at the Ship tavern in Grace Church Street, being a general Court	17	02	08
12	Paid Mr Samuel Crayker as per bill and receipt	08	13	00
	Paid at the Ship tavern in Grace Church Street as per bill and receipt, being the audit day	09	16	00
Aug 27 1712	Paid Sir William Withers' servants	01	01	06
	Paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk, in part for money disbursed by him and for performing a suit in Equity against Elizabeth Raney widow	24	00	00
		82	**11**	**10½**
		77	11	09
		05	**00**	**01½**

	[Sheet 221 REV IMG 0910]
	At a Meeting of the Company held at the Swan and Hoop Tavern in Cornhill London the 28th of August 1712 Present: Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant — Mr James Coxen Mr John Denton [Constable] — Mr Humphrey Morse [Treasurer] Mr Samuel Hawkes [Constable] — Richard Lewin Esquire Mr Joseph Heaton
[Lease of Woolstaple Dock]	The lease from the Company to Mr Richard Adams of the Woolstaple Dock at Westminster, under the seal of the said Company, delivered to him and the counterpart thereof then executed by him, the said Richard Adams, and left in the custody of Mr Benjamin Crayker, Lieutenant.
Bond from Treasurer	The bond from Mr Humphrey Morse, Treasurer, executed by him and his sureties and left in the custody of the said Mr Benjamin Crayker.
	A note of £7 payable from the said Mr Adams to the said Company given to the Treasurer to receive for the use of the said Company.
	A letter written and sent to Mr Thomas Clarkson, executor of Elizabeth Raney.

	[Sheet 222 IMG 0910]
Bound [Wm Wilkin apprentice to Richard Lewin]	**October 22nd 1712** William Wilkin, son of William Wilkin citizen and feltmaker of London, bound Apprentice to Richard Lewin Esquire, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the said 22nd day of October.
Bound [Thomas Busfield apprentice to John Denton]	**December 19th 1712** Thomas Busfield, son of John Busfield citizen and barber surgeon, bound Apprentice to John Denton, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the said 19th day of December.
Bound [Wm Horne apprentice to Samuel Hawkes	**June 4th 1712** William Horne, son of John Horne of Witney Park in the county of Oxford, grazier, bound Apprentice to Samuel Hawkes, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the said 4th day of June.
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house in Queens Arms Yard in Coleman Street the 24th day of September 1713 Present: Sir William Withers Kt Mayor — Mr Edward Lambert Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant — Richard Lewin Esquire Mr Joseph Crayker — Mr John Crabb Mr Kenhelm Merry — Mr John Yates Mr John Denton Constable — Mr Nicholas Dee Mr Matthew Smith — Mr John Merry Mr Samuel Hawkes Constable — William Withers Esquire Mr Joseph Heaton — Mr William Smith Mr James Coxen — Mr Richard Merriman Mr Humphrey Morse Treasurer
	The Acts of the last Court being first read.

	[Sheet 222 REV IMG 0911]
Mayor [Sir Wm Withers]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir William Withers, Knight and Alderman of the City of London and Sir John Parsons, Knight and Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Sir William Withers who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant [Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Kenhelm Merry, being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [continued]	Mr John Denton, Mr Samuel Hawkes, Mr Joseph Crayker and Mr Matthew Smith being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the said Mr Denton and Mr Hawkes were ordered to continue.
Treasurer [continued]	Mr Humphrey Morse and Mr Edward Lambert being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the said Mr Morse was ordered to continue.
Auditors [continued]	The same auditors as usual continued.
Free [Elias Best by apprenticeship]	Elias Best, late apprentice of Joseph Heaton, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d Hanse money.
[Beadle -Samuel Crayker dead. Matthew Smith chosen Beadle]	The Beadle's place to the said Society being vacant on the death of Mr Samuel Crayker, and Mr Mathew Smith, a member of this Society, being the only petitioner for the same was 'nemine contradicente' [without dissent] chosen Beadle in the room and stead of the said Samuel Crayker.
[Membership - 20 guineas entry fine]	Ordered that no person having been bred to or dealt or shall be bred to or deal in the Wool Trade (except such as are bound to or have served their time of apprenticeship to a freeman of this Company, and such as are entitled to such freedom as sons of any freeman of this Society) shall for the future be admitted into the freedom of the said Society for any less sum than 20 guineas.
[Sale of the Boston property. Signatures of all Company members]	Ordered that the conveyance now read, for the sale of the messuage or tenement and premises situated in Boston in Lincolnshire belonging to this Society, be delivered to John Gamble of Boston, Upholder,[246], under the seal of the said Society on his payment to the Treasurer of the same Society the sum of £140; and that every member of this Company do subscribe their consent to such sale and conveyance.
[Charter]	Ordered that the Charter be delivered to and kept by the Mayor.
	Ordered that Mr Joseph Crayker be discharged by the said Company of any claim or demand to be made of the sum of £100 heretofore in his hands, belonging to the said Society, the same being long time since paid by him to the said Company and now at interest at £6 percent per year from Christmas 1712 to Mr Edward Falkner and the bond now in the hands of the Treasurer.
	Ordered that such money as shall remain in the hands of the Treasurer be put out to interest or such security as the present auditors, or the major part of them, shall approve of for the use and benefit of the said Company.
	Ordered that the Company go to Westminster the next Court Day.

	[Sheet 223 IMG 0911]		
Sale of Boston property	Whereas a conveyance and release was this day .... read for sale of a messuage or tenement of and belonging to this Company situated in Boston in Lincolnshire, made by the said Company to John Gamble of Boston aforesaid, Upholder, and his heirs for the sum of £123 4s 6d, we the whole Society have unanimously consented and agreed to such sale and conveyance and in testimony thereof have hereunder subscribed our names.		
Company members' signatures	William Withers Mayor	James Coxen	Matthew Smith
	Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant	Humphrey Morse	Elias Best
	Kenhelm Merry	Edward Lambert	William Withers junior
	Joseph Crayker	John Crabb	Richard Lewin
	John Denton }	Nicholas Dee	John Smith
	Samuel Hawkes } Constables	William Smith	Joseph Byard
	Joseph Heaton	John Merry	
	John Yeates	Richard Merriman	

[246] 'Upholder' is an archaic term for upholsterer. Upholders were cabinet makers, undertakers, soft furnishers, auctioneers and valuers. See the website of the Worshipful Company of Upholders: https://upholders.co.uk/

	[Sheet 223 REV IMG 0912]
Bound [Henry Golding apprentice to Richard Merriman]	**19th October 1713** Henry Golding, son of Henry Golding late of the parish of Lambeth in the county of Surrey yeoman deceased, bound Apprentice to Richard Merriman, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the said 19th day of October.
	17th November 1713 Richard Everett, son of Richard Everett of the parish of Mary Magdalen Bermondsey in the county of Surrey fellmonger, bound Apprentice to Humphrey Morse, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the said 17th day of November.

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[Sheet 224 REV IMG 0914]

The Account of Mr Humphrey Morse, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England [Feb 1713-Feb 1714]

	Charge	£	s	d
Feb 2nd ~~1712~~ **[1713]**	Recvd of Mr Richard Adams £7 due from him by note to the Company, given upon settling an account with the said Company for arrears of rent.	07	00	00
	Rcvd of the said Mr Adams a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1712 for a tenement at Woolstaple Bridge, Westminster	07	12	04
Apr 7th 1713	Rcvd of Mr Castleman, executor of Mr Rutland deceased, half a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1712	15	00	00
July 3rd	Rcvd of Mr John Gamble in part for the Company's premises at Boston agreed to be sold to him	23	04	06
Aug 21st	Rcvd of Mr Castleman half a year's rent due at Lady Day 1713	15	00	00
Sept 24th	Rcvd of the said Mr Gamble in full for the purchase of the said premises at Boston the further sum of £116 15s 6d	116	15	6
	Rcvd of Mr Elias Best for Hanse money	00	06	05
January 8th [1714]	Rcvd of Mr Castleman half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last 1713	15	00	00
	Rcvd of Mr Benjamin Crayker a year's interest of £100 lent by the Company to Mr Falkner & due at Xmas 1713	06	00	00
		205	**18**	**09**
		173	00	05
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 11th day of February ~~1713~~ [1714] by us whose names are subscribed and there remained due from the said Treasurer to the said Company the sum of £32 18s 4d.	**32**	**18**	**4**
	Besides the present cash in hand, there remains due from Mr Richard Adams for the house at the Woolstaple [Bridge] at Christmas last 1 year and 1 [month? rent] being £9 10s 5d	9	10	5
	And also due from the executor of Mr Rutland deceased, a quarter's rent at Xmas aforesaid for the Dock the sum of £6	6	00	00
	And also due from the executor of Mr Rutland deceased, a quarter's rent at Xmas aforesaid £7 10s	7	10	00
	And also half a year's interest due at Xmas aforesaid for South Sea Stock £3	3	00	00
		58	**18**	**9**
	Ordered that the sum of £4 or 500 pounds be insured on the Company's houses in Westminster market in the hand & hand, or other office for insurance of houses from fire.			
	Ordered that the present Treasurer shall lay out and pay so much money as will purchase an East India £50 bond or a circular bank note[247] of the like sum.			
	[Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Kenhelm Merry, Samuel Hawkes			

[Sheet 225 IMG 0914]

	Discharge	£	s	d
Aug 28 1712	Paid at the Swan & Hoop tavern in Cornhill being the last audit day	2	13	
Oct 2 1712	Paid Mr James Coxen, late Treasurer, the balance of his account due from the Company	5	0	0
Feb 2 1713	Paid one year's Quit Rent due to her Majesty at Michaelmas 1712	1	12	4
Apr 7 1713	Allowed Mr Castleman half a year's taxes	3	0	0
Aug 21	Allowed Mr Castleman half a year's taxes	3	0	0
Sep 16	Paid the Mayor his usual fee	10	0	0
	Gave the Mayor's servants	1	1	6
	Paid at the Swan in Cornhill	6	8	9
	Paid Benjamin Wilde, Clerk	43	0	0
Nov 25	Paid Her Majesty Quit Rent being a year due at Michaelmas last 1713	01	12	4
Nov 27	Paid for Capital stock in the South Sea Company	93	17	6
	Paid the Broker	0	5	0
Jan 8 [1714]	Allowed Mr Rutland half a year's taxes	1	10	0
		173	**0**	**5**

[247] The forerunner of the traveller's cheque. https://www.historypod.net/01/01/1st-january-1772-first-travellers-cheques-known-as-circular-notes-put-on-sale/

	[Sheet 225 REV IMG 0915]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Ship tavern in Grace Church Street London the 25th day of November 1714 Present: Sir William Withers Kt Mayor — Mr James Coxen Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant — Mr Humphrey Morse Mr Joseph Crayker — Mr Edward Lambert Mr John Denton — Mr John Crabb Mr Samuel Hawkes — William Withers Esquire Mr John Smith — Mr William Smith Mr Joseph Byard — Mr Richard Merriman
	The Acts of the last Court first being read
Mayor chosen [Sir Wm Withers]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing Sir William Withers, Knight and Alderman of the City of London and Sir John Parsons Knight and Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon Sir William Withers, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant [Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Kenhelme Merry, being in nomination for the place of Lieutenant of the Staple for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Joseph Crayker, Joseph Heaton]	Mr Joseph Crayker, Mr Joseph Heaton, Mr Kenhelme Merry and Mr John Smith being in nomination for the Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Mr Joseph Crayker and Mr Joseph Heaton, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert and Richard Lewin Esq, being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
[Next Court day to Westminster]	Ordered that the Company go to Westminster the next Court day and that the Clerk make mention of the same in his summons to each member of the same.
	Ordered that sufficient power and authority be granted to the Treasurer for the time being to receive the interest money due and to become due to the said Company for their stock in the South Sea Company London.
	Ordered that no dealers or Jobbers in Wools be for the time being admitted or taken as security for any Treasurer of the said Company.

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[Sheet 226 REV IMG 0917]

The Account of Mr Humphrey Morse, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Charge	£	s	d
	Due from the said Treasurer to the said Company on the balance of his account upon the last audit.	32	18	4
May 3rd 1714	Rcvd of Mr Richard Adams the sum of £12 12s 4d, £5 whereof is for one year and one quarter rent due at Michaelmas 1713 for Woolstaple Dock and the remaining £7 12s 4d is for a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1713 aforesaid for the messuage or tenement at Woolstaple Dock	12	12	4
	Rcvd of Mr Rutland at several times since the last audit	22	0	0
		67	**10**	**8**
	[Paid]	45	4	7
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 26th day of November 1714 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due from the said Treasurer to the said Company the sum of £22 6s 1d [Signatures of:] William Withers-Mayor, Benjamin Crayker, Kenhelme Merry, Joseph Crayker, John Denton, Samuel Hawkes, Joseph Heaton	**£22**	**6**	**1**

[Sheet 227 IMG 0917]

	Discharge	£	s	d
12 Feb ~~1713~~ **[1714]**	Paid for the audit dinner at the Ship tavern in Grace Church Street	9	14	0
	Paid the Widow Ottoway by order of the Company	0	10	0
	Paid Mrs Sims by the like order	2	0	0
	Expended at several meetings of the Company	2	11	5
24 May 1714	Paid for insurance of the Company's houses at Westminster as by several policies from Number 26569 to 26573. And which said policies are delivered into the hands of Mr Edward Lambert, present Treasurer	5	16	10
	Paid the Mayor his usual fee	10	0	0
Nov 2nd 1714	Paid Mr Matthew Smith a year a quarter's salary due at Michaelmas 1714	5	0	0
Nov 2nd	Paid Benjamin Wilde, Clerk, a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1714	8	0	0
	Paid a year's Quit Rent due at Michaelmas 1714 to His Majesty[248]	1	12	4
		45	**4**	**7**
	Memorandum this 26th day of November 1714: Sir William Withers Kt, Mayor of the Staple, did make a present to the said Society of £10, which Mr Edward Lambert, present Treasurer, the same day received			

Ordered that no Apprentice of any Member of this Society, except the Treasurers, for the time being, be suffered to come into any room where the Society shall be on business of the said Company to put the said Society to any charge.

[248] King George 1st

	[Sheet 227 REV IMG 0918]
Bound [Thomas Blower to Richard Lewin]	**3rd March ~~1714~~ [1715]** Richard Blower, son of Thomas Blower, citizen and feltmaker of London, bound Apprentice to Richard Lewin Esquire, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years to serve from the said 3rd day of March.
Bound [John Elliot to Joseph Heaton]	**19th May 1715** John Elliot, son of William Elliot Esq of the parish of St Martins in the Fields, bound Apprentice to Joseph Heaton, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years to serve from the said 19th day of March.
Bound [Robert Hodges to Humphrey Morse]	**13th January ~~1715~~ [1716]** Robert Hodges, son of Robert Hodges of Warehorne in the county of Kent gentleman, bound Apprentice to Humphrey Morse, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years to serve from the said 13th day of January.

	[Sheet 228 IMG 0918]
	At a Court of Election of the **Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England** **held at the Ship tavern in Grace Church Street London the 25th day of August 1715** Present

Sir William Withers Kt	Mayor	Mr Humphrey Morse	
Mr Benjamin Crayker	Lieutenant	Mr Edward Lambert	Treasurer
Mr Joseph Crayker	Constable	Mr John Crabb	
Mr John Denton		Richard Lewin Esquire	
Mr Samuel Hawkes		Mr William Smith	
Mr John Smith		Mr Nicholas Dee	
Mr Joseph Heaton	Constable	Mr John Merry	
Mr James Coxen			

	The Acts of the last Court being first read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Wm Withers]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing and Sir William Withers, Knight and Alderman of the City of London and Sir John Parsons Knight and Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon Sir William Withers, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant [Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Kenhelme Merry, being in nomination for the place of Lieutenant of the said Company, the choice fell upon the said Mr Crayker, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Jo. Crayker, Jo. Heaton]	Mr Joseph Crayker, Mr Joseph Heaton, Mr Kenhelme Merry and Mr John Smith being in nomination for the Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Mr Joseph Crayker and Mr Joseph Heaton, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Ed. Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert and Richard Lewin Esquire being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr Lambert, who accepted and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Made Free [John Denton junior, Matthew Smith junior.]	John Denton, son of John Denton, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money. Matthew Smith, son of Matthew Smith, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.

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The Account of Mr Edward Lambert, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Charge[249]	£	s	d
1714 Nov 30th	Paid the Widow Ottway as a charitable gift of & by order of the Company	00	15	00
	Paid Mr Thomas Rayne at the Ship his bill for the election dinner	20	00	00
[1715] Feb 26th	Paid Matthew Smith, Beadle, a quarter's wages due at Xmas 1714	01	00	00
	Paid the said Mr Smith the Company's gift	02	10	00
March 21st	Allowed Mr Rutland a year's tax £3 and reassessment 15s	03	15	00
March 26th	Paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk of the said Company, half a year's salary due Lady Day 1715	04	00	00
April 15th	Paid the said Mr Smith a quarter's salary due Lady Day 1715	01	00	00
Aug 12th	Paid the said Mr Smith a quarter's salary due Midsummer 1715	01	00	00
24th	Paid Sir William Withers, Mayor, as usual	10	00	00
25th	Paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk, a quarter's salary due at Midsummer 1715	02	00	00
		46	**00**	**00**
	Arrears of Rent due at Midsummer 1715:			
	From Mr Rutland half a year	15	00	00
	From Mr Adams 3 quarters	08	14	03
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 26th day of August 1715 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due from the said Treasurer to the said Company the sum of: [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, John Denton, Samuel Hawkes, Joseph Heaton, James Coxen	39	01	03

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	Discharge	£	s	d
1714 Nov 26	Rcvd of Sir William Withers Kt, Mayor of the said Company, his present to the said Company	10	00	00
	Rcvd of Mr Humphrey Morse, late Treasurer of the said Company, the balance of his account due from him to the said Company	22	06	01
1715 Feb 28th	Rcvd of the South Sea Company a year's dividend[250] due at Christmas 1714	06	00	00
Mar 11th	Rcvd a year's interest on Mr Falkner's bond due at Xmas 1714	06	00	00
21st	Rcvd of Mr Rutland in full for rent due at Michaelmas 1714	08	00	00
July 30th	Rcvd of Mr Rutland a quarter's rent due at Xmas 1714	07	10	00
Aug 5th	Rcvd of Mr Richard Adams a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1714	11	12	04
24th	Rcvd of the said Sir William Withers his present to the Company	10	00	00
26th	Rcvd of Mr John Denton junior for Hanse money	00	06	05
	Rcvd of Mr Matthew Smith junior for the like	00	06	05
	Rcvd of the South Sea Company half a year's dividend due at Midsummer 1715	03	00	00
		85	**01**	**03**

[249] Instead of the hitherto usual layout, this account has reversed headings: 'Charge' for money paid out and 'Discharge' for money received.

[250] South Sea Company: £6 first dividend on original stock purchased at £93 17s 6d [Approx £10,000 in 2021]. https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/currency-converter/#currency-result

	[Sheet 229 REV IMG 0920]
Bound [Hugh Bennet to Elias Best]	**28th January 1716** John Bennett, son of Hugh Bennett of the parish of St Olaves Southwark in the county of Surrey, dyer, bound Apprentice to Elias Best, merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years to serve from the said 28th day of January 1716

	[Sheet 230 IMG 0920]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Ship tavern in Grace Church Street London the 25th day of October 1716 Present: Sir William Withers Kt Mayor — Mr Joseph Heaton Constable Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant — Mr Humphrey Morse Mr Kenhelm Merry — Mr Edward Lambert Treasurer Mr Joseph Crayker Constable — Richard Lewin Esquire Mr John Denton — Mr John Crabb Mr Joseph Byard — Mr Richard Merriman Mr Samuel Hawkes — Mr William Smith
	The Acts of the last Court being read.
Mayor chosen [Sir Wm Withers]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing and Sir William Withers, Knight and Alderman of the City of London and Sir John Parsons Knight and Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon Sir William Withers, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant [Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Kenhelme Merry, being in nomination for the place of Lieutenant of the said Company, the choice fell upon the said Mr Crayker, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Kenhelme Merry, Humphrey Morse]	Mr Kenhelme Merry, Mr Humphrey Morse, Mr John Denton and Mr John Smith being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Mr Kenhelme Merry & Mr Humphrey Morse, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [John Crabb]	Mr John Crabb and Richard Lewin Esquire being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, choice was made of the said Mr John Crabb, who accepted and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors be continued as usual.
[Inspection of estate at Westminster]	Ordered that a committee be appointed to inspect the Company's estate at Westminster. And that such members of the said Society who have served as Treasurer be of such committee. And that 3 or more of them make a committee, the care thereof is recommended to the Lieutenant of the said Company for the time being. And such committee are to treat with any person or persons touching the letting and setting the premises aforesaid. And to make their report touching the same at the next Court, to be held of the said Company.
[Court date]	Ordered that a Court of Election of the said Company be for the future held on a Wednesday in the week before or next after Bartholomew Day[251] in every year.

[251] St Bartholomew Day: 24th August

[Sheet 230 REV IMG 0922]

The Account of Mr Edward Lambert, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1715	Discharge	£	s	d
Aug 29th	Paid the Widow Ottoway the gift of the Company	0	15	0
Sept 8th	Paid at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church for the election dinner held the 25th of August then last past	24	19	5
Sept 16th	Allowed Mr Rutland half a year's tax due at Lady Day last 1715	1	10	0
	Paid to Mr Matthew Smith, Beadle, a year and a quarter's salary due at Michaelmas last	5	0	0
	Paid a year's Quit Rent due at Michaelmas last 1715 to his Majesty	1	12	4
	Paid Mr Benjamin Wild for a year and a quarter's salary due at Michaelmas last 1716	10	0	0
June 6th **1716**	Paid the Mayor as usual	10	0	0
Aug 14th	Allowed Mr Rutland a year's tax due at Lady Day last 1716 for the year 1715	3	0	0
Oct 1st	Paid Mr Matthew Smith the gift of the Company	2	0	0
24th	Paid His Majesty's Quit Rent due at Michaelmas 1716	1	12	4
25th	Paid for coach hire to and from Westminster to the Mayor's servants and other incidental expenses	1	10	0
		61	**19**	**1**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 26th day of October 1716 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due from the said Treasurer to the said Company the sum of £54 4s 6d	54	4	6
	Arrears of rent due at Michaelmas 1716:			
	From Mr Rutland half a year	15	0	0
	From Mr Adams 1 year	11	12	4
	Due on Mr Fawkner's [Falkner's] Bond 3 quarters interest	4	10	0
		85	**6**	**10**

[Signatures of:] William Withers, Benjamin Crayker, Joseph Crayker, John Denton, Joseph Heaton, Samuel Hawkes, James Coxen, Humphrey Morse

[Sheet 231 IMG 0922]

1715	Charge	£	s	d
Aug 26	due from the said Treasurer upon the balance of his account then audited	39	1	3
Sept 16	By cash received of the South Sea Company one dividend due at Xmas 1713	3	0	0
	Rcvd of Mr Rutland half a year's rent due at Midsummer last 1715	15	0	0
Jan 13[1716]	Rcvd a year's interest from Mr Fawkner [Faulkner] due at Xmas last 1715	6	0	0
Mar 17	Rcvd one dividend of the South Sea Company due at Xmas last 1715	3	0	0
Jun 6	Rcvd of Sir William Withers, Mayor, his free gift to the said Company	10	0	0
July 4	Rcvd Mr Richard Adams 1 year's rent due at Michaelmas last 1715	11	12	4
Aug 14	Rcvd of Mr Rutland 3 quarters' rent due at Lady Day last 1716	22	10	0
31	Rcvd of the south Sea Company 2 dividends, one due at Midsummer last the other due at Xmas last	6	0	0
		116	**3**	**7**

	[Sheet 231 REV IMG
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church Street London the 18th day of July 1717
	Present: Sir William Withers Kt Mayor — Mr Edward Lambert Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant — Mr James Coxen Mr Joseph Crayker — Mr John Crabb Mr Samuel Hawkes — Mr Elias Best Mr John Smith — Mr Richard Merriman Mr Joseph Heaton — Richard Lewin Esq Mr Joseph Byard — Mr William Smith
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Sir Wm Withers]	The Court, according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir William Withers Kt & Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Cash Kt & Alderman of the City of London being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Sir William Withers who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant [Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker & Mr Kenelm Merry, being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company, the choice fell upon the said Mr Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Merry & Morse continued]	Mr Kenelm Merry, Mr Humphrey Morse, Mr John Denton & Mr John Smith being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, it was ordered that the said Mr Merry & Mr Morse, present Constables, be continued as such till the next Court of election.
Treasurer [John Crabb continue]	Mr John Crabb & Richard Lewin Esq, being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, it was ordered that the said Mr Crabb, present Treasurer, be continued as such until the next Court of election.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
	Ordered that the orders of the last Court be confirmed.
[£100 loan to Fawkner continued at 5% interest]	Ordered that the £100 lent by the Company to Mr Fawkner be from the 25th day of December next continued at interest in his hands at the rate of 5% per year. And that a memorandum of the same be endorsed by the Treasurer on the bond entered into by him and his surety to the said Company for the said £100.
	Ordered that minutes of each Court be drawn up into such order as are intended to be entered into the Great Book or Orders of the said Company and before transcribing the same in the said book (which shall be done within fortnight after every Court day), such orders be left with the Lieutenant for the time being of the Company and his name subscribed to such orders signifying his approbation of the same.
	The committee appointed by an order of the last Court having now reported that the lease granted by this Company to William Gower, of certain houses & tenements in or near Westminster Market, did expire at Midsummer last, and the said committee not having yet treated and agreed with any person touching the letting or setting the estate of this Company pursuant to the said order. It is now ordered by this Court that the said order for treating, letting and setting it be revived with the

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	like power and authority as are mentioned in the said former order. And that the said committee do make their report of what they shall do thereon to the next Court. And that a particular, of the tenants' names and the rent each tenant on the said premises pays, be subscribed by the clerk in the Great Book.

[Sheet 232 REV IMG 0924]

The Account of Mr John Crabb, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Charge	£	s	d
Oct 27th 1716	Rest of Mr Edward Lambert, late Treasurer, for balance of his account due to the said Company	54	4	6
May 8th 1717	Rcvd of Mr Rutland half a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1716, allowed for taxes £3	12	0	0
June 21st	Rcvd of Mr Fawkner a year's interest for the sum of £100 due at Xmas 1716	6	0	0
	Rcvd of Sir William Withers his free gift to the said Company	10	0	0
July 17th	Rcvd of Mr Adams 1 year and a half rent due at Lady Day 1717 for his house at Woolstaple Dock it clear of all taxes	11	8	6
	Rcvd of the said Mr Adams 1 year and a half rent for Woolstaple Dock due at Lady Day 1717 it clear of all taxes	6	0	0
		99	**13**	**0**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 19th day of July 1717 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due from the said Treasurer to the said Company the sum of:	41	17	0
	And from Mr Rutland 3 quarters' rent at Midsummer last 1717	22	10	0
	And also due from Mr Fawkner half a year's interest for the sum of £100 at Midsummer aforesaid	3	0	0
	And also from Mr Adams for the house at Woolstaple Dock at Midsummer aforesaid a quarter's rent	1	18	1
	And also from the said Mr Adams a quarter's rent for the Woolstaple Dock at Midsummer aforesaid	1	0	0
	And from the South Sea Company half a year's dividend due at Midsummer aforesaid			
	Memorand that an Inquiry be made touching the dividend of the South Sea Company for the £100 stock for the year 1714			
	[Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Joseph Crayker			

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	Charge	£	s	d
Oct 25th 1716	Paid Mr Beale the cook	3	4	6
27th	Paid Mr Benson the poulterer	3	19	6
31st	Paid Mrs Simms the charitable gift of the Company	1	10	0
	Paid to the Widow Ottoway on the like account	0	5	0
Nov 9th	Paid to Mr Raines his bill for the election dinner	26	6	6
Dec 26th	Paid to Matthew Smith, Beadle, the gift of the said Company	1	10	0
April 6th 1717	Paid coach hire and expenses when the Company went to Westminster to view the Company's estate	1	15	0
May 8th	Expenses at the White Lion in Cornhill at a meeting then had by the committee appointed to treat with and let and set the said estate	0	5	6
	Paid Sir William Withers, Mayor, as usual	10	0	0
July 18th	Paid to Benjamin Wild, Clerk, 3 quarters' salary due at Midsummer last 1717	6	0	0
	Paid Matthew Smith, Beadle, 3 quarters' wages due at Midsummer last 1717	3	0	0
		57	**16**	**0**

	[Sheet 233 REV IMG 0925]
Bound [Henry Barnard to Elias Best]	**27th of August 1717** Henry Barnard, son of Henry Barnard of Rumford [Romford] in the county of Essex - Innholder, bound Apprentice to Elias Best, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years to serve from the said 27th day of August 1717.
Bound [Robert Russell to Richard Merriman]	**24th Dec 1717** Robert Russell, son of William Russell late of the parish of Stepney in the county of Middlesex - farmer deceased, bound Apprentice to Richard Merriman, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years to serve from the said 24th day of December 1717.

	[Sheet 234 IMG 0925]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held the 20th day of June 1718 at the Feathers Tavern in Cheapside Present:

Sir William Withers Kt	Mayor	Richard Lewin Esquire
Mr Benjamin Crayker	Lieutenant	Mr John Crabb
Mr Kenhelm Merry		Mr Nicholas Dee
Mr Joseph Crayker senior		Mr John Merry
Mr Samuel Hawkes		Mr Joseph Byard
Mr Joseph Heaton		Mr William Smith
Mr Humphrey Morse		Mr Richard Merriman
Mr Edward Lambert		Mr Elias Best

	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen (Sir Wm Withers)	The Court, according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir William Withers Kt & Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Cash Kt & Alderman also of the said City of London being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Sir William Withers who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant [Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker & Mr Kenelm Merry, being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Sam Hawkes & Ed Lambert]	Mr Samuel Hawkes, Mr Edward Lambert, Mr John Smith & Mr Joseph Crayker being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Hawkes and Mr Lambert, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Richard Lewin]	Richard Lewin Esq & Mr Nicholas Dee being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, choice fell upon the said Richard Lewin, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Made free[by patrimony Jo Crayker jun]	Joseph Crayker junior, son of the said Joseph Crayker senior, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
[Committee for estate at Westminster continued]	The committee, appointed to inspect the Company's estate at Westminster and to let and set the same, report to this Court that they have not hitherto treated and agreed with a person or persons touching the same. It is therefore thought fit and ordered that the said committee have the like power and authority touching the letting and setting the said premises as by the former orders ...

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	of the 2 last Courts held of the said Company; and that the said committee do look into & examine the workmen's bills for reparation already had and made or to be had or made on the same premises; and upon their allowance of such bills the Treasurer for the time being is to pay the same.
[10s to Widows Ottoway&Sims]	The several petitions of the Widow Ottoway and Widow Sims being read, praying the charity of this Company, the Court was pleased to order 10s to be given to each of them.

	[Sheet 235 IMG 0926]
Bound [James Hatley to John Crabb]	**10th of July 1718** James Hatley[252], son of John Hatley late of St Neots in the county of Huntingdon - mercer deceased, bound Apprentice to John Crabb, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years to serve from the said 4th day of July 1718.

[252] James Hatley and family history - see: https://www.captaincooksociety.com/home/detail/john-hatley-1760-1832. James' son John sailed with Captain Cook.

[Sheet 235 REV IMG 0930]

The Account of Mr John Crabb, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1717	**Charge**	£	s	d
Jul 20	Due from the said Treasurer upon the balance of his account then stated	41	17	0
	Rcvd of Mr Adams 1 year's rent due at Lady Day 1718	11	12	4
	Rcvd of Mr Fawkner for a year's interest of £100 due at Xmas 1717	6	0	0
Jan 4 [1718]	Rcvd of Wm Dodd a quarter's rent due at Michaelmas last 1717; allowed 4s 6d for the 2nd quarterly payment of the Land Tax for 1717 & 3s for paying at £6 per year Westminster	1	2	6
	Rcvd of Elizabeth Little, widow, a quarter's rent due at Michaelmas last 1717; allowed 5s 3d for the 2nd quarter's Land Tax of 1717; & 3s for paying at £7 per year	1	6	9
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard half a year's rent due at Xmas last 1717; allowed 9s for the 2nd & 3rd quarters' payment of the Land Tax for 1717; but had no receipt for the 3rd quarter's payment, of the said tax at £8 per year	3	11	0
	Rcvd of Wm Penn half a year due at Xmas last 1717; allowed 4s 6d for the 2nd quarter's payment of the Land Tax for 1717; but had no tax bill at £6 per year Westminster	2	15	6
	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard half a year's rent due at Xmas last 1717; allowed 12s for the 2nd quarter's Land Tax of 1717; & 6s 10d for repairs at £16 per year Westminster	7	1	2
Feb 21	Rcvd of Mr Rutland in part of arrears of rent	2	10	0
	Rcvd of Thomas Tibbitt half a year's rent due at Xmas last 1717; allowed for taxes 15s 4½d at £14 per year Westminster	6	4	7½
Apr18 1718	Rcvd of Elizabeth Little £2 19s & allowed 10s 6d for the 3rd & 4th quarterly payments of the Land Tax for 1717; is for half a year's rent due at Lady Day last 1718	2	19	6
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard £1 15s 6d & allowed 4s 6d for the last quarter Land Tax of 1717; is for a quarter's rent due at Lady Day last 1718	1	15	6
	Rcvd of Wm Penn in money 16s and allowed 4s 6d for the last half year's Land Tax of 1717; and 5s for emptying a vault[?]; is for a quarter's rent due at Lady Day last 1718	0	16	0
Jul 25	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard £6 and allowed £4 16s for the two last quarters of 1717 and the first of 1718; & 4d for the Militia; is for half a year's rent due at Midsummer last 1718	6	0	0
	Rcvd of Thomas Tibbitt £5 8s 6d & allowed £1 11s 6d for the two last quarters tax of 1717 and first of 1718; is for half a year's rent due at Midsummer last 1718	5	8	6
	Rcvd of Elizabeth Little 17s 3d & allowed 4s 6d for the first quarter's tax of 1718 & 13s 3d for repairs is for a quarter due at Midsummer last 1718	0	17	3
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard a quarter due at Midsummer last 1718	2	0	0
	Rcvd of Wm Penn £1 5s 6d & allowed 4s 6d for the first quarter's tax of 1718; is for a quarter due at Midsummer last	1	5	6
	Rcvd of Wm Dodd £1 2s 5d and allowed £1 10s 8d for smith's work, £1 3s 5d the glazier's bill and 13s 6d for the first 2 last quarters' tax of 1717 and 1 quarter's tax of 1718; is for these quarters' rent due at Midsummer last 1718	1	2	5
	Rcvd of Mr Joseph Crayker junior for Hanse money	0	6	5
		106	**11**	**11½**
Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 6th day of November 1718 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due from the said Treasurer to the said Company the sum of: [No Signatures]		34	5	2½

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1717	**Discharge**	£	s	d
Jul 20	Paid at the election dinner to Elizabeth Raney widow	29	11	6
Oct 5	Paid Matthew Smith, beadle, the gift of the said Company	2	10	0
Nov 23	Paid His Majesty's Quit Rent due at Michaelmas 1717	1	12	4
Jan 4 1718	Paid at the Bull's Head, Mr Benjamin Crayker, Lieutenant, being present	0	10	8
Feb 21	Paid at the view had of the estates at Westminster	0	9	11½
Mar 14	Paid John Gibson for emptying vaults	2	12	0
Apr 18	Paid at the Swan tavern in Cornhill at a meeting had there	1	9	6
Jun 20	Paid Samuel Smith his bill	0	19	0
	Paid ditto another bill	8	12	0
Jul 2	Paid to several persons for provisions and at the Pewter Platter	9	0	0
	Expended at the Crown tavern the Pewter Platter and at Westminster	1	17	3½
	Paid Widow Sims the charitable gift of the said Company	0	10	0
	Paid the Widow Ottoway the like	0	10	0
	Paid Matthew Smith, Beadle, a year's wages due at Midsummer last 1718	4	0	0
	Paid to him for money disbursed at Westminster	0	2	6
	Paid Benjamin Wild a year's salary due at Midsummer last 1718	8	0	0
		72	**6**	**9½**

	[Sheet 236 REV IMG 0931]
[Rich Smith apprentice to his father]	**9th Dec 1718** Richard Smith, son of Mathew Smith Merchant of the Staple of England, bound Apprentice to the said Mathew Smith to serve 7 years from the said 9th day of December.
[Nathaniel Foord apprentice to Ed Lambert]	**April 30th 1719** Nathaniel Foord, son of Nathaniel Foord of the parish of St Mary Magdalen Bermondsey in the county of Surrey, blockmaker, bound Apprentice to Edward Lambert Merchant of the Staple of England to serve 7 years from the said 30th day of April.
[Rob Barker apprentice to Humphrey Morse]	**June 25th 1719** Robert Barker, son of Robert Barker late of London gentleman deceased, bound Apprentice to Humphrey Morse, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 25th day of June.

	[Sheet 237 IMG 0931]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Runner tavern in Queen Street London the 17th day of September 1719
	Present: Sir William Withers Kt Mayor — Mr Nicholas Dee Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant — Mr John Merry Mr Joseph Crayker senior — Wm Withers Esq Mr Samuel Hawkes — Mr Wm Smith Mr Joseph Heaton — Mr Elias Best Mr Edward Lambert — Mr John Denton Richard Lewin Esq — Mr Joseph Crayker junior — Mr Joseph Byard
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen (Sir Wm Withers)	The Court, according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir William Withers Kt & Alderman of the City of London, and Sir Francis Forbes Kt & Alderman also of the said City of London being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Sir William Withers who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant [Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker & Mr Joseph Crayker, being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [continued]	Ordered that Mr Samuel Hawkes & Mr Edward Lambert, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [continued]	Ordered that Richard Lewin Esq, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
[50 guineas for foreigners to join the Company]	Whereas by an order of the 24th September 1713 that no foreigner was to be admitted into the fellowship of this Company, without paying the sum of 20 guineas for the use of the said Company. Now this Court thinks fit and orders that for the future, in lieu of the said order, no foreigner shall be admitted into the freedom of this Society without first paying into the hands of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Company the sum of 50 guineas. Out of which 50 guineas any part thereof not exceeding the sum of 30 guineas shall and may at any time hereafter, by order of the said Company only, be repaid to such person so paying the same.
Free [Samuel Hickman]	Samuel Hickman, late apprentice of Nicholas Dee, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
Free (Geo Storey)	George Storey late apprentice of Joseph Heaton, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
[15s to Widow Ottoway]	The humble petition of the Widow Ottoway, being presented and read, praying the charity of this Company the Court was pleased to order her 15s.
[Richard Denton apprenticed]	**24th September 1719** Richard Denton, brother of John Denton, Merchant of the Staple of England, bound Apprentice to Edward Lambert, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 24th day of September.
[Samuel Bishop apprenticed]	**April the 18th 1720** Samuel Bishop, son of Robert Bishop of the Parish of St Olave Southwark in the County of Surrey feltmaker, bound Apprentice to Joseph Byard, Merchant of the Staple of England to serve 7 years from the said 18th day of September.

	[Sheet 237 REV IMG 0932]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church Street the 17th day of August 1720 Present: Sir William Withers Kt Mayor — Mr Edward Lambert Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant — Richard Lewin Esq Mr Joseph Crayker Senior — Mr John Crabb Mr John Smith — Mr Nicholas Dee Mr Samuel Hawkes — Mr John Merry Mr Joseph Heaton — Mr William Smith Mr Humphrey Morse — Mr Joseph Byard
Mayor chosen (Sir Wm Withers)	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed. The Court, according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir William Withers Kt & Alderman of the City of London, & Sir Francis Forbes Kt & also Alderman also of the said City, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Sir William Withers who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant [Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker & Mr Joseph Crayker Senior, being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Jo Crayker Sen & Jo Heaton]	Mr Joseph Crayker Senior, Mr Joseph Heaton, Mr Humphrey Morse & Mr Joseph Byard being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Crayker & Mr Heaton, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Nicholas Dee]	Mr Nicholas Dee and Mr John Merry being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, choice fell upon the said Mr Dee, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Free [Ben Crayker junior]	Benjamin Crayker, son of the said Joseph Crayker, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
[20s to Widow Ottoway]	The petition of Amy Ottoway, Widow, being presented to this Court and read, humbly praying the charity of the said Company, the Court was pleased to order her 20s for her relief.

	[Sheet 238 IMG 0932]
	At a Court of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church Street the 25th day of May 1721 Present: Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant — Mr Edward Lambert — Mr Joseph Crayker Junior Mr Joseph Crayker — Wm Withers Esq — Mr Samuel Hickman Mr Samuel Hawkes — Mr John Denton — Mr George Storey Mr Humphrey Morse — Mr Elias Best — Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Richard Neale —
[Sir William Withers dead. Sir Francis Forbes elected Mayor.]	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed. Sir William Withers, who for several years has been Mayor of the Staple being lately deceased and the Court being now resolved to proceed to the election of a new Mayor for the year ensuing: In order thereunto, Sir Thomas Abney[253] Kt, Sir Samuel Garrard[254] Kt & Baronet, Sir Francis Forbes Kt and Sir Randolph Knipe[255] Kt, all aldermen of the City of London, were severally put in nomination for the place of Mayor of the Staple. And by holding up of hands of the majority then present Sir Francis Forbes[256] was elected Mayor of the Staple for the year ensuing. Whereupon Sir Francis appeared at this Court and accepted the freedom of this Company and took the oath appertaining thereunto. And then having taken the place of Mayor he also took the oath of Mayor of the Staple accordingly.
	Ordered that the Company's Charter and 2 seals, late in the custody of the said Sir William Withers, and now produced by William Withers Esquire, be delivered to the said Sir Francis, and which was accordingly done.
[20s Widow Ottoway]	The humble petition of the Widow Ottoway being presented to this Court and read, praying the charity of the said Company, the Court was pleased to order her 20s for her relief.

[253] Sir Thomas Abney d 1722, Lord Mayor 1700-01, MP London 1701, Director Bank of England 1694-1700, Prime Warden Fishmongers Company 1704-6; https://www.british-history.ac.uk/no-series/london-aldermen/hen3-1912/pp75-119#highlight-first

[254] Sir Samuel Garrard 1651-1725, Lord Mayor 1709-10, Warden of Grocers Company 1700-01, MP Amersham 1701-10. https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1690-1715/member/garrard-sir-samuel-1651-1725

[255] Sir Randolph Knipe, d 1728, Director Bank of England 1712-24; Master Clothworkers 1709. https://www.british-history.ac.uk/no-series/london-aldermen/hen3-1912/pp119-140#highlight-first

[256] New Mayor of the Staple: Sir Francis Forbes, d 26 Sep 1727, Governor Irish Society 1721-7; President Christ's Hospital 1723-7; Director Bank of England 1724-7; Master Haberdashers 1713-4.

[Sheet 238 REV IMG 0933]

The Account of Richard Lewin Esq,
Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Charge	£	s	d
Sep 5th 1718	Rcvd of the South Sea Company	9	0	0
Nov 6th	Rcvd of Mr John Crabb the sum of £34 5s 2½d being the balance of his account then audited and due to the said Company	34	5	2½
19th	Rcvd of Wm Dodd £1 9s 6d and allowed 6d for Trophy money for a quarter's rent due at Michaelmas last 1718	1	9	6
	Rcvd of Eliza Laton £1 10s 3d & allowed 4s 6d for 2 qrtrs tax of 1718 and 3d for Trophy money: is for a qrtr at Michaelmas last 1718	1	10	3
Jan 6th [1719]	Rcvd of Wm Dodd 18s 6d & allowed 9s for the 2nd & 3rd qrtrs tax of 1718; & 2s 6d bricklayer's work: is for a qrtr due at Xmas last 1718	0	18	6
	Rcvd of Tho Hilliard £1 13s 6d allowed £1 5s for paving, 13s 6d for 1st 2nd 3rd qrtrs tax of 1718; 5s 3d for carpenter's work, 3d Trophy money, windows 2s 6d: is for half a year due at Xmas last 1718	1	13	6
	Rcvd of Humphrey Skelton £6 9s 3d & allowed £1 8s 3d for a year's tax, £1 6s bricklayer's bill, 16s 6d glazier's bill: is for a year's rent due at Mid 1717; to Mr James Rutland & by order received for the use of the said Company	6	9	3
	Rcvd of the said Mr Skelton £10 15s & allowed £1 11s 3d for 5 qrtrs tax ending at Michaelmas last 1718; & 3s 9d a bricklayer's bill: is for 1 year & 1 qrtr rent due at Michaelmas 1718 to the said Company	10	15	0
22nd	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard £6 14s 5d & allowed 12s for 2nd qrtr tax of 1718, glazier 3s 2d, bricklayer's work 4s 2d, pavior 1s, Trophy 3s 3d, plasterer 1s, joiner 1s: is for half a year's rent due at Xmas last 1718	6	14	5
Apr 9th 1719	Rcvd of Wm Penn £3 4s 7d & allowed 13s 6d for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th qrtrs tax of 1718; 11s 9d glazing & 2d Trophy money: is for 3 qrtrs' rent due at Lady Day last 1719	3	4	7
	Rcvd of Wm Dodd £1 5s 6d & allowed 4s 6d for the last qrtr tax 1718: is for a qrtr due at Lady Day last 1719	1	5	6
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard £1 15s 6d & allowed 4s 6d for the last qrtr tax of 1718: is for a qrtr due at Lady Day last 1719	1	15	6
	Rcvd of James Leaton £3 1s & allowed 9s for the 2 last qrtrs tax of 1718: is for half a year's rent due at Lady Day last 1719			
	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard £2 16s & allowed £1 4s for the 3rd & 4th qrtrs tax of 1718: is for a qrtr's rent due at Lady Day last 1719	2	16	0
Apr 11th	Rcvd of Thomas Tibetts £7 12s 6d & allowed £1 6s for glazing & casements, £1 11s 6d for the 2nd 3rd 4th qrtrs' payment of 1718: is for 3 qrtrs rent due at Lady Day last 1719	7	12	6
May 29th	Rcvd of Mr Adams a year's rent due at Lady Day last 1719: for the tenement at Woolstaple Dock & for the Dock £11 12s 4d for the tenement, & Dock £4	11	12	4
June 20th	Rcvd of Humphrey Skelton £4 7s 6d & allowed 12s 6d for half a year tax ending at Lady Day last 1719: is for half a year's rent then due	4	7	6
	Rcvd of Sir William Withers, Mayor, his free gift to the said Company	10	0	0
July 27	Rcvd of Thomas Tibbetts £6 5s 8d & allowed 10s 6d for the first qrtr tax of 1717, 4d Trophy money & 3s 6d for carpenter's work: is for half a year's rent due at Midsummer 1717: for James Rutland and by his order for the use of the said Company	6	5	8
		124	**16**	**2½**

[Sheet 239 IMG 0933]

		£	s	d
	Brought from the other side	124	16	2½
July 17th 1719	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard £1 4s 6d & allowed 4s 6d for the first qrtr tax of 1719: & 11s for bricklayer's work: is for a qrtr due at Midsummer last 1719	1	4	6
	Rcvd of Wm Dodd £1 6s 3d and allowed 3s 9d for the first qrtr tax 1719: is for a qrtr due at Midsummer last	1	6	3
	Rcvd of James Leaton £1 10s 6d & allowed 4s 6d for the first qrtr tax of 1719: is for a qrtr due at Midsummer last 1719	1	10	6
	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard £2 15s & allowed 12s for the first qrtr tax of 1719: 10s for bricklayers work & 3s for glazing: is for a qrtr due at Midsummer last 1719	2	15	0
Sep 17th	Rcvd of Mr Samuel Hickman & Mr George Storey for Hanse money	0	12	10
Oct 21st	Rcvd of Mr Skelton £3 12s 8d & allowed 12s 6d for half a year Land tax, 5s 6d for emptying vents, glazier & smith 9s 4d: is for half a year due at Michaelmas last 1719	3	12	8
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard £1 14s 6d & allowed 4s 6d for the 2nd qrtr tax of 1719: & 1s for paving: is for qrtr due at Michaelmas last 1719	1	14	6
	Rcvd of Wm Penn £2 12s 6d & allowed 7s 6d for the 2 first qrtr tax of 1719: is for half a year due at Michaelmas 1719	2	12	6
28th	Rcvd of James Leeton £1 4s 6d & allowed 4s 6d for the 2nd qrtr tax 1719 & 6s for white washing: is for a qrtr due at Michaelmas last 1719	1	4	6
	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard £3 1s 10d & allowed 12s for 2nd qrtr tax of 1719: 3s Lieutenancy[257] 3s 2d glazing: is for a qrtr due at Michaelmas last 1719	3	1	10
January 12 [1720]	Rcvd of Thomas Tibbetts £5 19s & allowed £1 1s for half a year's tax due at Michaelmas last: is for half a year due at Michaelmas last 1719	5	19	0
	Rcvd of James Leeton £1 10s 6d & allowed 4s 6d for the 3rd qrtr tax of 1719: is for a qrtr due at Christmas last 1719	1	10	6
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard £1 15s 6d & allowed 4s 6d for the 3rd qrtr tax 1719: is for a qrtr rent due at Christmas last 1719	1	15	6
23rd	Rcvd of Wm Dodd £2 12s 6d & allowed 7s 6d for the 2nd & 3rd qrtrs of 1719: is for half a year due at Christmas last 1719	2	12	6
	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard £3 15s 6d & allowed 4s 6d for smith's work: is for a qrtr due at Christmas last 1719	3	15	6
Apr 14 1720	Rcvd of Wm Penn £1 19s & allowed £1 11s a bricklayer's bill: is for half a year due at Lady Day last 1720	1	9	0
	Rcvd of James Leeton £1 9s 7d & allowed 4s 6d for the last qrtr tax 1719: 3d Trophy money & 8d glazing: is for a qrtr due at Lady Day last 1720	1	9	7
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard £1 15s 3d & allowed 4s 6d for the last qrtr tax 1719: & 3s Trophy money: is for a qrtr due at Lady Day last 1720	1	15	3
May 4th	Rcvd of the Widow Adams a year's rent due at Lady Day last for the tenement & wharf at Woolstaple Dock	11	12	4
	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard £2 8s 10d & allowed 1s 4d for the 3rd & 4th qrtrs tax of 1719; 6d Trophy money & 6s 8d repairs: is for a qrtr due at Lady Day last 1720	2	8	10
16th	Rcvd of Mr James Rutland is suit for arrears of rent	3	2	7
June 20	Rcvd of Sir William Withers, Mayor, his free gift to the said Company	10	0	0
		192	**01**	**10½**

[257] Lieutenancy: this is connected to the Trophy Tax; see Her Majesty's Commission of Lieutenancy for the City of London | Livery Companies of the City of London http://www.liverycompanies.info/a-z-list-of-companies/her-majestys-commission-of.html

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		£	s	d
	Brought from the other side	**192**	**01**	**10**
July 21 1720	Rcvd of Wm Dodd £1 3s 9d & allowed 3s 9d for the 4th qrtr tax of 1719 & 2s 6d for paving: is for a qrtrs rent due at Lady Day last 1720	1	3	9
Aug 15th	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard £1 15s 6d & allowed 4s 6d for the first qrtr tax 1720: is for a qrtr due at Midsummer last 1720	1	15	6
	Rcvd of James Leeton £1 9s & allowed 4s 6d for the first qrtr tax 1720 & 1s 6d for paving: is for a qrtr due at Midsummer last 1720	1	9	0
17th	Rcvd of Mr Benjamin Crayker for Hanse money	0	6	5
Oct 3rd	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard £6 13s 6d & allowed £1 1s for half a year tax due at Michaelmas last & 5s 6d for repairs: is for half a year due at Michaelmas last 1720	6	13	6
Nov 17th	Rcvd of Thomas Tibbetts £5 4s 2d & allowed £1 11s 6d for half a year tax of 1719: & qrtr of 1720: & 4d Trophy money & 4s whitewashing: is for half a year due at Lady Day last 1720	5	4	2
Dec 14th	Rcvd of James Leeton £1 10s 6d & allowed 4s 6d for the 2nd qrtr tax 1720: is for a qrtr rent due at Michaelmas last 1720	1	10	6
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard £1 15s 6d & allowed 4s 6d for the 2nd qrtr tax 1720: is for a qrtr due at Michaelmas last 1720	1	15	6
	Rcvd of Wm Dodd £2 9s & allowed 7s 6d for the first 2 qrtrs tax of 1720 & 3s 6d for glazing: is for a half a year due at Michaelmas last 1720	2	9	0
January 5th [1721]	Rcvd of Humphrey Skelton £7 18s 8d & allowed £1 5s for a year tax ending at Michaelmas last being the 3rd part of £3 15s; glazier's bill 8s 6d, bricklayer's bill 7s 4d, Trophy money 6d: is for a year's rent due at Michaelmas last 1720	7	18	8
	Rcvd of Thomas Tibbetts £2 19s 6d & allowed 10s 6d for Michaelmas qrtr tax and allowed a tax bill for half a year's tax due at Michaelmas last: is for a qrtr due at Midsummer last 1720	2	19	6
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard a qrtr due at Xmas last 1720	2	0	0
Feb 4th	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard £2 13s & allowed 3s for Lieutenancy, 13s 6d glazing & 10s 6d for the 3rd qrtr tax of 1720: is for a qrtr due at Xmas last 1720	2	13	0
	Rcvd of Wm Penn £2 5s 1d & allowed 19s a bricklayer's bill, 7s cleansing the Cellar, taxes 18s 9d - 3rd & 4th [qrtrs] 1719: 1st, 2nd, 3rd[qrtrs] 1720 & 2d Trophy money: is for 3rd qrtr due at Xmas last 1720	2	5	1
Mar 4th	Rcvd of James Leeton £1 10s 6d & allowed 4s 6d for the 3rd qrtr tax of 1720: is for a qrtr due at Xmas last 1720	1	10	6
Apr 1st 1721	Rcvd of Wm Mackleth 1s in part of a qrtr rent for Penn's house to commence from Midsummer next at £6 7s and at a qrtr's warning on either side	0	1	0
26th	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard £3 2s 6d & allowed 17s 6d for the 4th qrtr tax of 1720: is for a qrtr rent due at Lady Day 1721	3	2	6
May 8th	Rcvd of the Widow Adams a year's rent due at Lady Day last 1721: for the tenement & wharf at Woolstaple Dock	11	12	4
	Rcvd of Mr Dodd £2 10s & allowed 10s for the last 2 qrtrs tax of 1720: is for half a year's rent due at Lady Day last 1721	2	10	0
	Rcvd of Mr Hilliard £1 7s 9d & allowed 12s for the 3rd & 4th qrtrs tax of 1720; & 3d Trophy money: is for a qrtr rent due at Lady Day last 1721	1	7	9
May 19th	Rcvd of Mr Fawkner for 3 years interest of £100 due at Xmas last 1720	15	0	0
June 28	Rcvd of James Leeton £1 7s 3d & allowed 7s 6d for the last qrtr tax of 1720 & deficiency & 3d Trophy money: is for a qrtr due at Lady Day last 1721	1	7	3
July 18th	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard £3 9s 6d & allowed 10s 6d for the first qrtr tax 1721: is for Midsummer qrtr last 1721	3	9	6
Aug 1st	Rcvd of James Leeton £1 10s 6d & allowed 4s 6d for the first qrtr tax 1721: is for a qrtr due at Midsummer last 1721	1	10	6
2nd	Rcvd of Humphrey Skelton £4 2s 10d & allowed 16s 8d for taxes & 6d for Trophy money: is for half a year due at Lady Day last 1721	4	2	10
		277	**19**	**7½**

[Sheet 240 IMG 0934]

	Discharge	£	s	d
Oct 16 1718	Paid at the Ship and coach hire as per bill	3	1	0
29th	Paid His Majesty's Quit Rent due at Michaelmas last 1718	1	12	4
Nov 6th	Paid at the Black Swan in Barnaby Street	0	17	6
	Paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk, a quarter's salary due at Michaelmas last	2	0	0
	Paid Mathew Smith, Beadle, a quarter's wages due at Michaelmas last	1	0	0
	Paid him the free gift of the Company	2	0	0
14th	Paid Richard Smith, carpenter	30	0	0
19th	Waterage to & from Westminster 1s, Dogg 2s, Hilliard's 9d, Goffs 3d	0	4	0
21st	Expended at the Dogg at Westminster; Lieutenant & Treasurer present	0	6	0
July 6th	Expended at Westminster with Mr Skelton and others	0	3	6
	Paid Benjamin Wild a quarter's salary due at Xmas last	2	0	0
17th	Paid Mathew Smith a quarter's wages due at Xmas last	1	0	0
19th	Paid Mr Baker the bricklayer	20	0	0
22nd	Waterage to Westminster & expended there	0	1	0
Feb 13 [1719]	Paid David Arnott for plumbing work	3	0	0
Apr 9 1719	Expended in going to, at & from Westminster with Lieutenant: waterage 6d, Westminster 1s, coach hire 1s 6d	0	3	0
	Paid Mathew Smith a quarter's wages due at Lady Day last	1	0	0
	Paid Benjamin Wild a quarter's salary due at Lady Day last	2	0	0
10th	Paid Mr Baker bricklayer the remainder of his bill	9	11	0
May 29th	Waterage to & from Westminster	0	0	6
June 3rd	Paid Mr Smith carpenter the remainder of his bill	15	7	0
5th	Paid coach hire to Westminster	0	5	0
20th	Waterage & expenses with Mr Skelton	0	1	6
	Paid Sir William Withers, Mayor, as usual	10	0	0
30th	Paid Mathew Smith, Beadle, a qrtrs wages due at Midsummer last	1	0	0
	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtrs salary due the like	2	0	0
July 27th	waterage & expenses at Westminster	0	2	2
Sept 17th	Paid Mr Brand for the election dinner	21	7	6
18th	At the same place	0	18	6
19th	Paid the Widow Ottoway for charitable gift of the Company	0	15	0
	Paid Thomas Dunne shingle cutter	0	15	0
Oct 21st	Expended with Mr Skelton	0	0	6
28th	Paid His Majesty's Quit Rent due at Michaelmas last: with the copy of, messenger & deducting taxes	1	14	6
	Waterage to & from Westminster & expenses	0	0	9
Jan 12 [1720]	Waterage to and from Westminster & expenses	0	1	0
23	ditto	0	1	0
Apr 14 1720	ditto	0	1	0
May 4th	ditto	0	1	0
June 20th	Paid Sir William Withers, Mayor, as usual	10	0	0
July 21st	Paid at the Dogg at Westminster, Lieutenant present, & waterage	0	2	11
Aug 15th	Waterage & expenses	0	0	9
		145	**10**	**2**

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		£	s	d
	Brought from the other side	145	10	2
Aug 17 1720	Paid the Widow Ottoway the charitable gift of the Company	1	5	0
18th	Paid for the election dinner	23	18	0
Sep 2nd	Paid Richard Smith carpenter	21	0	0
7th	Paid at the Ship in Grace Church Street	0	11	6
Oct 3rd	Waterage to & from Westminster	0	0	6
14th	At the Black Swan, the Lieutenant present	0	3	2
15th	Waterage to & from Westminster	0	0	6
17th	Ditto & expenses	0	0	9
20th	At the Ship, lieutenant & others present	0	10	0
	Paid Mathew Smith moneys expended disbursed by him	0	6	0
28th	Paid His Majesty's Quit Rent, being allowed 4s 6d for taxes	1	7	10
Nov 1st	Paid William Meeres for emptying vents	1	15	0
4th	Paid Mr Edward Lambert moneys disbursed by him	0	10	0
10th	Paid at the Ship, Mr Hawkes & others present, & for coach hire	0	13	8
17th	Waterage to & from Westminster & expenses	0	0	9
Dec 14th	Ditto	0	1	0
30th	Paid Mathew Smith, Beadle, one year & a half wages due at Xmas last 1720	6	0	0
	Paid Benjamin Wild one year & a half salary due at Xmas last 1720	12	0	0
Jan 5th[1721]	Expended on Mr Skelton 1s, waterage 6d	0	1	6
20th	Waterage & expenses	0	0	9
Feb 4th	Waterage	0	0	6
8th	Paid at the Ship	1	9	0
16th	Paid at the same place	1	5	6
Apr 18 1721	Paid Mathew Smith, Beadle, a quarter's wages due at Lady Day last 1721	1	0	0
	Paid Benjamin Wild a quarter's salary due the like	2	0	0
27th	Paid at a meeting of the Company at the Ship	0	19	6
May 19th	Paid Mr Smith carpenter in full	8	4	0
	Paid Mr smith, Beadle, the free gift of the Company	5	5	0
	Paid at the Black Swan	0	6	0
23rd	Paid for insurance of the houses at Westminster	5	14	4
25th	Paid at the Ship tavern the day of election of the Mayor	4	4	6
27th	Paid the Widow Ottoway the charitable gift of the Company	1	5	0
	Waterage & expenses to & from & at Westminster at several times	0	3	6
Aug 12	Paid Mathew Smith a quarter's wages due at Midsummer last 1721	1	0	0
	Paid Benjamin Wild a quarter's salary due at Midsummer last 1721	2	0	0
		250	**15**	**11**

	[Sheet 241 IMG 0935
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mayor's house the 16th day of August 1721 Present: Sir Francis Forbes Kt Mayor — Mr Edward Lambert Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant — Mr John Crabb Mr Joseph Crayker Senior — Mr Richard Merriman Mr Joseph Byard — Mr Elias Best Mr Richard Neale — Mr Samuel Hickman Mr Samuel Hawkes — Mr George Story Mr Humphrey Morse — Mr Benjamin Crayker
Mayor [Sir Francis Forbes]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeding to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing Sir Francis Forbes Kt & Alderman of the City of London and Sir Randolph Knipe Kt & Alderman of the City of London being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon Sir Francis Forbes, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benjamin Crayker]	The Court proceeding to the election of a Lieutenant for the year ensuing and Mr Benjamin Crayker, present Lieutenant, and Mr Joseph Crayker Senior being in nomination for the same place, the choice the said Mr Benjamin Crayker, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [continued]	Mr Joseph Crayker Senior, Mr Joseph Heaton, present Constables, Mr Humphrey Morse & Mr Joseph Byard being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, it was ordered that the said Mr Crayker & Mr Heaton be continued as such until the next Court of election.
Treasurer [continued]	Mr Nicholas Dee, present Treasurer, & Mr John Merry being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, it was ordered that the said Mr Dee be continued as Treasurer until the next Court of election.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Free [Roger Hazard]	Roger Hazard, late apprentice of John Denton, Merchant of the Staple of England deceased, was this day admitted & sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid for Hanse money 6s 5d.
Free [Wm Horne]	William Horne, late apprentice of Samuel Hawkes, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted & sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid for Hanse money 6s 5d.
Free [Rich Everett]	Richard Everett, late apprentice of Humphrey Morse, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted & sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid for Hanse money 6s 5d.
[Auditors & Lieutenant to agree letting of Westminster property]	Ordered that the auditors, or any 3 or more of them, together with the Lieutenant for time being be appointed a committee to treat & agree with any person or persons for & touching the setting and letting the messuage or tenement & premises late in the occupation of William Penn, situated in or near Westminster Market, and that part of the messuage or tenement & premises now in the occupation of Humphrey Skelton, barber, in or near Westminster Market aforesaid, and the messuage or tenement, wharf & premises in the occupation of the Widow Adams in Westminster aforesaid next the 'River of Thames' - all belonging to the said Company. And make their report of such treaty or agreement at the next Court to be held of the said Company.

	[Sheet 241 REV IMG 0936]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church Street London the 15th day of August 1722 Present:

Sir Francis Forbes Kt Mayor	Mr Elias Best
Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant	Mr John Merry
William Withers Esq	Mr Humphrey Morse [repeat?]
Mr Nicholas Dee	Mr Joseph Crayker jun
Mr Edward Lambert	Mr William Horne
Mr Humphrey Morse	Mr Samuel Hickman
Mr John Smith	Mr Benjamin Crayker jun
Mr Joseph Heaton	Mr George Storey
Richard Lewin Esq	Mr Roger Hazard
Mr John Crabb	Mr Richard Everett
Mr Richard Merriman	Mr Richard Blower
Mr William Smith	Mr John Elliott

Mayor chosen [Sir Francis Forbes]	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed. The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir Francis Forbes, Kt and Alderman of the City of London, and Sir Randolph Knipe Kt and Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon Sir Francis Forbes, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker senior and Mr Joseph Crayker senior, being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [H Morse, J Smith]	Mr Humphrey Morse, Mr John Smith, Mr Edward Lambert and Mr John Crabb being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Humphrey Morse and Mr John Smith, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [John Merry]	Mr John Merry and William Withers Esq, being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, choice fell upon the said Mr John Merry who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
	Ordered that the committee appointed by an order of the last Court (to treat and agree with any person or persons touching the setting and letting the messuage or tenement and premises late in the occupation of William Penn, and that part of the messuage or tenement and premises now in the occupation of Humphrey Skelton, another messuage tenement wharf and premises in the occupation of the widow Adams in Westminster aforesaid next the river of Thames) be continued and make their report what they shall do therein to the next Court to be held of the said Company.

	[Sheet 242 IMG 0936]
Free [Richard Blower]	Richard Blower, late apprentice of Richard Lewin Esq, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn in the freedom of this Society and paid for his Hanse money 6s 5d.
Free [John Elliott]	John Elliott, late apprentice of Mr Joseph Heaton, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn in the freedom of this Society and paid for his Hanse money 6s 5d.
[Clerk Benj Wild dead] A New Clerk chosen [Benjamin Clerk junior]	The Court being informed of the death of Mr Benjamin Wild, their late Clerk, and proceeding to the election of a new one in his stead, choice was made of Benjamin Wild, son of the said Mr Benjamin Wild, to be Clerk of this society which he thankfully accepted and took the oath appertaining.
[Beadle Matthew Smith dead. New Beadle chosen- Richard Neale]	The Beadle's place to the said Society being vacant by the death of Mr Matthew Smith, and Mr Richard Neale & Mr Joseph Byard petitioning for the same, the Court made choice of Mr Richard Neale, who thankfully accepted the same.
	Ordered that a Clerk and Beadle of this Society shall be chosen annually.
[30s to Widow Amy Ottoway]	The humble petition of Amy Ottoway, widow, being presented to this Court and read, humbly praying the charity of the said Company, the Court was pleased to order her 30s for her relief.

[Sheet 242 REV IMG 0937]

The Account of Mr Nicholas Dee, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Charge	£	s	d
9 Mar 1721	Rcvd of Mr Dodd £2 9s 6d and allowed 7s 6d for the 1st & 2nd qrtrs tax of 1721, and 3s for work done at Mr Skelton's; is for half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last 1721	2	9	6
	Rcvd of James Litton £3 & 9d and allowing for the 2nd & 3rd qrtrs tax of 1721 and 3d Trophy money; is for half a year due at Xmas last 1721	3	0	9
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard £4 16s and allowed 13s 6d for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd qrtrs tax of 1721, 3s 6d paving 6s plastering & 1s for nails; is for 3 qrtrs rent due at Xmas last	4	16	0
	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard £6 14s 2d and allowed 10s 6d for the 2nd qrtrs tax of 1721, 3s lieutenancy, 1s Trophy and 11s 4d a bricklayer's bill; is for half a year due at Xmas last	6	14	2
	Rcvd of Wm Penn £2 9s 10d and allowed 10s for the last qrtrs tax of 1720 & 1st qrtrs tax of 1721 (but had not that tax bill), £2 for Trophy; is for half a year's rent due at Midsummer 1721 for the empty house under the Gateway	2	9	10
May 4 1722	Rcvd of Widow Adams £11 12s 4d for a year's rent due at Lady Day last for the Woolstaple House and Dock	11	12	4
June 4th	Rcvd of Thomas Tibbitt £11 3s 10d and allowed £2& 9d for the 1-4th qrtrs tax of 1721 & Trophy money & 6s 10d for a glazier's bill; is for a year's rent due Michaelmas 1721	11	3	10
Aug 16th	Rcvd of Richard Lewin Esq the balance of his account	27	3	8½
	Rcvd Mr Roger Hazard's Hanse money	0	6	5
	Rcvd Mr Wm Horne's Hanse money	0	6	5
	Rcvd Mr Richard Everett's Hanse money	0	6	5
January 18th	Rcvd Xmas dividend 1718 on £100 capital South Sea Stock at £6 per cent	3	0	0
	Rcvd Midsummer dividend 1719 on ditto at ditto	3	0	0
	Rcvd Xmas dividend 1719 on ditto at ditto	3	0	0
	Rcvd Xmas dividend 1720 on £110 at 5 percent	5	10	0
	Rcvd Midsummer dividend 1721, half a year on £110 at 4 percent	4	8	0
	Rcvd for interest on 2 of the above warrants	0	11	0
	Rcvd back the deposit money from the insurance office from fire	0	17	11 ½
Aug 15 1722	Rcvd of Mr Benjamin Crayker a year's interest due on Mr Hawkin's bond	5	0	0
	Rcvd Mr Richard Blower's Hanse money	0	6	5
	Rcvd of Mr John Elliott for ditto	0	6	5
Sept 7th	Rcvd of Mr Dodd £2 12s and allowed 7s 6d for 3rd & 4th qrtrs taxes 1721 & 6d for mending a pavement; is for half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	2	12	0
	Rcvd of Mr Hilliard £3 12s 6d and allowed 7s 6d for taxes of 4th qrtr 1721 & 1st of 1722; for half a year's rent due at Midsummer last	3	12	6
	Rcvd of Mr Fucard £3 4s 9d and allowed 4s 3d for a glazier's bill & £3 10s for assessment of condition of sewers & £1 1s for the 3rd & 4th quarterly payment of the Land Tax 1721; is for half a year's rent due at Midsummer last	3	4	9
20th	Rcvd of Mr John Merry, for the use of the Company, as Treasurer	2	2	0
		108	**0**	**5**

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		£	s	d
1722	Brought over from other side	108	0	5
Sept 20th	Rcvd of the South Sea Company £8 16s in full for 2 dividend warrants on £146 13s 4d at £3 percent: for Xmas and Midsummer last	8	16	0
	Rcvd of Sir Francis Forbes, Mayor, as a free gift	10	0	0
		126	**16**	**5**

[Sheet 243 REV IMG 0939]

	Discharge	£	s	d
Aug 16th 1721	Paid at the Ship tavern on Fish Street Hill 6s 1½ d Sir Francis Forbes's servants £1 5s 6d, coach 1s 6d	1	13	1½
	Paid at the Ship tavern in Grace Church Street as per bill	3	0	8
October 17th	Paid at ditto to meet the trustees of Christchurch Hospital, £1.8.6, coach hire 2s	1	10	6
November 21	Paid His Majesty's Quit Rent	1	7	10
January 10	Paid Mr Benjamin Wild for half a year's salary due at Xmas last	4	0	0
March 15	Paid ditto a qrtrs salary which will be due at Lady Day next	2	0	0
Aug 10 1722	Paid Mr Lambert for the Widow Ottoway	1	10	0
23	Paid a bill at the Ship tavern in Grace Church Street	25	12	6
Sept 13	Paid ditto at ditto	3	10	4
	Paid the Mayor as usual	10	0	0
	Paid expenses at several times in going with the Lieutenant upon the Company's business	0	6	0
	Paid Mr John Merry the balance of this account	72	5	5½
		126	**16**	**5**

Memorandum this account was audited and allowed this 20th day of September 1722 by us whose names are subscribed.
[Signatures of]
Benjamin Crayker, Joseph Heaton, Humphrey Morse, Edward Lambert, John Crabb

[Sheet 244 IMG 0939]

At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Crown Tavern in Palace Yard, Westminster, the 28th day of August 1723

Present:

Sir Francis Forbes Kt Mayor	Mr William Smith
Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant	Mr Richard Merriman
Mr Joseph Crayker senior	Mr Joseph Crayker junior
Mr John Smith	Mr Samuel Hickman
Mr Joseph Heaton	Mr Benjamin Crayker junior
Mr Humphrey Morse	Mr William Horne
Mr Edward Lambert	Mr John Elliott
Mr John Merry	Mr Richard Blower

Mayor chosen [Sir Francis Forbes]	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed. The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir Francis Forbes, Kt and Alderman of the City of London, and Sir Samuel Garrard Kt and Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon Sir Francis Forbes, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benjamin Crayker senior]	Mr Benjamin Crayker senior and Mr Joseph Crayker senior, being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables	Ordered that Mr Humphrey Morse and Mr John Smith, present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer	Ordered that Mr John Merry present Treasurer be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Mr Benjamin Wild present Clerk be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Richard Neale present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Made free	Richard Neale, son of Richard Neale, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d Hanse money.
[Lease to Christ Hospital etc of gateway & rooms over between New Palace Yard & Westminster Market]	The committee - appointed by an order of the last Court (to treat and agree with any person or persons touching the letting and setting the messuage or tenement and premises late in the occupation of William Penn, and that part of the messuage or tenement and premises then in the occupation of Humphrey Skelton, and the messuage tenement wharf and premises in the occupation of the widow Adams in Westminster aforesaid next the river of Thames) - having reported to this Court that a lease has been granted under the seal of this Company for 999 years to commence from Midsummer Day 1722 for £40 fine at 40s per annum and clear of all taxes and impositions, payable on Midsummer Day in every year during the said term to the Governors of the Hospital of Christ, Bridewell and St/

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	Thomas the Apostle, of the several rooms or buildings over the gateway leading into Westminster Market out of New Palace Yard in order that the said rooms shall be demolished and the said gateway kept clear from any covering and the pavement under the same to be kept in good repair during the said term at the costs and charges of the said Governors, with other usual covenants.
[Lease to John Child]	And the said committee, having further reported that a lease has been granted under the seal of this Company to John Child of the messuage or tenement, late in the occupation of Humphrey Skelton, and the messuage or tenement now or late in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Tibbitt, for £31 10s fine at £20 per annum, clear of all taxes and impositions, payable quarterly for 21 years, to commence from Lady Day 1723 with usual covenants. It is thereupon ordered that the said two several leases be confirmed.
	Ordered that the said committee be continued to treat and agree with any person or persons the letting and setting the messuage or tenement in or near Westminster Market, now in the occupation of Barnard Fucard, and the messuage or tenement, wharf and premises in the occupation of Widow Adams in Westminster aforesaid next the river of Thames, and make their report what they do therein to the next Court.
[Box of company papers to be kept by the Treasurer]	Ordered that the auditors, or any 5 of more of them together with the Lieutenant, for the time being be appointed a committee to peruse and examine into the books, papers and writings in the box belonging to this Company now in the custody of Mr Richard Merriman. And that the Clerk take an abstract of them and that afterwards the said box, and the books, papers and writings therein or which hereafter shall belong or appertain to the said Company, shall be left in the custody of the Treasurer, for the time being from time to time, and put and kept in the said box.

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[Sheet 245 REV IMG 0942]

The Account of Mr John Merry, Treasurer
of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Charge	£	s	d
Sept 20th 1722	Rcvd of Mr Nicholas Dee, late Treasurer, the balance of his account then audited and due to the said Company.	72	5	5½
Oct 6th	Rcvd of James Leeton £3 and allowed 7s 6d for the 4th qrtr tax of 1721 and 1st of 1722, and 2s 0d for a glazier's bill; is for half a year's rent due at Midsummer 1722	3	0	0
	Rcvd of Wm Dodd £1 7s 6d and allowed 2s 6d for the 1&2 qrtr tax of 1722; is for a qrtr's rent due at Midsummer 1722	1	7	6
Nov 12th	Rcvd of Thomas Tibbett £5 11s 8d and allowed 1s 8d for the 3&4 qrtr tax of 1721 and 1&2 qrtr tax of 1722, and 3s 10d for tax on sewers and 4d Trophy; is for 3 qrtrs rent due at Midsummer 1722	5	11	8
Jan 11th	Rcvd of Bernard Fucard £4 19s 0d and allowed 14s for the 1&2 qrtr tax of 1722, for emptying vault 2s 4d, and for Trophy money 3d; is for half a year's rent due at Xmas last 1722	4	19	0
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard £3 19s 9d and allowed 3d for Trophy money; is for half a year's rent due at Xmas last 1722	3	19	9
	Rcvd of James Leeton £3 7s and allowed 3s for the 2nd qrtr's tax of 1722; is for half a year's rent due at Xmas last 1722	3	7	0
	Rcvd of Wm Dodd £1 7s 6d and allowed 2s 6d for the 2nd qrtr's tax of 1722; is for a qrtr's rent due at Michaelmas last 1722	1	7	6
Feb 15th	Rcvd of Humphrey Skelton £8 0s 3d and allowed £1 5s for taxes and 10d for a bricklayer's bill and 4s 3d for glazier's bill and 6s expenses; is for a year's rent due at Lady Day last 1722	8	0	3
March 28th 1723	Rcvd a year's dividend on £246 13s 4d capital South Sea stock, due at Xmas last 1722	7	7	0
April 12th	Rcvd of Mr Falconer a year's interest of £100 due at Xmas 1722	5	0	0
May 3rd	Rcvd of the Governors of Christchurch Hospital the fine for the lease granted them from the Company	40	0	0
10th	Rcvd of Widow Adams a year's rent due at Lady Day last for the Woolstaple house and Dock.	11	12	4
June 13th	Rcvd of Sir Francis Forbes, Mayor, as a free gift	10	0	0
Aug 28th	Rcvd of John Child the fine for the lease granted him by the Company	31	0	0
	Rcvd of Widow Dodd £2 15s and allowed 5s for the 3&4 qrtr's tax of 1723;	2	15	0
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard £3 8s and allowed 12s for the 2, 3 & 4th qrtrs' tax of 1722 & 1st of 1723; is for half a year's rent due at Midsummer last 1723	3	8	0
	Rcvd of James Leeton £2 18s 6d and allowed 6s for the 3 & 4th qrtrs' tax of 1722 and 5s 6d for a paviour's bill' is for a year's rent due at Midsummer last 1723	2	18	6
	Rcvd of Bernard Fucard £7 3s and allowed 14s for the 3 & 4th qrtrs' tax of 1722 and 3s for soldiers; is for half a year's rent due at Midsummer last 1723	7	3	0
	Rcvd of Mr Richard Neale junior for Hanse money	0	6	5
	Rcvd Midsummer dividend 1723 half a year on £252 13s 4d South Sea stock	7	17	0
		233	**15**	**4½**
	Memorand: this account was audited and allowed the 12th day of December 1723 by us whose hands are subscribed and there remains due from the said Treasurer to the said Company the sum of £74 16s 4½d. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Humphrey Morse, Richard Lewin, Joseph Heaton	74	16	4½

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1722	**Discharge**	£	s	d
Sep 20th	Paid for the auditors' dinner at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church Street	6	12	0
20th	Paid Benjamin Wild a quarter's salary due at Michaelmas 1722	2	0	0
28th	Paid for £100 South Sea capital stock	86	17	0
Oct 4th	Paid at the Ship Tavern in treating with Child about his lease	1	5	6
6th	Paid Waterage to and from Westminster and expenses	0	1	10
Dec 5th	Paid his Majesty's Quit Rent being allowed 3s 9d for taxes rem	1	8	7
Jan 11th	Paid at the view had of the Company's tenements at Westminster	1	15	8
Feb 8th	Paid Edmund Baker bricklayer in full	4	0	0
Mar 7th	Gave Sir Francis Forbes' man who received[?] the Company Seal	0	2	6
14th	Paid expenses with Mr Fucard in treating with him about a lease	0	6	0
1723				
Mar 27th	Gave Sir Francis Forbes' man	0	1	0
Apr 12th	Paid at the Crown Tavern at Westminster	2	2	7
Jun 13th	Paid Sir Francis Forbes, Mayor, as usual	10	0	0
Aug 15th	Paid at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church Street	0	15	0
29th	Paid for the election dinner	19	10	0
"	Paid Richard Neale, Beadle, a year's salary due at Midsummer last 1723	4	0	0
"	Paid Benjamin Wild 3 qrtrs salary due the like	6	0	0
Nov 14th	Paid His Majesty's Quit Rent being allowed 3s for taxes remaining	1	9	4
Dec 12th	Paid expenses at several times in perusing the Company's writings in the Box, and in treating and agreeing with the Widow Adams & Mr Fucard about letting them leases, and for the audit dinner	10	12	0
		158	**19**	**0**

	[Sheet 246 REV IMG 0945]
Bound	**30th January** 1723 **[1724]** Benjamin Bishop, son of Robert Bishop of the parish of St Olave Southwark in the country of Surrey feltmaker, bound Apprentice to John Elliott Merchant of the Staple of England to serve 7 years from the said 30th day of January
Bound	**2nd June 1724** Robert Mayne, son of William Mayne late of the parish of St Martins in the Fields in the county of Middlesex mariner deceased, bound Apprentice to Elias Best Merchant of the Staple of England to serve 7 years from the said 2nd day of June.

	[Sheet 247 IMG 0945]
	At a Court of Election of the **Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England** **held at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church London the 19th day of August 1724** Present: Sir Francis Forbes Kt Mayor — Mr Richard Merriman Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant — Mr Samuel Hickman Mr Joseph Heaton — Mr George Storey Mr Humphrey Morse — Mr William Horne Mr Edward Lambert — Mr Richard Everitt Mr Nicholas Dee — Mr Richard Blowen Mr John Merry — Mr John Elliott Mr William Smith — Mr Richard Neale junior Mr Joseph Byard
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Sir Francis Forbes]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir Francis Forbes, Kt and Alderman of the City of London, and Sir Samuel Garrard Kt and Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon Sir Francis Forbes, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benjamin Crayker senior]	Mr Benjamin Crayker senior and Mr Joseph Crayker senior, being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables Edward Lambert Nicholas Dee	Mr Edward Lambert, Mr Nicholas Dee, Mr Humphrey Morse and Mr John Smith, being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Lambert and Mr Dee, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer	Mr William Smith and Mr Walter Morse being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr William Smith who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild present Clerk be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Richard Neale present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
Made free	John Bennett, late Apprentice to Elias Best, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid for Hance money 6s 5d.
[John Denton]	Ordered that if John Denton, a member of this Society, recover his present illness that it be referred to the Auditors to give him what they think proper for his relief.
Conveyance signed & sealed	The lease and release, transferring the Right of Title from the old feoffees in the messuage or tenement by the Woolstaple Bridge or Dock, was signed and delivered to the new feoffees in trust for this Society. And the Court ordered that the charge of making the same, being 40s, should be paid the Clerk for his part and care therein, which he thankfully received.
	The committee appointed by an order of the last Court to treat and agree with person or persons touching the letting and setting the messuage or tenement near Westminster Market, now in the occupation of Barnard Fucard, and the messuage or tenement, wharf and premises in the occupation of the Widow Adams in Westminster aforesaid next the River of Thames, having reported to this Court that a lease has been granted dated the 10th day of ... 1723 under the seal of this Company to the said Barnard Fucard of the/

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[Leases to Barnard Fucard and Widow Adams of properties at Westminster]

said tenement in his possession for 21 years to commence from Lady Day 1724 at £14 per annum and payable quarterly clear of taxes with usual covenants. And the said committee, having further reported that they have agreed to let the said Widow Adams a lease of the said wharf in her said possession for 21 years to commence from Midsummer Day 1724 at £4 per annum payable quarterly with usual covenants. And have further agreed to let the said Widow Adams a lease of the said messuage or tenement next the river of Thames in her possession for 21 years under the hands and seal of the new feoffees and the seal of this Company, to commence from Lady Day 1724 aforesaid at £16 per annum payable quarterly with usual covenants.
Which said lease to the said Barnard Fucard, being read and approved of, ordered that the same be confirmed.
And ordered that the said 2 leases to the said Widow Adams, which were read and engrossed, should be read, which was accordingly done and approved of and sealed and executed by the parties thereto accordingly.

[View of houses at Westminster]

Ordered that the said committee be continued to inspect and view the Company's houses and tenements at Westminster in the several possessions of Thomas Hilliard, James Leeton and the Widow Dodd, and a little ruinated house between Mr Hilliard's and Mr Fucard's house. And after such view had to treat and agree with any person or persons touching the letting and setting the same, and report their opinion what they do therein to the next Court.

[Abstract of the Company's papers in the box]

The committee appointed by an order of the last Court to peruse and examine into the books, papers and writings in the box belonging to this Company, then in the custody of Mr Richard Merriman and now of Mr John Merry, do report that they have examined into the same and that it is their opinion that a particular account or abstract of the contents of all the writings, books and papers that are material therein should be taken by the Clerk.
Ordered that the Clerk make an abstract of the same accordingly and that some of the said Committee be present at the taking thereof and after that it should be delivered to the Lieutenant.

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The Account of Mr John Merry, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1723	**Charge**	£	s	d
Dec 12th	Due from the said Treasurer upon the balance of his account there stated	74	16	4½
Jan 13th	Rcvd of Edward Faulconer the interest of £100 due at Xmas last	5	0	0
	Rcvd of the governors of Christ Church Hospital a year & qrtr rent due at M'mas	2	10	0
1724 Apr 14	Rcvd of Widow Adams for a year's rent due at Lady Day last	11	12	4
May 6th	Rcvd of John Child for a year's rent due at Lady Day last	20	0	0
	Rcvd of Bernard Fucard £10 12s & allowed £1 8s for a year's tax for the 1-4th qrtrs tax of 1723; is in full for 3 qrtrs of a year's rent due at Lady Day 1724	10	12	0
	Rcvd of James Leaton £4 13s & allowed 12s for the 1-4 qrtrs tax of 1723; is in full for 3 qrtrs of a year's rent due at Lady Day 1724	4	13	0
	Rcvd of Widow Dodd £4 2s 6d & allowed 7s 6d for the 1-3 qrtrs tax of 1723; is in full for 3 qrtrs of a year's rent due at Xmas last	4	2	6
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard £3 9s & allowed 17s for a carpenter's bill, 16s for a bricklayer's bill, 9s for a pump maker's bill, 9s for the 2-4th qrtrs tax of 1723; is in full for a 3 qrtrs rent due at Lady Day 1724	3	9	0
Aug 7	Rcvd of Sir Francis Forbes, Mayor, his free gift to the said Company	10	0	0
20	Rcvd of John Bennett for Hanse money	0	6	5
Nov 20	Rcvd of John Child half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	10	0	0
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard £3 14s & allowed 6s for the 1st & 2nd qrtrs tax of 1724; is in full for half a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1724	3	14	0
	Rcvd of James Leeton £3 4s & allowed 6s for the 1st&2nd qrtrs tax of 1724; is in full for half a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1724	3	4	0
	Rcvd of widow Dodd £3 4s 6d & allowed 7s 6d for the 4th qrtrs tax of 1723 & 1st&2nd qrtrs tax of 1724, 10s for a carpenter's bill, 8s for a paviour's bill for Mr Leeton's & Hilliard's door; is in full for 3 qrtrs of a year's rent due at M'mas last	3	4	0
	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard £5 15s & allowed 11s 3d for a bricklayer's bill, 10s for a plumber's bill, 3s 9d for a glazier's bill; is in full for half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	5	15	0
25	Rcvd of the governors of Christ Church Hospital a year's rent due at M'mas last	2	0	0
January 14	Rcvd of Mr Edward Faulconer by hand of Mr Benjamin Crayker £105 in full for the principal money & interest due on the said Mr Faulconer's bond, which is either lost or mislaid and promised to be delivered up & enrolled when found	105	0	0
		279	**19**	**1½**

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1723	**Discharge**	£	s	d
Jan 23	Paid Benjamin Wild half a year's salary due at Xmas last	4	0	0
Feb 18	Paid Richard Neale, beadle, half a year's salary due at Xmas last	2	0	0
20	Paid at the Ship Tavern	0	17	6
1724 April 2	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary due at Lady Day last	2	0	0
30	Paid at the Ship Tavern	5	1	4
May 6	Paid waterage and expenses at Westminster	0	2	8
Aug 7	Paid Sir Francis Forbes, Mayor, as usual	10	0	0
	Gave his man	0	2	6
20	Paid Richard Smith a carpenter's bill	10	0	0
	Paid for the election dinner	28	8	8
27	Paid Expenses at Westminster treating with a builder	0	14	6
	Paid Benjamin Wild half a year's salary at Michaelmas last	4	0	0
Nov 12	Paid ditto for making deeds etc and for a bag binding this book	3	10	0
	Paid for gutter through the empty house at Westminster	0	5	0
	Paid at the Ship Tavern	1	3	0
20	Paid at Westminster receiving the rents	1	3	6
25	Paid His Majesty's Quit Rent deducting taxes	1	9	4
	Paid a gift of the Company to Mr John Denton	6	6	0
January 14	Paid Mr William Smith the balance	203	15	1½
		279	**19**	**1½**

Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 14th day of January 1724 by us whose names are subscribed
[Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Joseph Heaton, Humphrey Morse, Edward Lambert, John Crabb, Nicholas Dee

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At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church Street the 25th day of August 1725

Present:

Sir Francis Forbes Kt	Mayor	Mr Richard Merriman
Mr Benjamin Crayker	Lieutenant	Mr Elias Best
Mr Joseph Crayker senior		Mr Joseph Crayker junior
Mr Joseph Heaton		Mr Samuel Hickman
Mr Edward Lambert		Mr George Storey
Richard Lewin Esq		Mr Benjamin Crayker junior
Mr John Smith		Mr William Horne
Mr Joseph Byard		Mr Richard Everett
Mr John Merry		Mr Richard Blowen
Mr John Crabb		Mr John Elliott
Mr William Smith		Mr Richard Neale junior
		Mr John Bennett

The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.

Mayor chosen [Sir Francis Forbes]: The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing, and Sir Francis Forbes, Kt and Alderman of the City of London, and Humphrey Parsons Esq, Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon Sir Francis Forbes, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Lieutenant chosen [Benjamin Crayker senior]: Mr Benjamin Crayker senior and Mr Joseph Crayker senior, being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Constables: Ordered that Mr Edward Lambert and Mr Nicholas Dee, present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing

Treasurer: Ordered that Mr William Smith, the present Treasurer, for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 249 REV IMG 0948]
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Richard Neale senior, present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
[Leases at Westminster]	The committee appointed to be continued by an order of the last Court - which were to inspect and view the Company's houses and tenements at Westminster, in the several possessions of Thomas Hilliard, James Leeton and the Widow Adams, and a little ruinated house between Mr Hilliard's and Mr Fucard's house, and after such view had to treat and agree with any person or persons touching the letting and setting the same - having reported to this Court that the said committee have agreed
	to let a lease to the said Mr Hilliard, bearing date 1st April 1725, of the messuage in his possession for the term of 20 years to commence from Lady Day 1725 at the yearly rent of £7 10s clear of taxes payable quarterly.
	and another lease to the said Mr Leeton of the messuage in his possession of the aforesaid date for the said term and to commence from Lady Day 1725 aforesaid at the yearly rent of £6 10s clear of taxes payable quarterly.
	And the said committee having also agreed to let another lease to Mr Samuel Jones of the messuage, late in the possession of the Widow Dodd and now of the said Samuel Jones, bearing date the said 1 April 1725 for the term of 20 years to commence from Lady Day aforesaid 1725 at the rent of a pepper corn for the first year of the said term and at the yearly rent or sum of £6 for the remaining 19 years of the said term of 20 years, payable quarterly clear of taxes
	Which said 3 several leases being read and approved of, Ordered that the same be sealed, which was accordingly done and the seal of the said Company thereunto affixed and the counterparts thereof signed, sealed and delivered by the said Thomas Hilliard, James Leeton and Samuel Jones to the said Company.
[Ruined house]	Ordered that the said committee be continued, to treat and agree with any person or persons touching the letting and setting the aforesaid little ruinated house, between Mr Hilliard's and Mr Fucard's house.
[scheme to be made of houses at Westminster]	And also to inquire into the Company Tithe to the house and dock at Westminster belonging to the Company, now let to the Widow Adams, to get a scheme taken of the same and of all other of the Company's houses at Westminster, and to report what they do to the next Court.
	The Clerk, according to an order of the last Court, having taken an account of the books, papers and writings in the box belonging to this Company now in the custody of Mr John Merry. Ordered that the said account be delivered to the Lieutenant, according to the said order of the last Court, and that the said box and the books, papers and writings there be delivered to Mr William Smith, present Treasurer.

[Sheet 250 IMG 0948]

At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at Goldsmith's Hall London the 30th day of August 1726

Present:

Sir Francis Forbes Kt	Mayor	Mr George Storey
Mr Benjamin Crayker senior	Lieutenant	Mr Benjamin Crayker junior
Mr Joseph Crayker senior		Mr William Horne
Mr Joseph Heaton		Mr John Elliott
Mr John Smith		Mr Joseph Byard
Mr Humphrey Morse		Mr Richard Neale junior
Mr Edward Lambert		Mr John Bennett
Mr John Merry		Mr Richard Everett
Mr William Smith		Mr Isaac Heaton
Mr Richard Merriman		Mr Henry Barnard
Mr Elias Best		Mr Richard Smith
Mr Samuel Hickman		Mr Nathaniel Foord

The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.

Mayor chosen [Sir Francis Forbes (Lord Mayor)]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir Francis Forbes, Kt and Lord Mayor of London, and Humphrey Parsons Esq, Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon Sir Francis Forbes who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benjamin Crayker senior]	Mr Benjamin Crayker senior and Mr Joseph Crayker senior, being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [John Merry & William Smith]	Mr John Merry, Mr William Smith, Mr John Crabb and Richard Lewin Esq being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Merry and Mr Smith, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Richard Merriman]	Mr Richard Merriman and Mr Elias Best being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, choice fell upon the said Mr Merriman who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Richard Neale senior, present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 250 REV IMG 0949]
Free	Isaac Heaton, son of the said Joseph Heaton, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
Free	Henry Barnard, late Apprentice of Elias Best, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
	Richard Smith, late Apprentice to Matthew Smith, Merchant of the Staple of England his late father, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
Free	Nathaniel Foord, late Apprentice to Edward Lambert, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid for Hanse money 6s 5d, and also paid for his admittance to such freedom, having intermarried within the time of his apprenticeship, the sum of 2 guineas.
[30s to widow Simms]	The humble petition of Joanna Simms, widow of Henry Simms, late a member of this Company, was read praying the charity of this Company. The Court was pleased to order the Treasurer to give her a sum of money not exceeding 30s for her relief.
	Ordered that the box with the books and writings therein be delivered to the Treasurer for the time being and that the account taken thereof by the Clerk be delivered to the Lieutenant.
	Ordered that the committee appointed by an order of the last Court, touching the letting and setting the little ruinated house between Mr Hilliard's and Mr Fucard's house and for getting a scheme taken of all the Company's houses at Westminster, be continued and to report what they do therein to the next Court.
[Company to pay for lawsuits against members' goods seized or destroyed for customs dues]	Ordered that if, at any time or times hereafter, any of the Wools Goods or Merchandises belonging to any member or members of this society shall be seized or destroyed by any person or persons for or upon account of any Toll, Pannage, Murage, Stallage, Payage, Cunierage, Passage, Anchorage, Pontage, Barbicanage, Keyage, Strendage, Sedage, Wharfage, Plantage, Lastage and Lenage or any other customs due for his or their own proper Wools, Hides, Skins, Woolfells, Lead or other merchandises that then and in all such cases an action or actions shall be brought and prosecuted in the name or names of such persons, whose goods, wares or merchandises shall be so seized or destroyed. And the costs, charges and expenses of such suit or suits shall be paid, borne and sustained by and out of the common cash or stock belonging to this Company, so as such action or actions so to be brought as aforesaid be commenced and brought by, and with the consent and approbation of, the Mayor, Lieutenant and auditors of this Company in writing and under the common seal of the said Company in that behalf first to be had an obtained.

	[Sheet 251 IMG 0949]
Bound [apprentice Samuel Lowther]	**17th November 1726** Samuel Lowther, son of James Lowther, citizen and apothecary of London, bound Apprentice to Edward Lambert, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 17th day of November.

[Sheet 251 REV IMG 0952]

The Account of Mr William Smith, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1724	**Charge**	£	s	d
Jan 14	Recvd of Mr John Merry, the late Treasurer, the balance of his account	203	15	1½
Mar 27 **1725**	Rcvd 1 year and a half dividend on £131 0s 10d capital stock due at Xmas 1724	11	15	9
	Rcvd 1 year and a qrtr per annuity stock due at Michaelmas 1724	8	3	9
April 30th	Rcvd 1 qrtrs rent of the Widow Adams for Woolstaple house and dock due at Midsummer 1724 at £11 12s 4d per annum	2	18	0
	Rcvd of Widow Adams 1 qrtrs rent for ditto due at M'mas 1724 at £20 per ann.	5	0	0
Oct 29	Rcvd of the Governors of Christ Church Hospital 1 year's rent due M'mas 1725	2	0	0
Apr 30	Rcvd of Mr Thomas Hilliard half a year's rent due at Lady Day 1725 at £8 p.a.	4	0	0
	Rcvd of Mr James Leeton half a year's rent due at Lady Day 1725 at £7 p.a.	3	10	0
	Rcvd of the Widow Adams ditto due at £6 per annum	3	0	0
Aug 25 1726	Rcvd 1 year and a half dividend on £331 0s 10d South Sea Capital Stock due at Midsummer 1726	29	15	6
30	Rcvd of Mr Isaac Heaton for Hanse money		6	5
	Ditto of Mr Henry Barnard		6	5
	Ditto of Mr Richard Smith		6	5
	Ditto of Mr Nathaniel Foord and 2 guineas for his admittance, he marrying within the time of his apprenticeship	2	8	5
Oct 18	Rcvd of Mr Child 1 year and a half rent and of Mr Bullock half a year's rent at £20 p.a. due at Michaelmas 1726	40	0	0
	Rcvd of Bernard Fucard 2 years rent due at Michaelmas 1726 at £4 p.a.	28	0	0
	Rcvd of Widow Adams 1¾ year's rent due at Midsummer 1726 at £20 p.a.	35	0	0
	Rcvd of Mr Treslove in part of rent	0	2	6
	Rcvd of Mr Thomas Hilliard 1½ year's rent due M'mas 1726 at £7 10s p.a.	11	5	0
	Rcvd of Mr James Leeton 1½ year's rent due M'mas 1728 at £6 10s p.a.	9	15	0
Nov 7	Rcvd of the Governors of Christ Church Hospital 1 year's rent due M'mas 1726	2	0	0
29	Rcvd 2 years' dividend on £131 0s 10d South Sea Annuity Stock due at Michaelmas 1726	13	2	0
		419	**10**	**3½**

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1724	Discharge	£	s	d
January 14	Paid for audit dinner and other meetings	7	8	11
February 20	Paid Richard Neale, Beadle, ½ year's salary due Midsummer 1724	2	0	0
26	Paid ditto due at Xmas 1724	2	0	0
	Paid expenses in Barnaby Street & going to Westm'r to let the Company's houses	1	5	8
	Paid Benjamin Wild, the Clerk, for stamps	0	3	0
1725 May 5	Paid for £200 South Sea Stock at £122 2s 6d per cent	244	5	0
	Paid Mr Saunders the broker for buying the said stock	0	5	0
	Paid Mr Hilliard for 3rd&4th qrtrly payments of Land Tax due at Lady Day 1725	0	6	0
	Ditto Mr Leeton due ditto	0	6	0
	Ditto Mr Dodd due ditto	0	5	0
July 8	Paid at the Ship Tavern in attending Sir Francis Forbes with the usual present	0	14	0
Aug 25	Paid for the election dinner	26	15	0
October 14	Allowed Mr Hilliard for pavement	1	0	0
	Paid expenses going with Mr Crayker & others to view the little old house at Westminster	1	5	9
	Paid at the Ship when we came back	3	9	0
March 3	Paid expenses to Westminster going to agree in repairing the little house	1	10	2
May 26 **1726**	Paid expenses at Westminster with Mr Crayker to view the house when done	0	3	8
	Paid Sir Francis Forbes Mayor as usual & expenses 1s 6d thereupon	10	1	0
	Paid expenses at the Swan and Hoop	1	17	0
August 30	Gave Sir Francis Forbes' servants	2	12	6
September 2	Paid the Widow Simms the gift of the Company	1	10	0
	Paid Mr Fucard charges in repairing his windows damaged by little house	0	5	3
	Paid Mr Hilliard which he gave for cleaning out the little house	0	2	0
	Paid for a lock and key to the little house	0	2	6
	Paid Mr Jones, bricklayer, his bill	2	5	0
29	Paid 2 years Quit Rent due to His Majesty at Michaelmas 1726, deducting taxes	2	18	8
	Paid Benjamin Wild 2 year's salary due at Michaelmas 1726	16	0	0
	Paid Richard Neale, Beadle, 1 year & 3 qrtrs salary due at Michaelmas 1726	7	0	0
	Paid expenses in going to Westminster to receive the rents	1	17	0
	Paid ditto with Mr Crayker and others as per bill	2	1	6
Dec 8	Paid expenses at the Ship Tavern in providing audit dinner	0	16	0
	Paid Mr Richard Merriman the balance	76	19	2
		419	**10**	**3½**

Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 9th day of December 1726 by us whose names are subscribed. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Joseph Heaton, Humphrey Morse, Edward Lambert, John Crabb

	[Sheet 252 REV IMG 0953]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church Street London the 23rd day of August 1727 Present: Sir Francis Forbes, Kt. Mayor — Mr Benjamin Crayker junior Mr Benjamin Crayker senior Lieutenant — Mr William Horne Mr Joseph Crayker senior — Mr Richard Everett Mr John Smith — Mr Richard Blowen Mr Humphrey Morse — Mr John Elliott Mr Edward Lambert — Mr Joseph Byard Richard Lewin, Esquire — Mr John Bennett Mr Nicholas Dee — Mr Henry Barnard Mr John Merry — Mr Richard Smith Mr William Smith — Mr Nathaniel Foord Mr Elias Best — Mr Samuel Bishop Mr Samuel Hickman — Mr Richard Denton — Mr Richard Neale junior
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Sir Francis Forbes (Lord Mayor)]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir Francis Forbes, Kt and Lord Mayor of London, and Humphrey Parsons Esq, Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon Sir Francis Forbes who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benjamin Crayker senior]	Mr Benjamin Crayker senior and Mr Joseph Crayker senior, being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [John Merry & William Smith]	Ordered that Mr John Merry and Mr William Smith, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [Richard Merriman]	Ordered that Mr Richard Merriman, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 253 IMG 0953]
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Richard Neale senior, present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Free	Richard Denton, late Apprentice to Edward Lambert, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
Free	Samuel Bishop, late Apprentice to Joseph Byard, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
[Committee for houses at Westminster]	Ordered that the committee appointed by an order of a former Court (to enquire into the Company's title to the house and dock at Westminster belonging to the Company - let to the Widow Adams, and to get a scheme taken of the same and of all other of the Company's houses at Westminster) be continued and to report what they do therein to the next Court. And that the Clerk wait on Mr Crayker, the present Lieutenant, to have a time appointed for that purpose.
[Widow Joanna Simms]	The humble petition of Joanna Simms, widow of Henry Simms late a member of this society, was read praying the charity of this Company. The Court was pleased to order the Treasurer to give her 20s for her relief.

[Sheet 253 REV IMG 0954]

At a Court of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church Street London the 7th day of February 1727 **[1728]**

Present:

Mr Benjamin Crayker senior Lieutenant	Mr Benjamin Crayker junior
Mr John Smith	Mr William Horne
Mr Joseph Heaton	Mr Richard Everett
Mr Humphrey Morse	Mr Richard Blowen
Mr Edward Lambert	Mr John Elliott
Richard Lewin, Esquire	Mr Joseph Byard
Mr Nicholas Dee	Mr Richard Neale junior
Mr John Merry	Mr Isaac Heaton
Mr William Smith	Mr Henry Barnard
Mr Richard Merriman	Mr Richard Smith
Mr Elias Best	Mr Nathaniel Foord
Mr Samuel Hickman	Mr Richard Denton
Mr George Storey	Mr Samuel Bishop

The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.

[Sir Francis Forbes dead. Humphrey Parsons Esq elected Mayor]

Sir Francis Forbes, Kt, who for several years had been Mayor of the Staple, being lately deceased and the Court being now resolved to proceed to the election of a new Mayor for the year ensuing. Order thereunto Humphrey Parsons Esq and John Barnard Esq, Aldermen of the City of London, were severally put in nomination for the place of Mayor of the Staple. And by holding up of hands of the majority then present Humphrey Parsons Esq[258] was elected Mayor of the Staple for the year ensuing. Whereupon the said Humphrey Parsons appeared at this Court and accepted the freedom of this Company and took the oath appertaining thereunto and having taken the place of Mayor he also took the oath of Mayor of the Staple accordingly.

[258] Humphrey Parsons Esquire (1676- 21 March 1741); of Red Lion Brewery London and of Reigate Priory, Surrey. Member of the Wax Chandlers Company then 1725 Grocers Company; 1721 Tory MP for Harwich; 1727 MP for City of London; 1723 Sherriff; 1730-31 and 1740-41 Lord Mayor. A wealthy brewer, and the owner of a 'brilliant stable', Parsons distinguished himself by being first at the kill in a royal hunt at Versailles in 1729 and, on being asked the price of his horse by Louis XV, by answering that it was beyond any price other than his Majesty's acceptance. Louis XV shortly afterwards granted him a patent allowing him to export his beer to France duty-free, and sent him his portrait set in diamonds. Thereafter he paid frequent visits to Versailles, where 'the King of France distinguished him more than ... any prince or ambassador, inviting him every day to hunt with him or ordering his hunting equipages for him'. Parsons took an active part in the opposition to Walpole's excise bill both in the city and in Parliament. Re-elected for London at the top of the poll in 1734, he was chosen lord mayor a second time on 22 Oct. 1740. He was the first lord mayor to ride in a coach and six in his procession, and the only man to serve that office twice in the 18th century. Ref: https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1715-1754/member/parsons-humphry-1676-1741

[Sheet 254 IMG 0954]

The Account of Mr Richard Merriman, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1726	**Charge**	£	s	d
November 9	Rcvd of Mr William Smith the late Treasurer the balance of his account	76	19	2
18	Rcvd half a year's dividend of £331 0s 10d South Sea Stock due at Christmas last	9	18	7
1727 Apr 10	Rcvd of Mr Wm Adams half a year's rent due at Xmas last	10	0	0
	Rcvd of Mr John Bullock half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	10	0	0
	Rcvd of Bernard Fucard half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	7	0	0
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	3	15	0
	Rcvd of James Leeton half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	3	5	0
	Rcvd of Samuel Jones half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	3	0	0
May 17	Rcvd half a year's dividend of £131/0/10d South Sea Annuity due Lady Day last	3	5	6
October 31	Rcvd half a year's dividend of £331/0/10d South Sea Stock due Midsummer last	9	18	7
	Rcvd of Mr John Bullock half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	10	0	0
	Rcvd of Bernard Fucard half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	7	0	0
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	3	15	0
	Rcvd of James Leeton half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	3	5	0
	Rcvd of Samuel Jones half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	3	0	0
	Rcvd of James Treslove 3 qrtrs of a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	3	7	6
November 2	Rcvd of the Governors of Christ Church Hospital a year's rent due at M'mas last	2	0	0
24	Rcvd of Mr William Adams 3 qrtrs of a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	15	0	0
December 6	Rcvd half a year's dividend of £131/0/10d South Sea Annuity due at M'mas last	2	18	11
		187	**8**	**3**
February 15	Rcvd for Mr Richard Denton & Mr Samuel Bishop's Hanse money	0	12	10
		188	**1**	**1**

[Sheet 254 REV IMG 0956]

1726	**Discharge**	£	s	d
Nov 10	Paid at the Ship Tavern at auditing Mr William Smith's accounts	16	1	0
	Paid Richard Neale a gift from the Company	1	1	0
	Paid the Widow Smith a gift from the Company	1	1	0
Dec 18	Paid Joseph Byard a gift from the Company	1	1	0
30	Paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk, a qrtr's salary due at Christmas last	2	0	0
January 7	Paid for bringing the box of writings from Mr Merry	0	2	6
23	Paid Mrs Rithial Barrett in full	21	0	0
Feb 16	Paid a messenger from Esquire Lewin & Mr Heaton	0	1	0
	Paid at the Ship Tavern	1	13	6
23	Paid at the Ship Tavern	1	17	10
1727 Apr 22	Paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk, a qrtr's salary due at Lady Day and for waterage and expenses at Westminster	2	0	10
	Paid Richard Neale, Beadle, half a year's wages due at Lady Day last	2	0	0
Aug 23	Paid at the Ship Tavern for the election dinner	28	4	10
29	Paid at John Denton by order of the Company	7	0	0
Oct 18	Paid at the Three Tuns and Rummer	0	10	6
27	Paid the Widow Sims a gift from the Company	1	0	0
31	Paid Samuel Jones as per bill	0	3	0
	Paid James Treslove as per bill	0	9	0
Nov 15	Paid His Majesty's Quit Rent due at Michaelmas last	1	7	10
Dec 27	Paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk, 3 qrtrs salary due at Xmas last and for letters, waterage and expenses at Westminster	6	2	0
	Paid Richard Neale, Beadle, 3 qrtrs salary due at Xmas last	3	0	0
28	Paid at the Three Tuns & Rummer	1	8	6
	Paid sundry expenses going to Westminster, waterage etc	0	15	8
Feb 8	Paid at the Ship Tavern at the Court held for the election of the Mayor when Mr Alderman Parsons was elected	31	9	9
	Paid Benjamin Wild a gift of the Company	2	2	0
	Paid Richard Neale a gift of the Company	1	1	0
9	Paid the Widow Smith a gift of the Company	1	1	0
	Paid the Widow Sims a gift of the Company	1	1	0
	Paid Joseph Byard a gift of the Company	1	1	0
15	Paid at the Swan Tavern in Change Alley for the audit dinner	6	19	6
	Due to balance	43	4	10
		188	**1**	**1**

Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 15th day of February 1727 by us whose names are subscribed. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Edward Lambert, William Smith, Joseph Crayker, Humphrey Morse

	[Sheet 255 IMG 0956]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Ship Tavern in Grace Church Street London the 13th day of November 1728 Present:

Humphrey Parsons Esquire	Mayor	Mr William Horne
Mr Benjamin Crayker senior	Lieutenant	Mr Richard Everett
Mr Joseph Crayker senior		Mr Richard Blowen
Mr John Smith		Mr John Elliott
Mr Joseph Heaton		Mr John Bennett
Mr Humphrey Morse		Mr Isaac Heaton
Mr Edward Lambert		Mr Henry Barnard
Mr Nicholas Dee		Mr Richard Smith
Mr John Merry		Mr Nathaniel Foord
Mr William Smith		Mr Richard Denton
Mr Elias Best		Mr Samuel Bishop
Mr Samuel Hickman		Mr Joseph Byard
Mr Benjamin Crayker junior		

	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Humphrey Parsons]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Humphrey Parsons and John Barnard Esquires, Aldermen of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Humphrey Parsons Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benjamin Crayker senior]	Mr Benjamin Crayker senior and Mr Joseph Crayker senior, being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Jos. Crayker & John Smith]	Mr Joseph Crayker senior, Mr John Smith, Mr Joseph Heaton and Mr Humphrey Morse being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Joseph Crayker and Mr John Smith who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Elias Best]	Mr Elias Best and Mr Joseph Crayker junior being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, choice fell upon the said Mr Elias Best who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.

	[Sheet 255 REV IMG 0957]
Clerk	Benjamin Wild and Mr John Woolfrey being in nomination for Clerk for the year ensuing, choice fell upon the said Benjamin Wild who thankfully accepted the same.
Beadle	Mr Richard Neale and Mr Joseph Byard being in nomination for Beadle for the year ensuing, choice fell upon the said Mr Neale who thankfully accepted the same.
	Ordered that the Treasurer pay the Widow Smith, Joanna Sims and Mr Joseph Byard each of them the sum of 20s as a charitable gift of this Company

[Sheet 256 IMG 0957]

The Account of Mr Richard Merriman, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1727	**Charge**	£	s	d
Feb 15	Due from the said Treasurer upon the balance of his account then stated	43	4	10
21	Rcvd half a year's dividend of £331/0/10d South Sea Stock due at Xmas last	7	8	11
Apr 8 **1728**	Rcvd of Mr William Adams half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	10	0	0
	Rcvd of Mr John Bullock ditto	10	0	0
	Rcvd of Bernard Fucard ditto	7	0	0
	Rcvd of Thomas Hilliard ditto	3	15	0
	Rcvd of James Leeton ditto	3	5	0
	Rcvd of Samuel Jones ditto	3	0	0
	Rcvd of Mr James Treslove	2	5	0
May 13	Rcvd half a year's interest of £131/0/10 South Sea Annuity due at Lady Day last	2	12	5
Aug 9	Rcvd half a year's dividend of £331/0/10d South Sea Stock due at Midsummer last	6	12	5
		99	**3**	**7**

[Sheet 256 REV IMG 0958]

	Discharge	£	s	d
Apr 9 **1728**	Paid Richard Neale a qrtr of a year's salary due at Lady Day last	1	0	0
17	Expenses at the Three Tuns and Rummer with Mr Crayker	0	17	4
19	Expenses and waterage attending the Mayor at his house with Mr Crayker	0	1	5
Jun 8	Paid for renewing the insurance of the Company's houses in Westminster	4	4	6
27	Expenses at the Three Tuns and Rummer, the next day at Batson's, and at the Swan with the Mayor, Mr Crayker & Mr Lewin etc	1	9	10
28	Paid the Mayor	10	0	0
July 10	Gave the Mayor's servants with other incident charges at Rygate[259] [Reigate] etc	6	16	6
15	Paid Benjamin Wild half a year's salary due at Midsummer last	4	0	0
Aug 2	Expenses at the Three Tuns and Rummer	1	4	0
6	Paid Richard Neale a quarter's salary due at Midsummer last	1	0	0
	Expenses going to Westminster, waterage etc	0	11	6
	Due to the Balance	67	18	6
		99	**3**	**7**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 8th day of May 1729 by us whose names are subscribed. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Joseph Crayker, Joseph Heaton, Edward Lambert, Nicholas Dee			

[259] Humphrey Parsons' home at Reigate Priory, Surrey

	[Sheet 257 IMG 0958]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Fenchurch Street London the 27th day of August 1729 Present: Humphrey Parsons Esq Mayor — Mr Samuel Hickman Mr Benjamin Crayker senior Lieutenant — Mr George Storey Mr Joseph Crayker — Mr Benjamin Crayker junior Mr John Smith — Mr William Horne Mr Joseph Heaton — Mr Richard Everett Mr Edward Lambert — Mr John Bennett Richard Lewin Esq — Mr Henry Barnard Mr John Crabb — Mr Richard Smith Mr John Merry — Mr Nathaniel Foord Mr Richard Merriman — Mr Richard Denton Mr Elias Best — Mr Samuel Bishop Mr Joseph Crayker junior — Mr Joseph Byard
	The Acts of the last Court being read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Humphrey Parsons]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Humphrey Parsons and John Barnard Esquires, Aldermen of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Humphrey Parsons Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benjamin Crayker senior]	Mr Benjamin Crayker senior and Mr Joseph Crayker senior, being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Jos. Crayker & John Smith]	Ordered that Mr Joseph Crayker and Mr John Smith, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [Elias Best]	Ordered that Mr Elias Best, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Benjamin Wild and Mr John Woolfrey being in nomination for Clerk for the year ensuing, choice fell upon the said Benjamin Wild who thankfully accepted the same.
Beadle	Mr Richard Neale and Mr Joseph Byard being in nomination for Beadle for the year ensuing, choice fell upon the said Mr Neale who thankfully accepted the same.

	[Sheet 257 REV IMG 0959]
[Woolwinders register]	Ordered that the Clerk of this Company keep a register of all the Woolwinders who have their licences of this Company.
	Whereas Mr Richard Merriman, the late Treasurer of this Company, stands indebted to this Company in the sum of £67 18s 6d on the balance of his account. And whereas Mr Richard Merriman has mortgaged 2 messuages or tenements ground and premises with the appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in Maid Lane in the parish of St Saviour's Southwark, to the said Mr Merriman for securing the payment of the sum of £100 interest. And whereas there is belonging to this Company the sum of £131-10d South Sea Annuity and the sum of £331-10d South Sea Stock. It is ordered by this Company that £31-10d South Sea Annuity and £31-10d South Sea Stock be sold and with the money arising thereby to make up the said sum of £67 18s 6d what will be remaining due to the said Mr Merriman for principal money and interest due on the aforesaid mortgage. And that thereupon the said messuages and tenements be assigned to this Company.

	[Sheet 258 IMG 0959]
	Memorandum. Rcvd this 21st day of November 1729 of Mr Benjamin Crayker senior, the Lieutenant of this Company, the charter and box belonging to this Company. Witness my hand: [Signatures of] Benjamin Wild, Clerk to the Company, Humphrey Parsons, John Leeke.

	[Sheet 258 REV IMG 0960]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Fenchurch Street London the 7th day of October 1730 Present: Humphrey Parsons Esq Lord Mayor of the City of London elect and Mayor — Mr William Horne Mr Benjamin Crayker senior Lieutenant — John Elliot Esq Mr Joseph Crayker senior — Mr John Bennett Mr John Smith — Mr Henry Barnard Mr Joseph Heaton — Mr Richard Smith Mr Edward Lambert — Mr Nathaniel Foord Richard Lewin Esq — Mr Samuel Bishop Mr John Merry — Mr Richard Denton Mr William Smith — Mr Abraham Goodwyn Mr Samuel Hickman — Mr Joshua Lyons Mr Benjamin Crayker junior — Mr Joseph Byard
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Humphrey Parsons]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Humphrey Parsons Esq, Lord Mayor of the City of London elect, and John Barnard Esq, Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Humphrey Parsons Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benjamin Crayker senior]	Mr Benjamin Crayker senior and Mr Joseph Crayker senior, being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

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Constables [Jos. Heaton, Edw. Lambert]	Mr Joseph Heaton, Mr Edward Lambert, Mr Humphrey Morse & Mr Nicholas Dee being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Joseph Heaton and Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Joseph Crayker]	Mr Joseph Crayker junior and Mr Samuel Hickman being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, choice fell upon the said Mr Joseph Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Benjamin Wild and Mr John Woolfrey being in nomination for Clerk for the year ensuing, choice fell upon the said Benjamin Wild who thankfully accepted the same.
Beadle	Mr Richard Neale and Mr Joseph Byard being in nomination for Beadle for the year ensuing, choice fell upon the said Mr Neale who thankfully accepted the same.
Free [Abraham Goodwyn]	Abraham Goodwyn, late Apprentice to Samuel Lewin Esq, Merchant of the Staple of England deceased, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
Free [Joshua Lyons]	Joshua Lyons, late Apprentice to William Neale, Merchant of the Staple of England deceased, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
	Ordered that Mr Joseph Heaton (until the Treasurer elect be sworn in and confirmed in his said office as usual) be desired to collect the Company's rents and also to receive the dividends due from the South Sea Company for South Sea Stock and the £6 percent ordered by the South Sea Company to be paid of from the said Stock, and also to receive the interest due on the Annuity Stock from the said South Sea Company, and to pay such necessary disbursements and payments as are usual for the Treasurer to pay and discharge. And it is further ordered that the box and writings belonging to this Company, left in the custody of the late Treasurer Mr Elias Best, be forthwith delivered to the said Mr Heaton.
	Ordered that the sum of 2 guineas apiece be paid to the Widow Smith, the Widow Simms, Mr Joseph Byard and Mr Richard Neale as a charitable gift of the Company.

[Sheet 259 REV IMG 0961]

The Account of Mr Elias Best, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1728	**Charge**	£	s	d
Aug 10	Rcvd of Mr Richard Merriman, late Treasurer of the said Company, the balance of his account then audited	67	18	6
Nov 12	Rcvd of the Widow Hilliard half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	3	15	0
	Rcvd of James Leeton ditto	3	5	0
	Rcvd of Samuel Jones ditto	3	0	0
	Rcvd of James Treslove ditto	2	5	0
	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard ditto	7	0	0
	Rcvd of John Bullock ditto	10	0	0
	Rcvd of William Adams ditto			
	Rcvd of the Governors of Christchurch Hospital a year's rent due at Michaelmas	2	0	0
Feb 6	Rcvd half a year's dividend of £331/0/10d South Sea Stock due at Xmas last	6	12	5
	Rcvd half a year's dividend of £131/0/10d South Sea Annuity die at M'mas last	2	12	5
1729 Apr 17	Rcvd of John Bullock half a year's rent due at Lady last	10	0	0
	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard ditto	7	0	0
	Rcvd of John Crislow ditto	3	15	0
	Rcvd of James Leeton ditto	3	5	0
	Rcvd of James Treslove ditto	2	5	0
	Rcvd of Samuel Jones ditto	3	0	0
	Rcvd of William Adams ditto	10	0	0
Nov 18	Rcvd of John Bullock half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	10	0	0
	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard ditto	7	0	0
	Rcvd of John Crislow ditto	3	15	0
	Rcvd of James Leeton ditto	3	5	0
	Rcvd of Samuel Jones ditto	3	0	0
	Rcvd of Thomas Carter ditto	10	0	0
	Rcvd of the Governors of Christchurch Hospital a year's rent due M'mas last	2	0	0
Apr 20 **1730**	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	7	0	0
	Rcvd of John Crislow ditto	3	15	0
	Rcvd of James Leeton ditto	3	5	0
	Rcvd of James Treslove a year's rent due ditto	4	10	0
	Rcvd of John Bullock half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	10	0	0
	Rcvd of Samuel Jones ditto	3	0	0
	Rcvd of Thomas Carter ditto	10	0	0
	Rcvd of the Governors of Christchurch Hospital a year's rent due at M'mas 1729	2	0	0
		210	**3**	**4**

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1728	**Discharge**	£	s	d
November 10	Paid cash expended by Mr Morse	4	2	0
	Paid a gift of the Company towards the burial of Richard Neale junior	2	2	0
	Paid expenses at Westminster receiving the rents	0	16	6
14	Paid for the election dinner	17	10	6
	Paid expenses at the Three Tuns and Rummer	0	14	8
	Paid porterage	0	1	0
21	Paid cash expended by Mr Crayker for the Alderman's wine	1	16	0
22	Paid at the Christopher when the box of writings were examined	0	2	3
	Paid Joseph Byard a gift of the Company	1	0	0
	Paid the Widow Simms a gift of the Company	1	0	0
December 12	Paid at auditing Mr Merriman's account	17	7	6
	Paid Richard Neale a gift of this Company	1	0	0
January 10	Paid Richard Neale half a year's salary due at Xmas last	2	0	0
	Paid Benjamin Wild a gift of this Company	1	1	0
	Paid His Majesty's Quit Rent due at Michaelmas last	1	7	1
May 8 **1729**	Paid at the Swan Tavern at Cornhill	0	12	9
April 5	Paid Benjamin Wild three qrtrs' salary due at Lady Day last	6	0	0
8	Paid expenses with Mr Lambert etc	0	3	6
June 1	Paid the Widow Smith a gift of the Company	1	0	0
	Paid expenses receiving the rents at Westminster with Mr Smith	0	16	9
	Paid Mr Heaton expenses going to Westminster with Mr Crayker	0	4	2
	Paid the Mayor his usual fee	10	0	0
	Expended with Mr Crayker at the payment of the same	0	4	8
19	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary due at Midsummer last	2	0	0
	Paid at the Swan when dined with the Mayor	0	19	6
August 1	Paid at the Christopher with Mr Crayker	0	4	0
12	Paid at the Black Swan	0	2	0
	Paid Mr Neale half a year's salary due at Midsummer last	2	0	0
	Paid waiting on the Mayor for a bill of affairs	0	1	0
	Paid at the Spring Gardens[260] Bargemen Trumpeter etc	7	8	9
October 14	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary due at Michaelmas last	2	0	0
November 5	Paid expenses receiving the rents at Westminster	0	5	3
18	Paid ditto	0	11	3
26	Paid His Majesty's Quit Rent due at Michaelmas last, tax allowed	1	7	10
December 5	Paid the Widow Raines as per bill	20	14	6
	Paid expenses at Westminster	0	1	6
	Paid the bricklayer's bill repairing Treslove's house	0	18	0
26	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary due at Xmas last	2	1	0
		111	**16**	**3**

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	Brought from the other side	111	16	3
1729 Dec 26	Paid Richard Neale half a year's salary due at Xmas last	2	0	0
	Paid allowances to Fucard, Treslove and Cristlow	0	1	9
March 5	Paid at the Three Tuns per Mr Smith	0	19	6
1730 27	Paid Richard Neale a qrtr's salary due at Lady Day last	1	0	0
31	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary due ditto	2	0	0
May 5	Paid expenses receiving the rents at Westminster	0	2	6
20	Paid ditto	0	17	0
	Paid at the London Tavern with Mr Crayker, Mr Lambert and Mr Smith	0	10	6
	Paid expenses omitted in this account	0	3	0
	Due to the balance	120	12	10
		240	**3**	**4**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 29th day of October 1730 by us whose names are subscribed. [No actual signatures but the accounts on the next sheet facing were signed on the same date]			

[260] Spring Gardens https://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-london/vol20/pt3/pp58-65 and https://www.thehistoryoflondon.co.uk/londons-restoration-pleasure-gardens/

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The Account of Mr Joseph Heaton of moneys disbursed by him by Order made at the request of this Company

1730	Charge	£	s	d
August 20	Rcvd of Mr Gunter and Mr Miller on account of Mr Elias Best, the late Treasurer of this Company	119	5	0
October 7	Rcvd of Mr Abraham Goodwyn for Hanse money	0	6	5
	Rcvd of Mr Joshua Lyons for Hanse money	0	6	5
		119	**17**	**10**
	Balance of this account due to Mr Joseph Heaton	13	12	11
		133	**10**	**9**
	Discharge			
28 Aug **1729**	Paid by the said Mr Heaton at the request of the Company as per bills of particulars for the election dinner	27	14	4
	Paid for South Sea Capital Stock	52	12	6
October 8 **1730**	Paid for the election dinner as per bills of particulars	26	10	8
16	Paid Mrs Smith the gift of this Company	2	2	0
	Paid Mr Byard ditto	2	2	0
	Paid Mr Neale ditto & for half a year's salary due at Michaelmas last	4	2	0
	Paid Mrs Simms the gift of this Company	2	2	0
	Paid Benjamin Wild half a year's salary due at Michaelmas last	4	0	0
	Paid Mr Crayker for sundry bills paid by himself for the Company	5	13	3
	Paid interest to Mr Heaton for money advanced by him for use of the Company	3	10	0
	Paid Benjamin Wild for his trouble & expenses enquiring after the Charter	2	2	0
29	Paid expenses auditing the accounts	1	0	0
		133	**10**	**9**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 29th day of October 1730 by us whose names are subscribed. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Edward Lambert, William Smith			

[Sheet 261 REV IMG 0963]

At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at Fishmongers Hall in Thames Street London the 3rd day of September 1731

Present:

Humphrey Parson Esq	Mayor	Mr William Horne
Mr Benjamin Crayker senior	Lieutenant	John Elliott Esq
Mr Joseph Crayker senior		Mr John Bennett
Mr John Smith		Mr Henry Barnard
Mr Joseph Heaton		Mr Richard Smith
Mr Edward Lambert		Mr Nathaniel Foord
Mr William Smith		Mr Samuel Bishop
Mr Samuel Hickman		Mr Joshua Lyons
Mr George Storey		Mr John Heaton

The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.

Mayor chosen [Humphrey Parsons]: The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Humphrey Parsons Esq, Lord Mayor of the City of London elect, and John Barnard Esq, Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Humphrey Parsons Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Lieutenant chosen [Benjamin Crayker senior]: Mr Benjamin Crayker senior and Mr Joseph Crayker senior, being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Constables: Ordered that Mr Joseph Heaton and Mr Edward Lambert the present Constable be continued for the year ensuing.

Treasurer: Ordered that Mr Joseph Crayker the present Treasurer be continued for the year ensuing.

Auditors: Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.

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Clerk: Benjamin Wild and Mr John Woolfrey being in nomination for Clerk for the year ensuing, choice fell upon the said Benjamin Wild who thankfully accepted the same.

Beadle	Mr Richard Neale and Mr Joseph Byard being in nomination for Beadle for the year ensuing, choice fell upon the said Mr Neale who thankfully accepted the same.
	Ordered that it be left to the discretion of the auditors for the year ensuing to give to the poor members and the widows of the deceased members of this Company as they shall think fit.
	Ordered that such a coat and edged hat be given to Mr Richard Neale, the Beadle of this Company, as the said auditors shall think fit.
Free	John Heaton, son of Mr Joseph Heaton, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the Freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.

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The Account of Mr Joseph Heaton of moneys paid and received by him by Order and at the request of this Company

1730	**Debtor**	£	s	d
Oct 31	Rcvd a dividend on £381/0/10d South Sea Stock due at Xmas last 1729	7	12	5
	Rcvd ditto due at Midsummer last 1730	7	12	5
	Rcvd £6 percent, paid off from said Stock	22	17	3
Nov 12	Rcvd of John Creslow half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	3	15	0
	Rcvd of James Leeton ditto	3	5	0
	Rcvd of Samuel Jones ditto	3	0	0
13	Rcvd a dividend on £131/0/10d South Sea Annuity due at Michaelmas 1729	2	12	5
	Rcvd half a year's dividend on ditto due on Lady Day 1730	2	12	5
	Rcvd ditto at Michaelmas 1730	2	12	5
	Rcvd of the Governors of Christchurch Hospital a year's rent due at M'mas 1730	2	0	0
Mar 6	Rcvd a dividend on £358/3/7d South Sea Stock due at Xmas last	7	3	3
May 20 **1731**	Rcvd of Bernard Fucard half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	7	0	0
	Rcvd of John Creslow half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	3	15	0
	Rcvd of James Leeton half a year's rent due ditto	3	5	0
	Rcvd ½ year's dividend on £131/0/10d South Sea Annuity due at Lady Day last	2	12	5
	Rcvd of John Bullock a year's rent due at Lady Day last	20	0	0
	Rcvd of Samuel Jones half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	3	0	0
Aug 5	Rcvd the balance of the late Treasurer best's account	8	12	8
	Rcvd ½ year's dividend due Midsummer last for £358/3/7d South Sea Stock	7	3	3
		120	**10**	**11**

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	Creditor	£	s	d
Oct 29 **1730**	Due to Mr Heaton on the balance of his account audited this day	13	12	11
Nov 12	Paid at the London Tavern and at Westminster	0	14	6
25	Paid His Majesty's Quit Rent due at Michaelmas last, taxes allowed	1	8	7
Jan 25	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary due at Christmas last	2	0	0
Apr 7 **1731**	Paid ditto a qrtr's salary due at Lady Day last	2	0	0
30	Paid Richard Neale half a year's salary due at Lady Day last	2	0	0
May 19	Paid at Westminster and other meetings of the Company	1	11	0
Jun 3	Paid at the Three Tuns & Rummer	0	8	0
4	Paid the Mayor of the Staple	20	0	0
30	Paid expenses at Westminster	0	16	10
	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary due at Midsummer last	2	0	0
	Paid expenses of several meetings of the Company at the Three Tuns& Rummer	1	17	3
Aug 26	Paid at the London Tavern	0	11	0
30	Paid Richard Neale a qrtr's salary due at Midsummer last	1	0	0
	Paid Edward Baker the bricklayer	1	18	6
	Paid John Dyker the glazier	0	4	6
Sep 2	Paid Mr William Smith per 2 bills	1	17	2½
		54	0	3½
	Due to the Company to balance	66	10	7½
		120	**10**	**11**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 2nd day of September 1731 by us whose names are subscribed. And there remained due to this Company from the said Mr Joseph Heaton, on the balance of his account above, the sum of £66 10s 7½d [Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, William Smith			

	[Sheet 263 REV IMG 0965]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Fenchurch Street London the 18th day of October 1732 Present: Humphrey Parsons Esq Mayor — Mr Benjamin Crayker Mr Joseph Heaton — Mr William Horne Mr Joseph Crayker senior — Mr John Bennett Mr Joseph Byard — Mr Henry Barnard Mr John Smith — Mr Richard Smith Mr Humphrey Morse — Mr Nathaniel Foord Mr Edward Lambert — Mr Richard Denton Mr John Merry — Mr Samuel Bishop Mr William Smith — Mr Joshua Lyons Mr Richard Merriman — Mr John Heaton Mr Samuel Hickman — Mr Edward Morse — Mr Benjamin Bishop
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Humphrey Parsons]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Humphrey Parsons Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard, Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Humphrey Parsons Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
[New] Lieutenant chosen [Joseph Heaton]	Mr Joseph Crayker senior, Mr John Smith and Mr Joseph Heaton being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Joseph Heaton who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

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Constables [Richard Lewin, John Merry]	Richard Lewin Esq, Mr John Merry, Mr Richard Merriman and Mr Elias Best being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Richard Lewin Esq and Mr John Merry. And the said Mr John Merry took the oath appertaining
Treasurer Samuel Hickman]	Mr Samuel Hickman and Mr George Storey being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Samuel Hickman, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Benjamin Wild and Mr John Woolfrey being in nomination for Clerk for the year ensuing, choice fell upon the said Benjamin Wild who thankfully accepted the same.
Beadle [Joseph Byard]	Mr Joseph Byard being in nomination for Beadle for the year ensuing, the Court made choice of the said Mr Joseph Byard who thankfully accepted the same.
Free [Edward Morse by patrimony]	Mr Humphrey Morse, Merchant of the Staple of England, this day requested this Court that his son Mr Edward Morse might be admitted a member of this Company, which was ordered to be put to the vote of the Company. And by the majority of votes of this Company the said Mr Edward Morse was admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
Free (Benjamin Bishop)	Benjamin Bishop, late Apprentice to John Elliott Esq, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
[Treasurer to give security]	Ordered that the present Treasurer elect do give such security to this Company as has been usual to be given by former Treasurers, and that all Treasurers that shall be chosen hereafter shall give the like security to be approved of by the auditors of this Company for the time being.
[3 guineas each to Widows Smith & Simms]	Ordered upon the humble petitions of the Widow Smith and the Widow Simms that the sum of 3 guineas apiece be paid to each of them as a charitable gift of this Company.
	Ordered that Mr Joseph Byard, the present Beadle elect of this Company, be paid half a year's salary for his trouble in officiating that place since the death of Mr Richard Neale deceased.

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The Account of Mr Joseph Heaton of money paid and received by him by Order and at the request of this Company

	Debtor	£	s	d
	By money due to the Company upon the balance of the said Mr Heaton's account audited the 2nd September 1731	66	10	7½
Sep 3 **1731**	Rcvd of Mr John Heaton Hanse money	0	6	5
23	Rcvd of Bernard Fucard half a year's rent due Lady Day last	7	0	0
Nov 3	Rcvd of the Governors of Christchurch Hospital a year's rent due M'mas last	2	0	0
Dec 2	Rcvd of Thomas Carter administrator of John Adams, son of the late Widow Adams, a year's rent due at Lady Day last	20	0	0
13	Rcvd half a year's dividend on £131/0/10d South Sea Annuity	2	12	5
17	Rcvd the 6 percent paid of the South Sea Annuity	7	17	3
Jun 5 **1732**	Rcvd of Thomas Carter half a year's rent due Michaelmas last	10	0	0
10	Rcvd half a year's dividend on £400 South Sea Stock	8	0	0
23	Rcvd half a year's dividend on £123 3s 7d South Sea Annuity due Lady Day last	2	9	3
Oct 8	Rcvd of Mr Edward Morse and Mr Benjamin Bishop Hanse money	0	12	10
		127	**8**	**9½**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 27th day of October 1732 by us whose names are subscribed. And there remains due to this Company from the said Mr Joseph Heaton the sum of £9 4s 8½d [Signatures of:] Humphrey Morse, John Merry, Edward Lambert, William Smith, Richard Merriman			

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1731	**Creditor**	**£**	**s**	**d**
Sep 2	Paid at the London Tavern auditing my accounts this day	0	17	0
3	Paid at the Lord Mayor's on the Court day servants	2	12	8
23	Paid at Westminster at Carter's affairs about the houses and dock	0	14	6
Oct 7	Paid at the London Tavern meeting on ditto	0	7	6
12	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary	2	0	0
	Paid waterage to Westminster	0	1	6
Nov 4	Paid the King's Quit Rent, taxes deducted	1	9	4
8	Paid at the London Tavern meeting Mr Morse about Carter's affairs	0	5	1
9	Paid Richard Neale, Beadle, a quarter's salary	1	0	0
Dec 2	Paid Mr Morse for suing Carter and expenses agreeing	2	0	0
13	Paid for £41 16s 5d South Sea Stock	43	9	10
Jan 3	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary	2	0	0
Feb 19	Paid Richard Neale ditto	1	0	0
Mar 15	Paid at a meeting of the Company	0	14	7
22	Paid Richard Neale a qrtr's salary	1	0	0
1732 Apr 8	Paid ditto a gift of this Company	0	10	6
21	Paid at a meeting of the Company	0	15	0
23	Paid the funeral expenses of Mr Neale, the late Beadle	0	19	4
May 15	Paid Joseph Byard a gift of the Company	1	1	0
July 4	Paid Benjamin Wild half a year's salary due Midsummer last	4	0	0
Aug 2	Paid at the London Tavern a meeting of the Company	0	18	0
16	Paid expenses going to Westminster	0	12	10
30	Paid at a meeting of the Company to wait on the Mayor	0	10	9
Sep 13	Paid the Mayor of the Staple	10	0	0
ditto	Paid at the Fleece Tavern attending the Mayor	0	15	2
Oct 3	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary	2	0	0
11	Paid at a meeting of the Company to wait on the Mayor	0	17	6
20	Paid to the Widow Smith & the Widow Simms 3 guineas apiece being the gift of the Company	6	6	0
	Paid Joseph Byard half a year's salary as per Order of the Company	2	0	0
	Paid for the election dinner & audit at the London Tavern as by bills of particulars	27	16	0
		118	**4**	**1**
	Due to the Company to balance this account	9	4	8½
		127	**8**	**9½**

[Sheet 265 REV IMG 0967]

At a Court of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Fleece Tavern In Cornhill London the 6th day of December 1732

Present:

Humphrey Parsons Esq	Mayor	Mr William Horne
Mr Joseph Heaton	Lieutenant	Mr Richard Everett
Mr John Smith		John Elliott Esq
Mr Humphrey Morse		Mr John Bennett
Mr Edward Lambert		Mr Isaac Heaton
Richard Lewin Esq		Mr Henry Barnard
Mr John Crabb		Mr Richard Smith
Mr John Merry		Mr Nathaniel Foord
Mr William Smith		Mr Richard Denton
Mr Samuel Hickman		Mr Samuel Bishop
Mr George Storey		Mr Joshua Lyons
Mr Benjamin Crayker		Mr John Heaton
		Mr Edward Morse
		Mr Benjamin Bishop

The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.

Ordered that the thanks of this Company be given to Joseph Heaton for his care and trouble in managing the affairs of this Company during the Treasurership of Mr Joseph Crayker.

Ordered that the security given to this Company by Mr Samuel Hickman, as Treasurer to this Company, be accepted.

[Sheet 266 IMG 0967]

At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Fenchurch Street London the 31st day of October 1733

Present:

Humphrey Parsons Esq	Mayor	Mr Benjamin Crayker
Mr Joseph Heaton	Lieutenant	John Elliott Esq
Mr John Smith		Mr John Bennett
Mr Humphrey Morse		Mr Richard Smith
Mr Edward Lambert		Mr Nathaniel Foord
Richard Lewin Esq		Mr Abraham Goodwin
Mr William Smith		Mr Joshua Lyons
Mr Samuel Hickman		Mr John Heaton

The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.

Mayor chosen [Humphrey Parsons] — The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Humphrey Parsons Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard, Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Humphrey Parsons Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Lieutenant chosen [Joseph Heaton] — Mr Joseph Heaton and Mr John Smith being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Joseph Heaton who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Constables [Richard Lewin, John Merry] — Ordered that Richard Lewin Esq and Mr John Merry, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.

Treasurer Samuel Hickman] — Ordered that Mr Samuel Hickman, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 266 REV IMG 0968]
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle [Joseph Byard died. Samuel Bishop chosen]	The Court being informed of the death of Mr Joseph Byard, late Beadle of this Company, and Mr Samuel Bishop, a member of this Company, being in nomination for the same, the said Samuel Bishop was chosen Beadle of this Company, who thankfully accepted the same.
[Benj. Crayker deceased]	Ordered that the Clerk of this Company wait on the executors of Mr Benjamin Crayker deceased for all such writings and things as were in his custody belonging to this Company.
[Keys to the Chest]	Ordered that there be 3 locks and keys made to the Company's chest, which keys are at all times to be kept by the Lieutenant, the Senior Constable and the Treasurer of this Company for the time being.
[£2 8s to John Crab's widow]	Ordered that the present Treasurer give the Widow of Mr John Crabb deceased, late a member of this Company, the sum of £2 8s which together with £2 12s already given make the sum of £5, being a charitable gift of this Company.
[20s to Widow Simms]	Ordered that the Treasurer pay the sum of 20s as a gift of this Company to the Widow Simms.

[Sheet 267 IMG 0968]

1732 The Account of Mr Samuel Hickman, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

Charge	£	s	d
Rcvd of Mr Joseph Heaton the balance of his last account, allowed 20th October 1732	9	4	8½
Rcvd of Bernard Fucard 1 year & a qrtr's rent due at Michaelmas 1732	17	10	0
Rcvd of Bernard Fucard in part of rent due at Michaelmas 1732	1	4	0
Rcvd of John Creslow 2 years rent due at Lady Day 1733	15	0	0
Rcvd of James Leeton 2 years and a half rent due Michaelmas last	16	5	0
Rcvd of Samuel Jones 1 ½ year's rent due at Michaelmas	9	0	0
Rcvd of John Bullock for a year's rent due Lady Day 1732	20	0	0
Rcvd of Thomas Carter 1 ½ year's rent due Lady Day 1733	30	0	0
Rcvd of Sarah Cornwall for 2 ¼ years rent due at Michaelmas 1733, taxes allowed 13 s 6d	8	6	6
Rcvd 2 years rent of the Governor of Christchurch Hospital	4	0	0
Rcvd a dividend on £400 South Sea Stock due at Midsummer 1732	8	0	0
Rcvd a dividend on £123 3s 7d South Sea Annuity at Michaelmas 1732	2	9	3
Rcvd	**140**	**19**	**5 ½**

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	Discharge	£	s	d
	Paid the Mayor his usual fee due at Michaelmas 1733	10	0	0
	Paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk, a year's salary due at Michaelmas last 1733	8	0	0
	Paid Joseph Byard, late Beadle, [half] a year's salary due Lady Day last 1733	2	0	0
	Paid expenses at executing the security bonds	0	19	1
	Paid for said bonds	0	13	0
Dec 7 **1732**	Paid for the dinner at the Fleece Tavern in Cornhill	19	12	2
27	Paid Jones the smith for repairs at Mr Cornwell's	0	4	6
1733 Oct 12	Paid expenses at the London Tavern with the auditors	2	12	0
	Paid Mr John Crabb deceased a gift of the Company	2	12	0
	To the dinner at the London Tavern	25	3	2
	Paid the Widow Simms a gift of the Company	1	0	0
	Expenses attending to pay the Mayor	0	10	0
	Paid the King's Quit Rent 2 years due at Michaelmas 1733	3	0	11
	Paid expenses at sundry times going to Westminster to receive the Company's rents	7	0	2
	Paid at the audit dinner	3	14	0
		87	**1**	**0**
	Due to balance	53	18	5½
		140	**19**	**5½**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 7th day of December 1733 by us whose names are subscribed. And there remains due to the Company from the said Mr Samuel Hickman, on the balance of his account, above the sum of £53 18s 5½ d. [Signatures of:] Joseph Heaton, Humphrey Morse, Edward Lambert, William Smith			

[Sheet 268 IMG 0969]

At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Fleece Tavern in Cornhill London the 22 day of August 1734

Present:

Humphrey Parsons Esq	Mayor	Mr Richard Everett
Mr Joseph Heaton	Lieutenant	Mr john Bennett
Mr John Smith		Mr Isaac Heaton
Mr Humphrey Morse		Mr Henry Barnard
Mr Edward Lambert		Mr Richard Smith
Richard Lewin Esq		Mr Nathaniel Foord
Mr John Merry		Mr Richard Denton
Mr William Smith		Mr Abraham Goodwin
Mr Samuel Hickman		Mr Joshua Lyons
Mr George Storey		Mr John Heaton
Mr William Horne		Mr Edward Morse
John Elliott Esq		Mr Benjamin Bishop
		Mr Samuel Lewin
		Mr John Morse
		Mr Samuel Lowther

The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.

Mayor chosen [Humphrey Parsons]: The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Humphrey Parsons Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard, Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Humphrey Parsons Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Lieutenant chosen [Joseph Heaton]: Mr Joseph Heaton and Mr John Smith being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Joseph Heaton who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Constables [Humphrey Morse& Wm Smith]: Mr Humphrey Morse, Mr William Smith, Mr Richard Merriman and Mr John Smith being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Humphrey Morse and Mr William Smith who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Treasurer [George Storey]: Mr George Storey and Mr Benjamin Crayker being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr George Storey, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Auditors: Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.

	[Sheet 268 REV IMG 0970]
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Samuel Bishop, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
Free [Samuel Lewin by Patrimony]	Richard Lewin Esq, Merchant of the Staple of England, this day requested this Court that his son Mr Samuel Lewin might be admitted a member of this Company, which was ordered to be put to the vote of this Company and by the majority of votes of this Company the said Mr Samuel Lewin was admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
Free John Morse by Patrimony]	Mr Humphrey Morse, Merchant of the Staple of England, this day requested this Court that his son Mr John Morse might be admitted a member of this Company, which was ordered to be put to the vote of this Company and by the majority of votes of this Company the said Mr John Morse was admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
Free [Samuel Lowther]	Mr Samuel Lowther, late Apprentice to Mr Edward Lambert, Merchant of the Staple, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
[Complaint about shank skin wool]	Complaint being made to this Court by Mr Humphrey Morse, a member of this Company, that on his buying 12 packs of Fleece Wool of Mr [gap] he was defrauded in the said contract by having shank[261] skin wool and such sort of wool sent him was of a worse nature and kind than what he bought, to his damage in value by such deceit the sum of £13. Ordered whereupon that the Clerk of this Company draw up the state of the said affairs and take the opinion of Counsel therein, and that this Company will take such course therein as they shall see meet, and that the Lieutenant and the Constables be a committee to approve such case.
[40s to Widow Byard]	Ordered that the sum of 40s be given to Mrs Byard, widow of Mr Joseph Byard, late Beadle of this Company, as a charitable gift of this Company.

[Sheet 269 IMG 0970]

The Account of Mr Samuel Hickman, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Charge	£	s	d
	By money due to the Company upon the balance of my former account audited the 7th October 1733	53	18	5½
	Rcvd of Mr Fucard in part of rent due	7	14	0
	Rcvd of Mr Creslow a year's rent due at Lady Day 1734	7	10	0
	Rcvd of Mr James Leeton half a year's rent due at Lady Day 1734	3	5	0
	Rcvd of Mr Samuel Jones a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1733	6	0	0
	Rcvd of Mr Joseph Clark, executor to Mr Bullock, a year's rent due at Lady Day 1733	20	0	0
	Rcvd of Mr Thomas Carter half a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1733	10	0	0
	Rcvd of Mrs Sarah Cornwell half a year's rent due at Lady Day 1734; allowed for taxes	1	16	0
	Rcvd of South Sea Annuity 2 dividends on £123 3s 7d- old annuity due at Lady Day and Michaelmas 1733	4	18	6
	Rcvd Annihilation[262] money of £6 3/8 percent on ditto	7	17	0
	Rcvd old South Sea Annuity a dividend on the residue, being £115 6s 7d capital, due at Lady Day 1734	2	6	1
	Rcvd Hanse money of Mr Samuel Lewin, Mr John Morse & Mr Samuel Lowther, 6s 5d each	0	19	3
		126	**4**	**3**

[261] Shank skin wool: Wool from the lower legs of sheep.

[262] Annihilation money: 1733 saw the creation of the South Sea 'new' annuities. The term '***annihilation money***' could refer to termination of the old Annuity. June 1733: Sinking Fund, Appropriation, Bill. "*An Act for enabling His Majesty to apply Five Hundred Thousand Pounds, out of the Sinking Fund, for the Service of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-three; and for the further Disposition of the said Fund,* ***by paying off One Million of South Sea Annuities****; and for enabling His Majesty, out of the Monies arisen by Sale of Lands in the Island of Saint Christopher, to pay the Sum of Eighty Thousand Pounds for the Marriage Portion of the Princess Royal, and Ten Thousand Pounds to the Trustees for establishing the Colony of Georgia in America; ....*" https://www.british-history.ac.uk/lords-jrnl/vol24/pp291-311

[Sheet 269 REV IMG 0971]

1733	Discharge	£	s	d
Dec 7	Expended after the auditing, my last accounts were closed	0	16	0
Feb 21	To a dinner at the Fleece Tavern	3	14	6
	Paid Benjamin Wild a year's salary due Michaelmas 1734	8	0	0
1734 Aug 14	Paid the Mayor his year's fee	10	0	0
	Expended at the Fleece then	1	18	8½
22	To a bill repaid to Mr Merry	1	2	0
23	Paid for the election dinner	27	16	0
	Paid Mr Samuel Bishop a year's salary to Michaelmas	4	0	0
	Paid for coaches, boats and expenses with others of the Company on sundry attendances Westminster	6	11	3
	Paid Benjamin Wild expenses going to Mr Storey about the Company's affairs	0	5	0
	Paid Mr William Smith a bill of expenses	0	9	9
Nov 14	Expended at the Fleece	3	11	0
22	Paid for a dinner at the Fleece	14	4	0
	Balance due to the Company	**43**	**15**	**10**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 22nd day of November 1734 by us whose names are subscribed. And there remains due to this Company from the said Mr Samuel Hickman on the balance of his account the sum of £43 15s 10d [Signatures of:] Joseph Heaton, Richard Lewin, Edward Lambert, William Smith			

[Sheet 270 IMG 0971]

At a Court of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Fleece Tavern In Cornhill London the 21st day of November 1734

Present:

Humphrey Parsons Esq	Mayor	
Mr Joseph Heaton	Lieutenant	Mr John Bennett
Mr John Smith		Mr Richard Smith
Mr Edward Lambert		Mr Nathaniel Foord
Richard Lewin Esq		Mr Richard Denton
Mr William Smith		Mr Abraham Goodwin
Mr Samuel Hickman		Mr Joshua Lyons
Mr Benjamin Crayker		Mr John Heaton
Mr William Horne		Mr Benjamin Bishop
John Elliott Esq		Mr Samuel Lowther

The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.

[Edward Lambert to act as Treasurer until George Storey gives security]

Whereas, at a Court of Election of this Company held the 22nd day of August last past, Mr George Storey was elected Treasurer of this Company for the year ensuing and sworn into the said office, but he not having appeared to give security to the said Company pursuant to the orders and ordinances of the same, It is thereupon hereby ordered by this Court that Mr Edward Lambert be and is hereby desired and appointed to receive this Company's rents and all moneys due to the said Company and to pay such disbursements and payments as are usual to be paid, until such time as the said Mr Storey give in such sufficient security to this Company as has been usual and as the Lieutenant and Constables of this Company shall think reasonable.

Ordered that all this Company's tenants pay their rents to the said Mr Lambert, and that all other moneys due or to grow due upon any securities to the said Company be also paid to him, until further order of this Court.

[£100 of South Sea Annuity to be bought]

Ordered that Mr Edward Lambert be desired to lay out for the use of this Company the sum of £100 in South Sea Annuity, so soon as he shall have so much money of the said Company's in his hands.

[40s to Widow Simms]

Ordered that the sum of 40s be paid to the Widow Simms as a charitable gift of this Company.

	[Sheet 270 REV IMG 0972]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Court room at Woolstaple Dock Westminster and from thence adjourned to the Fleece Tavern in Cornhill London the 28th day of August 1735 Present: Humphrey Parsons Esq Mayor — Mr John Bennett Mr Joseph Heaton Lieutenant — Mr Isaac Heaton Mr John Smith — Mr Richard Smith Mr Edward Lambert — Mr Nathaniel Foord Richard Lewin Esq — Mr Richard Denton Mr John Merry — Mr Abraham Goodwin Mr William Smith — Mr Joshua Lyons Mr Samuel Hickman — Mr John Heaton Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Benjamin Bishop Mr William Horne — Mr Samuel Lewin Mr Richard Everett — Mr Samuel Lowther John Elliott Esq — Daniel Lambert Esq
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Humphrey Parsons]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Humphrey Parsons Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard, Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Humphrey Parsons Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Joseph Heaton]	Mr Joseph Heaton and Mr John Smith being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Joseph Heaton who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Edw Lambert, Saml Hickman]	Mr Edward Lambert, Mr Samuel Hickman, Mr Richard Merriman and Mr Nicholas Dee being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert and Mr Samuel Hickman, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Benj Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr William Horne, being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker , who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

	[Sheet 271 IMG 0972]
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Samuel Bishop, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
Free [Daniel Lambert Esq]	At the request of Mr John Smith, a member of this Company, Daniel Lambert [263]Esq was by the unanimous consent of the said Company presented with and admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
[Free George Champion Esq]	At the request of Richard Lewin Esq, a member of this Company, its was ordered by the unanimous consent of the said Company that George Champion Esq, Alderman of the City of London, should be presented with and admitted into the freedom of this said Society.
[Money to George Storey]	Ordered that it be left to the discretion of the auditors to give to Mr George Storey, a member of this Society, what they think proper and that the sum of 5 guineas already given him by Mr Lambert be allowed in his accounts.
[45s to Widow Simms]	Ordered upon the humble petition of the Widow Simms that the sum of 45s be paid her as a charitable gift of this Company.

[263] Daniel Lambert Esq - Lord Mayor in 1741

[Sheet 271 REV IMG 0973]

The Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England
Discharged to Mr Edward Lambert late Receiver to this Company

1734		£	s	d
Nov 28	To what allowed Sarah Cornwell half a year's tax to Michaelmas last	0	4	-
Dec 9	To cash paid Widow Byard, the gift of the Company	2	0	0
	To ditto paid the King's Quit Rent	1	10	1
	To ditto paid Benjamin Wild by order of the Company	0	5	0
	To ditto paid Widow Simms the gift of the Company	2	0	0
	To ditto paid for £56 5s 0d South Sea Trading stock to make up £93 15s, £150	46	16	7
	To ditto paid for £18 15s 0d new South Sea Annuity to make up £281 5s, 300	19	15	7
21	To Ann Crabb paid her the gift of the Company	2	8	0
Jan 2	To cash paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary to Christmas last	2	0	0
22	To ditto paid Samuel Bishop a qrtr's salary to ditto	1	0	0
	To ditto paid George Storey a gift of the Company	2	2	0
1735 Mar 28	To ditto paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary due at Lady Day last	2	0	0
Apr 5	To ditto paid Samuel Bishop a qrtr's salary to ditto	1	0	0
Jun 5	To ditto paid for renewing the insuring of the houses at Westminster	2	18	10
18	To ditto paid George Storey a gift of the Company	3	3	0
30	To ditto paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk, a qrtr's salary to Midsummer	2	0	0
	To ditto paid Samuel Bishop, Beadle, his qrtr's salary to ditto	1	0	0
Aug 7	To ditto allowed Sarah Cornwell half a year's tax to Lady Day last, and for bricklayers 6s 2d and glaziers & smith 1s 8d	0	11	10
12	To ditto paid Humphrey Parsons Esq, Mayor of the Staple	10	0	0
28	To ditto paid sundry at the election dinner	39	5	9
Oct 2	To ditto paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary to Michaelmas last	2	0	0
	To ditto paid Samuel Bishop a qrtr's salary to Michaelmas last	1	0	0
3	To ditto Widow Simms the gift of the Company	2	5	0
10	To ditto paid George storey the gift of the Company	6	6	0
Nov 21	To ditto for a wainscot chest with 3 locks for the Company's writings	1	11	6
Sep 4	To ditto paid at the Fleece in Cornhill	0	14	8
13	To ditto paid at ditto	0	17	6
Dec 2	To ditto paid William Smith what paid at the Tree Tuns, Grace Church Street, on Lord Mayor's Day	1	1	4
	To ditto paid at 2 meetings at the Black Swan in Barnaby Street	2	3	6
12	To ditto paid at receiving rent of sundry, waterage, fleece and at Wapping	0	8	6
	Balance due to the Company	**47**	**19**	**4**
		208	**8**	**0**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 18th day of December 1735 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to this Company from the said Mr Edward Lambert in the balance of his account the sum of £47 19s 4d. [Signatures of:] Joseph Heaton, John Smith, William Smith			

[Sheet 272 IMG 0973]

1734	Per Contra Charge	£	s	d
Nov 28	By cash rcvd of James Leeton ½ a year's rent due at Michaelmas past	3	5	0
	By do rcvd of Sarah Cornwell ½ year's rent due at ditto	2	0	0
Dec 4	" rcvd ½ year's dividend on 375 South Sea due at Xmas 1732	7	10	0
	" rcvd ½ year's dividend on ditto due at Midsummer 1733	7	10	0
	" rcvd ½ year's dividend on £93 15s Trading Stock due at Xmas 1733	1	3	5
	" rcvd ½ year's dividend on ditto due at Midsummer 1734	1	8	1
	" rcvd ½ year's dividend on £281 5s 0d New South Sea Annuity due at Xmas 1733	5	12	6
	" rcvd ½ year's dividend on ditto due at Midsummer 1734	5	12	6
	" rcvd ½ year's dividend on £115 6s 7d Old South Sea Annuity due M'mas 1734	2	6	1
5	" rcvd of Thomas Carter ½ year's rent due at Lady Day last	10	0	0
	" rcvd of Mr Samuel Hickman the balance of his account	43	15	10
	" rcvd a year's rent of Christ Church Hospital to Michaelmas last	2	0	0
Jan 27	" rcvd of Bernard Fucard arrears of rent due Lady Day 1733	1	12	0
	" rcvd of ditto ½ year's rent due at Michaelmas 1733	7	0	0
	" rcvd of James Treslove in part of £5 12s 6d due to the Company	2	2	0
Feb 3	" rcvd ½ year's dividend on £300 New South Sea Annuity due at Xmas 1734	6	0	0
20	" rcvd ½ years ditto Trading Stock due at Xmas 1734 £150	2	5	0
Mar 14	" rcvd a year's rent of Joseph Clark due at Lady Day 1734	20	0	0
1735 Apr 18	" rcvd of James Treslove in part of arrears of rent due to the Company	1	1	0
May 16	" rcvd ½ year's dividend on £115 6s 7d Old South Sea Annuity due Lady Day last	2	6	1
Jun 6	" rcvd of James Leeton half a year's rent due at Lady Day last	3	5	0
	" rcvd of Sarah Jones a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1734	6	0	0
Aug 7	" rcvd of Bernard Fucard a qrtr's rent due at Xmas 1733	3	10	0
	" rcvd of John Creslow a year's rent due at Lady Day 1735	7	10	0
	" rcvd of Sarah Cornwell half a year's rent due at Lady Day 1735	2	0	0
28	" rcvd of Daniel Lambert Esq Hanse money	0	6	5
Sep 4	" rcvd of Thomas Carter half a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1734	10	0	0
24	" rcvd ½ a year's dividend on £150 Trading Stock due Midsummer last	2	5	0
	" rcvd ½ a year's dividend on £300 New South Sea Annuity due Midsummer last	6	0	0
Oct 17	" rcvd of Bernard Fucard a qrtr's rent due at Lady Day 1734	3	10	0
	" rcvd of James Treslove in part of arrears of rent due	1	1	0
28	" rcvd of James Leeton half a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	3	5	0
Nov 18	" rcvd ½ a year's dividend on £115 6s 7d Old South Sea Annuity due M'mas last	2	6	1
Dec 9	" rcvd of Sarah Jones half a year's rent due at Lady Day 1735	3	0	0
12	" rcvd of Joseph Clark a year's rent due ditto 1735	20	0	0
		208	**8**	**0**

	[Sheet 272 REV IMG 0974]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Fleece Tavern London the 2nd day of December 1736 Present: Humphrey Parsons Esq Mayor — Mr Benjamin Crayker Mr Joseph Heaton Lieutenant — John Elliott Esq Daniel Lambert Esq — Mr John Bennett Mr John Smith — Mr Henry Barnard Mr Edward Lambert — Mr Richard Smith Mr William Smith — Mr Abraham Goodwin Mr Samuel Hickman — Mr Joshua Lyons
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Humphrey Parsons]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Humphrey Parsons Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard, Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Humphrey Parsons Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Joseph Heaton]	Mr Joseph Heaton and Mr John Smith being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Joseph Heaton who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [continued]	Ordered that Mr Edward Lambert and Mr Samuel Hickman, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [continued]	Ordered that Mr Benjamin Crayker, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Samuel Bishop, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 273 IMG 0974]
[Crown tavern lease Westminster Market]	On application made to this Court by the executors of Mr Joseph Clarke, it is ordered that it be referred to the auditors to agree to abate out of the rent reserved by the lease let by this Company of the Crown Tavern near Westminster Market as they shall think fit.
[3 guineas to George Storey]	Ordered on reading the petition of Mr George Storey, a member of this Society, that it be left to Mr Benjamin Crayker to give and dispose of 3 guineas for him for the purposes mentioned in his petition.
[50s to Widow Simms]	On reading the humble petition of Mrs Joanna Simms, widow of Henry Simms, ordered that the sum of 50s be given her as a charitable gift of this Company.

[Sheet 273 REV IMG 0975]

The Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

To Mr Benjamin Crayker, Treasurer to the said Company

1735	Debits	£	s	d
18 Dec	By cash paid for the audit dinner at the Bull Head Tavern in Fleet Street London	7	17	0
8 Jan	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary due at Michaelmas last	2	0	0
	Paid Samuel Bishop a qrtr's salary due at Michaelmas last	1	0	0
	Paid a year's Quit Rent to his Majesty due at Michaelmas last £1 11s 8d acquit 8d, waterage 6d, in all 1 12 10; deducting 3s for tax in money paid	1	9	10
	Paid for the tax for the 1&2 qrtrs for Mrs Sarah Cornwell's house	0	4	0
6 Apr	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary due at Lady Day last	2	0	0
	ditto to Samuel Bishop	1	0	0
26 May	Paid the Mayor his year's fee	10	0	0
8 Jul	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary due at Midsummer last	2	0	0
	Paid Samuel Bishop a qrtr's salary ditto	1	0	0
	Paid the King's tax for the 3&4 quarterly payments for Mrs Sarah Cornwall's house	0	4	0
	Paid at a meeting of the Company at the Fleece Tavern in Cornhill London about the Company's business	3	1	6
4 Oct	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary due at Michaelmas last	2	0	0
	Ditto to Samuel Bishop	1	0	0
18 Nov	Paid Mr Hercules Taylor for carpenters, glaziers and plasters work at Mrs Cornwall's and for 75 ...of lead in 10 several marks with the Company's arms on them at ... put on the several houses in the Wool Staple as by his bills & receipts	2	14	9
3 Dec	Paid for the election dinner at the Fleece Tavern in Cornhill	23	15	8
7	Paid to discharge Mr George Storey out of the Fleet Prison by order of the general Court	3	3	0
14	Paid to Sarah Simms the gift of the Company	2	10	0
16	Paid the Kings tax for the 1&2 quarterly payments for Mrs Sarah Cornwall's house	0	4	0
13 Jan	Paid a year's Quit Rent to his Majesty due at Michaelmas last, £1 11s 8d, acquit 8d waterage 6d in all £1 12s 10d deducting for King's tax 3s paid in money	1	9	10
	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary due at Xmas last	2	0	0
	Ditto to Samuel Bishop	1	0	0
	By sundry payments as by bill of particulars	9	19	11
	By expenses of waterage to & from Westminster about receiving the Company's rents and treating the tenants and from 18th Dec 1735 to the 9th Feb 1736 being above a year	1	4	6
	Balance to the Company	63	6	4
		146	**4**	**4**

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1735	Per Contra Credits	£	s	d
18 Dec	By cash rcvd of Mr Edward Lambert, late receiver of the Company, being the balance of his accounts due to the Company	47	19	4
8 Jan	Rcvd of Mr Thomas Carter (by hand of Mr Taylor) ½ year's rent due Lady Day last	10	0	0
	Rcvd of the Governors of Christchurch Hospital a year's rent due at M'mas past	2	0	0
28	Rcvd of Mrs Sarah Cornwall ½ year's rent due at Michaelmas last	2	0	0
9 Feb	Rcvd of Mr Bernard Fucard a qrtr's rent due at Midsummer 1734	3	10	0
1736 15 Apr	Rcvd of ditto a qrtr's rent due at Michaelmas 1734	3	10	0
	Rcvd of Sarah Jones ½ a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1735	3	0	0
	Rcvd of James Leeton ½ a year's rent due at Lady Day last	3	5	0
7 May	Rcvd of Mr Thomas Carter (by hand Mr Taylor) ½ a year's rent due M'mas last	10	0	0
9 Jul	Rcvd John Creslow a year's rent due Lady Day last	7	10	0
28	Rcvd of Bernard Fucard a qrtr's rent due Michaelmas 1734	3	10	0
	Rcvd of Sarah Cornwall ½ a year's rent due Lady Day last	2	0	0
13 Nov	Rcvd of Bernard Fucard ½ year's rent due Midsummer 1735	7	0	0
17	Rcvd of Mr George Kither (late Sarah Jones) a year's rent due Michaelmas last	6	0	0
	Rcvd of James Leeton a qrtr's rent due at Michaelmas last	3	5	0
18	Rcvd of Mr Thomas Carter (by hand Mr Taylor) ½ a year's rent due Lady Day last	10	0	0
16 Dec	Rcvd of Sarah Cornwall in part of ½ year's rent due Michaelmas last	1	5	0
13 Jan	Rcvd of the Governors of Christchurch Hospital a year's rent due Michaelmas last	2	0	0
27	Rcvd of Mr Bernard Fucard a qrtr's rent due Michaelmas 1735	3	10	0
9 Feb	Rcvd of Mr Jonathan Clarke, executor of Mr Joseph Clarke deceased who was the executor of Frances Bullock deceased, 3 qrtrs' rent due Xmas 1735	15	0	0
		146	**4**	**4**

Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 10th day of December 1736 by us whose names are subscribed, and there remains due to this Company from the said Mr Benjamin Crayker on the balance of his account the sum of £63 6s 4d. [Signatures of:] Joseph Heaton, Edward Lambert, John Merry, William Smith

	[Sheet 274 REV IMG 0976]
Bound [Apprentice Richard Busby]	**4th May 1737** Richard Busby, son of Thomas Busby of the parish of St John Southwark in the county of Surrey wool dealer, bound Apprentice to Mr Edward Lambert, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve him for 7 years from the said 4th day of May.
Bound [Apprentice John Davenport]	**May 20th 1737** John Davenport, son of John Davenport late of Lewisham in the county of Kent Fellmonger, bound Apprentice to Mr William Horne, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve him for 7 years from the said 20th day of May.

	[Sheet 275 IMG 0976]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Bull Head Tavern In Fleet Street London the 30th day of November 1737 Present:

Humphrey Parsons Esq	Mayor	Mr Benjamin Crayker
Mr Joseph Heaton	Lieutenant	John Elliott Esq
Mr Edward Lambert		Mr Richard Smith
Mr William Smith		Mr Nathaniel Foord
Mr Samuel Hickman		Mr Richard Denton
Mr George Storey		Mr Joshua Lyons

	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Humphrey Parsons]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Humphrey Parsons Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard, Lord Mayor of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Humphrey Parsons Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Joseph Heaton]	Mr Joseph Heaton and Mr Edward Lambert being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Joseph Heaton who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Wm Smith, Benj Crayker]	Mr William Smith, Mr Benjamin Crayker, Mr John Merry and Mr George Storey being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr William Smith and Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Wm Horne]	Mr William Horne and Mr Richard Everett being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr William Horne who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Samuel Bishop, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
£3 to Widow Simms, £5 to Widow Morse	On reading the humble petition of Mrs Joanna Simms, widow of Henry Simms, ordered that the sum of £3 be given her as a charitable gift of this Company and that the sum of £5 be given to the Widow Morse.

[Sheet 275 REV IMG 0977]

The Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England
To Mr Benjamin Crayker, Treasurer to the said Company

	Debits	£	s	d
18 Feb **1736**	Paid the Bull head Tavern for the audit dinner	7	18	0
29 Mar **1737**	Paid the Black Swan for a dinner	1	2	0
18 Nov	Paid to the Mayor	10	0	0
23	Paid to Mr William Smith money laid out by him on the Company's account	2	3	1
1 Dec	Paid at the Bull Head Tavern for the election dinner	27	7	9
	Paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk, a year's salary due at Xmas last	8	0	0
	Paid Samuel Bishop ditto due ditto	4	0	0
	Paid for emptying Mr Cornwall's vault	1	0	0
	Paid 1 year's King's tax due at Michaelmas last for her house	0	8	0
	Paid at sundry times at the Fleece Tavern waiting on the Mayor and otherwise about the Company's business	4	6	11½
	Paid Mrs Simms the Company's gift	3	0	0
	Paid Mrs Morse the Company's gift	5	0	0
	Paid expenses in receiving the Company's rents and treating their tenants, waterage from 8 Feb 1736-26 Jun 1737	1	12	6
	Paid a year's Quit Rent to His Majesty due at Michaelmas last in money, waterage, tax & acquittances 1s 8d	1	9	10
	By cash remaining in the Treasurer's hands due to the Company the balance of his accounts	100	17	2½
		178	**5**	**4**
	Be it remembered this account was audited and allowed this 26th day of January 1737 by us whose names are subscribed, and there remains due to this Company form the said Mr Benjamin Crayker on the balance of his account the sum of £100 17s 2½ d. [Signatures of:] Joseph Heaton, Edward Lambert, William Smith			

[Sheet 276 IMG 0977]

1736	**Credits**	£	s	d
10 Feb	By balance due to the Company on my last account	63	6	4
	Rcvd of George Kither a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	6	0	0
	Rcvd of Sarah Cornwall on account of rent	4	0	0
	Rcvd of Jonathan Clarke, executor (by the hands of John Wild tenant) on account of a year's rent due at Xmas last	19	0	0
	Rcvd of John Creslow a year's rent due at Lady Day last	7	10	0
	Rcvd of Barnard Fucard for 1 ½ year's rent due at Xmas 1736	17	10	0
	Rcvd of James Leeton a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	6	10	0
	Rcvd of Mr Thomas Carter (by the hands of Mr Hercules Taylor tenant) in full for a year's rent due at Lady Day last 1737	20	0	0
	Rcvd for 2 year's dividend on £300 New joint Stock of South Sea Annuities due at Midsummer last 1737	23	9	0
	Ditto on £150 Trading Stock due at ditto	9	0	0
	Rcvd of Christ's Hospital a year's rent due at Michaelmas last	2	0	0
		178	**5**	**4**

	[Sheet 276 REV IMG 0980]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Bull Head Tavern In Fleet Street London the 6th day of December 1738 Present: Humphrey Parsons Esq Mayor — Mr Richard Smith Mr Joseph Heaton Lieutenant — Mr Nathaniel Foord Mr Edward Lambert — Mr Richard Denton Mr William Smith — Mr Joshua Lyons Mr Samuel Hickman — Mr John Heaton Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Samuel Lowther John Elliott Esq — Mr Edward Lambert junior Mr John Bennett
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Humphrey Parsons]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Humphrey Parsons Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard, Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Humphrey Parsons Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Joseph Heaton]	Mr Joseph Heaton and Mr Edward Lambert being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Joseph Heaton who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [continued]	Ordered that Mr William Smith and Mr Benjamin Crayker, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [continued]	Ordered that Mr William Horne, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Samuel Bishop, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
Free [Edward Lambert junior]	Mr Edward Lambert, Merchant of the Staple of England, this day requested this Court that his son, Mr Edward Lambert, might be admitted a member of this Company, which was ordered to be put to the vote of this Company and by the majority of votes of this Company the said Mr Edward Lambert was admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money

	[Sheet 277 IMG 0980]
[Building a bridge at Westminster, sale of Company's estate]	Ordered that the auditors, or any 3 or more of them (together with the Lieutenant for the time being) be appointed a committee to treat with the Commissioners for building a bridge at Westminster for the sale of the Company's estate there; and make their report thereof at the next Court to be held of the said Company; and that the Clerk of this Company send summonses to all the auditors when any meeting is to be had by the said Committee to treat as aforesaid.
[40s each to Widow Simms & Morse]	On reading the humble petition of Joanna Simms, widow, ordered that the Treasurer of this Company do give her 40s as a charitable gift of this Company; and also the same to the Widow Morse.
[40s to the Beadle]	Ordered that the auditors may give to the Beadle of this Company as a gift a sum not exceeding 40s.

[Sheet 277 REV IMG 0980]

The Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England
To Mr William Horne, Treasurer to the said Company

	Debits	£	s	d
1737 Jan 26	To the expenses of an audit dinner and bill of particulars	9	15	0
1738 May 11	To the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
Dec 7	To a dinner at the Bull Head at a general Court	25	0	9½
9	To Widow Simms by order of the general Court	2	0	0
28	Paid His Majesty's Quit Rent a year due at Michaelmas last	1	9	4
	Paid Benjamin Wild a year's salary due at Xmas last	8	0	0
	Paid Samuel Bishop a year's salary due at Xmas last	4	0	0
Jan 25	Paid Widow Morse by order of the general Court	2	0	0
	To sundry expenses on the Company's account and business at Westminster waiting on the Mayor & Company as by bills of particulars to this day	7	19	3
	Paid Mr George Storey as a gift of the Company	3	5	6
	To sundry bills paid on the Company's account	4	6	10
	Paid Samuel Bishop a gift of this Company	2	0	0
	Balance due to this Company	147	3	1
		226	**19**	**9½**

Be it remembered: this account was audited and allowed this 26th day of January 1738 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to this Company from the said Mr William Horne on the balance of his account the sum of £147 3s 1d. [Signatures of:] Joseph Heaton, Edward Lambert, John Merry, William Smith, Benjamin Crayker

[Sheet 278 IMG 0981 & IMG 1397]

1737	Per Contra Credits	£	s	d
Feb 9	Rcvd of Mr Benjamin Crayker the balance of his account	100	17	2½
	By rent of John Wild half a year's due at Midsummer last	9	10	0
1738 May 10	By ditto of James Leeton half a year due at Lady Day last	3	5	0
	By ditto of Barnard Fucard a quarter due at Lady Day 1737	3	10	0
	By ditto of George Kither half a year due at Lady Day last	3	0	0
Jun 12	By Bernard Fucard's goods sold	8	14	5
Sep 18	By rent of Hercules Taylor half a year due at Michaelmas 1737	10	0	0
Oct 27	By ditto of John Creslow a year due at Lady Day 1738	7	10	0
Dec 28	By ditto of Governors of Christ Hospital due at Michaelmas last	2	0	0
	By Mr Edward Lambert for Hanse money	0	6	5
Jan 4	By half a year's dividend on £150 Trading Stock due Xmas 1737	2	5	0
	By ditto due Michaelmas 1738	2	5	0
	By New Joint Stock half a year Xmas 1737 on £272 14s 0d	5	9	0
	By ditto due Midsummer 1738	5	9	0
	By annihilation £ q 2 percent on £300 New Joint Stock	27	6	0
	By South Sea Old Annuities interest due Lady Day 1736 on £115 6s 7d	2	6	1
	By ditto due Michaelmas 1736	2	6	1
	By ditto due Lady Day 1737	2	6	1
	By ditto due Michaelmas 1737	2	6	1
	By annihilation on £115 6s 7d - £6 16s 8d per cent on Old Joint Stock	7	17	7
	By interest due on ditto Lady Day 1738	2	2	11
	By ditto due Michaelmas 1738	2	2	11
20	By rent of John Wild 3 qrtrs' rent due Lady Day 1738	14	5	0
		226	**19**	**9½**

[Sheet 278 REV IMG 0982]

At a Court of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Fleece Tavern In Cornhill London this 18th day of June 1739

Present:

Humphrey Parsons Esq Mayor	Mr John Bennett
Mr Joseph Heaton Lieutenant	Mr Richard Smith
Mr Edward Lambert	Mr Richard Denton
Mr John Merry	Mr Joshua Lyons
Mr William Smith	Mr John Heaton
Mr Samuel Hickman	Mr Benjamin Bishop
Mr Benjamin Crayker	Mr Edward Lambert junior
Mr William Horne	
Mr Richard Everett	

The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.

[Enquiry into the value of the Company's estate at Westminster re the new bridge]

Whereas on reading a Notice in Writing, dated the 5th day of June instant signed by Sir Joseph Ayloffe [264]Baronet Clerk to the Honourable Commissioners for building Westminster Bridge, directed to Benjamin Wild our Clerk, that they the said Commissioners had directed the bailiff of the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church of St Peter Westminster to empanel and return a jury to appear before them on Tuesday the 19th day of June instant [1739] by 10 o'clock in the forenoon then and there upon their oaths to inquire into and assess such damage and recompense as they should judge fit to be awarded to us for our estate and interest in

- a dwelling house, wharf and dock adjoining to the Thames at the East end of the Wool Staple in the parish of St Margaret Westminster, now or late in the occupation of Hercules Taylor,

-and 6 houses or tenements, with a back house to one of them, situated in the passage leading from New Palace Yard to Westminster Market and in the market in the said parish of St Margaret, now or late in the occupation of George Kither, James Leeton, John Creslow - otherwise Creslee, William King, Barnard Fucard and John Wild;

-and also in a passage in lease to the government of Christs Hospital;

and that the said Benjamin Wild, or such persons the said Company should appoint, might then and there attend the said Commissioners and jury to prove the value of the said estate.

It is therefore ordered (no one contradicting) that Sir Thomas Abney[265], Baronet, and [gap] Lacy Esq, counsellors at law, be retained as counsel or advocates for us and on our behalf to appear before the said Commissioners or such of them as shall meet for the purpose aforesaid at the time and place hereinbefore mentioned.

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[264] Ref: Volume labelled *Westminster Bridge: original Manuscripts 1739* Ref B/CWB/1/1 held in the London Metropolitan Archives [40 Northampton Road, London, England EC1R 0HB]; containing 9 Geo II c29 [1739] '*Act for building a bridge cross the river Thames from the New Palace Yard in the City of Westminster, to the opposite shore, in the County of Surrey*' and other documents. On line ref: https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/543f032b-1b4a-4b34-89ab-294937fec96d

[265] Sir Thomas Abney, Kings Counsel, (d. 1750), attorney-general for the duchy of Lancaster in 1733, steward of the Marshalsea court in 1736, in November 1740 a baron of the exchequer, 1743 a justice of the common pleas. Ref: Dictionary of National Biography Vol 1 [pub 1885]. Internet Archive: https://archive.org/details/dictionaryofnati0001step page 54.

	[Sheet 279 IMG 0982 & IMG 1398]
	in the said Notice. And that Mr Benjamin Crayker, gentleman attorney at law [to be] our attorney, agent or solicitor in this particular affair for our said Company. In order to prove the value and procure satisfaction for our said estates and that a proper authority under the seal of this Company be given accordingly.
	The authority above mentioned to be given to Sir Robert[sic = mistake: should be Thomas] Abney and [gap] Lacy and Benjamin Crayker, being ingrossed and read. Ordered that the Company's seal be affixed to the same, which was accordingly done, and that the same be entered in this book verbatim - which is as follows: *To all those to whom these presents shall come We the Mayor Constables and Society or Company of Merchants of the Staple of England send Greeting. Whereas the Honourable Commissioners for building Westminster Bridge have directed the Bailiff of the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church of St Peter Westminster to empanel and return a jury to appear before them on Tuesday the nineteenth day of this instant June at their office in Duke Street Westminster by ten of the clock in the forenoon then and there upon their oaths to inquire into and assess such damage and recompense as they shall judge fit to be awarded to us for our estate and interest in* *a dwelling house, wharf and dock adjoining to the Thames at the East end of the Woolstaple in the parish of St Margaret Westminster now or late in the occupation of Hercules Taylor,* *and six houses or tenements with a back house to one of them situate in the passage leading from New Palace Yard to Westminster Market and in the Market in the said parish of St Margaret, now or late in the occupation of George Kither, James Leeton, John Creslow -otherwise Creslee, William King, Bernard Fucard and John Wild* *and also in a passage in lease to the Governors of Christs Hospital* *as by the Notice in Writing thereof given under the hand of Sir Joseph Ayloffe Baronet Clerk to the said Commissioners to Benjamin Wild our Clerk may relation thereunto being had appear* *Now know ye that we said Mayor Constables and Society or Company of Merchants of the Staple of England in pursuance of the aforesaid Notice for that purpose given to our Clerk as aforesaid* *Have and by these presents do nominate constitute and appoint Sir Thomas Abney Baronet and [gap] Lacy Esquire Counsellors at Law Our Counsel or Advocates for us and to appear before the said Commissioners or such of them as shall meet for the purpose aforesaid at the time and place hereinbefore mentioned Then and there for us and on our behalf to attend on the said Commissioners and Jury to examine witnesses and to do all other lawful act deed or thing whatsoever whereby to prove the value of our said estates.*

	[Sheet 279 REV IMG 0984]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Bull Head Tavern In Fleet Street London on Thursday the 29th day of November 1739

Humphrey Parsons Esq Mayor	Mr John Bennett
Mr Joseph Heaton Lieutenant	Mr Richard Smith
Mr Edward Lambert	Mr Nathaniel Foord
Mr John Merry	Mr Richard Denton
Mr William Smith	Mr Abraham Goodwin
Mr Samuel Hickman	Mr Joshua Lyons
Mr Benjamin Crayker	Mr John Heaton
Mr William Horne	Daniel Lambert Esq
John Elliott Esq	

	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Humphrey Parsons]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Humphrey Parsons Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard, Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Humphrey Parsons Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Joseph Heaton]	Mr Joseph Heaton and Mr Edward Lambert being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Joseph Heaton who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Edward Lambert, John Merry]	Mr Edward Lambert, Mr John Merry, Mr William Horne and Mr Samuel Hickman being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert and Mr John Merry who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer	On reading a letter from Mr Richard Everett, a member of this Society, whereby this Court was informed that he/

	[Sheet 280 IMG 0984]
Treasurer [John Elliott]	/being the next in course to be elected Treasurer of this Company desired at this time to decline the same. Whereupon it is ordered that he be now excused being put in nomination for Treasurer aforesaid. And John Elliott Esq and Mr John Bennett being then put in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said John Elliott Esq, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Samuel Bishop, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
[The Company's estate at Westminster - conveyance of sale to the Bridge Commissioners for £1666/10s]	The conveyances, of this Company's estate at Westminster to the Commissioners for building the bridge there, were this day produced and read, and signed by the Feoffees in Trust for this Company. And ordered that the common seal also of this Company be affixed to the same and which was accordingly done. Ordered that the sum of £1,666-10s, being the purchase money of this Company's estate at Westminster , mentioned in the conveyances thereof sold to the Commissioners for building the bridge at Westminster and this day read and executed, be paid to Mr William Horne, the Treasurer, for the use of the said Company.
[treasurer to buy South Sea or other stocks]	Ordered that the said Mr William Horne lay out the said purchase money, and other money in his hands, in South Sea Annuities or other public societies for the use of this Company.
[Auditors to give money to poor members]	Ordered that the auditors may give what they think proper to some of the poor members of this Company.

[Sheet 280 REV IMG 0985]

The Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England
To Mr William Horne, Treasurer to the said Company

1738	**Debits**	£	s	d
Jan 26	To an audit dinner at the Bull Head	7	0	5½
1739 Apr 13	To the Clerk and Beadle a qrtr's salary due at Lady Day last	3	0	0
Jun 18	To a Court dinner at the Fleece	7	11	6
Jul 7	To the Clerk and Beadle a qrtr's salary due at Midsummer	3	0	0
Oct 10	To ditto a qrtr's ditto due at Michaelmas	3	0	0
Nov 30	To His Majesty's Quit Rent a year due at Michaelmas last	1	9	4
	To a Court dinner at the Bull Head	24	10	8
Dec 13	To the Surveyor Mr Sampson	8	8	0
	To ditto Mr Dagley	5	5	0
	To Mr Taylor his bill	5	0	0
	To Mr Crayker his bill	28	14	0
	To the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
18	To South Sea Annuities new £700	771	15	0
	To brokerage of ditto	0	10	6
Jan 24	To Widow Sims	2	0	0
26	To the Beadle a qrtr's salary due at Xmas	1	0	0
Feb 9	To South Sea Annuities new £600	645	0	0
	To brokerage of ditto	0	3	0
23	To South Sea Annuities new £27 6s and 1s brokerage	29	6	7
27	To South Sea Annuities old £92 11s	101	10	1
29	To South Sea Trading Stock £200 and 5s brokerage	191	0	0
	To Mrs Crabb	1	1	0
	To Mrs Storey	1	1	0
	To Mrs Moss [sic -Morse?]	2	2	0
	To sundry expenses on account of the sale of the Company's estate at Westminster and other expenses on the Company's account as by bills of particulars	27	13	0
	To Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary due at Xmas last	2	0	0
	To ditto for his attendance and about the sale of the Company's estate at Westminster	3	3	0
	To Samuel Bishop a gift of the Company	1	10	0
	Balance due to this Company	38	1	9
		1925	**15**	**11**

[Sheet 281 IMG 0985]

1738	Per Contra - Credits	£	s	d
Jan 26	By balance of my account as by the last audit	147	3	1
Feb 28	By rent per James Leeton half year due at Michaelmas 1738	3	5	0
1739 May 17	By rent per Kither half a year due at Michaelmas	3	0	0
Jul 10	By rent per Wild half a year due Michaelmas 1738	9	10	0
20	By rent per George Taylor for 1 year due Michaelmas 1738	20	0	0
	By rent per G Kither for 1 year due Michaelmas 1738	4	10	0
Sep 21	By rent per J Creslow half a year due Michaelmas 1738	3	15	0
	By rent per James Leeton half a year due Lady Day 1739	3	5	0
27	By rent per J Creslow half a year at Lady Day 1739	3	15	0
Nov 26	By rent per J Creslow half a year due Michaelmas 1739, abated him 15s	3	0	0
30	By rent per Lidiard for the Dock house due Michaelmas 1739	5	0	0
	By cash for the Company's estate sold at Westminster	1666	10	0
Jan 13	By rent per Hercules Taylor a qrtr due at Lady Day 1738	5	0	0
Feb 8	By half year's dividend £150 Trading Stock due Xmas 1738	2	5	0
	By half year's ditto due Midsummer 1739	2	5	0
	By half year's ditto due Xmas 1739	2	5	0
	By half year's ditto New Annuities on £272 14s 0d due Xmas 1738	5	9	0
	By half year's ditto due Midsummer 1739	5	9	0
	By half year's ditto on £972 14s 0d due Xmas 1739	19	9	0
	By half year's ditto Old Annuities on £107 9s 0d due Lady Day 1739	2	2	11
	By half year's ditto due Michaelmas 1739	2	2	11
Mar 4	By half year's rent per James Leeton due Michaelmas	3	5	0
	By quarter's rent per G Kither due ditto	1	10	0
	By a year's rent from the Governors of Christ Hospital due Michaelmas 1739	2	0	0
		1925	**15**	**11**

Be it remembered this account was audited and allowed this 5th day of March 1739 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to this Company from the said Mr William Horne on the balance of his account the sum of £38 1s 9d. [Signatures of:] Joseph Heaton, Edward Lambert, John Merry, William Smith, Benjamin Crayker

	[Sheet 281 REV IMG 0988]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at Grocers' Hall[266] London on Monday the 26th day of January 1740 Present: The Right Honourable Humphrey Parsons Esq, Lord Mayor of London, Mayor of the Staple — John Elliott Esq Mr Joseph Heaton Lieutenant of the Staple — Mr John Bennett Mr Edward Lambert — Mr Richard Smith Mr John Merry — Mr Richard Denton Mr William Smith — Mr Abraham Goodwyn Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Joshua Lyons Mr Richard Everett — Mr John Heaton
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Humphrey Parsons]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And the Rt Hon Humphrey Parsons Esq, Lord Mayor of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard, Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Humphrey Parsons Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Joseph Heaton]	Mr Joseph Heaton and Mr Edward Lambert being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Joseph Heaton who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [continued]	Ordered that Mr Edward Lambert and Mr John Merry, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [continued]	Ordered that John Elliott Esq, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Samuel Bishop, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
	On reading the humble petition of Mr George Storey, a member of this Company, ordered that the Treasurer of this Company give him 2 guineas as a charitable gift of this Company, and also the like sum of 2 guineas apiece to the Widow Simms and the Widow Morse, and the sum of 1 guinea to the widow of Mr John Crabb, a late deceased member of this Society as a charitable gift also of this Company.

[266] The hall was then on the street called 'Conning-shop Lane, later 'Poultry'.

[Sheet 282 IMG 0988]

The Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England
to John Elliott Esq, Treasurer to the said Company

	Debits	£	s	d
1739 Mar 5	Paid at the Bull Head for the audit dinner as by bill & receipt	10	3	6
16	Paid ditto a bill in full as per receipt	2	8	0
1740 May 30	Paid Samuel Bishop his qrtr's salary due at Lady Day last	1	0	0
Jun 26	Paid Benjamin Wild half a year's salary due at Midsummer last	4	0	0
Jul 16	Paid Mr Cook at the Fleece in Cornhill as per bill & receipt	0	13	0
Oct 4	Paid Benjamin Wild qrtr year's salary due at Michaelmas last	2	0	0
	Paid Samuel Bishop half a year's salary due at Michaelmas last	2	0	0
Nov 6	Paid Mr Cook at the Fleece in Cornhill by bill & receipt	0	13	0
Dec 11	Paid Mr Bassa at the Fleece Tavern in Cornhill his bill	0	14	8
Jan 21	Paid my Lord Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	Paid a bill to Mr Bass at the Fleece Tavern to appoint a Court	1	1	0
	Paid Mr George Storey the gift of this Company	2	2	0
	Paid Mr William Smith Mr Crabb's gift	1	1	0
	Paid my Lord Mayor's butcher for attending with wine, and coach hires	0	11	0
27	Paid Mr Edward Lambert Mrs Simms gift	2	2	0
	Paid Mr Joseph Heaton Mrs Morse's gift	2	2	0
	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary due at Christmas last	2	0	0
	Paid Samuel Bishop ditto	1	0	0
	Paid a bill of sundry expenses to Mr Lambert on the Company's account	5	2	1
	Paid at the Bull Head for the election & audit dinners	25	7	0
	By balance due to the said Company	17	16	6
		93	**16**	**9**

[Sheet 282 REV IMG 0989]

	Per Contra - Credits	£	s	d
1739 Mar 5	Rcvd of Mr William Horne, late Treasurer, the balance of his account	38	1	9
1740 May 16	Rcvd of ditto money which he received of one of the late tenants of the Company	10	10	0
Nov 26	Rcvd on £ 350 Trading South Sea Stock half a year's dividend due at Midsummer last	5	5	0
	Ditto on £1600 New South Sea Annuities half a year's dividends due at Midsummer last	32	0	0
	Ditto on £200 Old South Sea Annuities for 2 half year dividends due at Michaelmas Last	8	0	0
		93	**16**	**9**

Be it remembered: this account was audited and allowed this 27th day of January 1740 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to this Company from the said John Elliott Esq on the balance of his account the sum of £17 16s 6d. [Signatures of:] Joseph Heaton, Edward Lambert, William Smith, Benjamin Crayker

	[Sheet 283 IMG 0989]
	At a Court of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Bull Head Tavern In Fleet Street London the 22nd day of April 1741 Present: The Rt Hon Daniel Lambert Esq, Lord Mayor of London — John Elliott Esq Mr Joseph Heaton Lieutenant of the Staple — Mr Richard Smith Mr Edward Lambert — Mr Nathaniel Ford Mr John Merry — Mr Richard Denton Mr William Smith — Mr Abraham Goodwin Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Joshua Lyons Mr William Horne — Mr John Heaton — Mr Samuel Lowther
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Daniel Lambert Lord Mayor of London]	The Rt Hon Humphrey Parsons Esq, who for several years has been Mayor of the Staple, being lately dead and the Court being now resolved to proceed to the election of a new Mayor for the year ensuing. In order thereunto the Rt Hon Daniel Lambert[267] Esq, Lord Mayor of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard Kt and Alderman of the City of London, being put in nomination for Mayor, the said Daniel Lambert Esq was unanimously chosen, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
	Ordered that the Company Charter and 2 seals, late in the custody of the said Humphrey Parsons Esq and now produced by Mr Thomas Saunders, be delivered to the said Daniel Lambert Esq and which was accordingly done.
	On reading a letter from Benjamin Bishop, a member of this Company, complaining of the sickness he laboured under, this Court was pleased to order him £2 2s for his relief.

	[Sheet 283 REV IMG 0990]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Rt Honourable the Lord Mayor's at Vintner's Hall London the 13th day of August 1741 Present: The Rt Hon Daniel Lambert Esq, Lord Mayor of London, Mayor of the Staple — Mr Joseph Heaton Lieutenant of the Staple — Mr Isaac Heaton Mr Edward Lambert — Mr Richard Denton Mr John Merry — Mr Abraham Goodwyn Mr William Smith — Mr John Heaton Mr Samuel Hickman — Mr Samuel Lowther Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Richard Smith John Elliott Esq — Mr Joshua Lyons
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Daniel Lambert]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And the Rt Hon Daniel Lambert Esq, Lord Mayor of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard, Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Daniel Lambert Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Joseph Heaton]	Mr Joseph Heaton and Mr Edward Lambert being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Joseph Heaton who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [John Elliott, Wm Smith]	John Elliott Esq and Mr William Smith, Mr William Horne and Mr Samuel Hickman being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said John Elliott Esq and Mr William Smith who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Isaac Heaton]	Mr Isaac Heaton and Mr Henry Bernard being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Isaac Heaton, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Samuel Bishop, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.

[267] Daniel Lambert 7 Sep 1685-13 May 1750; Master of the Vintners Co 1741; Lord Mayor 1741
https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1715-1754/member/lambert-daniel-1685-1750

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John Elliott Esq, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	as follows	£	s	d
1741	By the balance of my last account	17	6	6
Apr 14	Rcvd on £350 Trading South Sea Stock half a year's dividend due at Xmas 1740	6	2	6
	Rcvd on £1600 New South Sea Annuities due at Xmas 1740 half a year's dividend	32	0	0
Oct 31	Rcvd on £1600 New South Sea Annuities half a year's dividend due at M'mas last 1741	32	0	0
	Rcvd on £350 Trading South Sea Stock due at Midsummer 1741 half a year's dividend	6	2	6
Nov 10	Rcvd on £200 Old South Sea Annuity Stock 2 half year dividends due at M'mas last 1741	8	0	0
	Received	**102**	**1**	**6**

[Sheet 284 REV IMG 0991]

	Credits	£	s	d
1740 Feb 17	Paid Mr John Woolfreys in full of his bill	1	11	6
1741 Apr 23	Paid Benjamin Bishop a gift of the Company	2	2	0
	Paid Mr Nicholas Lambert's bill	18	1	0
Jul 31	Paid the Rt Hon Daniel Lambert Esq, Lord Mayor of London, the usual present of the Company for the year 1741	10	0	0
Aug 13	Paid my Lord Mayor's servants	3	3	0
Oct 5	Paid Benjamin Wild 3 quarters salary	6	0	0
	Paid Samuel Bishop 3 quarters salary	3	0	0
	By sundry expenses and coach hire at several times about the Company's business, as has appeared to the auditors	5	16	3½
	By a gift to Benjamin Bishop being sick, by the discretion of the auditors this day	2	2	0
	Balance due to the Company	50	5	8½
		102	**1**	**6**

Be it remembered: this account was audited and allowed this 11th day of November 1741 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to this Company from the said John Elliott Esq the sum of £50 5s 8½. [Signatures of:] Joseph Heaton, Edward Lambert, John Merry, William Smith, Benjamin Crayker

	[Sheet 285 IMG 0991]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Bull Head Tavern In Fleet street London the 25th day of August 1742 Present: Daniel Lambert Esq Mayor — Mr Richard Denton Mr Edward Lambert Lieutenant — Mr Abraham Goodwyn Mr William Smith — Mr Joshua Lyons Mr Samuel Hickman — Mr John Heaton Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Nicholas Lambert John Elliott Esq — Mr Daniel Lambert junior Mr Isaac Heaton Mr Richard Smith
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Daniel Lambert]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Daniel Lambert Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Robert Willinott Esq, Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Daniel Lambert Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert and Mr Samuel Hawkes being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [continued]	Ordered that John Elliott Esq and Mr William Smith, present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [Isaac Heaton]	Mr Isaac Heaton and Mr Henry Barnard being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Isaac Heaton, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Samuel Bishop, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
	Ordered that the first 13 members of this Company as shall meet before 12 o'clock at noon by the Mayor's watch on a Court of election day in order to make a Court shall be paid 2s 8d[? smudged] apiece by the Treasurer of this Company.
[Free Robert Willinott, Richard Hoare]	Ordered by the unanimous consent of this Company that Robert Willinott and Richard Hoare Esquires, Aldermen of the City of London, and Mr Nicholas Lambert and Mr Daniel Lambert junior be presented with the freedom of this Society.
Free [Nicholas and Daniel Lambert]	And the said Mr Nicholas Lambert and Mr Daniel Lambert junior appearing were admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d each of them for Hanse money
	On reading the humble petition of the Widow Simms and the Widow Crabb, ordered that the Treasurer of this Company give each of them the sum of £5 as a charitable gift of this Company

[Sheet 285 REV IMG 0992]

Mr Isaac Heaton, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1741	Debtors	£	s	d
Nov 10	By cash rcvd of John Elliott Esq, late Treasurer to the said Company, the balance of his account due to the said Company	50	5	8½
	Rcvd of Mr Nicholas Lambert for Hanse money	0	6	5
	Rcvd of Mr Daniel Lambert for Hanse money	0	6	5
	Rcvd on £350 Trading South Sea Stock due at Midsummer 1742 a year's dividend	12	5	0
	Rcvd on £1600 New South Sea Annuity a year's dividend due at Midsummer 1742	64	0	0
	Rcvd on £200 Old South Sea Annuity Stock a year's dividend due at Michaelmas last 1742	8	0	0
		135	**3**	**6½**

Be it remembered: this account was audited and allowed this 3rd day of December 1742 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to this Company from the said Mr Isaac Heaton the sum of £48 17s 4d.
[Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, Benjamin Crayker, John Elliott, William Smith

[Sheet 286 IMG 0992]

	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
1741 Nov 11	Paid for the audit dinner	8	14	0
	By sundry expenses at several times and places about the Company's affairs as by the bills of particulars has appeared to the auditors	10	15	8 1/2
	Paid the Widow Simms the charitable gift of this Company	5	0	0
	Paid the Widow Anne Crabb the gift of this Company	5	0	0
	Paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk, a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1742	8	0	0
	Paid Samuel Bishop, Beadle, a year due ditto	4	0	0
1742 Aug 26	Paid the Mayor his usual present for the year 1742	10	0	0
	Paid for the election dinner	24	9	6
	Paid Benjamin Wild for postage of letters, waterage and coach hire with the books to the Court twice	0	5	0
	Paid the audit dinner	10	2	0
	By balance due to the Company	**48**	**17**	**4**
		135	**3**	**6 1/2**

	[Sheet 286 REV IMG 0993]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Bull Head Tavern In Fleet Street London the 31st day of August 1743 Present: Daniel Lambert Esq Mayor — Mr Richard Denton Mr Edward Lambert Lieutenant — Mr Abraham Goodwyn Mr William Smith — Mr Joshua Lyons Mr Samuel Hickman — Mr John Heaton Mr George Storey — Mr Benjamin Bishop Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Nicholas Lambert John Elliott Esq — Mr John Merriman Mr Richard Smith — Mr William Byard Mr Nathaniel Ford — Mr Abraham Goodwyn junior
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Daniel Lambert]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And the Rt Hon Daniel Lambert Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and the Right Honourable Robert Willinott Esq, Lord Mayor of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Daniel Lambert Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert and Mr Samuel Hawkes being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Sam Hickman, Isaac Heaton]	Mr Samuel Hickman and Mr Isaac Heaton, Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Richard Merriman being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Samuel Hickman and Mr Isaac Heaton who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Rich. Smith]	Mr Richard Smith and Mr Henry Barnard being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Richard Smith who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Samuel Bishop, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 287 IMG 0993]
Free [John Merriman by patrimony]	John Merriman, son of Mr Richard Merriman, a member of this Society, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
Free [Wm Byard by patrimony]	William Byard, Son of Mr Joseph Byard, late a member of this Society, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
Free [Abraham Goodwyn by patrimony]	Abraham Goodwyn, son of the said Mr Abraham Goodwyn, Society, was at the request of his said father admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
	Ordered that the sum of £5 paid to Mr George Storey as a charitable gift of this Company be allowed Mr Isaac Heaton the late Treasurer in his accounts.
	Ordered that the said Treasurer pay the sum of £2 2s 6d towards the funeral charges of Mr John Bennett, a late deceased member of this Company, as a charitable gift.
	On reading the humble petition of Joanna Simms, ordered that the said Treasurer give her the sum of £2 10s 0d as a charitable gift of this Company.

[Sheet 287 REV IMG 0994]

Mr Isaac Heaton, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1742	Debtors	£	s	d
Dec 3	By balance due to the Company on my last account	48	17	4
	Rcvd of Mr John Merriman for Hanse money	0	6	5
	Rcvd of Mr William Byard for ditto	0	6	5
	Rcvd of Mr Abraham Goodwyn junior for ditto	0	6	5
	Rcvd on £350 Trading South Sea Stock due Midsummer 1743, one year's dividend	12	5	0
	Rcvd on £1600 New South Sea Annuity a year's dividend due Midsummer of 1743	64	0	0
	Rcvd on £200 Old South Sea Annuity Stock a year's dividend due Midsummer 1743	8	0	0
		134	**1**	**7**

[Sheet 288 IMG 0994]

1743	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
Sep 1	Paid for the election dinner	25	19	7
	To sundry expenses as has appeared to the auditors by bills	7	3	7
	Paid Benjamin Wild a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1743	8	0	0
	Paid Samuel Bishop a year's salary due ditto	4	0	0
	Paid the Mayor his usual present for the year 1743	10	0	0
	Paid Mr George Storey the charitable gift of this Company	5	0	0
	Paid towards the funeral of Mr John Bennett	2	2	6
	Paid Benjamin Wild for postage of letters, waterage and coach hire to and from the Court twice	0	5	0
	Paid the Widow Simms the charitable gift of this Company	2	10	0
	By balance due to the Company	69	0	11
		134	**1**	**7**
	Be it remembered: this account was audited and allowed this 23rd day of November 1743 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to this Company from the said Mr Isaac Heaton the sum of £69 - 11d. [Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, William Smith, Richard Merriman, Benjamin Crayker, William Horne, John Elliott			

	[Sheet 288 REV IMG 0995]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern in Cheapside London the 29th day of August 1744 Present: Sir Daniel Lambert Kt Mayor — Mr Joshua Lyons Mr Edward Lambert Lieutenant — Mr John Heaton Mr Samuel Hickman — Mr Nicholas Lambert Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Daniel Lambert junior John Elliott Esq — Mr Abraham Goodwyn junior Mr Richard Smith — Mr William Smith Mr Nathaniel Ford — Mr Richard Busby Mr Richard Denton — Mr
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Sir Daniel Lambert]	The Court according to its wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And the Sir Daniel Lambert Kt and Sir Robert Willinott Kt, Aldermen of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Sir Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert and Mr Samuel Hawkes being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [continued]	Ordered that Mr Samuel Hickman and Mr Isaac Heaton, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [continued]	Ordered that Mr Richard Smith, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Samuel Bishop, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
Free [Rich. Busby by Apprenticeship]	Mr Richard Busby, late Apprentice to Mr Edward Lambert, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
[George Storey in Marshalsea Prison for debt]	On application made to this Court on behalf of Mr George Storey, a member of this Society, ordered that the Treasurer pay him, as a charitable gift of this Company the sum of £5 4s at the 2s per week for one whole year from henceforth, to commence or until the next general Court in case he so long live, being now a prisoner for debt in the Marshalsea Prison, and in case he should happen to die before the expiration of that time then to pay the remainder of the said £5 4s to his widow towards his burial.

	[Sheet 289 IMG 0995]
	On reading the humble petition of Mr Benjamin Bishop, a member of this Society, and of Ann Crabb, the widow of Mr John Crabb, late a member of this Society deceased, ordered that the sum of £5 apiece be paid to each of them by the Treasurer as a charitable gift of this Company.

[Sheet 289 REV IMG 0998]

Mr Richard Smith, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1743		£	s	d
Nov 24	By cash received of Mr Isaac Heaton, late Treasurer of the said Company, the balance of his account due to the Company	69	0	11
	Rcvd on £350 Trading South Sea Stock one year's dividend due at Midsummer 1744	12	5	0
	Rcvd on £1600 New South Sea Annuity a year's dividend due Midsummer 1744	64	0	0
	Rcvd on £200 Old South Sea Annuity Stock a year's dividend due at Michaelmas 1744	8	0	0
	Rcvd of Mr Richard Busby for Hanse money	0	6	5
		153	**12**	**4**

[Sheet 290 IMG 0998]

1743	**Per Contra Creditors**	£	s	d
Dec 6th	Paid the audit dinner	13	10	6
1744 Aug 21	Paid the Mayor his usual present for the year 1744	10	0	0
Sep 29	Paid Benjamin Wild, Clerk, a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1744	8	0	0
	Paid Samuel Bishop a year's salary due ditto	4	0	0
Aug 29	Paid for the election dinner	22	15	6
	Paid the Widow Crabb a charitable gift of this Company	5	0	0
	Paid Benjamin Bishop ditto	5	0	0
	Paid to the first 13 members to make the Court	1	12	6
	To sundry expenses as has appeared to the auditors by sundry bill	6	3	3
	To balance due to the Company	77	10	5
		153	**12**	**4**
	Be it remembered: this account was audited and allowed this 21st day of November 1744 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to this Company from the said Mr Richard Smith the sum of £77 10s 5d. [Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, William Smith, John Elliott, Benjamin Crayker			

	[Sheet 290 REV IMG 0999]
Bound	Isaac Ruck, son of Thomas Ruck, late of the parish of St Mary Magdalen Bermondsey in the county of Surrey fellmonger, bound Apprentice to John Heaton, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve 7 years from the said 15th day of March
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside London the 4th day of December 1745 Present: Sir Daniel Lambert Kt Mayor — Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior Mr Edward Lambert Lieutenant — Mr Joshua Lyons Mr William Smith — Mr John Heaton Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Nicholas Lambert Mr William Horne — Mr Daniel Lambert John Elliott Esq — Mr Edward Lambert junior Mr Isaac Heaton — Mr John Merriman Mr Richard Smith — Mr Abraham Goodwyn junior Mr Richard Denton — Mr Richard Busby
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Daniel Lambert]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And the Sir Daniel Lambert Kt, and Sir Robert Willinott Kt, Aldermen of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Sir Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert and Mr Samuel Hawkes being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Wm Horne, Rich. Smith]	Mr William Horne, Mr Richard Smith, Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr William Smith being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr William Horne and Mr Richard Smith who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Rich. Denton]	Mr Richard Denton and Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Richard Denton, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Samuel Bishop, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 291 IMG 0999]
Free	Sir Robert Willinott appearing at this Court was, pursuant to an order of this Company made the 25th day of August 1742, by the unanimous consent of this Company presented with, admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
[George Storey going to India - 5 guineas]	On reading the humble petition of Mr George Storey, a member of this Company, setting forth that he is going [as] Clerk to the Steward of the Leicester Captain Coates for India and recommended by Mr Thomas Hunter of Lincoln's Inn, New Square. Ordered that the Treasurer of this Company pay into the hands of Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior the sum of 5 guineas to fit him out, when the said Mr Goodwyn is satisfied of the said Mt Storey going [on] the said voyage, and that then the said Mr Goodwyn is desired to see the said money laid out for that purpose.
	Ordered that the Treasurer pay to Mr Samuel Bishop the sum of 5 guineas as a free gift of this Company.
	Ordered that the Treasurer pay to Mr Nathaniel Ford, Mr Benjamin Bishop, members of this Company, and also to Mrs Ann Crabb, the widow of John Crabb late a member of this Company deceased, the sum of 3 guineas apiece as charitable gifts of this Company.
[Petitions for charity to be in writing]	Ordered that for the future, all such persons, members of this Company or others who shall apply to this Company for charity that the same be by petition in writing and that they attend personally therewith or that sufficient cause be shown to this Company to the contrary, otherwise they will not be heard.

[Sheet 291 REV IMG 1000]

Mr Richard Smith, Treasurer to the
Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1744		£	s	d
Nov 21	By balance due to the Company on my last account	77	10	5
	Rcvd on £350 Trading South Sea Stock one year's dividend due at Midsummer 1745	12	5	0
	Rcvd on £1600 New South Sea Annuity a year's dividend due Midsummer 1745	64	0	0
	Rcvd on £200 Old South Sea Annuity Stock half a year's dividend due Lady Day 1745	4	0	0
1745 Dec 4	Rcvd for Sir Robert Willinott's Hanse money	0	6	5
		158	**1**	**10**

[Sheet 292 IMG 1000]

	Per Contra	£	s	d
1744 Nov 22	Paid for the audit dinner	11	10	4
1745 Jun 6	Paid the Mayor his usual present for the year 1745	10	0	0
Aug 28	Expense paid when the Court (which was this day to be held) was put off	5	14	2
	Paid Benjamin Wild a year and a quarter's salary due at Christmas 1745	10	0	0
	Paid Samuel Bishop ditto	5	0	0
	Paid George Storey a charitable gift of this Company	5	4	0
	Paid ditto more	0	10	6
	Paid to the first 13 members to make a Court	1	12	6
Dec 4	Paid for the election dinner	21	13	0
	Paid Mr Samuel Bishop as a free gift	5	5	0
	Paid Mr Nathaniel Ford, Mr Benjamin Bishop and Mrs Ann Crabb 3 guineas a piece as charitable gifts	9	9	0
	Paid sundry bills of expenses as has appeared to the auditors on the Company's account	10	19	4
	Balance due to the Company	61	4	0
		158	**1**	**10**
	Be it remembered this account was audited and allowed this 27th day of February 1745 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to this Company from the said Mr Richard Smith the sum of £61 4s, and which money this accountant paid to Mr Richard Denton, the present Treasurer, for the use of this Company. [Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, William Smith, Benjamin Crayker, John Elliott			
	Received February 27th 1745, of Mr Richard Smith the above accountant, the above balance of £61 4s for the use of this Company. [Signatures of] Richard Denton Witness Benjamin Wild			

[Sheet 292 REV IMG 1001]

At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside London the 24th day of September 1746

Present:

Sir Daniel Lambert Kt Mayor	Mr Benjamin Bishop
Mr Edward Lambert Lieutenant	Mr Edward Lambert junior
Mr William Smith	Mr Nicholas Lamber
Mr Benjamin Crayker	Mr Daniel Lambert
Mr Richard Smith	Mr John Merriman
Mr Richard Denton	Mr Abraham Goodwyn junior
Mr Joshua Lyons	Mr Richard Busby

The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.

Mayor chosen [Daniel Lambert] — The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And the Sir Daniel Lambert Kt, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir Robert Willinott Kt, Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Sir Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert] — Mr Edward Lambert and Mr Samuel Hawkes being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Constables [Benj. Crayker, Rich. Smith] — Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Richard Smith being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, who were chosen accordingly and accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Treasurer [continued] — Ordered that Mr Richard Denton, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.

Auditors — Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.

Clerk — Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.

Beadle — Ordered that Samuel Bishop, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.

On reading the humble petitions of Mr Nathaniel Ford, a member of this Company, and of Mrs Ann Crabb, widow of Mr John Crabb late a member of this Company deceased, ordered that the Treasurer pay each of them the sum of 5 guineas a piece as a charitable gift of this Company.

[Sheet 293 IMG 1001]

Mr Richard Denton Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1745		£	s	d
Feb 27	By cash rcvd of Mr Richard Smith late Treasurer of the said Company the balance of his account	61	4	0
	Rcvd on £1600 New South Sea Annuity 1 year's dividend due at Midsummer 1746	64	0	0
	Rcvd on £350 Trading South Sea Stock 1 year's dividend due Midsummer 1746	14	0	0
	Rcvd on £200 Old South Sea Annuity Stock 1½ year's dividend due M'mas 1746	12	0	0
		151	**4**	**0**

[Sheet 293 REV IMG 1002]

1745	**Per Contra**	£	s	d
Feb 27	Paid for the election dinner	13	0	0
	Paid Mr George Storey by the hands of Mr Abraham Goodwyn to fit him out for a voyage to the East Indias, being the charitable gift of this Company	5	5	0
	Paid Benjamin Wild 3 qrtrs' salary & 1s 6d coach hire due at Michaelmas last 1746	6	1	6
	Paid Samuel Bishop 3 qrtrs' salary due ditto	3	0	0
1746 Sep 24	Paid for the election dinner	19	1	0
	Paid to the first 13 members to make a Court	1	12	6
	Paid Mr Nathaniel Ford and Mrs Ann Crabb 5 guineas apiece being Charitable gifts of this Company	10	10	0
Dec 4	Paid the Mayor his usual present for the year 1746	10	0	0
	By sundry bills of expenses as has appeared to the auditors on the Company's account	11	7	4
	To balance due to this Company	71	6	8
		151	**4**	**0**

Be it remembered: this account was audited and allowed this 4th day of December 1746 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to this Company from the said Mr Richard Denton the sum of £71 6s 8d .

[Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, William Smith, Richard Merriman, Benjamin Crayker, William Horne, Isaac Heaton Richard Smith

	[Sheet 294 IMG 1002]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside London the 26th day of August 1747 Present: Sir Daniel Lambert Kt Mayor — Mr Edward Lambert junior Mr Edward Lambert Lieutenant — Mr Nicholas Lambert Mr William Smith — Mr Daniel Lambert Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr John Merriman Mr Richard Smith — Mr William Byard Mr Richard Denton — Mr Abraham Goodwyn junior Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior — Mr Richard Busby Mr Joshua Lyons Mr John Heaton
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Daniel Lambert]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And the Sir Daniel Lambert Kt and Sir John Barnard Kt, Aldermen of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Sir Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert and Mr Samuel Hawkes being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Rich. Denton, Wm Smith]	Mr Richard Denton, Mr William Smith, Mr Samuel Hickman and John Elliott Esq being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Richard Denton and Mr William Smith who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [ ]	Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior and Mr Joshua Lyons being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Samuel Bishop, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
	On reading the humble petition of Mr Nathaniel Ford, a member of this Society, and on application made by some of the members of this Society on behalf of Ann Crabb, the widow of John Crabb late a member of this Society deceased, ordered that the sum of £6 6s be paid to the said Nathaniel Ford and the sum of £5 to the said Ann Crabb as charitable gifts of this Company.

[Sheet 294 REV IMG 1003]

Mr Richard Denton Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1746		£	s	d
Dec 4	due upon the balance of my last account	71	6	8
	Rcvd on £1600 New South Sea Annuity 1 year's dividend due at Midsummer 1747	64	0	0
	Rcvd on £350 Trading South Sea Stock 1 year's dividend due Midsummer 1747	14	0	0
	Rcvd on £200 Old South Sea Annuity Stock 1 year's dividend due M'mas 1747	8	0	0
		157	**6**	**8**

[Sheet 295 IMG 1003]

1746	**Per Contra**	£	s	d
Dec 5	Paid for the audit dinner	14	13	10
	Paid Benjamin Wild a year's salary due Michaelmas 1747	8	0	0
	Paid Samuel Bishop ditto	4	0	0
	To the Mayor his usual present for the year 1747	10	0	0
1747 Aug 26	Paid for the election dinner	24	15	0
	Paid the first 13 members to make a Court	1	12	6
	Paid Mr Nathaniel Ford as a charitable gift of this Company	6	6	0
	Paid Mrs Ann Crabb ditto	5	0	0
	To sundry expenses as has appeared to the auditors on the Company's account	12	3	5½
	To balance	70	15	10½
		157	**6**	**8**
	Be it remembered: this account was audited and allowed this 26th day of November 1747 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to this Company from the said Mr Richard Denton the sum of £70 15s 10 1/2 d and which said money the said Mr Richard Denton paid Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior the present Treasurer of this Company. [Signatures of:]William Smith, Benjamin Crayker, Isaac Heaton			
	Received Nov 26th 1747 of Mr Richard Denton the above balance of £70 15s 10 ½ d for the use of this Company. [Signatures:] Abraham Goodwyn Witness Benjamin Wild			

	[Sheet 295 REV IMG 1006]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside London the 31st day of August 1748 Present: Sir Daniel Lambert Kt Mayor — Mr Richard Denton Mr Edward Lambert Lieutenant — Mr Isaac Heaton Mr William Smith — Mr Edward Lambert junior Mr Samuel Hickman — Mr Nicholas Lambert Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Daniel Lambert Mr Richard Smith — Mr Abraham Goodwyn — Mr Richard Busby
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Daniel Lambert]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And the Sir Daniel Lambert Kt and Sir John Barnard Kt, Aldermen of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Sir Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert and Mr Samuel Hawkes being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [continued]	Ordered that Mr Richard Denton and Mr William Smith, present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [continued]	Ordered that Mr Abraham Goodwyn, present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle [Samuel Bishop dead. Joshua Lyons chosen]	This Court being informed of the death of Mr Samuel Bishop, their late Beadle, and Mr Joshua Lyons being in nomination for the same, the said Mr Joshua Lyons was unanimously chosen Beadle of this Company, who thankfully accepted the same.

	[Sheet 296 IMG 1006]
[Money to Nathaniel Ford and Widow Crabb]	On reading the humble petition of Mt Nathaniel Ford, a member of this Society, and on application made by some of the members of this Society on the behalf of Mrs Ann Crabb, ordered that the sum of 5 guineas be paid to the said Nathaniel Ford and the sum of 4 guineas to the said Ann Crabb as charitable gifts of this Company.

[Sheet 296 REV IMG 1007]

Mr Abraham Goodwyn, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1747		£	s	d
Nov 6	By cash received of Mr Richard Denton, late Treasurer of the said Company, the balance of his account due to the Company	70	15	10½
	To balance due to this accountant from the said Company	5	19	10 ½
		76	**15**	**9**
	Be it remembered: this account was audited and allowed this 23rd day of February 1748 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains from this Company to the said Mr .Abraham Goodwyn the sum of £5 19s 10½d. [Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, Benjamin Crayker, Isaac Heaton, Richard Smith, Richard Denton			

[Sheet 297 IMG 1007]

1747	**Per Contra**	£	s	d
Nov 26	Paid for the audit dinner	13	1	1
Dec 28	Paid Samuel Bishop a quarter's salary due Christmas last	1	0	0
1748 Aug 31	Paid for the election dinner	23	2	0
Sep 1	Paid Mr Nathaniel Ford a charitable gift of this Company	5	5	0
	Paid Benjamin Wild one and a half year's salary due at Christmas last 1748 & for other charges & expenses	10	12	6
	Paid Joshua Lyons half a year's salary due at Christmas last 1748	2	0	0
Feb 23	Paid the Mayor his usual present for the year 1748	10	0	0
	To sundry bills and expenses as has appeared to the auditors on the Company's account	11	15	2
		76	**15**	**9**

	[Sheet 297 REV IMG 1008]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside London the 23 day of August 1749 Present: Sir Daniel Lambert Kt Mayor — Mr Nicholas Lambert Mr Edward Lambert Lieutenant — Mr Daniel Lambert Mr Richard Merriman — Mr John Merriman Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Abraham Goodwyn junior Mr Richard Smith — Mr Richard Busby Mr Richard Denton — Mr Ward Smith Mr Abraham Goodwyn — Mr Thomas Lambert Mr John Heaton — Mr John Davenport Mr Edward Lambert junior
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Daniel Lambert]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And the Sir Daniel Lambert Kt and Alderman of the City of London , Sir John Barnard Kt and Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Sir Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert and Mr Samuel Hawkes being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Abraham Goodwyn, Benj. Crayker]	Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior, Mr Benjamin Crayker, Mr Samuel Hickman and Mr Isaac Hickman being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Abraham Goodwyn and Mr Benjamin Crayker, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [John Heaton]	Mr John Heaton and Mr Edward Morse being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr John Heaton, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Joshua Lyons, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
Free [Ward Smith by patrimony]	Mr Ward Smith, son of the late Mr William Smith, Merchant of the Staple of England deceased, requested this Court that he might be admitted a member of this Company, which was ordered to be put to the votes of this Company and, by the majority of the votes thereof, the said Mr Ward Smith was admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
Free [Thomas Lambert by sponsorship]	At the request of Mr Benjamin Crayker and Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior, Mr Thomas Lambert was by unanimous consent of the Company presented with and admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.

	[Sheet 298 IMG 1008]
Free [John Davenport by apprenticeship]	John Davenport, late Apprentice to Mr William Horne, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
[Gifts]	On reading a letter from Mr Samuel Lowther, a member of this Company, the humble petitions of Mr Nathaniel Ford, a member of this Company, and of Mary Alsop on behalf of 2 of the children of Samuel Bishop, late member of this Company deceased, and on application made by some of the members of this Society on the behalf of Mr Ann Crabb, Ordered that the Treasurer of this Company pay to Mr Samuel Lowther 5 guineas, to Mr Nathaniel Ford 4 guineas to Mrs Mary Alsop 2 guineas for the use of the said Mr Samuel Bishop's children and the sum of 2 guineas to Mrs Ann Crabb as charitable gifts of this Company.

[Sheet 298 REV IMG 1009]

Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior,
Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

		£	s	d
1749	Rcvd on £1600 New South Sea Annuities due at Midsummer 1749, 2 years' dividend	128	0	0
	Rcvd on £350 South Sea Stock, 2 years' dividend due at Midsummer 1749	28	0	0
	Rcvd on £200 Old South Sea Annuity, 2 years' dividend due at Michaelmas 1749	16	0	0
Aug 23	Rcvd of Mr Ward Smith for Hanse money	0	6	5
	Rcvd of Mr Thomas Lambert for ditto	0	6	5
	Rcvd of Mr John Davenport for ditto	0	6	5
		172	**19**	**3**

[Sheet 299 IMG 1009]

1748	**Per Contra**	£	s	d
Feb 23	To the balance due to me on my former account	5	19	10 ½
24	Paid Mr Martindale for the audit dinner	13	5	0
	Paid Benjamin Wild 3 qrtrs' salary due at Michaelmas last 1749	6	0	0
	Paid Joshua Lyons ditto due ditto	3	0	0
1749 Aug 24	Paid for the election dinner	24	12	0
	Paid Mt Nathaniel Ford a charitable gift of this Company	4	4	0
Sep 13	Paid Mr Samuel Lowther ditto	5	5	0
	Paid the Mayor his usual present for the year 1749	10	0	0
	Paid Mrs Ann Crabb a charitable gift of this Company the 31st August 1748 and omitted to be charged in my account of 23 Feb 1748	4	4	0
Aug 23	Paid ditto a charitable gift of this Company	2	2	0
	Paid Mrs Alsop ditto for the use of Mr Samuel Bishop's children	2	2	0
	To sundry bills and expenses as has appeared to the auditors on the Company's account	4	10	8
	To balance paid to Mr John Heaton	87	14	8 ½
		172	**19**	**3**
	Be it remembered: this account was audited and allowed this 15th day of December 1749 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Mr Abraham Goodwyn £87 14s 8½d and which money the said Mr Goodwyn paid to Mr John Heaton the present Treasurer of this Company. [Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, Benjamin Crayker, Isaac Heaton, Richard Smith, Richard Denton			
	Received Dec 15 1749 of Mr Abraham Goodwyn the above accountant the above balance of £87 14s 8½d for the use of this Company. [Signature of:] John Heaton			

[Sheet 299 REV IMG 1010]

At a Court of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside London on the 23rd day of February 1749

Present:

Sir Daniel Lambert Kt Mayor	Mr Abraham Goodwyn
Mr Edward Lambert	Mr John Heaton
Mr Samuel Hickman	Mr Edward Lambert junior
Mr Benjamin Crayker	Mr Daniel Lambert
Mr Isaac Heaton	Mr Abraham Goodwyn junior
Mr Richard Smith	Mr Richard Busby
Mr Richard Denton	Mr John Davenport

The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.

[Company to subscribe stock to South Sea Annuities]

The Court taking into consideration whether to subscribe the sum of £200 Joint Stock of South Sea Annuities and the sum of £1600 New Joint Stock of South Sea Annuities belonging to this Company pursuant to the Act for that purpose entitled an 'Act for Reducing the several Annuities' which now carry an interest after the rate of £4 percent to the several rates of interest therein mentioned and the question being put, it passed in the affirmation.

[First 13 members arriving to any Court to be paid]

On reading an order made at a Court of this Company, held the 25th August 1742, whereby it is ordered that the first 13 members of this Company as shall meet before 12 o'clock at noon by the Mayor's watch on a Court of election day in order to make a Court be paid 2s 6d apiece by the Treasurer of this Company,

and it appearing to this Court that the said 2s 6d so to be paid was intended as well to make a Court for any other business of this Company as for a Court of election,

it is therefore now ordered so to be accordingly.

	[Sheet 300 IMG 1010]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside London on the 3rd day of October 1750 Present: Mr Edward Lambert Lieutenant of the Company — Mr Edward Lambert junior Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Nicholas Lambert Mr Richard Smith — Mr Daniel Lambert Mr Richard Denton — Mr Richard Busby Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior — Mr Ward Smith Mr John Heaton — Mr John Davenport — Mr Joshua Lyons
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Sir Daniel Lambert dead. Thomas Rawlinson chosen]	The Right Worshipful Sir Daniel Lambert Kt, Alderman of the City of London, who for many years has been Mayor of the Staple, being lately dead. And the Court now resolved to proceed to the election of a new Mayor for the year ensuing. In order thereunto Thomas Rawlinson[268] Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard Kt and Alderman of the City of London, being put in nomination for Mayor, the said Thomas Rawlinson was unanimously chosen, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert and Mr Samuel Hawkes being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [continued]	Ordered that Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior & Mr Benjamin, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [continued]	Ordered that Mr John Heaton, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Joshua Lyons, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
[Charter]	Ordered that the Company charter and 2 silver seals, late in the custody of the said Sir Daniel Lambert, be delivered to the said Thomas Rawlinson Esq, and that the Clerk of this Company make copy of the said Charter for such members thereof as have not a copy of the same.
	Ordered that the sum of 5 guineas be given by the Treasurer to Mr Joshua Lyons as a present from this Company.
	On reading the humble petition of George Storey[269], a member of this Company and a letter from Mrs Ford, wife of Nathaniel Ford, also a member of this Company, ordered that the Treasurer give the sum of 2 guineas to the said George Storey and also the sum of 3 guineas to Nathaniel Ford as charitable gifts of this Company

[268] Sir Thomas Rawlinson, Grocers Company (Lord Mayor 1753-4)

[269] George Storey. We have an overview of a Stapler who ran into money problems. In 1712 George Storey, son of Samuel Storey citizen and Fishmonger of London, bound Apprentice to Joseph Heaton. 1719 he is made a Freeman. 1734 - the first indication of money problems: he was elected Treasurer but did not provide the required security for the role. 1735 he receives charitable money from the Company and later that year the Company pays 3 guineas to discharge him from Fleet Prison. In Aug 1744 he is in Marshalsea Prison in Southwark for debt; the Company gives him 2s a week. In Dec 1745 he has been hired as Clerk to the Steward of Captain Coates of Leicester and is to go to India, for which voyage the Company pays 5 guineas and more to fit him out. 5 years later in 1750 Oct he receives charitable money from the Company. The question arises: did George Storey ever go to India? Perhaps he went and returned to England by 1750. In Feb 1751 the Company pays 2 guineas to his daughter Miss Storey for her father's funeral. For Fleet Prison see https://www.british-history.ac.uk/old-new-london/vol2/pp404-416
and for Marshalsea Prison see https://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-london/vol25/pp9-21

[Sheet 300 REV IMG 1011]

Mr John Heaton, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

		£	s	d
1749 Dec 15	By cash received of Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior, late Treasurer of the said Company, the balance of his account due to the Company	87	14	8
1750 Sep 4	Rcvd 1 year's dividend on £1600 New South Sea Annuities due at Midsummer 1750	64	0	0
	Rcvd 1 year's dividend on £350 South Sea Stocks due Midsummer 1750	14	0	0
Feb 9	Rcvd 1 year's dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due at Michaelmas 1750	8	0	0
		173	**14**	**8 ½**

[Sheet 301 IMG 1011]

	Per Contra	£	s	d
1749 Dec 15	Paid for the audit dinner	13	8	0
Feb 24	Paid Mr Martindale's bill for dinner at this Court	12	2	6
	Paid the first 13 members to make the Court	1	12	6
	Paid Joshua Lyons as a present from this Company	5	5	0
	Paid Nathaniel Ford the charitable gift of this Company	3	3	0
	Paid George Storey a charitable gift of this Company	2	2	0
	Paid the Mayor's usual present for the year 1750 - to Mr Edward Lambert senior, one his executors	10	0	0
Dec 29	Paid Benjamin Wild a year and a qrtr's salary due at Christmas 1750	10	0	0
	Paid Joshua Lyons ditto	5	0	0
	To sundry bills and expenses as has appeared to the auditors on the Company's account	3	17	7
	Due to the Company to balance	79	11	7 ½
		173	**14**	**8 ½**
	Be it remembered: this account was audited and allowed this 14th day of February 1750 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to this Company from the said Mr John Heaton £79 11s 7½ d. [Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, Benjamin Crayker, Richard Smith, Richard Denton			

	[Sheet 301 REV IMG 1012]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside London the 23rd day of October 1751 Present: Thomas Rawlinson Esq Mayor — Mr Edward Lambert junior Mr Edward Lambert Lieutenant — Mr Nicholas Lambert Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Daniel Lambert Mr Richard Smith — Mr Richard Busby Mr Richard Denton — Mr Ward Smith Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior — Mr John Davenport Mr John Heaton
	The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Thomas Rawlinson Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard Kt and Aldermen of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Thomas Rawlinson Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining and also the oath of Hances or Freedom of the said Company standing which the Company offered him gratis.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert and Mr Samuel Hawkes being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [John Heaton, Richard Smith]	Mr John Heaton, Mr Richard Smith, Mr Richard Denton and Mr Samuel Hickman being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr John Heaton and Mr Richard Smith, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Edward Lambert jun]	Mr Edward Lambert junior and Mr Nicholas Lambert being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Joshua Lyons, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
	On reading the humble petitions of Mr Samuel Lowther, Mr Nathaniel Ford, members of this Company, ordered that the Treasurer pay for each of them the sum of £5 apiece as charitable gifts of this Company.

[Sheet 302 IMG 1012]

Mr John Heaton, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1751	**Debtor**	£	s	d
Feb 14	To the balance of my last account due from me to the Company	79	11	7 ½
1752 Feb 21[270]	Rcvd qrtr's dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due Xmas 1750 at £4 percent per annum	2	0	0
	Ditto for 3 qrtrs on said £200 Old South Sea Annuities at £3 10s 0d percent per annum due Michaelmas 1751	5	5	0
	Rcvd half a year's dividend on £1600 New South Sea Annuities due at Christmas 1750 at £4 percent per annum 32	32	0	0
	Rcvd a year's dividend on ditto due at Xmas 1751 at £3 10s 0d percent per annum	56	0	0
	Rcvd 1 ½ year's dividend on £350 South Sea Stock due Xmas 1751	21	0	0
		195	**16**	**7 ½**

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	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
1750 Feb 14	Paid Mr Martindale for the audit dinner	14	4	6
	Paid Messrs Edward Lambert & Benjamin Crayker	1	6	0
	Paid Miss Storey to bury her father	2	2	0
1751 Oct 24	Paid the first 13 members	1	12	6
	Gave the Mayor his usual present	10	0	0
25	Paid Mr Martindale for the election dinner	18	4	10
	Paid Mr Edward Lambert by sundry bills	4	9	6
	To odd expenses	0	6	6
	Paid Mr John Lowther for his brother Samuel Lowther the gift of this Company	5	0	0
	To Mr Nathaniel Ford a charitable gift of this Company	5	0	0
Dec 28	To Benjamin Wild a year's salary due Xmas last	8	0	0
	To Joshua Lyons a year's salary due ditto	4	0	0
	To balance due to the Company	121	10	9 ½
		195	**16**	**7 ½**
	Be it remembered: this account was audited and allowed this 11th day of March 1752 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Mr John Heaton the sum of £121 10s 9 ½ d and which money the said John Heaton paid to Mr Edward Lambert junior, the present Treasurer of this Company. [Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, Benjamin Crayker, Richard Smith, Richard Denton			
	Recvd March 11th 1752 of Mr John Heaton, the above accountant, the above balance of £121 10s 9 ½ d. [Signature of] Edward Lambert junior			

[270] **In 1752 England adopted the modern (Gregorian) calendar.** In 1751 'an Act for Regulating the Commencement of the Year and for Correcting the Calendar now in Use' passed through Parliament and George II signed it in May. It provided for Wednesday, September 2nd, 1752, to be followed by Thursday the 14th; and for New Year's Day to move from March 25th to January 1st (as already in Scotland). The City of London refused to pay taxes early, so the financial year was altered to start on April 6th. https://www.historytoday.com/archive/gregorian-calendar-adopted-england

[Sheet 303 IMG 1013]

At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside London the 19th day of August 1752

Present:

Thomas Rawlinson Esq Mayor	Mr Nicholas Lambert
Mr Edward Lambert Lieutenant	Mr Daniel Lambert
Mr Benjamin Crayker	Mr John Merriman
Mr Richard Smith	Mr Abraham Goodwyn junior
Mr Richard Denton	Mr Richard Busby
Mr Abraham Goodwyn	Mr Ward Smith
Mr John Heaton	Mr John Davenport
Mr Edward Lambert junior	Mr Isaac Ruck

The Acts of the last Court being first read and confirmed.

Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson] — The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Thomas Rawlinson Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard Kt and Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Thomas Rawlinson Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert] — Mr Edward Lambert and Mr Samuel Hawkes being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Constables [continued] — Ordered that Mr John Heaton and Mr Richard Smith, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.

Treasurer [continued] — Ordered that Mr Edward Lambert junior, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.

Auditors — Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.

Clerk — Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.

Beadle — Ordered that Joshua Lyons, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.

Free — Mr Isaac Ruck, late Apprentice to Mr John Heaton, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid Hanse money 6s 5d.

On reading the humble petition of Mr Nathaniel Ford, a member of this Company, ordered that the present Treasurer pay into the hand of Mr John Heaton the sum of £3 as a charitable gift of this Company for the said Nathaniel Ford and to be paid and given him discretionary as the said Mr Heaton shall see fit.

[Sheet 303 REV IMG 1014]

Mr Edward Lambert junior, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1752	Debtor	£	s	d
Mar 11	By cash received of Mr John Heaton, late Treasurer of the said Company, the balance of his account due to the Company	121	10	9 ½
Aug 19	Recvd of Mr Thomas Ruck for Hanse money	0	6	5
		121	**17**	**2½**

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1752	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
Mar 11	Paid Michael Martindale for the audit dinner as by bill	13	18	6
12	ditto expenses	0	13	0
Aug 19	Paid the first 13 members at the day of the election at 2s 6d each	1	12	6
	Paid Thomas Rawlinson Esq his annual present for the year 1752	10	0	0
20	Paid Michael Martindale for the election dinner as by bill	22	0	0
22	Paid Mr John Heaton for Mr Nathaniel Ford the charitable gift of this Company	5	0	0
26	Paid Benjamin Wild for 21 English copies of the Charter at 10s each	10	10	0
Oct 4	Paid Benjamin Wild 3 qrtrs' of a year salary due at Michaelmas last	6	0	0
	Paid Joshua Lyons 3 qrtrs' of a year salary due at Michaelmas last	3	0	0
Dec 6	To coach hire and sundry other expenses as has appeared to the auditors	1	19	11
	Due to the Company at balance	47	3	3 ½
		121	**17**	**2 ½**
	Be it remembered: this account was audited and allowed the 6th day of December 1752 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Mr Edward Lambert junior £47 3s 3½d. [Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, Benjamin Crayker, Richard Smith, Richard Denton			

	[Sheet 304 REV IMG 1015]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside London the 29th day of August 1753 Present: Thomas Rawlinson Esq Mayor — Mr Daniel Lambert Mr Edward Lambert Lieutenant — Mr John Merriman Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr William Byard Mr Richard Smith — Mr Abraham Goodwyn junior Mr Richard Denton — Mr Richard Busby Mr Abraham Goodwyn — Mr Ward Smith Mr Edward Lambert junior — Mr John Davenport Mr Nicholas Lambert — Mr Isaac Ruck
	The Acts of the last Court being read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Thomas Rawlinson Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard Kt and Alderman of the City of London, being in nomination for Mayor, the choice fell upon the said Thomas Rawlinson Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert and Mr Samuel Hawkes being in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Ed. Lambert jun & Rich. Denton]	Mr Edward Lambert junior, Mr Richard Denton, Mr Samuel Hickman and Mr Isaac Heaton being in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert junior and Mr Richard Denton who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Nicholas Lambert]	Mr Nicholas Lambert and Mr Daniel Lambert being in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Nicholas Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Benjamin Wild, present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Joshua Lyons, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing and that the Treasurer of this Company be desired to pay [him] 6 guineas as a free gift of this Company.
	On reading the humble petition of Mr Nathaniel Ford, a member of this Company, ordered that the Treasurer pay to him the sum of 4 guineas as a charitable gift of this Company.

	[Sheet 305 IMG 1015]
	This Company taking into consideration that all discourse and secrets relating to the same had said or spoken at any of their Courts or otherwise to one another by all or any of the members thereof, ought not to be divulged but kept secret, pursuant and according to the Oath of Hanse or of A Freeman pf this Company. And thereupon ordered that the said oath should be read and which was accordingly done. And then to prevent such secrets being opened or exposed for the future, ordered that the Clerk write out and give to every member of this Company a fair copy of the said oath.

[Sheet 305 REV IMG 1016]

Mr Edward Lambert junior, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1753	Debtor	£	s	d
Dec 5	To the balance of my last account audited this day	47	3	3 ½
May 12	Rcvd 1 year and a half dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities at £3 ½ per cent per annum from Michaelmas 1751 to Lady Day 1753	10	10	0
Aug 22	To ditto 1 year and a half dividend on £1600 New South Sea Annuities £3 ½ per cent per annum from Xmas 1751 to Midsummer 1753	84	0	0
	To ditto one year and a half dividend on £350 South Sea Stocks at £4 per cent per annum from Xmas 1751 to Midsummer 1753	21	0	0
28	To ditto of Mr Edward Lambert senior what he received, in January last from the hand and hand office[271] on Snow Hill, the deposit money rep...d for the houses at Westminster	2	17	6
Nov 19	To ditto a half year's dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities at £3 ½ per cent per annum from Lady Day 1753 to Michaelmas last	3	10	0
1754 Feb 9	To ditto a half year's dividend on £1600 New South Sea Annuities £3 ½ per cent per annum from Midsummer 1753 to Xmas last	28	0	0
13	To ditto a half year's dividend on £350 South Sea Stocks at £4 per cent per annum from Midsummer 1753 to Xmas last	7	0	0
		204	**0**	**9 ½**

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1753	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
Dec 6	Paid Mr Martindale for an audit dinner as by bill	15	18	0
Jan 12	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary to Xmas last	2	0	0
	Ditto Joshua Lyons, beadle, ditto	1	0	0
Apr 6	Ditto Benjamin Wild to Lady Day last	2	0	0
	Ditto Joshua Lyons to ditto	1	0	0
June 6	Ditto Benjamin Wild to Midsummer last	2	0	0
	Ditto Joshua Lyons	1	0	0
Aug 29	Gave the first 13 members at the day of election 2s 6d each	1	12	6
	To Thomas Rawlinson Esq, Mayor, his usual annual present for 1753	10	0	0
	To Nathaniel Ford a charitable gift by order of Court this day	4	4	0
30	Paid Mr Martindale for an election dinner as by bill	22	18	0
Oct 1	Paid Benjamin Wild for carriage of books 2s & a qrtr's salary to Michaelmas last	2	2	0
	Paid Joshua Lyons ditto	1	1	0
	Paid ditto a gift of this Company	6	6	0
	Paid Benjamin Wild a qrtr's salary due Xmas last	2	0	0
	Paid Joshua Lyons ditto	1	0	0
	Due to the said Company to balance	128	0	3 ½
		204	**0**	**9 ½**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 20th day of February 1754 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Mr Edward Lambert junior the sum of £128 0s 3½d and which money that Mr Edward Lambert junior paid to Mr Nicholas Lambert the present Treasurer of this Company. [Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, Richard Denton, John Heaton			
	Received February 20th 1754 of Mr Edward Lambert junior the above accountant the above balance of £128 0s 3½d [Signature of] Nicholas Lambert			

[271] The Hand in Hand Fire Insurance Company. See https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/discover/how-great-fire-london-created-insurance

[Sheet 306 REV IMG 1017]

At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Mansion House London the 18th day of September 1754

Present:

Thomas Rawlinson Esq Lord Mayor of London,	Mayor
Mr Edward Lambert Lieutenant	Mr John Merriman
Mr Benjamin Crayker	Mr Abraham Goodwyn junior
Mr Richard Smith	Mr Richard Busby
Mr Richard Denton	Mr John Davenport
Mr Abraham Goodwyn	Mr Isaac Ruck
Mr Edward Lambert junior	Mr John Heaton
Mr Daniel Lambert	Mr Isaac Heaton
Mr Ward Smith	
Mr Nicholas Lambert	

The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.

Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson - Lord Mayor]

The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And the Right Honourable Thomas Rawlinson Esq, Lod Mayor of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard Kt and Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell upon the said Thomas Rawlinson Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]

Mr Edward Lambert senior and Mr Samuel Hawkes being in put nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Constables continued

Ordered that Mr Edward Lambert junior and Mr Richard Denton, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.

Treasurer continued

Ordered that Mr Nicholas Lambert, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.

Auditors chosen

Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.

Clerk chosen [Benjamin Wild dead; Beriah Hill]

The Court being informed of the death of Mr Benjamin Wild, their late Clerk, proceeded to the election of a new one in his stead, and choice was made of Beriah Hill to be Clerk for the year ensuing, which he thankfully accepted and took the oath appertaining.

Beadle continued

Ordered that Joshua Lyons, present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay Mr Nathaniel Ford, a member of this Company, the sum of 4 guineas as a charitable gift of this Company.

On reading the humble petition of Mary Wild, the widow of Benjamin Wild deceased, late Clerk to this Company, ordered that the Treasurer pay to the said Mary Wild the sum of 5 guineas as a charitable gift of this Company.

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Mr Nicholas Lambert, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1754	Debtor	£	s	d
Feb 20	By cash received of Mr Edward Lambert junior, late Treasurer of this Company, the balance of his account due to the said Company	128	0	3 ½
	To 1 year's dividend of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due Michaelmas last	7	0	0
	To ditto of £1600 New South Sea Annuities due Xmas last	56	0	0
	To ditto of £350 South Sea Stocks due ditto	14	0	0
		205	**0**	**3 ½**

1754	Creditor	£	s	d
Feb 20	Paid Mr Martindale for an audit dinner as by bill	18	15	4
	Paid Mr Wild	0	15	0
Mar 30	Paid ditto 1 qrtr salary due Lady Day last	2	0	0
	Paid Mr Lyons ditto	1	0	0
Aug 4	Paid Mr Wild 1 qrtrs salary due Midsummer last	2	0	0
	Paid Mr Lyons ditto	1	0	0
Sep 20	Paid Coach hire	0	2	0
	Paid Mrs Wild the charitable gift of this Company	5	5	0
	Paid Thomas Rawlinson Esq his annual present for the year 1754	10	0	0
	Paid the first 13 members at the day of election	1	12	6
	Gave the Lord Mayor's servants	2	2	0
	Paid expenses at the Three Tuns	0	7	6
21	Paid Nathaniel Ford a charitable gift of this Company	4	4	0
30	Paid Mrs Wild 1 qrtr's salary due Michaelmas last to her late husband	2	0	0
	Paid Mr Lyons ditto	1	0	0
Mar 5	Paid Beriah Hills 1 qrtr's salary due Xmas last	2	0	0
	Paid Mr Lyons ditto	1	0	0
	Due to the Company to balance	149	16	11½
		205	**0**	**3 ½**

Be it remembered: this account was audited and allowed this 5th day of March 1755 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Mr Nicholas Lambert £149 16s 11½d.
[Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, Benjamin Crayker, Richard Denton, Abraham Goodwyn, John Heaton, Edward Lambert junior

	[Sheet 307 REV IMG 1018]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside London the 19th day of February 1756 Present: Thomas Rawlinson Esq Alderman of the City of London Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Richard Smith Mr Abraham Goodwyn — Mr John Davenport Mr John Heaton — Mr Isaac Duck Mr Ward Smith — Mr Richard Busby Mr Edward Lambert junior — Mr Richard Denton Mr Daniel Lambert — Mr Joshua Lyons
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Thomas Rawlinson Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard Kt and Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell upon the said Thomas Rawlinson Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert senior and Mr Samuel Hawkes being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who being ill did not attend to take the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables chosen [Abraham Goodwyn, John Heaton]	Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior, Mr John Heaton, Mr Abraham Goodwyn junior and Mr Ward Smith being put in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior and Mr John Heaton, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Daniel Lambert]	Mr Daniel Lambert and Mr John Merriman being put in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Daniel Lambert, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors continued	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk continued	Ordered that Beriah Hill, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.

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Beadle continued	Ordered that Joshua Lyons, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
	On reading the humble petition of Mr John Merriman, a member of this Company, ordered that the Treasurer be desired to pay the said John Merriman the sum of 15 guineas as a charitable gift of this Company.
	Ordered that the Treasurer be also desired to pay Mrs Bridget Ford, the wife of Nathaniel Ford, a member of this Company, the sum of 5 guineas as a charitable gift of the said Company.
Free [John Horne by patrimony]	Mr John Horne, son of Mr William Horne deceased, late Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid Hanse money 6s 5d.

[Sheet 308 REV IMG 1019]

Mr Nicholas Lambert, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtor	£	s	d
Mar 5 **1755**	To the balance of my last account audited this day	149	16	11 ½
Feb 19 **1756**	To cash rcvd of Mr John Horne for Hanse money	0	6	5
		150	**3**	**4 ½**

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	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
Mar 5 **1755**	By cash paid Mr Martindale for the audit dinner	21	0	0
Feb 19 **1756**	By ditto to the first 13 members at the Court of election	1	12	6
	By ditto to Beriah Hills 1 year's salary due Christmas last	8	0	0
	By ditto to Joshua Lyons ditto	4	0	0
	By ditto to Nathaniel Ford a charitable gift of the Company	5	5	0
	By ditto to the Mayor his annual present for the year 1755	10	0	0
20	By ditto to Mr Martindale for the election dinner	18	3	11
	By ditto to Mr Goodwyn as by bills	0	10	10
May 13	By ditto to Mr John Merriman a gift of the Company	15	15	0
	By ditto sundry expenses which appeared to the auditors	2	1	10
		86	9	1
	due to the Company to balance	63	14	3 ½
		150	**3**	**4 ½**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 1st day of July 1756 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Mr Nicholas Lambert the sum of £63 14s 3½d and which money Mr Daniel Lambert, the present Treasurer of this Company, acknowledges to be in his hands as executor of the said Mr Nicholas Lambert. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Richard Denton, Abraham Goodwyn, Edward Lambert junior			
	July 1st 1756 I acknowledge to have in my hands the above balance of £63 14s 3½d due to the right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England. [Signature of:] Daniel Lambert			

	[Sheet 309 REV IMG 1020]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside London the 1st day of September 1756 Present: Thomas Rawlinson Esq, Alderman of the City of London Mayor Mr Edward Lambert Lieutenant — Mr John Davenport Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Richard Busby Mr Abraham Goodwyn — Mr Isaac Ruck Mr Edward Lambert junior — Mr Benjamin Bishop Mr Daniel Lambert — Mr Nathaniel Ford Mr Richard Denton — Mr Joshua Lyons
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Thomas Rawlinson Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard Kt and Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell upon the said Thomas Rawlinson Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert senior and Mr Samuel Hawkes being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables continued	Ordered that Mr Abraham Goodwyn senior and Mr John Heaton, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer continued	Ordered that Mr Daniel Lambert, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Beriah Hill, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Joshua Lyons, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
	Ordered that the Treasurer be desired to pay Mrs Bridget Ford the wife of Mr Nathaniel Ford, a member of this Company, the sum of 4 guineas as a charitable gift of the said Company.
	Ordered that the Treasurer be also desired to pay Mr Joshua Lyons, a member of this Company, the sum of 8 guineas /

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	/ as a free gift of the said Company.
	Ordered that the Treasurer be also desired to pay Mr Benjamin Bishop, a member of this Company, 2 guineas for defraying the expenses of his journey to attend this Court.

[Sheet 310 REV IMG 1021]

Mr Daniel Lambert, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtor	£	s	d
1756	To the balance of the account of Mr Nicholas Lambert, the late Treasurer of this Company	63	14	3½
Sep 7	To cash rcvd for 1 year and a half's dividend on £350 South Sea Stocks due the 5th of July last	21	0	0
	To ditto of £1600 New South Sea Annuities due ditto	84	0	0
	To ditto of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due the 5th of April last	10	10	0
		179	**4**	**3½**

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1756	**Per Contra Creditor**	£	s	d
Jul 1	By cash paid Mr Martindale for the audit dinner	17	15	0
	By ditto to the Mayor his annual present for the year 1756	10	0	0
	By ditto to Beriah Hill half a year's salary due Midsummer last	4	0	0
	By ditto to ditto	0	13	0
	By ditto to Joshua Lyons half a year's salary due Midsummer last	2	0	0
Sep 1	By ditto to the first 13 members at the Court of election	1	12	6
2	By ditto to Mr Benjamin Bishop a gift of the Company	2	2	0
	By ditto to Mr Joshua Lyons ditto	8	8	0
	By ditto to Mr Martindale for the election dinner	22	5	0
	By ditto to Mrs Bridget Ford a gift of the Company	4	4	0
1757 May 25	By ditto to the Mayor his annual present for the year 1757	10	0	0
	By ditto to Beriah Hill 3 qrtrs' salary due Lady Day last	6	0	0
	By ditto to Joshua Lyons 3 qrtrs'	3	0	0
	By ditto sundry expenses which appeared to the auditors	1	9	10
	Due to the Company to balance	85	14	11½
		179	**4**	**3½**
	Be it remembered: this account was audited and allowed the 25th day of May 1757 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Mr Daniel Lambert £85 14s 11½d. [Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, Benjamin Crayker, Richard Denton, Edward Lambert junior			

	[Sheet 311 REV IMG 1024]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside London the 14th day of September 1757 Present: Thomas Rawlinson Esq, Alderman of the City of London, Mayor Mr Edward Lambert Lieutenant — Mr Richard Busby Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Ward Smith Mr Isaac Heaton — Mr Benjamin Bishop Mr Richard Denton — Mr John Davenport Mr John Heaton — Mr Isaac Ruck Mr Edward Lambert junior — Mr Nathaniel Ford Mr Daniel Lambert — Mr Joshua Lyons
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Thomas Rawlinson Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir John Barnard Kt and Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell upon the said Thomas Rawlinson Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert senior and Mr Benjamin Crayker being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen[Ed. Lambert, Daniel Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert junior, Mr Daniel Lambert, Mr Edward Morse and Mr Benjamin Bishop being put in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert junior and Mr Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Ward Smith]	Mr Abraham Goodwyn and Mr Ward Smith being put in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Ward Smith, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors continued	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk continued	Ordered that Beriah Hill, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle continued	Ordered that Joshua Lyons, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
Free	Mr Isaac Heaton junior, son of Mr Isaac Heaton, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid Hanse money 6s 5d.

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	Ordered: That the Treasurer be desired to pay Mr Benjamin Bishop, a member of this Company, the sum of 3 guineas as a free gift of the said Company. That the Treasurer be also desired to pay Mrs Bridget Ford, the wife of Mr Nathaniel Ford, a member of this Company, the sum of 5 guineas as a charitable gift of the said Company

[Sheet 312 REV IMG 1025]

Mr Daniel Lambert, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1757	**Debtor**	£	s	d
May 25	To the balance of the last account audited	85	14	11½
Sep 14	To cash received of Mr Isaac Heaton junior - Hanse money	0	6	5
1758 Mar 2	ditto 1½ years' dividend on £350 South Sea Stocks due at Xmas last	21	0	0
	ditto 1½ years' dividend on £1600 New South Sea Annuities due ditto	84	0	0
	ditto 1½ years' dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due Michaelmas last	10	10	0
		201	**11**	**4½**

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1757	**Per Contra**	£	s	d
May 26	By Cash paid Mr Martindale for the audit dinner	15	2	0
Sep 14	ditto to the first 13 members at the Court of election	1	12	6
	" to Benjamin Bishop a free gift of the Company	3	3	0
	" to Mr Martindale for the election dinner	21	18	0
16	" to Mrs Bridget Ford a charitable gift of the Company	5	5	0
1758 Apr 12	" to Beriah Hill 1 year's salary due at Lady Day last	8	0	0
	" to Joshua Lyons 1 year's salary due " " "	4	0	0
	By cash due to the Company to balance	142	10	10½
		201	**11**	**4½**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 12th day of April 1758 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Mr Daniel Lambert the sum of £142 10s 10½d and which money the said Mr Daniel Lambert paid to Mr Ward Smith, the present Treasurer of this Company. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Richard Denton, Edward Lambert junior			
	Received April 12th 1758 of Mr Daniel Lambert, the above accountant, the above balance of £142 10s 10½d. [Signature of] Ward Smith			

	[Sheet 313 REV IMG 1026]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern in Cheapside London the 30th day of August 1758 Present: Thomas Rawlinson Esq, Alderman of the City of London, Mayor Mr Edward Lambert Lieutenant — Mr William Byard Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Richard Busby Mr Edward Lambert junior — Mr Benjamin Bishop Mr Daniel Lambert — Mr John Davenport Mr Ward Smith — Mr Isaac Ruck Mr Abraham Goodwyn — Mr Mathew Ford — Mr Thomas Lambert
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Thomas Rawlinson Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Francis Gosling Esquire. Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell upon the said Thomas Rawlinson Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert senior and Mr Benjamin Crayker being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables continued	Ordered that Mr Edward Lambert junior and Mr Daniel Lambert, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer continued	Ordered that Mr Ward Smith, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Beriah Hill, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle [Joshua Lyons dead. Nathaniel Ford chosen]	The Court being informed of the death of Mr Joshua Lyons, their late Beadle, Mr Nathaniel Ford, Mr Benjamin Bishop, Mr John Davenport and Mr Isaac Ruck being put in nomination for the same, the said Nathaniel Ford was chosen Beadle of this Company, who thankfully accepted the same.

	[Sheet 314 IMG 1016]
	[Ordered] that the Treasurer be desired to pay the Beadle's half year's salary, which will become due at Michaelmas next, to Mrs Patience Lane, the daughter in law of Joshua Lyons, the late Beadle.

[Sheet 314 REV IMG 1027]

Mr Ward Smith, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1758	Debtor	£	s	d
	To the balance of the account of Mr Daniel Lambert, the late Treasurer of the Company.	142	10	10½
May 18	To cash received for half a year's dividend of £200 Old South Sea Annuities (1 qrtr of a year at £3 10s od per cent and 1 qrtr of a year at £3 percent) due the 5th of April last	3	5	0
Aug 19	To ditto for half a year's dividend of £350 South Sea Stock at £3 10s 0d per cent due the 5th of April last	6	2	6
	To ditto for half a year's interest on £1600 New South Sea Annuities at £3 per cent due ditto	24	0	0
Nov 23	To ditto for half a year's interest on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due at Michaelmas last	3	0	0
1759 Feb 14	To ditto for half a year's interest on £350 South Sea Stock at 3½ per cent due 5th of January last	6	2	6
	To ditto for half a year's interest on £1600 New South Sea Annuities due 5th of January last	24	0	0
		209	**0**	**10½**

[Sheet 315 IMG 1027]

1758	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
Apr 12	By cash paid Mr Martindale for the audit dinner	16	12	0
Aug 30	Ditto to the Mayor for his annual present for the year 1758	10	0	0
	" " to Mr Benjamin Bishop a gift of the Company	2	2	0
	" " to Mr Michael Robinson for the election dinner	18	11	6
	" " to the first 13 members at the Court of election	1	12	6
1759 Apr 4	" " to Beriah Hills 1 year's salary due at Lady Day last	8	0	0
	" " to ditto for Treasurer's bond & moneys paid for the Company's account	1	5	9
	" " to Nathaniel Ford half a year's salary due ditto	2	0	0
	Due to the Company to balance	**148**	**17**	**1½**
	Be it remembered this account was audited and allowed the 4th day of April 1759 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Mr Ward Smith £148 17 1½d. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Richard Denton, Edward Lambert junior, Daniel Lambert			

	[Sheet 315 REV IMG 1028]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside London the 29th day of August 1759 Present: Thomas Rawlinson Esq, Alderman of the City of London, Mayor Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr John Davenport Mr Edward Lambert junior — Mr Richard Busby Mr Daniel Lambert — Mr Isaac Ruck Mr Richard Smith — Mr John Horne Mr Richard Denton — Mr Benjamin Bishop Mr Ward Smith — Mr William Byard Mr Abraham Goodwyn Mr Isaac Heaton junior
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Thomas Rawlinson Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir Robert Ladbroke Kt and Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell upon the said Thomas Rawlinson Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert] Not sworn	Mr Edward Lambert senior and Mr Benjamin Crayker being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who not being present did not take the oath appertaining to the office.
Constables chosen [Rich. Smith, Rich. Denton]	Mr Richard Smith, Mr Richard Denton, Mr John Heaton and Mr Benjamin Crayker being put in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Richard Smith and Mr Richard Denton, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer chosen [Abraham Goodwyn]	Mr Abraham Goodwyn and Mr Thomas Lambert being put in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Abraham Goodwyn, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Beriah Hill, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 316 IMG 1028]
Beadle continued	Ordered that, Nathaniel Ford, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
	Ordered that the Treasurer be desired to pay Mr Benjamin Bishop, a member of this Company, the sum of £6 as a free gift of the said Company
	Ordered that the Treasurer be desired to pay Mr William Byard, a member of this Company, the sum of £4 4s as a free gift of the said Company.

[Sheet 316 REV IMG 1029]

Mr Ward Smith, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtor	£	s	d
	To the balance of the last account audited April 4th 1759	148	17	1½
May 8 **1759**	To cash rcvd for half a year's dividend of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due the 5th of April last	3	0	0
Aug 11	" " for £1600 New South Sea Annuities due the 5th of July last	24	0	0
25	" " for £350 South Sea Stocks due the 5th of July last	6	2	6
Nov 24	" " for half a year's dividend of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due the 10th of October last	3	0	0
Mar 12 **1760**	" " for £350 South Sea Stocks due the 5th of January last	6	2	6
	" " for £1600 New South Sea Annuities due ditto	24	0	0
May 17	" " for £200 Old South Sea Annuities due the 5th of April last	3	0	0
		218	**2**	**1 ½**

[Sheet 317 IMG 1029]

1759	**Per Contra Creditor**	£	s	d
Apr 5	By cash paid Mr Robinson for the audit dinner	15	3	0
Jun 27	" half a year's salary due to Joshua Lyons, the late Beadle, at Michaelmas last	2	0	0
Aug 29	" to the Mayor his annual present for the year 1759	10	0	0
	" to the first 13 members at the Court of election	1	12	6
	" to Benjamin Bishop being a free gift of the Company	6	0	0
	" to William Byard a free gift of the Company	4	4	0
	" to Nathaniel Ford half a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1759	2	0	0
	" to Mr Robinson for the election dinner	22	10	6
Nov 29	" to Nathaniel Ford half a year's salary due at Lady Day 1760	2	0	0
1760 May 21	" to Beriah Hills 1 year's salary due at Lady Day last	8	0	0
	" to ditto for the Treasurer's bonds	0	18	0
	" to ditto for his copies of the Charter	0	15	0
	By balance due to the Company	142	11	1½
		218	**2**	**1½**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 21st day of May 1760 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Mr Ward Smith the sum of £142 11 1½d, and which money the said Mr Ward Smith paid to Mr Abraham Goodwyn the present Treasurer of this Company [Signatures of:] Isaac Heaton, Richard Denton, Edward Lambert junior, Daniel Lambert			
	Received May 21st 1760 of Mr Ward Smith, the above accountant, the above balance of £142 11 1½d [Signature of] Abraham Goodwyn			

	[Sheet 317 REV IMG 1030]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern in Cheapside London the 3rd day of September 1760 Present: Thomas Rawlinson Esq, Alderman of the City of London, Mayor Mr Edward Lambert — Mr Abraham Goodwyn Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Isaac Heaton junior Mr Richard Denton — Mr Richard Busby Mr John Heaton — Mr John Davenport Mr Benjamin Bishop — Mr Isaac Ruck Mr Edward Lambert junior — Mr John Horne Mr Daniel Lambert Mr Ward Smith
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Thomas Rawlinson Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir Robert Ladbroke Knight and Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell upon the said Thomas Rawlinson Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert senior and Mr Benjamin Crayker being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables continued	Ordered that Mr Richard Smith and Mr Richard Denton, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer continued	Ordered that Mr Abraham Goodwyn, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Beriah Hill, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Nathaniel Ford, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
	Ordered that the Treasurer be desired to pay Mr Benjamin Bishop, a member of this Company, the sum of 3 guineas as a free gift of the said Company.

	[Sheet 318 IMG 1030]
	Ordered: -That the Treasurer be also desired to pay Mrs Bridget Ford, the wife of Nathaniel Ford, a member of this Company, the sum of 4 guineas as a charitable gift of the said Company. - That the Treasurer be also desired to pay Mr Isaac Ruck the sum of 3 guineas, to be by him expended in clothing for William Byard, a member of this Company, and to the said William Byard the further sum of 2 guineas as a charitable gift of the said Company.

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[Sheet 318 REV IMG 1031

Mr Abraham Goodwyn, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtor	£	s	d
	To the balance of the account of Mr Ward Smith, the late Treasurer of this Company	142	11	1½
Sep 24 **1760**	To cash received for half a year's dividend on £350 South Sea Stocks due the 5th of July last	6	2	6
	To ditto for £1600 New South Sea Annuities due the 5th of July last	24	0	0
Feb 12 **1761**	" " half year's dividend of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due the 10th of October last	3	0	0
	" "half a year's dividend on £350 South Sea Stocks due the 5th January last	6	2	6
	" " of £1600 New South Sea Annuities due the 5th January last	24	0	0
	" " of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due the 5th of April last	3	0	0
		208	**16**	**1½**

[Sheet 319 IMG 1031 & IMG 1401]

	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
May 21 **1760**	By cash paid Nathaniel Ford half a year's salary due at Michaelmas 1760	2	0	0
22	By ditto to Mr Robinson for the audit dinner	17	8	6
Sep 4	" to the Mayor his annual present for the year 1760	10	0	0
	" to the first 13 members at the Court of election	1	12	6
	" to Benjamin Bishop a free gift of the Company	3	3	0
	" to Bridget Ford a charitable gift of the Company	4	4	0
	" to Mr Isaac Ruck to expend on clothing for William Byard by order of the Company	3	3	0
	" to the said William Byard a charitable gift of the Company	2	2	0
	" to Mr Robinson for the election dinner	23	7	0
	" to Nathaniel Ford for going to Bromley to get the warrant signed by Mr Smith	0	2	6
Jun 17 **1761**	" to Beriah Hills 1 year salary due at Lady Day last	8	0	0
	" to Nathaniel Ford half a year's salary due at Lady Day last	2	0	0
	By balance due to the Company	131	13	7 1/2
		208	**16**	**7½**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 17th day of June 1761 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Mr Abraham Goodwyn £131 13s 7½d. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Richard Denton, Edward Lambert junior, Daniel Lambert, Ward Smith			

	[Sheet 319 REV IMG 1032]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern in Cheapside the 7th day of October 1761 Present: Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt, Alderman of the City of London, Mayor Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Isaac Heaton junior Mr Edward Lambert junior — Mr Richard Busby Mr Daniel Lambert — Mr John Davenport Mr Richard Denton — Mr John Horne Mr Abraham Goodwyn — Mr Isaac Ruck Mr Ward Smith — Mr Nathaniel Ford
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Sir Thomas Rawlinson]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of their Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt, Alderman of the City of London, and Sir Robert Ladbrooke Kt, Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell upon the said Thomas Rawlinson Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert] not sworn	Mr Edward Lambert senior and Mr Benjamin Crayker being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who not being present did not take the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables chosen [Ed. Lambert, Daniel Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert junior, Mr Daniel Lambert, Mr Abraham Goodwyn and Mr Ward Smith being put in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert and Mr Daniel Lambert, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [John Horne]	Mr John Horne and Mr Isaac Heaton junior being put in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr John Horne, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Beriah Hill, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Nathaniel Ford, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 320 IMG 1032]
	Ordered that the Treasurer be desired to pay Mrs Bridget Ford, the wife of Mr Nathaniel Ford, a member of this Company, the sum of 5 guineas as a free gift of the said Company.

[Sheet 320 REV IMG 1033

Mr Abraham Goodwyn, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtor	£	s	d
1761	To the balance of the account of the last account audited June 17th 1761	131	13	7½
Aug 22	To cash rcvd for half a year's dividend of £350 South Sea Stock due the 5th of July last	6	2	6
	To ditto of £1600 New South Sea Annuities due the 5th of July last	24	0	0
Nov 13	" " of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due the 10th of October last	3	0	0
1762 Mar 5	" "of £350 South Sea Stocks due the 5th of January last	6	2	6
	" " of £1600 New South Sea Annuities due the 5th January last	24	0	0
Jun 9	" " of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due the 5th of April last	3	0	0
		197	**18**	**7½**

[Sheet 321 IMG 1033]

1761	**Per Contra Creditor**	£	s	d
Jun 17	By cash paid Mr Robinson for the audit dinner	14	15	0
22	" " to Nathaniel Ford half a year's salary due at Michaelmas last	2	0	0
	" to the Mayor his annual present for the year 1761	10	0	0
	" to Bridget Ford a charitable gift of the Company	5	5	0
	" to the first 13 members at the Court of election	1	12	6
	" the bill for the election dinner	20	5	0
Jun 9	" " to Nathaniel Ford half a year's salary due at Lady Day last	2	0	0
	" to Beriah Hills 1 year salary due at Lady Day last	8	0	0
	" " to ditto for the Treasurer's bonds	0	18	0
	By balance due to the Company	133	3	1½
		197	**18**	**7½**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 9th day of June 1762 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Mr Abraham Goodwyn £133 3s 1½d and which money the said Mr Abraham Goodwyn paid to Mr John Horne, the present Treasurer of this Company. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Edward Lambert junior, Daniel Lambert, Richard Denton, Ward Smith			
	Received June 9th 1762 of Mr Abraham Goodwyn, the above accountant, the above balance of £133 3s 1½d. [Signature of:] John Horne			

	[Sheet 321 REV IMG 1034]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern in Cheapside the 25th day of August 1762 Present: Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt, Alderman of the City of London, Mayor Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr John Davenport Mr Ward Smith — Mr Richard Busby Mr Abraham Goodwin — Mr Isaac Ruck Mr Isaac Heaton junior — Mr John Merriman Mr John Horne — Mr Benjamin Bishop Mr Richard Denton — Mr Nathaniel Ford
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt & Alderman of the City of London, and Sir Robert Ladbrooke Kt & Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell upon the said Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen Not sworn [Edward Lambert]	Mr Edward Lambert senior and Mr Benjamin Crayker being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Edward Lambert who not being present did not take the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables continued	Ordered that Mr Edward Lambert junior & Mr Daniel Lambert, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer continued	Ordered that Mr John Horne, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors continued	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk continued	Ordered that Beriah Hills, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle continued	Ordered that Nathaniel Ford, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 322 IMG 1034]
	Ordered: - That the Treasurer pay Mr Isaac Ruck, a member of this Company, the sum of 8 guineas as a free gift of the said Company. - That the Treasurer pay also Mr Benjamin Bishop, a member of this Company, the sum of 4 guineas as a free gift of the said Company
Free	Mr John Usborne was this day admitted & sworn into the freedom of this Society and paid Hanse money 6s 5d.

[Sheet 322 REV IMG 1035]

Mr John Horne, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtor	£	s	d
1762	To the balance of the account of Mr Abraham Goodwyn, the late Treasurer of this Company	133	3	1½
Aug 25	To cash rcvd for half a year's dividend of £1600 New South Sea Annuities due the 5th of July last	24		
	To ditto of £350 South Sea Stock due the 5th of July last	6	2	6
	" " of John Usborne Hanse money	0	6	5
1763 Jun 22	" " 1 year's dividend of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due the 5th of April last	6	0	0
	" " half a year's dividend of £1600 New South Sea Annuities due the 5th January last	24	0	0
	" " of £350 South Sea Stocks due the 5th January last	6	2	6
		199	**14**	**6½**

[Sheet 323 IMG 1035]

1762	**Per Contra Creditor**	£	s	d
Jun 9	By cash paid Mr Holyland for the audit dinner	18	18	0
Aug 25	"" to 11 members at the Court of election	1	7	6
	"" to the Mayor his annual present for the year 1762	10	0	0
	"" to Isaac Ruck a free gift of the Company	8	8	0
	"" to Benjamin Bishop a free gift of the Company	4	4	0
	"" to Nathaniel Ford half a year's salary due at Michaelmas last	2	0	0
26	"" to Mr Holyland for the election dinner	19	10	5
1763 Jun 22	"" to Beriah Hills 1 year's salary due at Lady Day last	8	0	0
	"" to Nathaniel Ford half a year's salary due at Lady Day last	2	0	0
	By balance to the Company	125	6	7½
		199	**14**	**6½**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 22nd day of June 1763 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Mr John Horne £125 6s 7½d. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Richard Denton, Edward Lambert, Daniel Lambert, Ward Smith			

	[Sheet 323 REV IMG 1036]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside the 7th day of September 1763 Present: Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt, Alderman of the City of London, Mayor Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr John Davenport Mr Edward Lambert — Mr John Merriman Mr Daniel Lambert — Mr Isaac Ruck Mr Abraham Goodwyn — Mr Benjamin Bishop Mr John Horne — Mr Nathaniel Ford Mr Richard Denton Mr Richard Busby
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt & Alderman of the City of London, and Sir Robert Ladbrooke Kt & Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell on Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benjamin Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Isaac Heaton Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Abraham Goodwyn, Ward Smith]	Mr Abraham Goodwyn, Mr Ward Smith, Mr Richard Smith and Mr Richard Denton being put in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Abraham Goodwyn & Mr Ward Smith. And Mr Abraham Goodwyn accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining but Mr Ward Smith not being present did not take the oath appertaining to the said office.
Treasurer [Isaac Heaton junior]	Mr Isaac Heaton junior and Mr John Usborne being put in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Isaac Heaton junior, who not being present did not take the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.

	[Sheet 324 IMG 1036]
Clerk	Ordered that Beriah Hills, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Nathaniel Ford, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
	Ordered that the Treasurer pay Mr Isaac Ruck, a member of this Company, the sum of 10 guineas as a free gift of the said Company.
	Ordered that the Treasurer pay Mr Benjamin Bishop, a member of this Company, the sum of 5 guineas as a free gift of the said Company.
	Ordered that the Treasurer pay Mrs Bridget Ford, a member of this Company, the sum of 4 guineas as a free gift of the said Company.
Made Free	Ordered by the unanimous consent of this Company that Mr Daniel Lambert junior, Mr Joseph Winwood, Mr John Browning & Mr David Kidney be presented with the freedom of this Society. And the said Mr Daniel Lambert junior, Mr Joseph Winwood, Mr John Browning appearing were admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company and paid each of them 6s 5d for Hanse money.
[Box of papers to be kept by the Clerk]	Ordered that the box or chest wherein are the writings and papers belonging to this Company shall be kept in the custody of the Clerk and that 1 key thereof shall be delivered to & remain with the Lieutenant for the time being, 1 other key with the Senior Constable for the time being and the other key with the Clerk for the time being.

[Sheet 324 REV IMG 1037]

Mr John Horne, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1763	Debtor	£	s	d
	To the balance of the last account audited June 2nd 1763	125	6	7 ½
	To cash rcvd for half a year's dividend of £1600 New South Sea Annuities due the 5th of July 1763	24	0	0
	ditto of £350 South Sea Stocks due the 5th of July 1763	6	2	6
Sep 7	"" for Hanse money of 3 members	0	19	3
	"" for half a year's dividend of £1600 New South Sea Annuities due the 5th of January 1764	24	0	0
	"" for half a year's dividend of £350 South Sea Stocks due the 5th of January 1764	6	2	6
	To 1 year's dividend of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due the 9th of April 1764	6	0	0
		192	**10**	**10 ½**

[Sheet 325 IMG 1037]

1763	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
Jun 23	By cash paid Mr Holyland for the audit dinner	20	2	10
Sep 7	By ditto to 12 members at Court of election	1	10	0
	"" to Isaac Ruck a free gift of the Company	10	10	0
	"" to Benjamin Bishop a free gift of the Company	5	5	0
	"" to Mrs Ford a free gift of the Company	4	4	0
	"" to Nathaniel Ford half a year's salary due at Midsummer 1763	2	0	0
	"" to the Mayor his annual present for the year 1765	10	0	0
8	"" to Mr Holyland for the election dinner	25	9	0
1764 Jun 20	"" to Beriah Hills 1 year salary due at Lady Day last	8	0	0
	"" to Beriah Hills for the Treasurer's bonds	0	18	0
	"" to Beriah Hills for postage of letters	0	1	6
	"" to Nathaniel Ford half a year's salary due at Lady Day last	2	0	0
	By balance to the Company	100	10	6 ½
		192	**10**	**10 ½**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 20th day of June 1774 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Mr John Horne the sum of £100 10s 6½d. and which money they said John Horne still has in his hands, Mr Isaac Heaton junior, the Treasurer chosen at the last Court not having been sworn into that office nor given security to the Company. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Edward Lambert, Daniel Lambert, Abraham Goodwin, Ward Smith			
	NB. Mr Heaton junior was sworn into the office of Treasurer and gave security tot the Company on the 22nd August 1764. Received August 22nd 1764 of Mr John Horne, the above accountant, the sum of £100 10s 6½d. [Signature of] John Heaton junior			

	[Sheet 325 REV IMG 1038]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside London the 22nd day of August 1764 Present: Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt, Alderman of the City of London, Mayor Mr Benjamin Crayker — Mr Richard Busby Mr Edward Lambert — Mr John Merriman Mr Daniel Lambert — Mr John Usborne Mr Abraham Goodwyn — Mr John Davenport Mr John Horne — Mr Richard Denton Mr Ward Smith — Mr Isaac Heaton junior Mr Daniel Lambert junior — Mr John Browning Mr Joseph Winwood — Mr Benjamin Bishop
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt & Alderman of the City of London, and Sir Robert Ladbrooke, Kt & Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell upon the said Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benj. Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Isaac Heaton Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables continued	Ordered that Mr Abraham Goodwyn & Mr Ward Smith, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer continued	Ordered that Mr Isaac Heaton junior, the present Treasurer, and has accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the office.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.

	[Sheet 326]
Clerk	Ordered that Beriah Hills, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Nathaniel Ford, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
	Ordered: -that the Treasurer pay Elizabeth Smith, the wife of Mr Richard Smith, a member of this Company, for his use the sum of 10 guineas as a free gift of the said Company. - that the Treasurer pay Mr Richard Denton, a member of this Company, the sum of 5 guineas as a free gift of the said Company. - that the Treasurer pay Mr Benjamin Bishop, a member of this Company, the sum of £5 as a free gift of the said Company.
Made Free	Ordered, by the unanimous consent of this Company, that Mr Richard Jolly, Matthew Howard Esq & Mr John Dyer be presented with the freedom of this Society. And they severally appearing were admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company. And each of them paid 6s 5d Hanse money.
	Ordered that a copy of the Charter of this Company be made and delivered by the Clerk, at the expense of the said Company, to each member thereof, who has not already had a copy of the same.

[Sheet 326 REV IMG 1039]

Mr Isaac Heaton junior Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1764	Debtor	£	s	d
	To the balance of the account of Mr John Horne, the late Treasurer of this Company	102	10	6½
	To cash rcvd for half a year's dividend £1600 New South Sea Annuities due the 5th of July 1764	24	0	0
	To ditto of £350 South Sea Stocks due the 5th of July 1764	6	2	6
Aug 22	"" for Hanse money of 3 members	0	19	3
	"" for half a year's dividend of £1600 New South Sea Annuities due the 5th of January 1765	24	0	0
	" " of £350 South Sea Stocks due the 5th January 1765	6	2	6
	" " 1 year's dividend of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due the 5th of April 1765	6	0	0
		169	**14**	**9½**

[Sheet 327 IMG 1039]

1764	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
Jun 20	By cash paid Mr Holyland for the audit dinner	17	14	0½
Aug 22	"" to 13 members at the Court of election	1	12	6
	"" to the Mayor his annual present for the year 1764	10	0	0
	"" to Richard Smith a free gift of the Company	10	10	0
	"" to Richard Denton a free gift of the Company	5	5	0
	"" to Benjamin Bishop a free gift of the Company	5	0	0
	"" to Mr Holyland for the election dinner	25	4	10
	"" to Nathaniel Ford 1 qrtr's salary due at Midsummer last	1	0	0
Sep 29	"" to Nathaniel Ford 1 qrtr's salary due this day	1	0	0
1765 Jun 19	"" to " " half a year's salary due at Lady Day last	2	0	0
	"" to Beriah Hills 1 year's salary due at Lady Day last	8	0	0
	"" to " " for 5 copies of the Charter & postage of letters	1	19	0
		169	**14**	**9½**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 19th day of June 1765 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Mr Isaac Heaton junior Esq £80 9s 5d. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Edward Lambert, Abraham Goodwin, Ward Smith			

	[Sheet 327 REV IMG 1040]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern in Cheapside the 28th day of August 1765 Present: Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt, Alderman of the City of London, Mayor Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant — Mr Joseph Winwood Edward Lambert Esq — Mr John Browning Mr John Merriman — Richard Jolly Esq Mr Richard Busby — Matthew Howard Esq Mr Ward Smith — Mr John Dyer Isaac Heaton junior Esq — Mr Benjamin Bishop Daniel Lambert Esq — Mr John Davenport
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt & Alderman of the City of London, and Sir Robert Ladbrooke Kt & Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell upon the said Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benj. Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Isaac Heaton Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Edward Lambert, John Merriman]	Edward Lambert Esq, Mr John Merriman, Mr John Davenport & Mr Edward Morse being put in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Edward Lambert Esq & Mr John Merriman who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer continued	Ordered that Isaac Heaton junior Esq, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	Ordered that Beriah Hills, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	Ordered that Nathaniel Ford, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 328 IMG 1040]
Made free	Ordered, by the unanimous consent of this Company, that John Mackerill Esq [Mackerel ?] be presented with the freedom of this Society. Mr David Kidney and the said John Mackerill Esq appearing, were admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company and paid each of them 6s 5d for Hanse money.
	Ordered: -that the Treasurer pay Mr Richard Smith, a member of this Company, the sum of £5 as a free gift of the said Company. -that the Treasurer pay Mr Richard Denton, a member of this Company, the sum of £5 as a free gift of the said Company. -that the Treasurer pay Mr Benjamin Bishop, a member of this Company, the sum of 3 guineas as a free gift of the said Company.

[Sheet 328 REV IMG 1041]

Mr Isaac Heaton junior Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1765	Debtor	£	s	d
	To the balance of the last account audited June 19th 1765.	80	9	5
Aug 14	To cash rcvd for half a year's dividend of £1600 New South Sea Annuities due the 5th of July 1765	24	0	0
	To ditto for £350 South Sea Stock due the 5th of July 1765	6	2	6
Aug 28	To ditto Hanse money for 2 members	0	12	10
1766 Jan 11	" " for half year's dividend of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due the 10th of October 1765	3	0	0
Feb 14	"" for half a year's dividend of £1600 New South Sea Annuities due January 5th 1766.	24	0	0
	" "half a year's dividend on £350 South Sea Stocks due the 5th January 1766	6	2	6
Jun 25	" " for half a year's dividend of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due April 5th 1766	3	0	0
		147	**7**	**3**

[Sheet 329 IMG 1041]

1765	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
Jun 19	By cash paid Mr Holyland for the audit dinner	13	3	7
Aug 20	By ditto to 13 members at the Court of election	1	12	6
	"" to the Mayor, his annual present for the year 1765	10	0	0
	"" to Richard Smith a free gift of the Company	5	0	0
	"" to Richard Denton a free gift	5	0	0
	"" to Benjamin Bishop a free gift	3	3	0
	"" to Nathaniel Ford 1 quarter's salary due Midsummer last	1	0	0
29	"" to Mr Holyland for the election dinner	21	13	9
Oct 12	"" Nathaniel Ford 1 quarter's salary due Michaelmas last	1	0	0
1766 Mar 8	"" due Xmas last	1	0	0
Jun 25	"" due Lady Day last	1	0	0
	"" to Beriah Hills 1 year's salary due at Lady Day last	8	0	0
	"" "" for postage of letters	0	3	0
	By balance due to the Company	75	11	5
		147	**7**	**3**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 25th day of June 1766 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Isaac Heaton junior Esq the sum of £75 11s 5d [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Isaac Heaton, Edward Lambert, Ward Smith			

[Sheet 329 REV IMG 1042]

At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern In Cheapside London the 27th day of August 1766

Present:

Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt and Alderman of London,	Mayor
Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant	Matthew Howard Esq
Edward Lambert Esq	John Mackerill Esq
Mr John Merriman	Mr John Dyer
Mr Ward Smith	Mr Benjamin Bishop
Isaac Heaton junior Esq	Mr John Davenport
Daniel Lambert Esq	Abraham Goodwin Esq
Richard Jolly Esq	
Isaac Heaton Esq	

The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.

Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson] — The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt & Alderman of the City of London, and Sir Robert Ladbrooke, Kt and Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell upon the said Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Lieutenant chosen [Benj. Crayker] — Mr Benjamin Crayker and Isaac Heaton Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

Constables continued — Ordered that Edward Lambert Esq and Mr John Merriman, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.

Treasurer [Daniel Lambert] — John Usborne Esq and Daniel Lambert Esq being put in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Daniel Lambert, who being present took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Auditors — Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.

Clerk — Ordered that Beriah Hills, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.

Beadle — Ordered that Nathaniel Ford, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.

Ordered
-that the Treasurer pay Richard Smith, a member of this Company, the sum of 5 guineas as a free gift of the said Company.
- that the Treasurer pay Benjamin Bishop, a member of this Company, the sum of £3 as a free gift of the said Company.

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Bound - Thomas Howlet, son of Richard Howlet of Redbourne in the county of Hertford perukemaker[272], to John Dyer of London, Merchant of the Staple, for 7 years from March 21st 1767.

[Sheet 330 REV IMG 1043]

Isaac Heaton Junior, Esquire, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtor	£	s	d
	To the balance of the last account audited June 25th 1766	75	11	5
1766 Aug 11	To cash rcvd for half a year's dividend of £1600 New South Sea Annuities due July 5th 1766	24	0	0
	To ditto for half a year's dividend of £350 South Sea Stocks due July 5th 1766	6	2	6
Nov 11	"" half a year's dividend of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due October 10th 1766	3	0	0
1767 Feb 12	"" half a year's dividend of £1600 New South Sea Annuities due January 5th 1767	24	0	0
	"" for half a year's dividend of £350 South Sea Stocks due Jan 5th 1767	6	2	6
May 18	" " half year's dividend of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due April 5th 1767	3	0	0
Jul 15	"" for £1600 New South Sea Annuities due July 5th 1767	24	0	0
	" " for half a year's dividend on £350 South Sea Stocks due July 5th 1767	6	2	6
		171	**18**	**11**

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[272] perukemaker: a wig maker

	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
1766 Jun 26	By cash paid Mr Holyland for the audit dinner	15	5	7
Aug 27	By ditto to 13 members at the Court of Election	1	12	6
	" " to the Mayor his annual present for the year 1766	10	0	0
	" " Nathaniel Ford 1 quarter's salary due Midsummer last	1	0	0
	" " to Benjamin Bishop a free gift	3	0	0
	" " to Richard Smith a free gift	5	5	0
	" " Mr Holyland for the election dinner	20	4	10
Oct 1	" " Nathaniel Ford 1 quarter's salary due Michaelmas last	1	0	0
1767 Jan 29	" " " " " " " " Xmas last	1	0	0
Jul 15	" " Beriah Hills 1 year's salary due at Lady Day last	8	0	0
	" " " " for the Treasurer's bonds	0	18	0
	" " " " for postage of letters	0	2	8
	By balance due to the Company	104	10	4
		171	**18**	**11**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 15th day of July 1767 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Isaac Heaton Junior Esquire the sum of £104 10s 4d and which the said Isaac Heaton junior paid to Daniel Lambert Esq the present Treasurer of this Company. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Isaac Heaton, Edward Lambert, Ward Smith, John Horne			
	Received July 15th 1767 of Isaac Heaton Junior Esq the above balance of £104 10s 4d. [Signature of] Daniel Lambert			

	[Sheet 331 REV IMG 1044]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern in Cheapside the 2nd day of September 1767 Present: Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt, Alderman of London, Mayor Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant — Abraham Goodwin Esq Edward Lambert Esq — Mr John Merriman Isaac Heaton Esq — Isaac Heaton Junior Esq Mr John Davenport — Mr Ward Smith Daniel Lambert Esq — Mr John Dyer Mathew Howard Esq — Richard Jolly Esq Mr Benjamin Bishop
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt & Alderman of London, and Sir Robert Ladbrooke, Kt and Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell upon the said Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benj. Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Isaac Heaton Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables [Isaac Heaton junior & John Davenport]	Isaac Heaton Junior Esq, Mr John Davenport, Abraham Goodwin Esq and Mr John Horne being put in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Isaac Heaton Junior Esq and Mr John Davenport who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer continued	Ordered that Daniel Lambert Esq, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors continued	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk continued	Ordered that Beriah Hills, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle chosen [Richard Smith]	This Court being informed of the death of Nathaniel Ford, their late Beadle, and Mr Richard Smith and Mr Benjamin Bishop being put in nomination for the same, the said Richard Smith was chosen Beadle of the said Company who thankfully accepted of the said office.
	Ordered that the Treasurer pay Benjamin Bishop, a member of this Company, the sum of 4 guineas as a free gift of the said Company.
	Ordered that the Treasurer pay Richard Smith, who was this day elected Beadle of this Company, the sum of 4 guineas as a free gift of the said Company.
	Ordered that the Treasurer be desired to pay the 3 quarters' salary, which will become due to the Beadle of this Company at Midsummer next, to Bridget Ford, the widow of Nathaniel Ford, the late Beadle.

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[Sheet 332 REV IMG 1045]

Daniel Lambert Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtor	£	s	d
	To the balance of the account of Isaac Heaton Junior Esq, the late Treasurer of this Company	104	10	4
Feb 8 **1768**	To half year's dividend of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due the 10th of Oct 1767	3	0	0
	" " on £350 South Sea Stock due the 5th January 1760	6	2	6
	" " on £1600 New South Sea Annuities due the 5th of January 1768	24	0	0
Jun 8	" " on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due the 5th of April 1768	3	0	0
		140	**12**	**10**

[Sheet 333 IMG 1045]

1767	**Per Contra Creditor**	£	s	d
Jul 16	By cash paid Mr Holyland for the audit dinner	14	5	3
Sep 2	By ditto to the Mayor his annual present for 1767	10	0	0
	" " to the first 13 members at the Court of election	1	12	6
	" " to Benjamin Bishop a free gift	4	4	0
	" " to Richard Smith a free gift	4	4	0
	" " to Bridget Ford 3 qrtrs' salary due to her late husband at Michaelmas 1767 as Beadle to the Company	3	0	0
	" " to Mr Holyland for the election dinner	22	9	5
Dec 31 **1768**	" " to Richard Smith 1 qrtr's salary as Beadle to the Company due at Christmas last	1	0	0
Mar 26	" " to " " due Lady Day last	1	0	0
Jun 8	" " to Beriah Hill 1 year's salary as Clerk due at Lady Day last	8	0	0
	" " to " " for postage of letters	0	1	10
		69	**17**	**0**
	By balance due to the Company	70	15	10
		140	**12**	**10**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 8th day of June 1768 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Daniel Lambert Esquire £70 15s 10d. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Isaac Heaton, Edward Lambert, Ward Smith, Isaac Heaton Junior			

	[Sheet 333 REV IMG 1046]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern in Cheapside the 7th day of September 1768 Present: Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt, Alderman of London Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant — Mr Joseph Winwood Edward Lambert Esq — Richard Jolly Esq Mr Richard Busby — Mathew Howard Esq Mr Ward Smith — John Mackerill Esq Mr John Davenport — Mr John Horne Isaac Heaton Junior Esq — Mr Benjamin Bishop Mr — Mr Richard Smith Mr
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt & Alderman of the City of London, and Sir Robert Ladbrooke, Kt and Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell on Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benj. Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Isaac Heaton Senior Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables continued	Ordered that Isaac Heaton Junior and Mr John Davenport, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer continued	Ordered that Daniel Lambert Esq, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors continued	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk chosen [James Ewer]	Mr Beriah Hills, the Clerk to this Company, having desired leave to resign his office on account of his ill state of health, the Court allowed thereof, and the Court then proceeded to the election of a new Clerk in his stead. And choice was made of James Ewer to be Clerk for the year ensuing, which he thankfully accepted and took the oath appertaining.

	[Sheet 334 IMG 1046]
Beadle continued	Ordered that Richard Smith, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
	Ordered that the Treasurer pay Benjamin Bishop, a member of this Company, the sum of £5 as a free gift of the said Company.
	Ordered that the Treasurer pay Bridget Ford, widow of the late Beadle, the sum of 4 guineas as a charitable gift of the said Company.
Made Free [Richard Heaton Jolly]	Ordered, by the unanimous consent of this Company, that Richard Heaton Jolly be presented with the freedom of this Company. And the said Mr Richard Heaton Jolly, appearing, was elected, admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
	Beriah Hills, the late Clerk, having delivered up the box or chest, wherein the writings and papers are belonging to this Company, and also the key thereof in his custody, to James Ewer, the present Clerk. Ordered that the said box or chest and key shall be and remain in the custody of the Clerk for the time being.

[Sheet 334 REV IMG 1047]

Daniel Lambert Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtor	£	s	d
1768	To the balance of the last account audited the 8th day of June 1768	70	15	10
Sept 7th	By Hanse money received of Isaac [John] Heaton Jolly Esq	0	6	5
	To half a year's dividends on £1600 New South Sea Annuities due the 5th of July 1768	24	0	0
	To half a year's dividends on £350 South Sea Stock due the 5th of July 1768	6	2	6
1769 Feb 20th	To half year's dividend of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due the 10th Oct 1768	3	0	0
	To half a year's dividends on £1600 New South Sea Annuities due 5th April 1769	24	0	0
	To half a year's dividends on £350 South Sea Stock due 5th April 1769	6	2	6
June 14th	To half year's dividend of £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5th April 1769	3	0	0
		137	**7**	**3**

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1768	**Per Contra Creditor**	£	s	d
June 8th	By cash paid Mr Holyland for the audit dinner	14	0	4
25	By ditto to Richard Smith the Beadle 1 quarter's salary due Midsummer	1	0	0
Sept 7	" " to Benjamin Bishop a free gift	5	0	0
	" " to Bridget Ford a free gift	4	4	0
	" " to the Mayor his annual present for 1768	10	0	0
	" " to the first 13 members at the Court of election	1	12	6
	" " to Mr Holyland for the election dinner	20	18	0
Oct 1st	" " to Richard Smith 1 quarter's salary due Michaelmas last	1	0	0
Dec 26	" " to Richard Smith 1 quarter's salary due Xmas last	1	0	0
1769 March 26	" " to the said Richard Smith 1 quarter's salary due Lady Day last	1	0	0
June 14th	" " Beriah Hills half a year's salary due Michaelmas last	4	0	0
	" " to James Ewer the present Clerk half a year's salary due Lady Day last	4	0	0
		67	**14**	**10**
	By balance due to the Company	69	12	5
		137	**7**	**3**
	Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed this 14th day of June 1769 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Daniel Lambert Esquire £69 12s 5d. [Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Edward Lambert			

	[Sheet 335 REV IMG 1048]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the Half Moon Tavern in Cheapside the 16th day of August 1769 Present: Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt, Alderman of London, Mayor Mr Benjamin Crayker Lieutenant — Mr Joseph Winwood Edward Lambert Esq — Mr Benjamin Bishop Abraham Goodwin Esq — Mr John Browning John Mackerill Esq — Mr John Merriman Richard Jolly Esq — Daniel Lambert Esq Mr John Dyer — Mr Richard Busby — Mr John Davenport
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Thomas Rawlinson]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Sir Thomas Rawlinson, Kt & Alderman of London, and Sir Robert Ladbrooke Kt being put in nomination, the choice fell on Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benj. Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Isaac Heaton Senior Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Abr. Goodwyn, Dan. Lambert]	Abraham Goodwyn and Daniel Lambert Esqs and Mr John Horne being put in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Abraham Goodwyn and Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Joseph Winwood]	Mr Joseph Winwood and Mr John Browning being put in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell upon the said Joseph Winwood. Ordered that Mr Joseph Winwood, who was this day elected Treasurer, do send to the Clerk of this Company the names and additions of his securities 14 days before the next Court of general election in order to be transmitted to the Mayor, Lieutenant and Constables, and if approved and accepted by them that the said Mr Winwood be then sworn in Treasurer of this Company.
Auditors continued	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk continued	Ordered that James Ewer, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 336 IMG 1048]
Beadle continued	Ordered that Richard Smith, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
[Dinners]	Ordered unanimously that no dinner be had at the expense of this Company but at the annual Court of election, and on that day the Treasurer's accounts be audited.
[14 days' notice of Court]	Ordered also that 14 days' notice be in future given to the several members of this Company, by the Clerk thereof, of the Court of general election, which is to be fixed as usual, by the Mayor, Lieutenant and Constables.
	Ordered also that a committee be appointed to inspect, peruse and examine the Charter and byelaws of this Company, in order to see what privileges and immunities may be derived to the several members who are Wool staplers; and that the Clerk of this Company do from time to time attend the said Committee with the said Charter, byelaws and other papers. And that the said Committee do consist of all such members of this Committee, who shall from time to time have to attend, notice in writing of such meeting, when fixed, being transmitted to the several members by the Clerk.
	Ordered also that the said Charter, byelaws and papers be not at any time or times inspected or perused without the presence of 3 or more members of the said Committee and that the Clerk be then present.
	Ordered that the Lieutenant be desired to deposit the keys of the chest in with the Clerk of the Company till the next Court of election.
	Ordered by the unanimous consent of this Company that Sir Thomas Lambert, son of Daniel Lambert Esq, late a member of this Company, be presented with the freedom thereof.
Made free	And the said Thomas Lambert appearing was admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
	Ordered by the unanimous consent of this Company that Mr Richard Witts be presented with the freedom of this Company.

	[Sheet 336 REV IMG 1049]
Made free	And the said Richard Witts appearing was admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
	Ordered that the Treasurer pay Benjamin Bishop, a member of this Company, the sum of 4 guineas as a free gift of this Company.
	Ordered that the Treasurer pay Elizabeth Smith, the wife of the present Beadle, the sum of 3 guineas as a free gift of this Company.
	Ordered that the Treasurer pay Bridget Ford, widow of the late Beadle, the sum of 3 guineas as a charitable gift of this Company.
	Ordered that the Clerk send copies of the several oaths taken by the officers and members of this Company when admitted into office or the freedom of this Company or any office thereunto appertaining.

	[Sheet 337 IMG 1049]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street the 10th day of April 1771[273] Present: Benjamin Crayker Esq Lieutenant — Daniel Lambert Esq Isaac Heaton Esq — John Usborne Esq Abraham Goodwyn Esq — Mr John Browning Edward Lambert Esq — Richard Jolly Esq Mr John Merriman — Mr John Dyer Mr John Davenport — John Mackerill Esq Isaac Heaton Junior Esq — Mr Richard Witts
Mayor chosen [Barlow Trecothick]	Sir Thomas Rawlinson Kt & Alderman of the City of London, who for several years last past has been Mayor of the Staple, being lately dead and the Court being now resolved to proceed to the election of a new Mayor for the year ensuing. In order therein to, Barlow Trecothick[274] Esq, Alderman of the City of London and John Sawbridge Esq, Alderman of the same city, were severally put in nomination for the place of Mayor of the Staple, and by holding up of hands of the majority then present, the said Barlow Trecothick Esq was unanimously elected Mayor of the said Staple. Whereupon the said Barlow Trecothick Esq appeared at this Court and accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining thereto and then, having taken the place of Mayor, he also took the oath of Mayor of the said Staple accordingly.
	Ordered that the Company's Charter and 2 seals, late in the custody of the said Sir Thomas Rawlinson and now produced by the representatives of the said Sir Thomas Rawlinson, be delivered to the said Barlow Trecothick Esq and which was accordingly done.
	Ordered that the keys of the chest, wherein the deeds, writings and papers belonging to the Company [are contained], be delivered to the Lieutenant and Constables and that all books and papers taken out lately by a committee of the Company to be replaced and deposited in the said chest.
Lieutenant chosen [Benj. Crayker]	Mr Benjamin Crayker and Isaac Heaton Senior Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Mr Benjamin Crayker who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.

[273] There is no record of a Court of election in 1770, although the accounts summary makes note of an election dinner on 14 March 1770 at the Sun (tavern).

[274] Barlow Trecothick Esq, 1718 - 28 May 1775. Alderman. 1766 Sherriff of London, 1768 MP for London; 1770 Jun-Nov Lord Mayor. https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1754-1790/member/trecothick-barlow-1718-75)
Manor of Addington in Surrey https://www.british-history.ac.uk/london-environs/vol1/pp1-10#highlight-first

	[Sheet 337 REV IMG 1050]
Constables continued	Ordered that Abraham Goodwyn and Daniel Lambert Esq, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [ ]	Mr John Browning and Richard Jolly Esq being put in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Mr John Browning who took the oath appertaining thereunto.
Auditors continued	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk chosen [William Drew]	Mr James Ewer, the late Clerk of this Company, being lately deceased, the Court proceeded to the choice of a new Clerk in his stead and choice was made of William Drew to be Clerk for the year ensuing, which he thankfully accepted and took the oath appertaining thereto.
	Ordered that the chest, wherein the deeds writings and papers belonging to the Company are contained, be removed from the Half Moon Tavern to the Clerk's house.
Beadle	Ordered that Richard Smith, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
Made Free	Ordered, by the unanimous consent of this Company, that George Brough Esq Thomas Smally Browning Esq William Hodgson Esq Broom Witts Esq and Mr George Dyer be presented with the freedom of this Society. And the said George Brough Esq, William Hodgson Esq, Broom Witts Esq and Mr George Dyer severally appearing were admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company and each of them paid 6s 5d Hanse money.
	Ordered that Mr Ewer's bill be referred to the committee, appointed on 16 August 1769, or any 2 of them and that they be desired to examine the bill and report their opinion to the Treasurer, who is directed to pay what may appear upon their report to be due.
[Copies of Charter and oath]	Ordered that copies of the Charter be delivered to every new member as also to Richard Jolly Esq and that a copy of the oath taken by every new member be likewise delivered to such member.
	Ordered that the Treasurer pay Bridget Ford and Alice Bishop the sum of 3 guineas each as free gifts of this Company.
	Ordered that the Treasurer pay Elizabeth Smith, the wife of the present Beadle, the sum of 4 guineas as a free gift of this Company.

[Sheet 338 IMG 1050]

Daniel Lambert Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1769	Debtor	£	s	d
	To the balance of the account of last account audited 14 June 1769	69	12	5
	To Hanse money rcvd of Thomas Lambert Junior	0	6	5
	To ditto rcvd of Mr Witts	0	6	5
July 5th	To half a year's dividend on £1600 New South Sea Annuities	24	0	0
	To half a year's dividend on £350 South Sea Stock	6	2	6
1770 Jan 5th	To half a year's dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due Michaelmas last	3	0	0
	To half a year's dividend on £1600 New South Sea Annuities due this day	24	0	0
	To half a year's dividend on £350 South Sea Stock due ditto	6	2	6
April 5th	To half a year's dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due ditto	3	0	0
July 5th	To half a year's dividend on £1600 New South Sea Annuities due ditto	24	0	0
	To half a year's dividend on £350 South Sea Stock due ditto	6	2	6
Oct 10th	To half a year's dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due ditto	3	0	0
1771 Jan 5th	To half a year's dividend on £1600 New South Sea Annuities due this day	24	0	0
	To half a year's dividend on £350 South Sea Stock due ditto	6	2	6
April 10th	By Hanse money of George Brough Esq	0	6	5
	By ditto of Mr William Hodgson	0	6	5
	By ditto of Broom Witts Esq	0	6	5
	By ditto of Mr George Dyer	0	6	5
Aug 31st	To half a year's dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5th April	3	0	0
	To half a year's dividend on £1600 New South Sea Annuities 5th July	24	0	0
	To half a year's dividend on £350 South Sea Stock ditto	6	2	6
1772 Feb 28th	To half a year's dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities	3	0	0
	To half a year's dividend on £1600 New South Sea Annuities	24	0	0
	To half a year's dividend on £350 South Sea Stock	6	2	6
June 24th	To half a year's dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5th April	3	0	0
		270	**5**	**11**

[Sheet 338 REV IMG 1051]

Daniel Lambert Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1769	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
Jun 23	To cash paid for an audit dinner	16	4	9
24	To ditto paid the Beadle a qrtr's salary to Midsummer	1	0	0
Aug 16	" " paid an election dinner	23	2	10
	" " paid the Mayor's annual present	10	0	0
	" " paid Benjamin Bishop a gift	4	4	0
	" " Bridget Ford a gift	3	3	0
	" " Elizabeth Smith a gift	3	3	0
Sep 29	" " paid the Beadle 1 qrtr's salary due this day	1	0	0
Dec 25	" " paid ditto	1	0	0
	" " paid 13 members 2s 6d each 16th August	1	12	0
1770 Mar 14	" " paid election dinner [275] at the Sun	16	10	6
22	" " paid John Merriman a gift	4	4	0
26	" " paid the Beadle a qrtr's salary to Lady Day	1	0	0
May 2	" " paid election dinner[276] at London	15	10	11
Jun 26	" " paid the Beadle 1 qrtr's salary to Midsummer	1	0	0
	" " paid the Clerk 1 year's salary to Lady Day	8	0	0
Sep 29	" " paid the Beadle 1 qrtr's salary to Michaelmas	1	0	0
Oct 26	" " paid ditto 1 qrtr's salary to Christmas	1	0	0
1771 Mar 26	" " paid ditto 1 qrtr's salary to Lady Day	1	0	0
Apr 10	" " paid Mrs Smith a gift	4	4	0
	" " paid Bridget Ford a free gift	3	3	0
	" " paid Alice Bishop a free gift	3	3	0
	" " paid 13 members attendance	1	12	6
	" " paid election dinner	20	3	0
Jul 2	To cash paid Mr Ewer's bill of costs £36 7s 4d & cash paid 1 year's salary to Lady Day last £8	44	7	4
	" " paid the Beadle 1 qrtr's salary	1	0	0
Sep 29	" " paid the Beadle Michaelmas	1	0	0
Dec 26	" " paid ditto to Christmas	1	0	0
[**1772**] Apr 26	" " paid ditto to Lady Day	1	0	0
Jun 9	" " paid William Drew, Clerk, 1 year's salary to Lady Day	8	0	0
24	" " paid the Beadle 1 qrtr's salary to Midsummer	1	0	0
	" " gave the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	To 13 members for attendance	1	12	6
		215	**0**	**10**
	To balance due to the Company	55	5	1
		270	**5**	**11**

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Memorandum: the aforegoing account was audited and allowed the 25th day of June 1772 by us whose names are subscribed and there remains due to the Company from the said Daniel Lambert Esq the sum of £55 5s 1d and which money the said Daniel Lambert paid to Mr John Browning, the present Treasurer of this Company.

[Signatures of:] Benjamin Crayker, Edward Lambert, Abraham Goodwin

Received this 25th June 1772 of Daniel Lambert Esq, the above accountant, the above balance of £55 5s 1d. [Signature of:] J Browning

15th February 1772

Bound

William Fuller, son of Sarah Fuller of the parish of Saint George Hanover Square in the county of Middlesex widow, to John Browning of the parish of Saint Mary Magdalen Bermondsey in the county of Surrey, Merchant of the Staple, for 7 years from said 15th February 1772.

[275] **There is no record of the proceedings of a March 14th 1770 Court of election; the record jumps from 1769 to 1771**.

[276] **There is no record of a May 2nd 1770 Court of election.**

	[Sheet 339 REV IMG 1052]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street London the 25th day of June 1772 Present: Barlow Trecothick Esq, Alderman of London, Mayor John Mackerill Esq — Mr John Dyer Mr John Merriman — Benjamin Crayker Esq Lieutenant John Usborne Esq — Mr George Dyer Abraham Goodwyn Esq — Daniel Lambert Esq Mr John Davenport — George Brough Esq Edward Lambert Esq — John Browning Esq Richard Jolly Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Barlow Trecothick]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election for Mayor for the year ensuing. And Barlow Trecothick Esq and Alderman of London, and John Sawbridge Esq and Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell on Barlow Trecothick Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen [Benj. Crayker]	Benjamin Crayker Esq and Isaac Heaton Senior Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Benjamin Crayker Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [John Usborne, John Browning]	John Usborne Esq and John Browning Esq being put in nomination for Constables for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said John Usborne Esq and John Browning Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer continued	[Ordered] that John Browning Esq be continued Treasurer for the year ensuing.
Auditors continued	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued.

	[Sheet 340 IMG 1052]
Clerk continued	Ordered that William Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle continued	Ordered that Richard Smith, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
	Ordered by the unanimous consent of this Company that David Cabanel Esq, Fr[ancis] Addington Esq, Fr[ancis] Hennaway Esq and Mr Nicholas Were be presented with the freedom of this Company.
Made Free	And Thomas Smally Browning Esq and the said Daniel Cabanel Esq, appearing, were admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company and paid each of then 6s 5d for Hanse money.
	Ordered that the Treasurer be desired to pay Richard Smith, Beadle of this Company, 5 guineas and to Bridget Ford 4 guineas as free gifts of this Company.

	[Sheet 340 REV IMG 1053]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street London the 9th day of September 1773 Present: Barlow Trecothick Esq, Alderman of London, Mayor Edward Lambert Esq — Richard Witts Esq Daniel Lambert Esq — Mr Richard Busby George Brough Esq — Mr John Dyer Isaac Heaton Senior Esq — Mr John Davenport Isaac Heaton Junior Esq — Mr George Dyer John Browning Esq — William Hodgson Esq Broom Witts Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Barlow Trecothick]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Barlow Trecothick Esq and Alderman of London, and John Sawbridge Esq and Alderman of the same City, being put in nomination, the choice fell on Barlow Trecothick Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Lieutenant chosen, not sworn [Benj. Crayker]	Benjamin Crayker Esq and Isaac Heaton Senior Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Benjamin Crayker Esq who being ill did not attend to take the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables continued	Ordered that John Browning Esq and John Usborne Esq, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer continued	That John Browning Esq, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors continued	That the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk continued	That William Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle continued	That Richard Smith, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
	Ordered that the Treasurer be desired to pay Richard Smith, the Beadle of the Company, 6 guineas; Alice Bishop widow 3 guineas; John Merriman 6 guineas; and Bridget Jones widow 3 guineas, as free gifts of the Company.

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Bound	**12th November 1773** John Wetherhead, son of Thomas Wetherhead late of Leeds in the county of York wool dealer, to John Browning Esq of Bermondsey in the county of Surrey, Merchant of the Staple of England, for 7 years from the said 12th of November 1773.
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street London the 12th day of January 1775 Present: George Brough Esq — Broom Witts Esq Isaac Heaton Esq — Daniel Lambert Esq Mr George Dyer — Thomas Smally Browning Esq John Browning Esq — William Addington Esq Mr John Davenport — Richard Witts Esq William Hodgson Esq — Richard Smith Mr John Dyer
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
[The Mayor, Barlow Trecothick, ill and resigned]	John Browning Esq acquainted this Court that Barlow Trecothick Esq did resign being Mayor of this Company, his ill state of health obliging him to resign all public offices.
Mayor chosen [Benjamin Hopkins Esq]	And the Court being now resolved to proceed to the election of a new Mayor for the year ensuing. In order thereunto Benjamin Hopkins[277] Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and John Sawbridge Esq, Alderman of the same City, were severally put in nomination for the office of Mayor of the Staple. And by holding up of hands of the majority then present the said Benjamin Hopkins Esq was unanimously elected Mayor of the Staple. Whereupon the said Benjamin Hopkins Esq appeared at this Court and accepted thereof. And then having taken the place of Mayor he also took the oath of Mayor of the said Staple accordingly.

[277] Benjamin Hopkins 1734-1779, Lived 58 Old Broad Street; Director Bank of England, insurance underwriter, Alderman, MP for Great Bedwyn 1771, http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1754-1790/member/hopkins-benjamin-1734-79 Chamberlain of London 1776-79, Portrait: https://www.npg.org.uk/collections/search/person/mp65891/benjamin-hopkins

	[Sheet 341 REV IMG 1054]
1775	
Lieutenant chosen, not sworn [Edward Lambert]	Edward Lambert Esq and Abraham Goodwin Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Edward Lambert Esq, who being absent did not take the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables chosen	Isaac Heaton Esq and Daniel Lambert Esq, being put in nomination for Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, were unanimously elected, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer continued	That John Browning Esq be continued Treasurer for the year ensuing
Auditors continued	That the same auditors be continued as usual.
Clerk continued	That Mr Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
	That Richard Smith, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
	Ordered by the unanimous consent of this Company that Wilmot Lambert Esq, Hugh Meares Esq, Thomas Bell Esq, Edward Witts Esq and Mr Thomas Armitage be presented with the freedom of this Company.
Made free	And William Addington Esq, the said Wilmot Lambert Esq, Hugh Meares Esq and Thomas Bell Esq, appearing, were admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company and paid each of then 6s 5d for Hanse money.
[Nicholas Were not admitted]	Mr Nicholas Were, appearing at this Court to be admitted a member, he having been presented with the freedom thereof but not choosing to take the oath, Ordered that he be not admitted into the freedom of the said Company.
	Ordered that the Clerk of this Company do wait upon Barlow Trecothick Esq, late Mayor of this Company, for the Company's Charter and Seals. And that the same be delivered to the new Mayor.
	Ordered that the Treasurer be desired to pay Richard Smith, the Beadle of this Company, 2 guineas; and 1 guinea and a half a quarter over and above his salary until the next meeting of this Company, as a free gift of the Company.
	Ordered that the Treasurer be desired to pay Alice Bishop, widow, 4 guineas; Bridget Ford 5 guineas; and Catherine Merryman 4 guineas, as free gifts of the Company.
	Ordered that the Clerk of this Company wait upon the Mayor in February 1776 to know when he will have a Court held.

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	[Sheet 342 REV IMG 1055]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street the 16th day of May 1776 Present: Benjamin Hopkins Esq, Mayor Edward Lambert Esq Lieutenant — Mr George Dyer John Browning Esq — William Addington Esq Mr Richard Busby — Wilmot Lambert Esq George Brough Esq — Broom Witts Esq Hugh Meares Esq — Mr Thomas Armitage Abraham Goodwin Esq — Thomas Lambert Esq Mr John Dyer — Thomas Smally Browning Esq Daniel Lambert Esq — William Hodgson Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
	Ordered by the unanimous consent of this Company that Benjamin Hopkins be presented with the freedom of this Company. And the said Benjamin Hopkins, appearing, was admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company and paid 6s 5d for Hanse money.
Mayor chosen [Benjamin Hopkins]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And the said Benjamin Hopkins Esq, Abraham Goodwin Esq and Edward Lambert Esq being put in nomination. And the said Edward Lambert Esq being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Benjamin Hopkins who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant chosen [Edward Lambert]	Edward Lambert Esq, Abraham Goodwin Esq and Isaac Heaton Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said Isaac Heaton being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Edward Lambert Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Constables chosen [Thomas Lambert, John Browning]	Thomas Lambert Esq, John Browning Esq, Mr John Dyer and Richard Witts Esq being put in nomination for Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Thomas Lambert and John Browning, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Treasurer [John Dyer]	Mr John Dyer and Richard Witts Esq being put in nomination for Treasurer of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said John Dyer who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors continued with additions of Treasurers	Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued and that such person as have served the office of Treasurer, or shall serve the said office, be auditors but that no Treasurer be an auditor to pass his own accounts.

	[Sheet 343 IMG 1055]
Clerk continued	Ordered that William Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle chosen [John Davenport]	This Court being informed of the death of Richard Smith, their late Beadle, and John Davenport having petitioned to succeed him, the said John Davenport was nominated and chosen Beadle of the said Company for the year ensuing, who thankfully accepted thereof.
Presented with Freedom	Ordered by the unanimous consent of this Company that Robert Kentish Esq, Mr Joseph Green, Thomas Kemp Esq[278] and George Shipley Esq be presented with the freedom of this Company.
Made free	Mr Thomas Armitage and the said Joseph Green appearing at this Court were admitted and sworn into the freedom of this Company and paid each of them 6s 5d for Hance money.
Gifts	Catherine Merryman widow, Alice Bishop widow, Bridget Ford widow and Sarah Harpur, having presented their respective petitions to this Company for their charitable donations, Ordered: that the Treasurer be desired to pay to the said Catherine Merryman 5 guineas as a free gift of the Company; that the Treasurer be desired to pay the said Alice Bishop 6 guineas as a free gift of the Company that the Treasurer be desired to pay the said Bridget Ford 10 guineas as a free gift of the Company, she having alleged it to be the last time of applying to this Company for relief; that the Treasurer be desired to pay the said Sarah Harpur £4 as a free gift of the Company for her care, expense and burial of her father Richard Smith, late Beadle of this Company, but she is not to apply again for the charitable donation of this Company.
Clerk to inspect City Charter	Resolved and ordered: that the Clerk of this Company inspect the Charter of the City of London respecting the City Toll and also the date of the said Charter and that he make such extracts thereof as may be necessary and leave them with the Mayor to lay before the next Court.
£100 new stock to be purchased	That £100 New South Sea Annuities be immediately purchased and added to what is already standing in the names of the Mayor, Constables and Society of the Staple of England for the use of the said Company.

[278] Thomas Kemp 1745-1811; of Lewes Castle; a wealthy wool stapler; MP for Lewes.
https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1790-1820/member/kemp-thomas-1745-1811

[Sheet 343 REV IMG 1056]

John Browning Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1772	Debtor	£	s	d
June 25th	To the balance of the account of Daniel Lambert Esq, the late Treasurer of this Company	55	5	1
1773 March 9th	To cash received at the South Sea[279] house for dividend	63	5	0
1774 March 14th	To ditto	66	5	0
1775 January 13th	" " of Wilmot Lambert Esq for Hance money	0	6	5
	" " William Addington Esq	0	6	5
	" " Hugh Meares Esq	0	6	5
	" " Thomas Bell Esq	0	6	5
	" " Thomas Smally Browning Esq	0	6	5
	" " Daniel Cannabel Esq	0	6	5
March 20th	" " at the South Sea house for dividend	66	5	0
1776 March 28th	" " " "	66	5	0
		319	**3**	**7**

Received this 16th May 1776 of John Browning Esq the sum of £152 8s 2d, being the balance of the above account.
[Signature of] John Dyer

[279] The South Sea House: ' *At the north-east extremity of Threadneedle Street is the once famous South Sea House. The back, formerly the Excise Office, afterwards the South Sea Company's office, thence called the Old South Sea House, was consumed by fire in 1826. The building in Threadneedle Street, in which the Company's affairs were formerly transacted, is a magnificent structure of brick and stone, about a quadrangle, supported by stone pillars of the Tuscan order, which form a fine piazza. The front looks into Threadneedle Street, the walls being well built and of great thickness. The several offices were admirably disposed; the great hall for sales, the dining-room, galleries, and chambers were equally beautiful and convenient. Under these were capacious arched vaults, to guard what was valuable from the chances of fire.'* Reference: Walter Thornbury, 'Threadneedle Street', in Old and New London: Volume 1 (London, 1878), pp. 531-544. British History Online http://www.british-history.ac.uk/old-new-london/vol1/pp531-544

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1772	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
June 25th	By cash paid Richard Smith a free gift	5	5	0
	By ditto " Bridget Ford ditto	4	4	0
July 2nd	" " for the election dinner	24	10	0
1773 March 31st	" " Richard Smith 3 quarters' salary as Beadle due Lady Day last	3	0	0
August 14th	" " William Drew the Clerk 1 year's salary due Lady Day last	8	0	0
Sept 9th	" " Alice Bishop a free gift	3	3	0
	" " Bridget Ford "	3	3	0
	" " John Merryman "	5	5	0
	" " Richard Smith "	6	6	0
	" " to the 13 members 2s 6d cash	1	12	6
	" " the Mayor's annual present	10	0	0
10th	" " for the election dinner	20	1	6
1774 May 27th	" " Richard Smith Beadle 1 year's salary due Lady Day last	4	0	0
Apr 23rd	" " " " 1 quarter due Midsummer last	1	0	0
Oct 5th	" " " " " due Michaelmas	1	0	0
Dec 26th	" " " " " due Christmas	1	0	0
1775 January 12th	" " William Drew 1 year and 3 quarters' salary due at Christmas last	14	0	0
	" " Alice Bishop a free gift	4	4	0
	" " Bridget Ford "	5	5	0
	" " Catherine Merryman "	4	4	0
	" " to the 13 members first attendance	1	12	6
	" " La Forest for election dinner	13	12	8
13th	" " Richard Smith a gift	2	2	0
	" " William Drew for business done	17	13	9
March 25th	" " Richard Smith 1 quarter's salary due this day	1	0	0
	" " " " for 1 quarter allowance by order of Court	1	11	6
		166	**15**	**5**
	By balance due to the Company	152	8	2
		319	**3**	**7**

Memorandum: this account was audited and allowed the 16th day of May 1776 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and there remains due from the said John Browning Esquire to the Company the sum of £152 8s 2d. And which money the said John Browning Esq paid to Mr John Dyer the present Treasurer of this Company.
[Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, Abraham Goodwin, Daniel Lambert

[Sheet 344 REV IMG 1057]

At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street the 12th day of February 1777

Present:

Benjamin Hopkins Esq Mayor	
Mr George Dyer	Thomas Lambert Esq
Mr Thomas Bell	Thomas Smally Browning Esq
Isaac Heaton Esq	Broom Witts Es
Richard Witts Esq	Mr Joseph Green
Edward Lambert Esq	Wilmot Lambert Esq
Mr Thomas Armitage	John Browning Esq
	Hugh Meares Esq

The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.

Mayor chosen [Benjamin Hopkins]

The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Benjamin Hopkins Esq, Isaac Heaton Esq and Edward Lambert Esq being put in nomination. And the said Edward Lambert being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Benjamin Hopkins who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Lieutenant chosen [Isaac Heaton]

Edward Lambert Esq, Isaac Heaton Esq and Abraham Goodwin Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Abraham Goodwin being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Isaac Heaton who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Constables chosen [Rich. Witts, Tho. Smally Browning]

Richard Witts Esq, Broom Witts Esq, Mr George Dyer and Thomas Smally Browning Esq being put in nomination for Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Richard Witts and Thomas Smally Browning who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Treasurer continued

Resolved that Mr John Dyer, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.

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Auditors continued

Ordered that the same auditors as usual be continued with addition of those persons that have or shall serve the office of Treasurer pursuant to the order of the last Court.

Clerk continued

Ordered that William Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.

Beadle continued

Ordered that John Davenport, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.

Made Free

Robert Kentish Esq, Thomas Kemp and George Shepley Esq, appearing at this Court, were admitted and sworn into the freedom of the Company and paid each of them 6s 5d for Hance money.

[Made free by patrimony - Benjamin Bishop]

At this Court, Benjamin Bishop, son of Benjamin Bishop deceased late a member of this Company, applied to be admitted into the freedom thereof. And the said Company taking the said application into consideration and it appearing that the said Benjamin Bishop deceased was admitted a member of this Company by virtue of his having served an apprenticeship to a member thereof, it was resolved that the said Benjamin Bishop is entitled to his said freedom, pursuant to the ordinance of Hance and that he be admitted a member of the said Company accordingly.
And the said Benjamin Bishop appearing was admitted and sworn in the freedom thereof and paid 6s 5d for Hance money.

At this Court Catherine Merryman widow and Alice Bishop widow presented their respective petitions to the Company for their charitable donation. Ordered:
That the Treasurer be desired to pay to the said Catherine Merryman 6 guineas as a free gift of this Company;
That the Treasurer be desired to pay to the said Alice Bishop 6 guineas as a free gift of the said Company.

[Manufacturers of worsted yarn - petition to House of Commons. Company committee formed.]

This Company, taking into consideration the petition of the manufacturers of combing wool into worsted yarn and various kinds of worsted stuff presented to the House of Commons for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent several abuses therein complained of.
Ordered that a committee be appointed to attend and inspect the said petition and see what benefit may be obtained to the Merchants of the Staple by any chance to be inverted in the said Bill to prevent the abuses in winding of wool. And that the committee do consist of all such members of this Company as shall from time to time think fit to attend, notice in writing being given of/.....

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	/such meetings when fixed by the Clerk of the Company to the meeting to the members residing in or near Town. And that they or any 3 of them at any meeting to be set for that purpose have power to apply to Parliament for such relief and benefit as they shall think fit. And that the expense of such applications to be paid and borne out of the stock of this Company.

	[Sheet 346 IMG 1058]
	At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street London the 24th day of February 1778 Present: Benjamin Hopkins Esq Mayor Isaac Heaton Esq, Mr Thomas Armitage, Thomas Lambert Esq George Brough Esq, Mr Thomas Bell, Daniel Lambert Esq Mr John Dyer, William Addington Esq, Wilmot Lambert Esq Richard Witts Esq, Edward Lambert Esq, Broom Witts Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Benjamin Hopkins]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Benjamin Hopkins Esq, Edward Lambert Esq and Isaac Heaton Esq being put in nomination and the said Isaac Heaton being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Benjamin Hopkins who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant chosen [Thomas Lambert]	John Usborne Esq, Thomas Lambert Esq and Daniel Lambert Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said John Usborne being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Thomas Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables [Broom Witts, John Dyer]	Broom Witts Esq, Mr John Dyer, Richard Heaton Jolly Esq and Thomas Lambert Junior Esq being put in nomination for Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Broom Witts and John Dyer who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining.
Treasurer [Richard Witts]	Richard Witts Esq and George Brough Esq being put in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Richard Witts, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors continued	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of those persons as have served the office of Treasurer pursuant to a former order of this Court.
Clerk continued	That William Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle continued	That John Davenport, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
	That the Treasurer be desired to pay Alice Bishop and Catherine Merryman 6 guineas each as free gifts of this Company.
	Ordered that for the future the Treasurer for the time being execute a bond with 2 securities in the penalty of £100 each for his due accounting and that such bonds be executed and delivered to the Mayor within 1 month after the election of such Treasurer and upon delivery the Mayor do sign a warrant for the Treasurer to receive the dividends upon the Company stock.
	Ordered that in future 11 members of this Company do constitute a Court.

[Sheet 346 REV IMG 1059]

Mr John Dyer, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1776	Debtor	£	s	d
16th May	For the balance of the account of John Browning Esq the late Treasurer of this Company	152	8	2
	For cash rcvd of Benjamin Hopkins for Hance money	0	6	5
	For ditto of Mr Thomas Armitage	0	6	5
	" " of Mr Joseph Green	0	6	5
August 10th	" " recvd at South Sea House for half a year's dividend on £1600 New South Sea Annuities due Midsummer last	24	0	0
	" " on £350 South Sea stock due ditto	6	2	1
	" " on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due Lady Day last	3	0	0
1777 12th Feb	" " of Robert Kentish Esq for Hance money	0	6	5
	" " of Thomas Kemp Esq " "	0	6	5
	" " of George Shepley Esq " "	0	6	5
	" " of Benjamin Bishop " "	0	6	5
27th March	" " half a year's dividend on £1600 New South Sea Annuities due Xmas	24	0	0
	" " " " on £350 South Sea Stocks due ditto	6	2	6
	" " " " £200 Old South Sea Annuities due Michaelmas last	3	0	0
1st Sept	" " " " on £1700 New South Sea Annuities due Midsummer last	25	10	0
	" " " " on £350 South Sea Stock due Lady Day	6	2	6
1778 10th Feb	" " " " on £1700 New South Sea Annuities due Christmas	25	10	0
	" " " " on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due Michaelmas	3	0	0
		284	**0**	**7**
	Received the 24th February 1778 of Mr John Dyer the sum of £60 15s 3d being the balance of the above account. [Signature of:] Richard Witts			

[Sheet 347 IMG 1059]

1776	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
16th May	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	By cash paid Bridget Ford a free gift	10	10	0
	By ditto Alice Bishop ditto	6	6	0
	" " Catherine Merryman "	5	5	0
	" " Sarah Harper "	4	0	0
	" " William Drew the Clerk for 1 year and 1 qtr's salary due Lady Day last	10	0	0
	" " the 13 members 2s 6d each	1	12	6
	" " for the election dinner	16	7	9
21 Jan **1777**	" " William Drew 3 qrtrs' salary due Christmas	6	0	0
	" " for £100 New South Sea Annuities	79	12	6
	" " for the broker for buying same	0	2	6
12th Feb	" " the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	" " Catherine Merryman a free gift	6	6	0
	" " Alice Bishop "	6	6	0
	" " the 13 members at 2s 6d each	1	12	6
	" " for election dinner	18	11	10
9th July	" " John Davenport Beadle 1 year salary due 16th May last	4	0	0
1778 23 Feb	" " William Drew Clerk 1 year's salary due Christmas last	8	0	0
	" " " " " for business done	14	12	9
	" " John Davenport Beadle 1 year's salary due this day	4	0	0
		223	**5**	**4**
	By balance due to the Company	60	15	3
		284	**0**	**7**
	Memorandum: the above account was audited and allowed the 24th day of February 1778 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed. And there remains due from the said John Dyer to the Company £60 15s 3d and which sum the said John Dyer paid to Richard Witts Esq the present Treasurer of this Company. [Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, Isaac Heaton, Daniel Lambert			

[Sheet 347 REV IMG 1060]

Richard Witts Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1778	Debtor	£	s	d
24 February	To the balance of the account of Mr John Dyer, late Treasurer of this Company	60	15	3
1779 February	To cash rcvd at South Sea House half a year's dividend of £1700 New south Sea Annuities due 5th July 1778	25	10	0
	"" due 5th January last	25	10	0
	" " half a year's dividend on £350 South Sea Stock due 5th January 1778	6	2	6
	"" " due 5th July 1778	6	2	6
	" " " due 5th January 1779	6	2	6
	" " " half a year's dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5th April 1778	3	0	0
	" " " " 5th October 1778	3	0	0
		136	**2**	**9**

[Sheet 348 IMG 1060]

1778	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
24th February	By cash paid for election dinner	19	4	6
24th February **1779**	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	By ditto Catherine Merryman a free gift	7	7	0
	" " Alice Bishop ditto	7	7	0
	" " 13 members at 2s 6d each	1	12	6
	" " John Davenport Beadle 1 year's salary due this day	4	0	0
	" " William Drew Clerk 1 year's salary due Christmas last	8	0	0
		57	**11**	**0**
	Balance	78	11	9
		136	**2**	**9**
	Memorandum: the above account was audited and allowed the 24th February 1779 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and there remains due from the said Richard Witts to the Company £78 7s 9d [Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, Isaac Heaton, Daniel Lambert			

[Sheet 348 REV IMG 1061]

At a Court of Election of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street London the 24th day of February 1779]

Present:

Benjamin Hopkins Esq Mayor		
Mr Thomas Armitage	George Brough Esq	William Addington Esq
Isaac Heaton Esq	Hugh Meares Esq	Wilmot Lambert Esq
Joseph Green Esq	John Browning Esq	Mr George Dyer
George Shepley Esq	Broom Witts Esq	Robert Kentish Esq
Richard Witts Esq	Edward Lambert Esq	Thomas Lambert Esq
		Daniel Lambert Esq

The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.

Mayor chosen [Benj. Hopkins]: The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Benjamin Hopkins Esq, Edward Lambert Esq and Isaac Heaton Esq being put in nomination. And the said Isaac Heaton being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Benjamin Hopkins who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Lieutenant chosen [John Browning]: John Usborne Esq, John Horn Esq and John Browning Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said John Horn Esq being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said John Browning who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Constables continued: That Broom Witts Esq and Mr John Dyer, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.

Treasurer continued: That Richard Witts Esq, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.

Auditors continued: That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons as have served the office of Treasurer pursuant to a former order of this Court.

Clerk continued: That William Drew, Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.

Beadle continued: That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.

That the Treasurer be desired to pay Alice Bishop and Catherine Merryman 7 guineas apiece as free gifts of this Company.

[South Sea Stock]: That £50 South Sea Stock be forthwith purchased in order to make up what there is now in that Stock an even sum.

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22nd December 1779

Inrolled the 28th April 1787 by me Wm Drew: Simon Field, son of George Field of the parish of Saint Stephen Walbrooke in the City of London packer, was bound Apprentice to John Browning of the parish of Saint Mary Magdalen Bermondsey in the county of Surrey Esquire Merchant of the Staple of England and fellmonger, to serve 7 years from date. Indentures attested by George Field junior and William Drew.

	[Sheet 349 REV IMG 1062]
	At a Court of Election and a Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street London the 30th day of November 1780 Present: John Browning Esq — Broom Witts Esq Isaac Heaton Esq — Thomas Lambert Esq Mr Thomas Armitage — Wilmot Lambert Esq George Brough Esq — Daniel Lambert Esq Robert Kentish Esq — Thomas Smally Browning Esq Richard Witts Esq — Thomas Bell Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
[Benj. Hopkins dead] Mayor chosen [George Hayley]	The Court, being informed of the decease of Benjamin Hopkins Esq late Mayor of this Company, resolved to proceed to the election of a new Mayor for the year ensuing. And in order thereunto George Hayley Esq, Alderman of the City of London, and Richard Clarke Esq, Alderman of the said City, were severally put in nomination for the office of Mayor of the Staple. And by holding up of hands of the majority then present, the said George Hayley[280] Esq was unanimously elected Mayor of the Staple. Whereupon the said George Hayley Esq appeared at this Court and accepted thereof. And having taken the place of Mayor he also took the oath of Mayor of the said Staple accordingly.
Lieutenant chosen [Daniel Lambert]	Daniel Lambert Esq and Richard Witts Esq, being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Richard Witts being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Daniel Lambert Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables chosen [Rich. Witts, Broom Witts]	Richard Witts Esq, William Hodgson Esq, Broom Witts Esq and George Dyer Esq being put in nomination for Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Richard Witts and Broom Witts who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

	[Sheet 350 IMG 1062]
Treasurer chosen [George Brough]	George Brough Esq and William Hodgson Esq being put in nomination for Treasurer of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said George Brough who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors continued	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons as have or shall serve the office of Treasurer.
Clerk continued	That William Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle continued	That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Made free	Ordered that by the unanimous consent of this Company that George Haley Esq, John Grose Esq and William Fuller Esq be presented with the freedom of this Society. And they severally appearing were admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company and each of them paid 6s 5d Hance money.
	Ordered that the Treasurer be desired to pay Alice Bishop and Catherine Merryman 10 guineas apiece as free gifts of this Company.
	Ordered that a Court of election and a Court of audit be held in future on the 23rd day of April yearly.

[280] George Hayley 1722 - 30 Aug 1781. MP for London 1774 - 1781. Alderman of London 1774, Sheriff 1775-6. In January 1775 Hayley took a leading part in a petition to Parliament from the merchants trading with America against the Government's American measures. In 1778 Hayley was one of the committee appointed by the common council to petition the King to make peace with America. He was returned again in 1780, standing jointly with Bull, John Sawbridge and John Kirkman as a declared opponent of the Government. http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1754-1790/member/hayley-george-1781 Hayley married the widow Mary Stock(nee Wilkes); her brother was the radical John Wilkes; she was later famous in the USA http://commonplace.online/article/a-radical-shrew-in-america/

[Sheet 350 REV IMG 1063]

Richard Witts Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1779	Debtor	£	s	d
24 Feb	To the balance of account audited this day	78	11	9
	To cash received at South Sea house half a year's dividend of £1700 New South Sea Annuities due 5th July 1779	25	10	0
	To ditto due 5th January 1780	25	10	0
	" " due 5th July following	25	10	0
	" " half a year's dividend on £350 South Sea Stocks due Midsummer 1779	6	2	6
	" " due January 1780	6	2	6
	" " due Midsummer 1780	6	2	6
	" " half a year's dividend of £200 South Sea Annuities due 5th Apr 1779	3	0	0
	" " due 5th Oct following	3	0	0
	" " due 5th Apr 1780	3	0	0
		182	**9**	**3**
	" " due 10th October 1780	3	0	0
		185	**9**	**3**

[Sheet 351 IMG 1063]

1779	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
24th July	By cash paid for election dinner	25	8	0
30th Nov **1780**	By ditto William Drew 1 year and 3 quarters' salary	14	0	0
	" " John Davenport Beadle 1 year and a half salary due Michaelmas last	6	0	0
	" " Catherine Merryman a free gift	10	10	0
	" " Alice Bishop "	10	10	0
	" " 13 members at 2s 6d each	1	12	6
	By cash for the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
		78	**0**	**6**
	By balance due to the Company	107	8	9
		185	9	3
	The above account was audited and allowed the 30th day of November 1780 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and there remains due from the said Richard Witts Esq to the Company the sum of £107 8s 9d and which money the said Richard Witts is to pay to George Brough Esq the new elected Treasurer. [Signatures of:] Isaac Heaton, Daniel Lambert, John Browning			
	Received this 30th November 1780 of Richard Witts Esq the sum of the above accountant the above balance of £107 8s 9d being the balance of the account. [Signature of] George Brough			

[Sheet 351 REV IMG 1064]

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[Sheet 352 IMG 1064]

At a Court of Election and a Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street London the 23rd day of April 1781

Present:

George Hayley Esq Mayor	John Browning Esq
Isaac Heaton Esq	Mr George Dyer
Thomas Bell Esq	Robert Kentish Esq
Mr Thomas Armitage	Edward Witts Esq
George Brough Esq	Hugh Mears Esq
Thomas Komp Esq	Edward Lambert Esq
Daniel Lambert Esq	Broom Witts Esq
Thomas Lambert Esq	Edward Lambert Esq
Wilmot Lambert Esq	

The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.

Ordered that the same officers who were chosen on the 30th of November last be continued till the 23rd day of April 1782.

Ordered by the unanimous consent of this Company that Mr John Dyer and Francis Whitfield Esq be presented with the freedom of this Company.
And the said Mr Dyer appearing was admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company and paid 6s 5d Hance money.

That the Treasurer be desired to pay Alice Bishop widow and Catherine Merryman widow 2 guineas apiece as free gifts of the Company.

[Sheet 352 REV IMG 1065]

George Brough Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1780	Debtors	£	s	d
30th Nov	To the balance of the account of Richard Witts Esq late Treasurer of this Company	107	8	9
	George Hayley Esq Hance Money		6	5
	John Gross Esq ditto		6	5
	William Fuller Esq ditto		6	5
1781 April 12th	To cash rcvd dividend on 450 South Sea Stocks	7	17	6
	Rcvd ditto on 1700 New South Sea Annuities	25	10	0
		141	**15**	**6**

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1780	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
Dec 4th	Paid for election dinner	24	8	0
11th	Paid for the purchase of £100 South Sea Stocks	71	2	6
23 April 1781	Paid the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	Paid William Drew half a year's salary due Lady Day last	4	0	0
	Paid John Davenport half a year's salary due " "	2	0	0
	Paid 11 members at 2s 6d each	1	7	6
	Paid William Drew's bill	10	2	0
	Paid Alice Bishop a free gift	2	2	0
	ditto Catherine Merryman	2	2	0
		127	**4**	**0**
	Balance	14	11	6
		141	**15**	**6**
	The above account was audited and allowed the 23rd day of April 1781 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and there remains due from the said George Brough to the Company the sum of £14 11s 6d [Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, Isaac Heaton, Daniel Lambert			

	[Sheet 353 REV IMG 1066
	At a Court of Election and a Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street London the 23rd day of April 1782 Present: Daniel Lambert Esq Lieutenant — Edward Lambert Esq Mr Thomas Armitage — Wilmot Lambert Esq Isaac Heaton Esq — George Shipley Esq Thomas Bell Esq — George Brough Esq George Dyer Esq — Broom Witts Esq John Browning Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor chosen [Nathaniel Newnham]	The Lieutenant reported the death of George Hayley Esq, late Mayor, whereupon the Court proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Nathaniel Newnham Esq Alderman and Richard Clark[281] Esq Alderman, being put in nomination for Mayor for the year ensuing, the choice fell on Nathaniel Newnham Esq. Whereupon the said Nathaniel Newnham[282] Esq appeared at this Court and accepted thereof and having taken the place of Mayor he also took the oaths of Mayor of the said Staple accordingly.
Lieutenant chosen [George Brough]	Richard Witts Esq and George Brough Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Richard Witts Esq being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said George Brough Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables chosen [George Dyer, Wilmot Lambert]	George Dyer Esq, Wilmot Lambert Esq, William Hodgson Esq and Thomas Smally Browning Esq being put in nomination for Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell on George Dyer Esq and Wilmot Lambert Esq, who accepted thereof and took the oaths appertaining to the said office.
Treasurer [Broome Witts]	Broome Witts Esq and [gap] being put in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Broome Witts, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors continued	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons as have or shall serve the office of Treasurer.
Clerk continued	That William Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle continued	That John Davenport, the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 354 IMG 1066]
	Ordered:
Made free	By the unanimous consent of this Company that Nathaniel Newnham Esq, Edward Jefferies Esq, My John Walter and Mr Chambers Usborn be presented with the freedom of this Society. And the said Nathaniel Newnham Esq and Mr Chambers Usborn having appeared were admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company and each of them paid 6s 5d Hance money.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be desired to pay Alice Bishop and Catherine Merryman 10 guineas apiece as follows: 6 guineas apiece at present ad 4 guineas apiece on or about the 20th of December next.

[281] Richard Clark was Alderman for Broad Street Ward 1776-98, Lord Mayor 1784-5 and Chamberlain of London 1798-1831. Died 1831 aged 92. His papers are held by the London Metropolitan Archives Ref CLC/435 (the successor to the Guildhall Library). https://search.lma.gov.uk/scripts/mwimain.dll/144/LMA_OPAC/web_detail/REFD+CLC~2F435?SESSIONSEARCH
See also https://www.british-history.ac.uk/old-new-london/vol1/pp396-416 under Alderman Clarke.

[282] Nathaniel Newnham b c 1742 - 26 Dec 1809. Merchant and banker. Lord Mayor 1782-3. Master Mercers Company 1786. MP for London 1780-90 & for Ludgershall 1793-6. Reference: https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1790-1820/member/newnham-nathaniel-1742-1809

[Sheet 354 REV IMG 1067]

George Brough Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1781	Debtors	£	s	d
April 23rd	To balance of accounts this day audited	14	11	6
	To Mr Mayor's return for the benefit of this Company	10	0	0
	To Mr John Dyer's Hance money	0	6	5
	To cash rcvd for 1 year's dividend on 450 South Sea Stocks due Jan 5th 1782	0	15	15
	To cash rcvd for 1700 New South Sea Annuities due January 5th 1782	51	0	0
	To cash rcvd 1 year dividend on 200 old South Sea Annuities due 10th Oct 1781	6	0	0
		97	**12**	**11**

[Sheet 355 IMG 1067]

1781	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
April 23rd	By cash paid for annual dinner at the London Tavern	21	5	0
1782				
April 23rd	Paid William Drew's bill and 1 year's salary	10	1	0
	Paid John Davenport 1 year's salary due this day	4	0	0
	" 13 members at 2/6d each	1	12	6
	Paid Alice Bishop a free gift	6	6	0
	Paid Catherine Merryman "	6	6	0
		49	**10**	**6**
	Balance	48	2	5
		97	**12**	**11**
	The above account was audited and allowed the 23rd day of April 1782 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and there appears to be due from the said George Brough to the Company £48 2s 5d, which sum the said George Brough paid to Broom Witts Esq the present Treasurer of this Company. [Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, Isaac Heaton, Daniel Lambert, John Browning			
	Received this 23rd April 1782 of George Brough Esq the sum of £48 2s 5d being the balance of the above account. [Signature of] Broom Witts			

	[Sheet 355 REV IMG 1068]
	At a Court of Election and a Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street London the 23rd day of April 1783 Present: Isaac Heaton Esq — Thomas Lambert senior Esq John Usborne Esq — Hugh Meares Esq Robert Kentish Esq — George Shepley Esq John Browning Esq — Wilmot Lambert Esq Constable Thomas Bell Esq — George Brough Esq Broome Witts Esq Treasurer — Mr Chambers Usborne Edward Lambert Esq — Mr Thomas Armitage Thomas Kemp Esq — Mr John Walter George Dyer Esq Constable — Mr Francis Whitfield Daniel Lambert Esq — Mr Joseph Green
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor continued	At this Court the question being put whether Nathaniel Newnham Esq be continued Mayor for the year ensuing was unanimously carried in the affirmative.
Lieutenant chosen [John Usborne]	John Usborne Esq and Richard Witts Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Richard Witts being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said John Usborne who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables continued	That George Dyer Esq and Wilmot Lambert Esq, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer continued	That Broome Witts, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors continued	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons as have or shall serve the office of Treasurer.
Clerk continued	That William Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle continued	That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 356 IMG 1068]
Made free	Mr Francis Whitfield, Mr John Walter and Mr Joseph Green appearing at this Court were admitted and sworn into the freedom of the Company and paid each of them 6s 5d Hance money.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be desired to pay John Davenport the Beadle 5 guineas as a free gift of this Company.
	That the Treasurer be desired to pay Alice Bishop and Catherine Merryman 9 guineas apiece as follows: 4 guineas apiece at present and 5 guineas apiece at Christmas next.
	A motion made and seconded: that every member which may hereafter be elected into this Corporation, on requesting of the Clerk of the Company a copy of the Charter and Epitome of the Ordinance, the Clerk shall furnish him therewith for £1.11.6 which the member so elected is to pay to the Clerk.
	A motion made and seconded: That in future the copy of the Clerk's accounts be entered in this book.
	Ordered that a Court of audit be held at the City Coffee House on Thursday next at 12 o'clock.

[Sheet 356 REV IMG 1069]

Broome Witts Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1782	Debtors	£	s	d
April 23	By the balance of the account of George Brough Esq late Treasurer of this Company	48	2	5
	By Nathaniel Newnham Esq Hance money	0	6	5
	By Chambers Usborne Esq "	0	6	5
	By dividend on £1700 New South Sea Annuities to Midsummer	25	10	0
	By " on £450 South Sea Stocks to "	7	17	6
	By " on £200 Old South Sea Annuities to Lady Day	3	0	0
	By Mr Francis Whitfield Hance money	0	6	5
	By Mr Joseph Green "	0	6	5
	By ½ a year's dividend on 1700 New South Sea Stocks to the 5th Jan 1783	25	10	0
	By " on £450 South Sea Stocks due "	7	17	6
	By " on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 10th Oct 1782	3	0	0
		122	**9**	**6**

[Sheet 357 IMG 1069]

1782	Per Contra Creditor	£	s	d
April 23rd	By a wool winder by order of the Court[283]	1	1	0
	By audit dinner	24	7	0
	By Alice Bishop donation	4	4	0
	By Catherine Merryman "	4	4	0
	By the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	By William Drew 1 year's salary due this day	8	0	0
	By William Drew's bill	9	4	7
	By Catherine Merryman free gift	4	4	0
	By Alice Bishop free gift	4	4	0
	By John Davenport, Beadle, his salary	4	0	0
	By " " a free gift	5	5	0
	By 13 members half crowns[284]	1	12	6
		80	6	1
	By balance in Treasurer's hands	42	3	5
		122	**9**	**6**
	The above account was audited and allowed the first day of May 1783 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and there remains due from the Treasurer to the Company the sum of £43 3s 5d [Signatures of:] Edward Lambert, Isaac Heaton, Daniel Lambert			

[283] Court order August 1729 [Sheet 257] for the Clerk to keep a register of Woolwinders' licences.

[284] Half a crown was 2 shillings and sixpence.

	[Sheet 357 REV IMG 1070]
	At a Court of Election and a Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street London the 23rd day of April 1784 Present: George Dyer Esq — Mr John Dyer Isaac Heaton Esq — George Shepley Esq George Brough Esq — Thomas Lambert Esq Thomas Smally Browning Esq — Daniel Lambert Esq John Browning Esq — Broome Witts Esq Mr John Walter — Mr Thomas Armitage Thomas Bell Esq — Mr Joseph Green Mr Chambers Usborn — Wilmot Lambert Esq John Usborn Esq — Edward Witts Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor continued	At this Court the question being put whether Nathaniel Newnham Esq be continued Mayor for the year ensuing was unanimously carried in the affirmative.
Lieutenant chosen [Broome Witts]	Broome Witts Esq and George Dyer Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said George Dyer being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Broome Witts who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables chosen [Tho. Bell, Tho. Armitage]	Hugh Mears Esq, Thomas Bell Esq, Mr Thomas Armitage and Robert Kentish Esq being put in nomination for Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said Hugh Mears and Robert Kentish being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Thomas Bell and Thomas Armitage who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office. (carried over)

	[Sheet 358 IMG 1070]
Treasurer chosen (not sworn)	Thomas Smally Browning Esq and George Dyer Esq being put in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Thomas Smally Browning who accepted thereof.
Auditors continued	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons as have or shall serve the office of Treasurer.
Clerk continued	That William Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle continued	That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Made free	appearing at this Court were admitted and sworn into the freedom of the Company and paid each of them 6s 5d Hance money.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be desired to pay Alice Bishop and Catherine Merryman 10 guineas apiece as follows: 5 guineas apiece at present and 5 guineas apiece at Christmas next. That the Treasurer be desired to pay John Davenport, Beadle, 5 guineas as a free gift of this Company.
Made Free	Edward Jeffries Esq appearing at this Court was admitted and sworn into the freedom of the Company and paid 6s 5d Hance money.
Additional fine of 10 Guineas to be paid on admission except..	Motion made and seconded that any person hereafter admitted to the freedom of this Company shall pay an additional fine of 10 guineas except he succeed thereto by patrimony or servitude.
Presented with freedom	Ordered by the unanimous consent of this Company that Mr Thomas Lamb and Richard Russell Esq be presented with the freedom of this Company

[Sheet 358 REV IMG 1071]

Broome Witts Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtors	£	s	d
1st May 1783	To balance of account this day audited	12	3	5
	To 1 year's dividend on £1700 New South Sea Annuities due 5 January 1784	51	0	0
	To " " £450 South Sea Stock due " "	15	15	0
	To " " £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 10th Oct 1783	6	0	0
		114	**18**	**5**

[Sheet 359 IMG 1071]

1783	**Per Contra Creditor**	£	s	d
	By audit dinner	28	2	6
December	By Catherine Merryman donation	5	5	0
	By Alice Bishop "	5	5	0
23 Apr 1784	By William Drew 1 year's salary due this day	8	0	0
	By John Davenport, Beadle, his salary	4	0	0
	By Catherine Merryman donation	5	5	0
	By Alice Bishop "	5	5	0
	By John Davenport a free gift	5	5	0
	By postage of letters	0	2	8
	By 13 members half crowns	1	12	6
		68	2	0
	By balance	46	15	9
		114	**18**	**5**
	The above account was audited and allowed the 23rd day of April 1784 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and there appears to be due from the said Broom Witts to the Company £46 15s 9d, which sum the said Broom Witts paid to Thomas Smally Browning Esq, the present Treasurer of this Company. [Signatures of:] Isaac Heaton, Daniel Lambert, John Usborne, John Browning, George Brough Memorandum: The Mayor not attending the Court, the usual present of £10 was not presented to him.			
	Received this 23rd day of April 1784 of Broom Witts Esq the sum of £46 15s 9d, being the balance of the above account. [Signature of:] Thomas Smalley Browning.			

	[Sheet 359 REV IMG 1402]
	At a Court of Election and a Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street London the 23rd day of April 1785 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor Isaac Heaton Esq — Daniel Lambert Esq Edward Jeffries Esq — Thomas Lambert Esq Mr Thomas Armitage — Mr Joseph Green Broom Witts Esq — Mr John Dyer Robert Kentish Esq — Hugh Mears Esq George Dyer Esq — Thomas Kemp Esq John Browning Esq — Wilmot Lambert Esq Thomas Bell Esq — Thomas Lambert junior Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor continued	At this Court the question being put whether Nathaniel Newnham Esq should be continued Mayor for the year ensuing it was unanimously carried in the affirmative.
Lieutenant cont.	That Broom Witts Esq be continued Lieutenant for the year ensuing.
Constables chosen	Robert Kentish Esq, Thomas Kemp Esq, George Shepley Esq and Edward Witts Esq being put in nomination for Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said George Shepley and Edward Witts being exempted by common consent the choice fell on the said Robert Kentish and Thomas Kemp who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Treasurer chosen	George Dyer Esq and Wilmot Lambert Esq being put in nomination for Treasurer of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said George Dyer who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors continued	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons as have or shall serve the office of Treasurer.
Clerk continued	That William Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 360 IMG 1402]
Beadle continued	That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be desired to pay Catherine Merryman and Alice Bishop 9 guineas each as free gifts of this Company to be paid as follows, viz 5 guineas to each on this day and 4 guineas to each at Christmas next.
	That the Treasurer be desired to pay to Benjamin Bishop 7 guineas as a free gift of this Company, that the same be paid into the hands of Mr Armitage who is requested to apply the same for the benefit of the said Benjamin Bishop and his family at the rate of 1 guinea a week.
[Apprentices]	Resolved that every member of this Company be at liberty to take such a number of apprentices as he may think fit, provided that he has no more than usual and allowed number bound to him under the description of a Merchant of the Staple at any one time.
[Courts]	That for the future the first 13 members of this Company, who shall attend before 2 o'clock in the afternoon (by the Mayor's watch) at any Court of this Company in order to make a Court, be paid 2s 6d each by the Treasurer of the Company. That every member who shall not attend such Court before 2 o'clock and shall afterwards appear at such Court forfeit and pay 2s 6d each to the Treasurer, to be distributed as the Court shall direct. That the 2 last resolutions be inserted in the next summons to each member.

[Sheet 360 REV IMG 1073 & IMG 1405 & 1408]

1784 Thomas Smally Browning Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtors	£	s	d
23rd April	By balance of the accounts of Broom Witts Esq late Treasurer of the Company	46	15	9
	By Cash of Edward Jeffries Esq for Hance money	0	6	6
1785				
March 19th	By 1 year's dividend on £450 South Sea Stocks due 5th January last	15	15	0
	By " " on 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 10th Oct	6	0	0
	By " " on 1700 New South Sea Annuities due 5th January	51	0	0
		119	**17**	**3**
	Copy of the Clerk's bill as delivered to and paid by Thomas Smalley Browning:			
	1 year's salary	8	0	0
	To a copy of Charter and Epitome for Edward Jeffries Esq	1	11	6
	Paid postage of letters	-	3	-
		9	**14**	**6**

[Sheet 361 IMG 1073 & new IMG 1405 & 1408]

1784	**Per Contra Creditor**	£	s	d
27th April	By cash paid for audit dinner	28	10	0
27 Dec	By cash paid Mary [should be Alice] Bishop a donation	5	5	0
	By " " Catherine Davenport	5	5	0
1785 23rd April	To Mr Mayor the usual present	10	0	0
	To William Drew 1 year's salary due this day	8	0	0
	To " " his bill	1	14	6
	To John Davenport, Beadle, 1 year salary due this day	4	0	0
	To Catherine Merryman a donation	5	5	0
	To Alice Bishop "	5	5	0
	To Benjamin Bishop "	7	7	0
	To 13 members half a crown each	1	12	6
		82	4	0
	By balance	37	13	3
		119	**17**	**3**
	The above account was audited and allowed the 23rd day of April 1785 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and there appears to be due from the said Thomas Smally Browning to the Company £37 13s 3d and which money the said Thomas Smally Browning paid to George Dyer Esq, the Treasurer for the year ensuing. [Signatures of:] Isaac Heaton, Daniel Lambert, Broom Witts			
	[Receipt pasted into the book] Received this 23rd April 1785 of Thomas Smally Browning £37 13s 3d being the balance of the above account. [Signature of] George Dyer			

	[Sheet 361 REV IMG 1074 & IMG 1409]
	At a Court of Election and a Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street London the 28th day of April 1786 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor — Hugh Mears Esq Chamberlayne Goodwin Esq — George Dyer Esq Broom Witts Esq — Mr John Walter Mr John Dyer — Robert Kentish Esq Thomas Bells Esq — Wilmot Lambert Esq Mr Chambers Usborne — Daniel Lambert Esq John Browning Esq — Thomas Lambert Esq George Shepley Esq — Mr Joseph Green
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor [Nathaniel Newnham]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Nathaniel Newnham Esq and Thomas Wright Esq[285] being put in nomination. And the said Thomas Wright being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant [George Dyer]	Abraham Goodwin Esq and George Dyer Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Abraham Goodwin his request being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said George Dyer who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

	[Sheet 362 IMG 1074 & IMG 1409]
Constables chosen [Geo. Shepley, Ed. Witts]	George Shepley Esq, Edward Witts Esq, Mr William Fuller and Mr John Dyer being put in nomination for Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said William Fuller and John Dyer being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said George Shepley and Edward Witts. And the said George Shepley being present took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Treasurer	That George Dyer Esq, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons as have served the office of Treasurer.
Clerk	That William Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Free	Ordered by the unanimous consent of this Company that Peter Nailor Esq be presented with the freedom of the Company. And the said Peter Nailer appearing at this Court was admitted and sworn into the freedom thereof and paid 6s 5d Hance money and £10.10.0 for fine, agreeable to the order of 28 April 1784.
Gifts	That Catherine Merryman be paid £10.10.0: half this day and the other half at Christmas. That John Davenport be paid 6 guineas: half at Michaelmas and the remainder at Christmas.

[285] Sir Thomas Wright was Lord Mayor 1785.

[Sheet 362 REV IMG 1075 & IMG 1411]

George Dyer Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtors	£	s	d
23 April **1785**	To balance of the account of Thomas Smalley Browning Esq, late Treasurer of this Company	37	13	3
April **1786**	To 1 year's dividend on £1700 New South Sea Annuities due 5th January	51	0	0
	To " " 450 South Sea Stocks due same time	15	15	0
	To " " 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 10th Oct	6	0	0
	Peter Nayler Esq Hance money	0	6	6[286]
	" " additional fine pursuant to order of 23rd April 1784	10	10	0
	Daniel Lambert Esq, Thomas Lambert Esq and Mr Joseph Green fines for non-attendance before 2 o'clock	0	7	6
		121	**12**	**3**
	Copy of the Clerk's bill as delivered to and paid by George Dyer Esq the Treasurer			
1786	Thomas Smally Browning Esq to the Company - Drawing and engrossing special bond and stamp	0	11	0
	George Dyer Esq to the Company - The like	0	11	0
	Copy Charter & Epitome for the Mayor	1	11	6
	Paid postage of letters to Robert Kentish Esq with dividend warrants	0	3	9
	Paid postage of letters for Court of election and Court of audit	0	2	9
		3	**0**	**0**

[Sheet 363 IMG 1075 & IMG 1411]

1785	**Per Contra Creditor**	£	s	d
April 23rd	By cash paid at election and audit dinner	25	18	0
1786 Jan 4th	By cash paid to Catherine Merryman a donation by order of last meeting	4	4	0
Feb 24th	By cash paid for the funeral of Alice Bishop	4	0	1
28th April	By cash paid to Mr Mayor the usual present	10	0	0
	" " to William Drew 1 year's salary due this day	8	0	0
	" " " " " his bill	3	0	0
	" " John Davenport Beadle 1 year's salary due this day	4	0	0
	" " to Catherine Merryman a free gift	5	5	0
	" " to first 13 members	1	12	6
		65	**19**	**7**
	By balance in hands of the Treasurer	55	12	8
		121	**12**	**8**
	The above account was audited and allowed the 28th day of April 1786 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and there remains due from the Treasurer to the said Company the sum of £55 12s 8d [Signatures of:] John Browning, Broome Witts, Daniel Lambert			

[286] Hance money is recorded in the Court as being 6s 5d yet here it is charged as 6s 6d.

	[Sheet 363 REV IMG 1076 & IMG 1413]
	At a Court of Election and a Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street the 26th day of April 1787 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor Mr John Horn — Thomas Lambert Esq — Mr John Dyer Mr Chambers Usborne — John Browning Esq — Mr Thomas Armitage Isaac Heaton Esq — George Dyer Esq — George Shepley Reverend Mr Grose — Daniel Lambert Esq — Thomas Kemp Esq Mr Thomas Bell — Francis Whitfield Esq — Mr Joseph Green Mr John Walter — Hugh Mears Es — Edward Jeffries Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Nathaniel Newnham Esq and Thomas Wright Esq being put in nomination and the said Thomas Wright being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant chosen [John Horn]	Mr John Horn and Isaac Heaton Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Isaac Heaton being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables [continued]	That George Shepley Esq and Edward Witts Esq, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer chosen [Thomas Lambert]	Thomas Lambert Esq and Hugh Mears Esq being put in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Thomas Lambert, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors [continued]	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons as have or shall serve the office of Treasurer.
Clerk [Wm Drew resigned; Beriah Drew elected]	William Drew, Clerk, having desired leave to resign his office on account of his ill state of health, the Court allowed thereof. And the Court then proceeded to the election of a new Clerk and/

	[Sheet 364 IMG 1076 & IMG 1413]
	/choice was made of Beriah Drew to be Clerk for the year ensuing, which he thankfully accepted and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Beadle	That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Free	Mr Edward Horne, son of Mr John Horne, a Merchant of this Staple, was admitted and sworn into the freedom of the Company by patrimony and paid 6s 5d for Hance money.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be desired to pay Catherine Merryman 10 guineas as a free gift of this Company to be paid as follows: half on this day and the remainder at Christmas. That the Treasurer be desired to pay John Davenport 10 guineas as a free gift of this Company to be paid as follows: half on this day and the remainder at Christmas. That the Treasurer be desired to pay Elizabeth Bishop, the daughter of Samuel Bishop deceased and late a member of this Company, 10 guineas as a free gift of this Company: half on this day and the remainder at Christmas.

[Sheet 364 REV IMG 1077 & IMG 1414]

1786 George Dyer Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtors	£	s	d
28 April **1786**	To balance of account this day audited	55	12	8
13 May	To half a year's dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5th April	3	0	0
1787 3 April	To half a year's dividend on " " " " " due 10th Oct	3	0	0
	To 1 year's dividend on 1700 New South Sea Annuities due 5th January	51	0	0
	To 1 year's dividend on 450 South Sea Stocks due " "	15	15	0
	To cash rcvd for 1700 New South Sea Annuities due January 5th 17	51	0	0
	To cash of Thomas Kempe Esq and Mr Joseph Green for non-attendance before 2 o'clock	0	5	0
	To " of Edward Jeffries	0	2	6
		128	**15**	**2**
	The Clerk's bill as delivered to and paid by George Dyer Esq, the Treasurer			
	Paid postage of letters for Court of election and Court of audit	0	2	7
	1 year salary	8	0	0
		8	**2**	**7**

[Sheet 365 confirmed IMG 1077 & IMG 1414]

1786	**Per Contra Creditor**	£	s	d
29th April	By cash paid at election and audit dinner	26	18	0
6th Oct	By cash paid John Davenport (Beadle) a gift	3	3	0
16th Dec	By " " " " "	3	3	0
1787 Jan 7th	By " " Mrs Catherine Merryman a gift	5	5	0
26th April	By " " to Mr Mayor the annual present	10	0	0
	By " " William Drew 1 year's salary and bill	8	2	7
	By " " John Davenport Beadle 1 year's salary	4	0	0
	By " " Catherine Merryman a gift	5	5	0
	By " " Elizabeth Bishop "	5	5	0
	By " " John Davenport "	5	5	0
	By " to the 13 first members at the Court this day	1	12	6
		77	**19**	**1**
	By cash to balance	50	16	1
		128	**15**	**2**
	The above account was audited and allowed the 26th day of April 1787 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and there appears to be due from the said George Dyer Esq to the Company £50 16s 1d, which sum the said George Dyer paid into the hands of Thomas Lambert Esq the Treasurer for the year ensuing. [Signatures of:] Isaac Heaton, Daniel Lambert, John Browning April 26 1787			
	Received this 26th April 1787 of George Dyer Esq, late Treasurer of the Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England £50 16s 1d being the balance of the above account. [Signature of] Thomas Lambert			

	[Sheet 365 REV IMG 1078 & IMG 1417]
	At a Court of Election and a Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 23rd day of April 1788 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor — Mr Armitage John Usborne Esq — Mr Bell [Thomas Bell Esq] Broom Witts Esq — Mr Chambers Usborne George Shepley Esq — Mr Nailer John Browning Esq — Edward Dyer Esq Isaac Heaton Esq — Edward Jeffries Esq Abraham Goodwin Esq — John Walter Thomas Lambert Esq — Mr Green Daniel Lambert Esq — Wilmot Lambert Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Nathaniel Newnham Esq and Thomas Wright Esq, being put in nomination and the said Thomas Wright being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant chosen [Thomas Bell]	Abraham Goodwin Esq and Thomas Bell Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Abraham Goodwin being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Thomas Bell who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables chosen [Peter Naylor, Edward Jeffries]	Richard Jolly Esq, Richard Heaton Jolly Esq, Peter Naylor and Edward Jeffries Esqs being put in nomination for Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said Richard Jolly and Richard Heaton Jolly being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Peter Naylor and Edward Jeffries Esqs who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

	[Sheet 366 IMG 1078 & IMG 1417]
Treasurer [continued]	That Thomas Lambert Esq, the present Treasurer of the said Company, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons as have or shall serve the office of Treasurer.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be desired to pay Catherine Merryman widow 10 guineas as a free gift of this Company: half this day and the other half at Christmas next.
	That the Treasurer be desired to pay to Elizabeth Bishop, daughter of Samuel Bishop, late a member of this Company and many years a Beadle thereof, 5 guineas as a free gift of this Company in consideration of her peculiar misfortune as stated in her petition another being the daughter of a late Beadle but this gift is not to be considered as a precedent so as to extend to the children of members being relievable by the Company.
	That the Treasurer be desired to pay to Benjamin Bishop, a member of this Company, 2 guineas as a free gift of this Company, upon his undertaking to take his son (now under the care of the grandfather) and maintain him in the country.
	That the Treasurer be desired to pay John Davenport, the Beadle of the Company, 10 guineas as a free gift of this Company: half at this day and half at Christmas.
[Bound apprentice Wm Barker]	**27 October 1788** William Barker, son of Thomas Barker of Willesbrough in the county of Kent merchant, bound apprentice to John Walter of Bermondsey in the county of Surrey wool stapler and Merchant of the Staple, to serve for 7 years from date. Indenture attested by [Signatures of] Beriah Drew, Nathaniel Glenn

[Sheet 366 REV IMG 1079]

Thomas Lambert Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1787	**to the Company Debtors**	£	s	d
26 April 1787	To balance of the account of George Dyer Esq, late Treasurer of the Company	50	16	1
	To cash rcvd of Mr Edward Horne for Hance money	0	6	6[287]
29 August	To half a year's dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5th April	3	0	0
	To half a year's dividend on 1700 New South Sea Annuities due 5th July	25	10	0
	To half a year's dividend on 450 South Sea Stocks due 5th July	7	17	6
1788 Feb	To half a year's dividend on 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 10 Oct last	3	0	0
	To half a year's dividend on 1700 New South Sea Annuities due 5th January	25	10	0
April 15th	To half a year's dividend on 450 South Sea Stocks due 5th January	7	17	6
	To half a year's dividend on 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5 April	3	0	0
		126	**17**	**7**
	Copy of the Clerk's bill as this day delivered to and paid by the said Thomas Lambert			
1787 26 April	Paid coach hire to and from Court with books	0	3	0
	Thomas Lambert Esq to the Company - Drawing and engrossing bond and duty	0	15	6
	Ditto counter bonds and duty	1	10	0
2nd April	Paid postage of letters for Court of election	0	2	8
		2	**11**	**2**

[Sheet 367 IMG 1787]

1787	**Per Contra Creditor**	£	s	d
26 April	By cash paid for dinner at Court of election and Court of audit	31	16	0
26 December	By cash paid Catherine Merryman a gift	5	5	0
31 Dec	By ditto John Davenport ditto	5	5	0
	" " Elizabeth Bishop	5	5	0
	" " for stamps for the above receipts	0	0	6
1788 23 April	" " Mr Mayor the usual present	10	0	0
	" " Beriah Drew 1 year salary due this day	8	0	0
	" " " " his bill	2	11	2
	" " John Davenport 1 year's salary due this day	4	0	0
	" " to the first 13 members for attendance	1	12	6
		73	**15**	**2**
	By balance in hand	53	2	5
		126	**17**	**7**
	The above account was audited and allowed the 23rd day of April 1788 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and there remains due from the said Thomas Lambert to the Company the sum of £53 2s 5d [Signatures of:] Abraham Goodwin, Isaac Heaton, Daniel Lambert, Broome Witts			

[287] Hance money is recorded in the Court as being 6s 5d yet here it is charged (mistakenly?) as 6s 6d - the same as in 1786 accounts.

	[Sheet 367 REV (not in original sheet numbering) IMG 1431 & 1432]
	At a Court of Election and a Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 24th day of April 1789 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor — 8 Revd Mr John Grose 1 Mr Chambers Usborne — 9 Thomas Bell Esq 2 John Browning Esq — 10 John Wath 3 Mr Thomas Armitage — 11 Thomas Kemp Esq 4 Mr Thomas Lambert — 12 Edward Jeffries Esq 5 Mr Daniel Lambert — 13 Mr Joseph Green 6 Isaac Heaton Esq — 14 George Dyer Esq 7 Richard Heaton Jolly — 15 Mr John Dyer
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Nathaniel Newnham Esq and Thomas Wright Esq, being put in nomination and the said Thomas Wright being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant	Abraham Goodwin Esq and Thomas Bell Esq being put in nomination for Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Abraham Goodwin being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Thomas Bell who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables	That the present Constables be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet (368) facing 367 REV (not numbered top right; IMG new 1431 & 1433]
Treasurer	Richard Heaton Esq and Thomas Bell Esq being put in nomination for Treasurer of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Thomas Bell who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons as have or shall serve the office of Treasurer.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued .

[Sheet 367 REV (by original numbering) IMG 1081]

Thomas Lambert Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtors	£	s	d
23 April **1788**	To balance of account this day audited	53	2	5
	To cash of Mr John Walter, Mr Joseph Green and Wilmot [Lambert] Esq for non-attendance before 2 o'clock 2s 6d each	0	7	6
9 Sep 1788	To half a year's dividend on £1700 New South Sea Annuities due 5 July	25	10	0
	To half a year's dividend on 450 south Sea Stock due ditto	7	17	6
Feb 26 **1789**	To half a year's dividend on £1700 New South Sea Annuities due 5 January	25	10	0
	To half a year's dividend on £450 South Sea Stock due ditto	7	17	6
April 15th	To 1 year dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5th instant	6	0	0
		126	**4**	**11**
	Clerk's bill as this day delivered to and paid by the said Thomas Lambert			
1788 23rd April	Paid coach hire to and from Court with books	0	3	0
3rd April 1789	Paid postage of letters for Court of election	0	2	8
	1 year salary	8	0	0
		8	**5**	**8**

[Sheet 368 (by original numbering) IMG 1081]

1788	**Per Contra Creditor**	£	s	d
23rd April	By cash paid for dinner at Court of election and court of audit	25	17	6
	By ditto Catherine Merryman a free gift	5	5	0
	By ditto Elizabeth Bishop " " "	5	5	0
	" " Benjamin Bishop " " "	2	2	0
	" " John Davenport	5	5	0
26th Dec	" " Catherine Merryman this day	5	5	0
1 January **1789**	" " John Davenport	5	5	0
	" " for stamps for their receipts	0	0	4
24 April	" " Beriah Drew 1 year's salary due this day	8	0	0
	" " " " his bill	0	5	8
	" " John Davenport 1 year's salary due this day	4	0	0
	" " " " as a free gift	6	6	0
	" " to Elizabeth Bishop a free gift	4	4	0
	" " to Catherine Merryman " "	5	0	0
	" " to the Mayor the usual present	10	0	0
	" " to the first 13 members for attendance	1	12	6
		93	**12**	**0**
	By cash to balance	32	11	11
		126	**4**	**11**
	The above account was audited and allowed the 24th day of April 1789 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and there appears to be due from the said Thomas Lambert to the Company £32 11s 11d, which sum the said Thomas Lambert paid into the hand of Thomas Bell Esquire the Treasurer for the year ensuing. [Signatures of:] Isaac Heaton, Daniel Lambert, John Browning			
	Received this 24th day of April 1789 of Thomas Lambert Esq the sum of £32 11s 11d being the balance of the above account. [Signature of] Thomas Bell			

[Sheet 368 REV IMG 1082]

At a Court of Election and a Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 24th day of April 1789

Present:

Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor		
1 Mr Chambers Usborne	6 Isaac Heaton Esq	11 Thomas Kemp Esq
2 John Browning Esq	7 Richard Heaton Jolly Esq	12 Edward Jeffries Esq
3 Mr Thomas Armitage	8 Reverend Mr Grose	13 Mr Joseph green
4 Thomas Lambert Esq	9 Thomas Bell Esq	14 George Dyer Esq
5 Daniel Lambert Esq	10 John Walter	15 Mr John Dyer

The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.

Mayor — The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing and Nathaniel Newnham Esq and Thomas Wright Esq being put in nomination and the said Thomas Wright being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Lieutenant [Thomas Bell] — Abraham Goodwin Esq and Thomas Bell Esq being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing and the said Abraham Goodwin being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Thomas Bell who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Constables [continued] — That the present Constables be continued for the year ensuing.

Treasurer [Thomas Bell] — Richard Heaton Jolly Esq and Thomas Bell Esq being put in nomination for Treasurer of the said Company for the year ensuing, the choice fell on the said Thomas Bell who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Auditors — That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons as have or shall serve the office of Treasurer.

Clerk — That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.

Beadle continued and salary augmented — That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing and that on account of fees by Woolwinders being now admitted at the Quarter Sessions, his salary be augmented from £4 to £8 per annum.

Free [Simon Field by apprenticeship] — Mr Simon Field, late apprentice to John Browning Esq, Merchant of the Staple of England, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company by virtue of such service and paid 6s 5d Hance money.

[Sheet 369 IMG 1082]

Gifts — Resolved:
That the Treasurer be desired to pay John Davenport, the Beadle of the Company, 6 guineas as a free gift of the said Company.
That the Treasurer be desired to pay Elizabeth Bishop, daughter of Samuel Bishop a late member of this Company on account of her great distress 4 guineas but this is not to operate as a precedent so as to extend to the children of members being relievable by the Company.
That the Treasurer be desired to pay Catherine Merryman 10 pounds as a free gift of this Company: half this day and the remainder at Christmas next.

The meeting taken into consideration the great deceit in the winding of wool, Resolved:
That every person who shall hereafter purchase any wool deceitfully wound be requested to transmit an account of such deceit to the Clerk of the Company in order that the same may be laid before the next meeting; the Company being resolved to carry the Act of Parliament passed last Sessions for preventing such deceit into execution.
That a copy of the above resolution be signed by the Clerk and inserted in the following papers:
The County Chronicle, Lloyds Evening Post, the Lewes Canterbury Winchester Chelmsford & Reading papers

[Michael Callaman bound apprentice to John Dyer]

23rd September 1789

Michael Callaman, son of Thomas Callaman of the Bay of Honduras merchant, by the consent of George Dyer his guardian, was bound apprentice to John Dyer, wool stapler and Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve for 7 years from 25th December last, that being the time at which he commenced his service. Indenture attested by George Dyer, Beriah Drew [the Clerk].

	[Sheet 369 REV IMG 1083]
	At a Court of Election and a Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 23rd day of April 1790 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor — Mr Peter Nayler Isaac Heaton Esq — George Shepley John Browning Esq — Mr Armitage John Usborne Esq — Joseph Green Esq Mr Chambers Usborne — Richard Heaton Jolly Esq Thomas Lambert Esq — Wilmot Lambert Esq Daniel Lambert Esq — Edward Jeffries Esq John Walter Esq — Mr John Dyer
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Nathaniel Newnham Esq and Thomas Wright Esq being put in nomination and the said Thomas Wright being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant [Wilmot Lambert]	Abraham Goodwin Esq and Wilmot Lambert Esq being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing and the said Abraham Goodwin being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Wilmot Lambert who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables [Chambers Usborne, John Walter]	Richard Heaton Jolly Esq, Mr John Dyer, Mr Chambers Usborne and John Walter Esq being put in nomination for Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said Richard Heaton Jolly and John Dyer being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Chambers Usborne and John Walter who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office. , the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [continued]	That Thomas Bell Esq, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 370 IMG 1083]
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons as have or shall serve the office of Treasurer.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Free [Thomas Hewlett by apprenticeship]	Thomas Hewlett, late apprentice to Mr John Dyer of London Merchant of the Staple, was this day admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company by virtue of such service and paid 6s 5d Hance money.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be desired to pay Elizabeth Bishop, daughter of Samuel Bishop a late member of this Company on account of her great distress 3 guineas but this not to operate as a precedent so as to extend to the children of members being relievable by the Company. That the Treasurer be desired to pay Catherine Merryman £8d 8s as a free gift of this Company: half this day and the remainder at Christmas next. That the Treasurer be desired to pay John Davenport, the Beadle of the Company, 6 guineas as a free gift of the said Company: half this day and the remainder at Christmas next.. A petition from Benjamin Bishop, a member of the Company, praying relief was presented and read but the Court being informed by some of the members that he was not a deserving object of their charity rejected the said petition.

[Sheet 370 REV IMG 1084]

1790 Thomas Bell Esquire, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtors	£	s	d
24 April **1789**	To balance of the account of Thomas Lambert Esq late Treasurer of the Company	32	11	11
	To cash rcvd for Mr Simon Field for Hance money	0	6	5
	To ditto of Peter Nayler Esq for non-attendance before 2 o'clock	0	2	6
Nov 12th	To half a year's dividend on £450 South Sea Stocks due 5 July	7	17	6
	To ditto on 1700 New South Sea Annuities due 5 July	25	10	0
	To ditto on 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 10th Oct	3	0	0
		69	**8**	**4**
1789	**Clerk's bill this day delivered to and paid by the said Treasurer**			
24th April	Copy oath of Lieutenant	0	1	0
	Copy oath of Treasurer	0	1	0
	Paid coach hire to and from Court	0	3	0
2nd May	7 copies of the resolution, respecting the false winding of wool, for the printers	0	7	0
	Paid inserting same in the following papers: Lloyds Evening Post 5/6, Lewes 6/10, Chelmsford 6/10, Reading 6/10, County Chronicle 5/6, Canterbury 6/10, Winchester 6/10	2	5	2
	Messenger to the printers	0	2	6
2nd Oct	3 dividend warrants to be signed by the Mayor and Constables	0	4	6
	Attending to get same signed by the Mayor & Constables	0	6	8
	Mr Bell & his security to the Company - drawing and engrossing special bond, duty and attendance	0	15	6
12 April **1790**	Paid postage of letters for Court of audit	0	2	8
		4	**9**	**0**

[Sheet 371 IMG 1084]

1789	**Per Contra Creditor**	£	s	d
24 April	By cash paid for dinner at Court of election and Court of audit this day held	31	11	6
23 Dec	By cash paid Catherine Merryman a gift	5	0	0
1790 2 January	By " John Davenport in part of salary	5	5	0
23 April	By " the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	By " Beriah Drew a year's salary due this day	8	0	0
	By " his bill for advertisements etc	4	9	0
	By " John Davenport residue of 1 year's salary due this day in full	2	15	0
	By ditto to the first 13 members for attendance	1	12	6
		68	**13**	**0**
	Due to balance	0	15	4
		69	**8**	**4**
	The above account was audited and allowed the 23rd day of April 1790 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and we find that there remains due from the said Thomas Bell to the said Company the sum of 15s 4d and no more. [Signatures of:] Daniel Lambert, Isaac Heaton, Thomas Lambert			

	[Sheet 371 REV IMG 1085]
	At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 23rd day of April 1791 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor Broom Witts Esq — Richard Heaton Jolly Esq Chambers Usborne Esq — Thomas Armitage Esq Isaac Heaton Esq — John Walter Esq Thomas Lambert Esq — Joseph Green Esq John Usborne Esq — Thomas Kemp Esq Daniel Lambert Esq — Mr Simon Field John Browning Esq — Mr Thomas Hewlett
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Nathaniel Newnham Esq and Thomas Wright Esq being put in nomination and the said Thomas Wright being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant [continued]	Wilmot Lambert Esq and Thomas Armitage Esq being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Thomas Armitage being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Wilmot Lambert who being the late Lieutenant was thereupon continued in his office for the year ensuing.
Constables [continued]	That Chambers Usborne Esq and John Walter Esq be continued Constables for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [Thomas Armitage]	John Usborne Esq and Thomas Armitage Esq being put in nomination for Treasurer for the year ensuing, and the said John Usborne requesting to decline the said office, the choice fell on the said Thomas Armitage, who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

	[Sheet 372 IMG 1085]
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons as have or shall serve the office of Treasurer.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be desired to pay Catherine Merryman widow £10 10s as a free gift of this Company: half this day and the remainder at Christmas next. That the Treasurer be desired to pay John Davenport, the Beadle of the Company, £6 6s as a free gift of the said Company: half this day and the remainder at Christmas next. That the Treasurer be desired to pay Elizabeth Bishop, daughter of Samuel Bishop a late member of this Company on account of her great distress £6 6s as free gift of this Company: half this day and half at Christmas but this is not to operate as a precedent so as to extend to the children of members being relievable by the Company. That the Treasurer be desired to pay to Benjamin Bishop, a poor member of this Company, on account of his present distress £3 3s and that the same be paid to him at such times and in such sums as the Treasurer in his discretion shall think fit.

[Sheet 372 REV IMG 1086]

1790 The Executors of Thomas Bell Esq late Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtors	£	s	d
23rd April 1790	To balance of the account of the said Thomas Bell this day audited	0	15	4
	To cash rcvd of Mr Thomas Hewlett for Hance money	0	6	5
	To " " of Mr John Dyer for non-attendance	0	2	6
Oct 27th	To one year dividend on £450 South Sea Stocks due 10th Oct	15	15	0
	To " " " on £1700 New South Sea Annuities due " "	51	0	0
	To " " " on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5th July 0	0	6	0
		73	**19**	**3**

[Sheet 373 IMG 1086]

1790	**Per Contra Creditor**	£	s	d
24th April	By cash paid Catherine Merryman a free gift	4	4	0
	By " " Elizabeth Bishop " " "	3	3	0
	By " " John Davenport	3	3	0
	By cash paid for election dinner	25	16	0
Dec 21st	By " " Catherine Merryman a free gift	4	4	0
28th	By " " John Davenport " " "	3	3	0
	By " " " " in part of salary	5	5	0
		48	**18**	**0**
	By balance due to the Company	25	1	3
		73	**19**	**3**
	The above account was audited and allowed the 23rd day of April 1791 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and the above balance of £25 1s 3d was paid by the executors of the said Thomas Bell into the hands of Thomas Armitage Esq the Treasurer for the year ensuing. [Signatures of:] Daniel Lambert, Isaac Heaton, Thomas Lambert			
	Received this 23rd day of April 1791 of the executors of Thomas Bell Esq £25 1s 3d being the balance of the above account. [Signature of] Thomas Armitage			

[Sheet 373 REV IMG 1087]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 25th day of April 1792

Present:

Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor

1 John Usborne Esq	5 George Dyer Esq	9 Mr John Dyer
2 Isaac Heaton Esq	6 Mr Thomas Armitage [Esq]	10 Daniel Lambert Esq
3 Thomas Lambert Esq	7 Mr Chambers Usborne	11 John Browning Esq
4 Richard Heaton Jolly Esq	8 Reverend Mr Grose	12 Joseph Green Esq
	13 Mr Thomas Hewlett	

The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.

Mayor — The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Nathaniel Newnham Esq and Thomas Wright Esq being put in nomination and the said Thomas Wright being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Lieutenant [continued] — Wilmot Lambert Esq and Thomas Armitage Esq being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Thomas Armitage being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Wilmot Lambert the late Lieutenant who was thereupon continued in the said office for the year ensuing.

Constables [Rich. Heaton Jolly, Rev. Grose] — Richard Heaton Jolly Esq, The Reverend Mr Grose, John Dyer Esq and Joseph Green Esq being put in nomination for Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said John Dyer and Joseph Green being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Richard Heaton Jolly and the Reverend Mr Grose, who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Treasurer [continued] — Resolved that Thomas Armitage Esq, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.

Auditors — That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons as have or shall serve the office of Treasurer.

[Sheet 374 IMG 1087]

Clerk — That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.

Beadle — That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.

Gifts — That the Treasurer be desired to pay to John Davenport, the Beadle of the Company, £6 6s as a free gift of the said Company: half this day and the remainder at Christmas next.

That the Treasurer be desired to pay Catherine Merryman widow £9 9s as a free gift of this Company: half this day and the remainder at Christmas next.

That the Treasurer be desired to pay to Elizabeth Bishop, daughter of Samuel Bishop a late member of this Company on account of her great distress £6 6s as a free gift of this Company: half this day and half at Christmas next but this is not to operate as a precedent so as to extend to the children of members being relievable by the Company.

That the Treasurer be desired to pay to Thomas Hewlett, a poor member of this Company (on account of the sickness of his family) 4 guineas as a free gift of this Company.

Made free — Mr Thomas Lamb, who was presented with the freedom of this Company on the 23rd April 1784, appearing at this Court was admitted and sworn into the freedom of the Company and paid 6s 5d for Hance money and £10 10s for fine, agreeable to the order of the said 23rd April 1784.

Ordered by the unanimous consent of this Company that William Nottidge Esq be presented with the freedom of this Company. And the said William Nottidge appearing at this Court was admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company and paid 6s 5d Hance money and £10 10s for fine, agreeable to the order above mentioned.

Chaplain — Resolved that the Reverend John Grose, a member of this Company, be appointed chaplain thereto.

[Sheet 374 REV IMG 1088]

1792 Thomas Armitage Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtors	£	s	d
23 April **1791**	To balance of the account of the executors of Thomas Bell Esq late Treasurer of the Company			
	To cash recvd of Thomas Kemp Esq for non-attendance before 2 o'clock	0	2	6
	To " " of John Dyer Esq	0	2	6
Jun 6th	To half a year's dividend on £450 South Sea Stocks due 5 January	7	17	6
	To " " " " on 1700 New South Sea Annuities due 5 April	25	10	0
	To " " " " on 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5 January 1791	3	0	0
		61	**13**	**9**
	Balance due to the Treasurer	25	15	11
		87	**9**	**8**

[Sheet 375 IMG 1088]

1791	**Per Contra Creditor**	£	s	d
April 23rd	By cash paid the first 13 members for attendance	1	12	6
	To the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	By cash paid John Davenport salary to this day	2	15	0
	" " " in part of a free gift	3	3	0
	" " " Beriah Drew a year's salary due this day	8	0	0
	" " " " " his bill	0	7	10
	" " " Elizabeth Bishop in part of a free gift	3	3	0
	" " " Catherine Merryman " "	5	5	0
	" " " Bleadon & Co for election dinner	20	10	0
June 13th	" " " Benjamin Bishop in respect of gift	3	3	0
Dec 23	" " " Mrs Merryman	5	5	0
	" " " Elizabeth Bishop	3	3	0
	" " " for stamps	0	0	4
27	" " " John Davenport in part of salary	5	5	0
	" " " " " as a gift	3	3	0
1792 April 25	" " " Beriah Drew 1 year's salary due this day	8	0	0
	" " " " " bill	1	18	10
	" " " John Davenport in full for salary to this day	2	15	0
		87	**9**	**8**
	The above account was audited and allowed the 25th day of April 1792 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and we do find a balance of £25 15s 11d due from the Company to the Treasurer. [Signatures of:] Daniel Lambert, Isaac Heaton, George Dyer			

	[Sheet 375 REV IMG 1089]
	At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 23rd day of April 1793 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor Isaac Heaton Esq — Joseph Green Mr Chambers Usborne — Reverend Mr Grose Mr Armitage — Mr Thomas Hewlett Mr John Horn — Mr Benjamin Bishop Mr Naylor — Mr John Davenport Thomas Lambert Esq — Thomas Kemp Esq Daniel Lambert Esq — Mr Simon Field George Shepley — Mr John Dyer
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Nathaniel Newnham Esq and Thomas Wright Esq being put in nomination and the said Thomas Wright being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant [Thomas Kemp]	Mr Thomas Armitage and Thomas Kemp Esq being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Thomas Kemp being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Thomas Armitage who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables [Rev John Grose, Joseph Green]	The Reverend John Grose, Joseph Green Esq, Thomas Lambert junior Esq and Mr John Dyer being put in nomination for Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said Thomas Lambert and John Dyer being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said John Grose and Joseph Green who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

	[Sheet 376 IMG 1089]
Treasurer [George Shepley]	George Shepley Esq and Mr Chambers Usborne being put in nomination for Treasurer of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said Chambers Usborne being exempted by common consent the choice fell on the said George Shepley, who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons who have or shall serve the office of Treasurer.
Clerk [salary increased to 10 guineas] [wool winders no longer sworn]	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing. And that as compensation for his loss of fees by wool winders being now exempted from being sworn before the Mayor his salary be augmented to 10 guineas a year.
Beadle	That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be desired to pay Catherine Merryman 6 guineas as a free gift of this Company: half this day and the remainder at Christmas next. That the Treasurer be desired to pay John Davenport 4 guineas as a free gift of this Company: half this day and the remainder at Christmas. That the Treasurer be desired to pay Elizabeth Bishop, daughter of Samuel Bishop a late member of this Company on account of her great distress 4 guineas as a free gift of this Company: half this day and the remainder at Christmas but this not to operate as a precedent so as to extend to the children of members being relievable by the Company. That the Treasurer be also desired to pay Benjamin Bishop, a poor member of this Company, 2 guineas as a free gift of this Company.

[Sheet 376 REV IMG 1090]

1793 Mr Thomas Armitage, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtors	£	s	d
25 April **1792**	To cash rcvd of Mr Thomas Lamb for fine for admittance	10	10	0
	ditto for Hance money	0	6	6
	To ditto of William Nottidge Esq for fine for admittance	10	10	0
	Ditto Hance money	0	6	6
May 2nd	To ditto half a year's dividend £450 South Sea Stock due 5th April	7	17	6
	To ditto on £1700 New South Sea Annuities due 10 Oct	25	10	0
1793 5 April	To 1 year's interest on 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5 January 1792	6	0	0
	To 1 year's interest on £1700 New South Sea Annuities due 5 April	51	0	0
	To 1 year's interest on £450 South Sea Stocks due 5 April	15	15	0
	To 1 year's interest on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5 January 1793	6	0	0
23 April	To cash returned by the Mayor being the annual present to him	10	0	0
		143	**15**	**6**

[Sheet 377 IMG 1090]

1792	**Per Contra Creditors**	£	s	d
25 April	By balance due to the Treasurer on the audit of his last account	25	15	11
	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	By cash paid the first 13 members for attendance	1	12	6
	By cash paid John Davenport in part of a free gift	3	3	0
	By " Catherine Merryman	4	14	6
	By " Elizabeth Bishop	3	3	0
	By " Thomas Hewlett	4	4	0
26th	By " Bleadon and Co for election dinner	21	1	0
Dec 22	By " Catherine Merryman in full	4	14	6
	By " Elizabeth Bishop	3	3	0
	Stamps for receipts	0	0	4
27	By " John Davenport in full of gift	3	3	0
	By " " " in part of salary	5	5	0
1793 23 April	By " " " in full of salary	2	15	0
	By " Beriah Drew 1 year's salary	8	0	0
	By " " " his bill	0	8	6
	By " Mr Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	By cash due to balance	32	12	3
		143	**15**	**6**
	The above account was audited and allowed this 23rd day of April 1793 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and we do find a balance of £32 12s 3d due from the said Thomas Armitage to the said Company which is to be paid by him to the present Treasurer. [Signatures of:] Thomas Lambert, Isaac Heaton, Daniel Lambert			
	Received this 23rd April 1793 of Thomas Armitage £32 12s 3d being the balance of the above account. [Signature of] George Shepley			

	[Sheet 377 REV IMG 1091]
	At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 23rd day of April 1794 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor Isaac Heaton Esq — William Fuller Esq John Usborne Esq — Joseph Green Esq Mr Thomas Armitage — William Nottidge Esq Mr Chambers Usborne — Mr Simon Field George Shepley Esq — Thomas Kemp Esq Daniel Lambert Esq Thomas Lambert Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Nathaniel Newnham Esq and Thomas Wright Esq being put in nomination and the said Thomas Wright being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant [Thomas Armitage]	Mr Thomas Armitage and Thomas Kemp Esq being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Thomas Kemp being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Thomas Armitage who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables [continued]	Resolved that the Rev John Grose and Joseph Green Esq, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [continued]	That George Shepley Esq, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons who have or shall serve the office of Treasurer.

	[Sheet 378 IMG 1091]
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Free	Ordered by the unanimous consent of this Company that John Varnham Esq be presented with the freedom of the said Company. Ordered by the like consent of this Company that Mr James Riley be presented with the freedom of the said Company. Afterwards the said Varnham and James Riley appearing at the said Court were respectively admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company and each of them paid £10 10s for a fine and 6s 5d for Hance money agreeable to the order of 23 April 1784.
[Prohibition on apprenticeship to own father repealed]	Resolved by the unanimous consent of this Company that so much of the Ancient Ordinance of Hance as prohibits a son from being bound to his father or father-in-law be and the same is hereby repealed.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be requested to apply the sum of 2 guineas for the relief of the wife and family of Benjamin Bishop, a poor member of this Company, in such manner as he shall think fit. That the Treasurer be also desired to pay Elizabeth Bishop, daughter of Samuel Bishop a late member of this Company, on account of her great distress 5 guineas as a free gift of this Company: 2 guineas this day and the remainder at Christmas but this gift not to operate as a precedent so as to extend to the children of members being relievable by the Company. That the Treasurer be desired to pay Thomas Hewlett, a poor member of this Company, 2 guineas as a free gift of this Company: half this day and the remainder at Christmas. That the Treasurer be desired to pay John Davenport, the Beadle, 5 guineas as a free gift of this Company: half this day and the remainder at Christmas.
	Afterwards at this Court, George Shepley Esq, a free member thereof, appeared and produced to the said Court certain Indentures of Apprenticeship bearing date this same day, whereby Thomas Shepley his son had bound himself apprentice to his said father, as such Merchant of the Staple, for 7 years. The execution of which Indentures were duly attested by the Clerk to this Company and which Indentures the said George Shepley prayed might be inrolled. Which was ordered accordingly, the entry whereof appears as under.
[Thomas Shepley apprenticed to his father]	**23 April 1794** Indentures of Apprenticeship of this date whereby Thomas Shepley, son of George Shepley of the parish of Saint John Southwark in the county of Surrey Esquire and Merchant of the Staple of England, put himself apprentice to his said father, as such Merchant of the Staple and Leather Dresser, for 7 years from the date thereof, the execution of which Indentures are duly attested. Beriah Drew: Clerk to the Company.

[Sheet 378 REV IMG 1092]

George Shepley Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1793	**Debtors**	£	s	d
23rd April	To cash rcvd of Mr Thomas Armitage late Treasurer the balance of his account this day audited	32	12	3
	To ditto of Thomas Kemp Esq for non-attendance before 2 o'clock	0	2	6
	" " " Mr Simon Field	0	2	6
	" " " Mr John Dyer	0	2	6
27 Nov	To half a year's dividend on 450 South Sea Stocks due 5 July	7	17	6
	To " " " " on 1700 New South Sea Annuities due 5 July	25	10	0
	To " " " " on 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 10 October	3	0	0
17 April **1794**	To half a year's dividend on 450 South Sea Stocks due 5 January	7	17	6
	To " " " " on 1700 New South Sea Annuities due 5 January	25	10	0
	To " " " " on 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5 April	3	0	0
		105	**14**	**9**
	Copy of Clerk's bill delivered to and paid by the Treasurer			
1793 23 April	Copy oath of Lieutenant	0	1	0
	" " " Treasurer	0	1	0
	" " " Constables	0	2	0
	Paid coach hire to and from Court with books	0	3	0
	George Shepley Esq for his security to the Company - drawing and engrossing special bond and attendance	1	1	0
	3 dividend warrants to be signed by the Mayor & Constables	0	4	6
	attending to get them signed	0	6	8
2 April 1794	Paid postage of letters for Court of audit	0	2	10
		2	**2**	**0**

[Sheet 379 IMG 1092]

	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
23 April **1793**	By cash paid the first 13 members for attendance 2/6 each			
	By ditto Catherine Merryman in part of free gift	3	3	0
	By " John Davenport "	2	2	0
	By " Elizabeth Bishop "	2	2	0
	By " Thomas Hewlett "	2	2	0
	By " Benjamin Bishop "	2	2	0
	By " Mr Bleadon for election dinner	24	4	0
27 Dec	By " John Davenport in full of gift	2	2	0
	By " " " 3 quarters' salary	6	0	0
	By " Catherine Merryman in full of gift	3	3	0
	By " Elizabeth Bishop "	2	2	0
23 April **1794**	By " Mr Mayor his annual present this day	10	0	0
	By " Beriah Drew 1 year's salary due this day	10	0	0
	By " " " his bill	2	2	0
	By " John Davenport Beadle in full for salary	2	0	0
		75	**6**	**6**
	By cash due to balance	30	8	3
		105	**14**	**9**
	The above account was audited and allowed the 23rd day of April 1794 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and we do find a balance of £30 8s 3d due from the Treasurer to the said Company. [Signatures of:] Thomas Armitage, Isaac Heaton, Daniel Lambert			

	[Sheet 379 REV IMG 1094]
	At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 23 day of April 1795 Present: Isaac Heaton Esq — John Varnham Esq John Usborne Esq — Mr John Dyer Mr Peter Nailer — George Shepley Esq Mr Chambers Usborne — Joseph Green Esq Daniel Lambert Esq — Thomas Kemp Esq Mr James Riley — Thomas Lamb Esq Thomas Lambert Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Nathaniel Newnham Esq and Thomas Wright Esq being put in nomination and the said Thomas Wright being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who, afterward appearing at the said Court, accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant [George Shipley]	Thomas Kemp Esq and George Shipley Esq being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Thomas Kemp being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said George Shipley who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables [John Dyer, John Varnham]	Thomas Lambert Esq, William Fuller Esq, John Dyer Esq and John Varnham Esq being put in nomination for the office of Constable of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said Thomas Lambert and William Fuller being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said John Dyer and John Varnham who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

	[Sheet 380 IMG 1094, 1096, 1097]
Treasurer [Chambers Usborne]	John Usborne Esq and Mr Chambers Usborne being put in nomination for Treasurer of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said John Usborne being exempted by common consent the choice fell on the said Chambers Usborne who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons who have or shall serve the office of Treasurer.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be desired to pay John Davenport 5 guineas as a free gift of this Company: half this day and the remainder at Christmas. That the Treasurer be also desired to pay to Sarah Fox, a daughter of Samuel Bishop, a late member of this Company, on account of the money which she expended in the funeral of Elizabeth Bishop her late sister 3 guineas: half this day and the remainder at Christmas but this not to operate as a precedent so as to extend to the children of members being relievable by the Company. That the Treasurer be desired to apply 2 guineas for the relief of the family of Benjamin Bishop, a poor member of this Company. That the Treasurer be desired to pay to Thomas Hewlett, a poor member of this Company, 1 guinea as a free gift of this Company. Also that 1 guinea be applied by the Treasurer for the benefit of the eldest daughter of the said Thomas Hewlett.
John Harvest bound to Mr Riley	At this Court Mr James Riley, a free member of the said Company, appeared and produced certain Indentures of Apprenticeship bearing the date 15th day of December 1794 whereby John Harvest, the younger son of John Harvest the elder of Bermondsey in the county of Surrey Wool Stapler, was bound to the said James Riley, as such Merchant of the Staple, for the term of 7 years, the execution of which Indentures were duly attested by the Clerk to the Company and which Indentures the said Mr Riley requested might be inrolled, which was ordered accordingly.
[receipt for payment 6 May 1794 for election dinner]	[Separate small paper inserted at the bottom of Sheet 380] London 18 June 1794 Received of the Merchants of the Staple the sum of £32 13s for Bill & Water Self for [signature of] John Bleadon

[Sheet 380 REV IMG 1098]

1794 George Shepley, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtors	£	s	d
23rd April	To cash due to the Company on the balance of account this day audited	30	8	3
	To cash rcvd of William Nottidge Esq, Thomas Kemp Esq and Mr Simon Field for non-attendance before 2 o'clock. 2/6 each	0	7	6
	To cash received of John Varnham Esq for his fine on admission	10	10	0
	Ditto for Hance money	0	6	6
	To ditto of Mr James Riley for his fine on admission	10	10	0
	Ditto for Hance money			
4 December	To cash for half a year's dividend on 450 South Sea Stocks due 5 July	7	17	6
	" " " " " " " on 1700 New South Sea Annuities due "	25	10	0
	" " " " " " " on 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 10 Oct	3	0	0
1795				
17 April	To cash for half a year's dividend on 450 South Sea Stocks due 5 January	7	17	6
	" " " " " " on 1700 New South Sea Annuities due " "	25	10	0
	" " " " " " on 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5 April	3	0	0
		125	**3**	**9**

[Sheet 381 IMG 1098]

1794	**Per Contra Creditors**	£	s	d
23 April	By cash paid the first 10 members for attendance	1	5	0
	By " John Davenport in part of gift	2	12	6
	By " Elizabeth Bishop in part of gift	2	2	0
	By " Thomas Hewlett in part of gift	1	1	0
	By " Benjamin Bishop in part of gift	1	1	0
May 6th	By " Mr Bleadon for election dinner [see paper receipt at sheet 380]	32	13	0
Dec 26	By " Elizabeth Bishop in full of gift	3	3	0
27	By " Thomas Hewlett " "	1	1	0
30	By " Benjamin Bishop " "	1	1	0
1795 Jan 15	By " John Davenport " "	2	12	6
	By " " " for 3 quarters' salary	6	0	0
23 April	By " " " in full for salary	2	0	0
	By " Beriah Drew 1 year salary due this day	10	0	0
	By " " " expenses	0	6	0
	By balance due to the Company	57	15	9
		125	**3**	**9**
	The above account was audited and allowed this 23rd day of April 1795 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and we do find a balance of £57 15s 9d due from the said George Shepley to the said Company which is to be paid by him to the present Treasurer. [Signatures of:] Isaac Heaton, Daniel Lambert, Thomas Lambert			
	Recd this 23rd April 1795 of George Shipley £57 15s 9d the balance of the above account. £ [Signature of] Chambers Usborne			

	[Sheet 381 REV IMG 1099]
	At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 23rd day of April 1796 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor Isaac Heaton Esq — Thomas Lambert Esq John Usborne Esq — Daniel Lambert Esq Mr Armitage — John Dyer Esq Mr Chambers Usborne — John Varnham Esq Mr Naylor — Joseph Green Esq Rev Mr Grose
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Nathaniel Newnham Esq and Thomas Wright Esq being put in nomination and the said Thomas Wright being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant [George Shipley]	George Shipley Esq and Thomas Kemp Esq being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Thomas Kemp being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said George Shipley who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables continued	Resolved that John Dyer Esq and John Varnham Esq be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer continued	That Mr Chambers Usborne be continued Treasurer for the year ensuing.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 382 IMG 1099]
Free [Thomas Moulden]	Resolved by the unanimous consent of this Company that Mr Thomas Moulden[288] be presented with the freedom of the said Company. And the said Thomas Moulden afterward appearing at the said Court was admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company and paid £10 10s for a fine and 6s 5d for Hance agreeable to the order of the 23rd of April 1784.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be desired to pay John Davenport 7 guineas as a free gift of this Company: 4 guineas this day and the remainder at Christmas next. That the Treasurer be desired to pay Sarah Fox, a daughter of Samuel Bishop a late member of this Company, on account of her great distress, 2 guineas: half this day and the remainder at Christmas next but this not to operate as a precedent so as to extend to the children of members being relievable by the Company.
[Wine and Parmesan Cheese]	Resolved unanimously that, on account of the very high price of French wines, the drinking of Burgundy Hock and Champagne. And the eating of Parmesan Cheese be dispensed with by this Company.
[Thomas Mason bound apprentice to Simon Field]	**21 September 1796** Thomas Davis Mason, son of the Reverend Henry Cox Mason of Bermondsey clerk, was this day bound Apprentice to Simon Field, Woolstapler and Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve for 7 years from the 26th day of March last, that being the time at which he commenced his service, the Indentures whereof are witnessed by Beriah Drew the Clerk to the Company.

[288] Thomas Moulden: Later to be Mayor of the Company.

[Sheet 382 REV IMG 1100]

Mr Chambers Usborne, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1795	Debtors	£	s	d
23rd April	To cash received of George Shipley Esq late Treasurer the balance of his account this day audited	57	15	9
	To cash received of Thomas Kemp Esq and Thomas Lamb Esq for non-attendance before 2 o'clock - 2/6	0	5	0
20 October	To cash received for half a year's dividend on £450 South Sea Stock due 5 July	7	17	6
	To ditto on £1700 New South Sea Annuities due ditto	25	10	0
	To ditto on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 10 October	3	0	0
1796				
January 13	To ditto half a year's dividend on £450 South Sea Stock due 5 January	7	17	6
	To ditto on £1700 New South Sea Stock [Annuities] due ditto	25	10	0
	To ditto 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5 April	3	0	0
		130	**15**	**9**

[Sheet 383 IMG 1100]

1795	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
April 23rd	By cash paid the first 11 members for attendance	1	7	6
	By ditto the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	" " Sarah Fox in part of a free gift of the Company this day ordered	1	11	6
	" " John Davenport in part of gift	2	12	6
	" " Thomas Hewlett in part of gift	1	1	0
	" " Mr Bleadon for election dinner	33	0	0
	" " for apparel for the daughter of Thomas Hewlett as by order	1	1	0
	" " Mary Bishop as a gift of the Company	2	2	0
21 Dec	" " Sarah Fox in full for the gift to her	1	11	6
	" " John Davenport ditto	2	12	6
	" " John Davenport for 3 quarters' salary	6	0	0
	" " for stamps	0	0	6
1796 Apr 23	" " John Davenport 1 quarter's salary due this day	2	0	0
	" " Beriah Drew 1 year's salary due this day	10	10	0
	" " his bill for business	2	10	2
		78	**0**	**2**
	By balance to the Company	52	15	7
		130	**15**	**9**
	The above account was audited and allowed the 23rd day of April 1796 by us whose names are hereunder subscribed and we do find a balance of £52 15s 7d due from the Treasurer to the Company. [Signatures of:] Daniel Lambert, Thomas Lambert, Isaac Heaton			

	[Sheet 383 REV IMG 1101]
	At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 24th day of April 1797 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor Chambers Usborne Esq — George Shepley Esq Edward Jeffries Esq — George Dyer Esq Mr John Dyer — Thomas Lambert Esq Mr Benjamin Bishop — Daniel Lambert Esq John Varnham Esq — Mr John Davenport Isaac Heaton Esq — Thomas Kemp Esq Mr James Riley — Simon Field Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. And Nathaniel Newnham Esq and Thomas Wright Esq being put in nomination and the said Thomas Wright being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant [George Shepley]	George Shepley Esq and Edward Jeffries Esq being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said Edward Jeffries being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said George Shepley who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables [Sime Field, James Riley]	Simon Field Esq, Mr James Riley, William Fuller Esq and Mr Thomas Lamb being put in nomination for the office of Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said William Fuller and Thomas Lamb being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Simon Field and James Riley who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

	[Sheet 384 IMG 1101]
Treasurer [Edward Jeffries]	Edward Jeffries Esq and Mr Edward Horne being put in nomination for Treasurer of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said Edward Horne being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Edward Jeffries, who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	Resolved that the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons who have or shall serve the office of Treasurer.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Mr Daniel Lambert Junior admitted [by patrimony]	Mr Daniel Lambert, the younger son of Daniel Lambert Esq, a member of this Company appeared and prayed to be admitted into the freedom of the said Company by patrimony, he having been born after his father was admitted a free member of the said Company. Which was ordered accordingly. And thereupon the said Daniel Lambert the younger was admitted and sworn a member of the said Company and paid for Hance 6s 5d.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be desired to pay John Davenport 10 guineas as a free gift of this Company: 4 guineas this day and 6 guineas at Christmas next. That the Treasurer be desired to pay Sarah Fox, a daughter of Samuel Bishop a late member of this Company, on account of her great distress, 5 guineas: 3 guineas this day and 2 guineas at Christmas next but this not to operate as a precedent so as to extend to the children of members being entitled to relief from the Company.
	Resolved unanimously that for the future the hour of attendance at any Court be altered from 1 to 2.
	Also that for the future the first 13 members of this Company who shall attend before 3 o'clock in the afternoon (by the Mayor's watch) at any Court of the Company, in order to make a Court, be paid 2s 6d each by the Treasurer of the Company. And that every member who shall not attend such Court before 3 o'clock and shall afterward appear at such Court forfeit and pay 2s 6d each to the Treasurer, to be applied as the Court shall direct.

[Sheet 384 REV IMG 1102]

Mr Chambers Usborne, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1796	Debtors	£	s	d
23rd April	For cash due to the Company on the balance of account this day audited	52	15	7
	For cash received of 2 members for non-attendance before 2 o'clock	0	5	0
	For cash received of Mr Thomas Moulden for his fine on admission	10	10	0
	Ditto for Hance money	0	6	6
July 27	For cash for half a year's dividend on £450 South Sea Stocks due 5 July	7	17	6
	For ditto on £1700 New South Sea Annuities due ditto	25	10	0
	For ditto on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 10 Oct	3	0	0
1797 Jan 11	For cash for half a year's dividend on £450 due 5 January	7	17	6
	For ditto on £1700 New South Sea Annuities due ditto	25	10	0
April 15	For ditto on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5 April	3	0	0
		136	**12**	**1**

[Sheet 385 IMG 1102]

1796	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
23 April	By cash paid the first 12 members for attendance	1	10	0
	By ditto the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	By ditto John Davenport in part of free gift this day ordered	4	4	0
	By ditto Sarah Fox ditto	1	1	0
May 2nd	By ditto Messrs Bleadon & Co for election dinner	25	13	0
1797 Jan 3rd	By ditto John Davenport 3 quarters salary due Christmas	6	0	0
	By ditto in full of gift and stamps	3	3	4
	By ditto Sarah Fox in full of gift	1	1	0
24 April	By ditto John Davenport, Beadle, 1 quarter salary due this day	2	0	0
	By ditto Beriah Drew 1 year's salary this day due	10	10	0
	By ditto his bill	2	4	4
	By balance due to the Company	69	5	9
		136	**12**	**1**
	The above account was audited and allowed the 24th day of April 1797 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and we do find a balance of £69 5s 9d due from him to the said Company, which is to be paid by him to the present Treasurer. [Signatures of] Daniel Lambert, Isaac Heaton, John Dyer, Thomas Lambert			
	Received this 24th April 1797 of Chambers Usborne Esq £69 5s 9d being the balance of the above account. [Signature of] Edward Jeffries			

	[Sheet 385 REV IMG 1103]
	At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 24th day of April 1798 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor — George Dyer Esq Edward Jeffries Esq — John Varnham Esq Isaac Heaton Esq — John Dyer Esq Mr Chambers Usborne — Daniel Lambert Senior Esq Reverend Mr Grose — Mr Thomas Lambert Junior Mr James Riley — Daniel Lambert Junior Esq Thomas Kemp Esq — George Shepley Esq Mr Thomas Moulden — Simon Field Esq William Nottidge Esq — Thomas Lamb Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing, when Nathaniel Newnham Esq and John Perring[289] Esq being put in nomination, and the said John Perring being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham Esq who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant [Thomas Kemp]	Thomas Kemp Esq and George Shepley Esq, being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing and the said George Shepley being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Thomas Kemp who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

	[Sheet 386 IMG 1103]
Constables [continued]	Resolved that Simon Field Esq and Mr James Riley be continued Constables for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [continued]	That Edward Jeffries Esq the present Treasurer be continued in his said office for the year ensuing.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons who have served the office of Treasurer.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Davenport, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Freedoms [Edward Lambert by patrimony. Jesse Curling.]	Edward Lambert, son of Daniel Lambert Esq a member of this Company, appeared and prayed to be admitted into the freedom of the said Company by Patrimony, he having been born after his said father was admitted a free member - which was ordered accordingly and thereupon the said Edward Lambert was admitted and sworn a member of the said Company and paid for Hance 6s 5d. Resolved by the unanimous consent of the Company that Jesse Curling the younger Esq be presented with the freedom of the said Company - and the said Jesse Curling afterward appearing at this Court was admitted and sworn into the freedom of the said Company and paid 6s 5d for Hance and £10 10s for a fine pursuant to the order of 23rd April 1784.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be desired to pay John Davenport the Beadle £12 as a free gift of the said Company: half this day and the remainder at Christmas. That the Treasurer be also desired to apply 5 guineas towards the support and maintenance of the wife and family of Samuel Bishop, a poor member of this Company and now serving in the Supplementary Militia for the county of Surrey, (as appears by the Petition of Rebecca the wife of the said Benjamin Bishop this day presented). And that the Treasurer be recommended to apply the same at the rate of 2s a week and to suspend such payment at any time if he shall see cause so to do.

[289] Sir John Perring 1765-1831 of Membland, Devon and New Broad St, London; Banker; Lord Mayor 1803-4. MP for New Romney 1806 and for Hythe 1810. 1808 created Baronet. https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1790-1820/member/perring-john-1765-1831

[Sheet 386 REV IMG 1104]

Edward Jeffries Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1797	Debtors	£	s	d
24 April	For cash received of Mr Chambers Usborne late Treasurer the balance of his account this day audited	69	5	9
	For ditto of Thomas Kemp Esq and Simon Field Esq for non-attendance before 2 o'clock 2/6 each	0	5	0
	For ditto of Mr Daniel Lambert Junior for Hance money	0	6	6
14 August	For cash being half a year's dividend on £450 South Sea Stocks due 5 July	7	17	6
	For ditto on £1700 New South Sea Annuities due ditto	25	10	0
December	For ditto on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 10 Oct	3	0	0
1798 20 April	For half a year's dividend on £450 South Sea Stocks due 5 January	7	17	6
	For ditto on £1700 New South Sea Annuities due ditto	25	10	0
	For ditto on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5 April	3	0	0
		142	**12**	**3**

[Sheet 387 IMG 1104 & IMG 1418]

1797	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
24 April	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	By ditto the first 13 members for attendance	1	12	6
	By " John Davenport in part of gift	4	4	0
	By " Sarah Fox " " "	3	3	0
May 3rd	By " Mr Bleaden for election dinner	26	8	6
Nov 15	By " John Davenport the Beadle half a year's salary due Michaelmas	4	0	0
Dec 26	By " 1 quarter due Christmas	2	0	0
	By " residue of the gift	6	6	0
1798 24 April	By " Beriah Drew 1 year's salary due 23rd instant	10	10	0
	By " his bill	3	14	8
	By " John Davenport 1 quarter's salary due Lady Day	2	0	0
	By balance due to the Company	68	13	7
		142	**12**	**5**
	The above account was audited and allowed the 24th day of April 1798 by us whose names are hereunder subscribed and we do find a balance of £68 13s 7d due from him to the said Company which he is to carry to his next account. [Signatures of:] George Shepley, Chambers Usborne, Thomas Lambert			

[Sheet 387 REV IMG 1105]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 26th day of April 1799

Present:

Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor	
Mr Chambers Usborne	Mr Thomas Moulden
Rev Mr Grosse	George Dyer Esq
Mr Peter Naylor	Mr Simon Field
Thomas Kemp Esq	Edward Jeffries Esq
Thomas Lambert Esq	George Shepley Esq
Daniel Lambert Esq	Jesse Curling Esq
Mr John Dyer	Joseph Green Esq
Mr Daniel Lambert Junior	William Nottidge Esq
Mr James Riley	John Varnham Esq

The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.

Mayor — The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. when - Nathaniel Newnham Esq and John Perring Esq being put in nomination. And the said John Perring being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Lieutenant [Chambers Usborne] — Mr Chambers Usborne and Edward Jeffries Esq being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Edward Jeffries being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Chambers Usborne who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Constables [Wm Nottidge & Thomas Moulden] — William Nottidge Esq, Mr Thomas Moulden, Mr Daniel Lambert Junior and Jesse Curling Esq being put in nomination for the office of Constables for the year ensuing. And the said Daniel Lambert & Jesse Curling being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said William Nottidge & Thomas Moulden who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

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Treasurer [Thomas Kemp] — Thomas Kemp Esq and The Rev Mr Grosse being put in nomination for Treasurer of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said John Grosse being exempted by common consent the choice fell on the said Thomas Kemp, who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Auditors — That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons who have served the office of Treasurer.

Clerk — That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.

Beadle [John Davenport dead.] — The Clerk having informed the Court of the death of John Davenport, the late Beadle to the Company, and no proper candidate appearing at this Court. - It was ordered that the election of a Beadle be postponed to the next Court.

Freedoms — Mr Hugh Shepley, son of George Shepley Esq a member of this Company, appeared and prayed to be admitted into the freedom of the said Company by Patrimony, he having been born after his said father was admitted a free member. - Which was ordered accordingly. And thereupon the said Hugh Shepley was admitted and sworn a member of the said Company and paid for Hance 6s 5d.

Resolved by the unanimous consent of this Company that Mr William Oakley of St John's Southwark Woolstapler be presented with the freedom of this Company.

Gifts — Resolved that the Treasurer be requested to pay to Sarah Wrag, the niece of the late Beadle, £2 being a quarter's salary which became due to such Beadle at Christmas last. And also £6 being half of the gift voted to such Beadle at the last Court.

That the Treasurer be requested to pay Thomas Hewlett, a poor member of this Company £4 4s as a free gift of this Company. And that half be paid to him this day and that the residue to be applied towards the schooling of George Hewlett, his son now under the care of Mr Ward of Grey Eagle Street Spitalfields.

That the Treasurer be also desired to apply £7 16s towards the support and maintenance of the wife and family of Benjamin Bishop, a poor member of this Company and now serving in the Supplementary Militia for the county of Surrey. And that the Treasurer be recommended to apply the same at the rate of 3s a week and to suspend such payment at any time should he see cause to do so.

[Sheet 388 REV IMG 1106]

Edward Jeffries Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1798	Debtors	£	s	d
	For cash to the Company on balance of the account as audited the 24 April 1798	68	13	7
24 April 1798	For cash received of Jesse Curling Esq for his fine on admission	10	10	0
	Ditto of ditto for Hance money	0	6	6
	Ditto of Mr Edward Lambert Junior for Hance	0	6	6
	Ditto of 3 members for non-attendance before 3 o'clock	0	7	6
Nov 21	For half a year's dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 10 Oct	3	0	0
Dec 3rd	For half a year's dividend on £1700 New South Sea Annuities due 5 July	25	10	0
	For " " " " " on £450 South Sea Stocks due ditto	7	17	6
1799 22nd April	For " " half a year's dividend £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 10 April	3	0	0
	For " half a year's dividend on £1700 New South Sea Annuities due 5 January	25	10	0
	For " " half a year's dividend on £450 South Sea Stock due ditto	7	17	6
		152	**19**	**1**

[Sheet 389 IMG 1106]

1798	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
24 April	To cash paid the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	To " " John Davenport in part of a gift this day voted	6	0	0
	To " " the first 13 members for attendance	1	12	6
May 4	To " Mr Bleaden & Co for election dinner	29	14	0
Dec 3rd	To cash paid John Davenport for half a year's salary due at Michaelmas	4	0	0
1799 26 April	To cash paid Beriah Drew 1 year's salary due the 23rd instant	10	10	0
	To " his bill	0	14	6
	To " to Rebecca the wife of Benjamin Bishop during the year at the rate of 2s a week as per vote	5	4	0
	By balance due to the Company	85	4	1
		152	19	1
	Received this 26 April 1799 of Edward Jeffries Esq £85 4s 1d being the above balance [Signature of] Thomas Kemp			
	Memorandum. The above account was audited and allowed this 26th day of April 1799 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed. And we do find a balance of £85 4s 1d due from the said Edward Jeffries Esq to the Company which is to be by him paid to the present Treasurer. [Signatures of:] Daniel Lambert, Chambers Usborne, Thomas Lambert			

	[Sheet 389 REV IMG 1107]
	At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 24th day of April 1800 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor Thomas Kemp Esq — Mr James Riley Mr Chambers Usborne — William Nottidge Esq Rev John Grose — Mr John Dyer Mr Peter Nailer — Joseph Green Esq Jesse Curling Esq — Mr Francis Whitfield Broom Witts Esq — Edward Jeffries Esq John Varnham Esq — Mr Daniel Lambert Junior Simon Field Esq — Mr Hugh Shepley Mr Thomas Moulden — George Shepley Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Nathaniel Newnham Esq and John Perring Esq being put in nomination, and the said John Perring being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham, who on being informed thereof appeared in the said Court and accepted of such office and took the oath appertaining thereto.
Lieutenant [Chambers Usborne]	Mr Chambers Usborne and Edward Jeffries Esq being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Edward Jeffries being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Chambers Usborne, who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables [continued]	That William Nottidge Esq and Mr Thomas Moulden be continued Constables for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 390 IMG 1107]
Treasurer	That Thomas Kemp Esq, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons who have served the office of Treasurer.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle [Bishop]	That Benjamin Bishop be appointed Beadle to the Company for the year ensuing.
Freedoms	At this Court Mr William Oakley, who was presented with the freedom of the Company at the last Court, appeared and was admitted and sworn into the freedom thereof and paid each of them 6s 5d for Hance and £10 10s for a fine pursuant to the order of 23 April 1784. Resolved by the unanimous consent of this Company that the freedom thereof be presented to Mr John Swaine of Whitechapel, Woolstapler. Resolved by the like consent that the freedom of this Company be presented to Mr John Oakley of Bermondsey, Woolstapler. Resolved by the like consent that the freedom of this Company be presented to Mr James Newsome of Bermondsey, Woolstapler. Resolved by the like consent that the freedom of this Company be presented to Mr Daniel Nelson of Bermondsey, Woolstapler. Resolved by the like consent that the freedom of this Company be presented to Mr Abraham Field of Bermondsey, Woolstapler. Resolved by the like consent that the freedom of this Company be presented to Mr John Wooley of Bermondsey, Woolstapler. And thereupon the said Daniel Nelson and John Woolley appearing at this Court were admitted and sworn into the freedom of the Company and paid 6s 5d each for Hance and £10 10s each for fines pursuant to the resolutions of 23rd April 1784.
Fine for Admission £20	Resolved that every person who shall hereafter be admitted into the freedom of this Company (except by servitude or patrimony) do pay the sum of £20 as a fine, exclusive of the usual fine of 6s 5d for Hance.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be requested to pay Thomas Hewlett, a poor member of this Company, 8 guineas as a free gift of this Company: £4 4s 0d for his present relief, £2 2s 0d towards the expenses of his journey to attend the Company and that the remaining £2 2s 0d be applied by the Treasurer towards the advancement of George Hewlett, the son of the said Thomas Hewlett now under the care of Mr Ward of Grey Eagle Street Spitalfields. That the Treasurer be also desired to pay Sarah Wrag, the niece of the late Beadle, £4 4s 0d as a free gift of the Company for her care and attention to her late uncle during his illness.

[Sheet 390 REV IMG 1108]

Thomas Kemp Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1799	Debtors	£	s	d
26 April	For cash received of Edward Jeffries Esq late Treasurer the balance of his account this day audited	85	4	1
	For ditto of Mr Hugh Shepley for Hance money	0	6	6
1800 March 27	For ditto being 1 year's dividend on £1700 New South Sea Annuities	51	0	0
	For ditto being 1 year's dividend on £450 South Sea Stocks due 5 January	15	15	0
April 23rd	For ditto being 1 year's dividend on £200 South Sea Annuities due 10 April	6	0	0
		158	**5**	**7**

Resolutions continued

Resolved:
That the Treasurer be desired to apply £4 4s towards the clothing of the wife and children of Benjamin Bishop, the Beadle, and to pay the Beadle his salary by quarterly payment.
That the Treasurer be requested to purchase £150 of New South Sea Annuities per the account of this Company.
And then the Court adjourned.

Bound

9 February 1801

John Swayne, son of William Swayne of Corton in Wiltshire Yeoman, was this day bound by indenture to John Swayne, Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve him as an apprentice from the 31st day of December last, which indentures were attested by the Clerk to the Company.

[Sheet 391 IMG 1108]

1799	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
April 26	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	By " " the first 13 members for attendance	1	12	6
	By " " Sarah Wrag a free gift of the Company	8	0	0
	By " " Thomas Hewlett a free gift	2	2	0
	By " " Messrs Farley and Company for election dinner	31	6	6
2nd Sep	By " " Ward towards the schooling of George Hewlett, remainder of a free gift	2	2	0
1800 24 April	By " " Elizabeth Bishop a free gift as by order of the last Court	7	16	0
	By " " Beriah Drew 1 year's salary due 23rd instant	10	10	0
	By " " his bill to this day	4	12	0
	By balance due to the Company	80	4	7
		158	**5**	**7**
	The above account was audited and allowed the 24th day of April 1800 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed. And we find a balance of £80 4s 7d due from him to the said Company, which he is to carry to his next account. [Signatures of:] George Shepley, Edward Jeffries, Broom Witts, Chambers Usborne, Daniel Lambert			

	[Sheet 391 REV IMG 1109]
	At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 23rd day of April 1801 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor Mr Chambers Usborne — Broom Witts Esq Richard Heaton Jolly Esq — John Varnham Esq Thomas Kemp Esq — Mr Daniel Nelson Joseph Green Esq — Jesse Curling Esq Mr Peter Nayler — Mr William Oakley Daniel Lambert Esq — Mr Hugh Shepley Mr Daniel Lambert — Mr Moulding Reverend John Grose
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing, when Nathaniel Newnham Esq and John Perring Esq being put in nomination, and the said John Perring being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who being informed thereof appeared in the said Court and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant [Richard Heaton Jolly]	Richard Heaton Jolly and Mr Chambers Usborne being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Chambers Usborne being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Richard Heaton Jolly who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables [Daniel Lambert, Jesse Curling]	Mr Daniel Lambert the younger, Jesse Curling Esq, Richard Heaton Jolly Esq and Mr William Oakley being put in nomination for the office of Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing. And the said Richard Heaton Jolly and William Oakley being//

	[Sheet 392 IMG 1109 & IMG 1419]
	exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Daniel Lambert and Jesse Curling who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Treasurer [Joseph Green]	The Reverend John Grose and Joseph Green Esq being put in nomination for the office of Treasurer of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said John Grose being exempted by common consent the choice fell on the said Joseph Green, who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	Resolved that the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons who have served the office of Treasurer.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew be continued Clerk for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That Benjamin Bishop be continued Beadle of the said Company for the year ensuing.
Admissions	James Newsome Esq, Mr John Swaine and Mr John Oakley appearing at this Court were severally sworn into the freedom thereof to which they were presented at the last Court, at which time their several fines for freedom and Hance were paid to the then treasurer and by his account appears.
Gifts	Resolved that Benjamin Bishop, the present Beadle, be paid £8 as a free gift of the Company on account of the present high price of provisions and the want of employment in his trade, the same t be paid quarterly. That Thomas Hewlett, a poor member of the Company be paid £8 8s as a free gift of the Company at the rate of £2 2s a quarter. Adjourned.

[Sheet 392 REV IMG 1110]

Thomas Kemp Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1800	**Debtors**	£	s	d
24 April	For amount of cash due to the Company on balance of account this day audited	80	4	7
	For cash received of Mr Daniel Nelson for his fine on admission	10	10	0
	Ditto for Hance money	0	6	6
	For cash received of Mr John Woolley for his fine on admission	10	10	0
	Ditto for Hance money	0	6	6
	For ditto of Mr William Oakley for his fine on admission	10	10	0
	Ditto Hance	0	6	6
	For ditto Mr Abraham Field ditto	10	10	0
	Ditto Hance	0	6	6
	For ditto Mr John Swaine ditto	10	10	0
	Ditto Hance	0	6	6
	For ditto Mr John Oakley ditto	10	10	0
	Ditto Hance	0	6	6
	For ditto Mr Newsome ditto	10	10	0
	Ditto Hance	0	6	6
	For ditto of 3 members for non-attendance in due time	0	7	6
Nov 26	For half a year's dividend on £1700 New South Sea Annuities	25	10	0
	on £450 South Sea Stocks due			
	For " " on £150 of " " " "	2	5	0
	For " " " £450 of South Sea Stock	7	17	6
	For " " " on £ 200 Old South Sea Annuities	3	0	0
1801 Feb 16	For half a year's dividend on £1850 New South Sea Annuities	27	15	0
	For " " " on 450 South Sea Stocks	7	17	6
April 20	For " " " on £200 Old South Sea Annuities	3	0	0
		233	**12**	**7**

[Sheet 393 IMG 1110]

	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
24 April **1800**	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	By " " the first 13 members for attendance	1	12	6
	By " " " " Thomas Hewlett a free gift of the Company	4	4	0
	By " " " " " " " " " "	2	2	0
	By " " " Sarah Wrag " " " "	4	4	0
	By " " " Messrs Farley & Co for election dinner	32	12	0
14 May	By " paid for the purchase of £150 of New South Sea Annuities, this day bought for the account of the Company pursuant to their order, and commission	96	0	0
	By cash applied towards the clothing of the wife and children of Benjamin Bishop by order of the Company	4	4	0
1801 23 April	By cash paid the Clerk 1 year's salary due this day	10	10	0
	" " " his bill	2	14	4
	By cash paid the Beadle 1 year's salary due this day	8	0	0
	Paid for stamps	0	0	8
	By balance due to the Company	57	9	1
		233	**12**	**7**
	Memorandum. The above account was audited and allowed this 23rd day of April 1801 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and we do find a balance of £57 9s 1d due from the said Thomas Kemp Esq to the Company, which is to be by him paid to the present Treasurer. [Signatures of:] Daniel Lambert, Broome Witts, Chambers Usborne			
	Received this 23rd April 1801 of Thomas Kemp Esq £57 9s 1d being the above balance. [Signature of] Joseph Green			

	[Sheet 393 REV IMG 1111]
	At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 23rd day of April 1802 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor Mr Chambers Usborne — Mr John Dyer Mr James Riley — Daniel Lambert Esq Mr Thomas Moulden — Mr Daniel Lambert Junior James Newsome Esq — Reverend Mr Grose Mr William Oakley — George Dyer Esq Jesse Curling Esq — John Varnham Esq Mr Daniel Nelson — William Nottidge Esq Mr Peter Naylor — Thomas Kemp Esq Joseph Green Esq — Richard Heaton Jolly Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor [Nathaniel Newnham]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Nathaniel Newnham Esq and John Perring Esq being put in nomination and the said John Perring being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who being informed thereof appeared at the said Court, accepted the said office and took the oath appertaining thereto.
Lieutenant [Rev John Grose]	The Reverend John Grose and Mr John Dyer, being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said John Dyer being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said John Grose who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables [continued]	Resolved that Mr Daniel Lambert the younger and Jesse Curling Esq be continued Constables for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 394 IMG 1111]
Treasurer [continued]	That Joseph Green Esq, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such members who have served the office of Treasurer.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That Benjamin Bishop, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be requested to pay to Richard Hewlett, brother of Thomas Hewlett late a poor member of this Company, £7 7s as a free gift of this Company, he having appeared by his petition, this day presented, supported his late brother during his illness and defrayed the expenses of his funeral. That the Treasurer be requested to pay Benjamin Bishop, the present Beadle, £6 6s by quarterly payments as a free gift of the said Company, on account of his present distress and inability to labour, to support himself and his family – the first quarter payment to be made in advance.
Inrollment of Joseph Newsome as an apprentice	James Newsome Esq presented an Indenture of Apprenticeship duly executed and attested, whereby his son, Joseph Newsome, had become bound to him for 7 years and prayed that the same might be inrolled, which was ordered accordingly – and is as follows: *Indenture dated 22nd April 1802 whereby Joseph Newsome son of James Newsome, Woolstapler and Fellmonger and Merchant of the Staple of England, became an apprentice to his said father to serve from the date thereof for 7 years and which was indentured were attested by the Clerk of the Company*

[Sheet 394 REV IMG 113]

Joseph Green Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1801	Debtors	£	s	d
23 April	To amount of cash of Thomas Kemp Esq late Treasurer being the balance of his account this day audited	57	9	1
	For cash of Mr Hugh Shepley for non-attendance in due time	0	2	6
Nov	For half a year's dividend on £1850 New South Sea Annuities due 5 July	27	15	0
	For ditto on £450 South Sea Stocks due ditto	7	17	6
	For ditto on £ 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 10 Oct	3	0	0
1802 Feb	For half a year's dividend on £1850 New South Sea Annuities due 5 January	27	15	0
	For ditto on 450 South Sea Stocks due ditto	7	17	6
April 22	For ditto on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5 April	3	0	0
		134	**16**	**7**

[Sheet 395 IMG 1113]

1801	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
23 April	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	" " the first 13 members for attendance to make a Court	1	12	6
	" " Messrs Farley & Co for election dinner	28	7	0
24	" " Benjamin Bishop in part of a free gift of the Company	2	0	0
	" " Thomas Hewlett on same account	2	2	0
2 July	" " Benjamin Bishop Beadle 1 quarter's salary due Midsummer	2	0	0
	" " " " " in part of gift	2	0	0
	" " Thomas Hewlett in part of gift	2	2	0
23 Oct	" " Benjamin Bishop 1 quarter's salary due Michaelmas	2	0	0
	" " " " on account of gift	2	0	0
1802 23 Jan	" " Benjamin Bishop 1 quarter's salary due Christmas	2	0	0
7 April	" " " " 1 quarter's salary due Lady Day	2	0	0
23	" " to the Clerk 1 year's salary due this day	10	10	0
	" " his bill	3	10	0
	By balance due to the Company	60	5	1
		134	**16**	**7**
	The above account was examined and allowed the 23rd day of April 1802 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and we find a balance of £60 5s 1d[290] due from him to the said Company which is to be carried to his next account. [Signatures of:] John Dyer, Chambers Usborne, Thomas Kemp			

[290] There is a mistake - it should be 7d as per the total above.

	[Sheet 395 REV IMG 1114]
	At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 23rd day of April 1803 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor George Dyer Esq — Mr James Riley Mr John Dyer — Mr Daniel Lambert Junior Mr Chambers Usborne — John Varnham Esq William Nottidge Esq — James Newsome Esq Mr Peter Nayler — Daniel Lambert Esq Jesse Curling Esq — Reverend John Grose Joseph Green Esq — Mr Abraham Field Mr Thomas Moulden — Mr Hugh Shipley
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor [Nathaniel Newnham]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Nathaniel Newnham Esq and John Perring Esq being put in nomination and the said John Perring being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham Esq who on being informed thereof appeared in the said Court and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant [Joseph Green]	Joseph Green Esq and Richard Heaton Jolly Esq, being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing and the said Richard Heaton Jolly Esq being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Joseph Green who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables [James Newsome, Abraham Field]	James Newsome Esq, Mr Abraham Field, Mr William Oakley and Mr John Oakley being put in nomination for the office of Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said Mr William Oakley and Mr John Oakley being exempted by common consent, the choice fell/

	[Sheet 396 IMG 1114]
	on the said James Newsome Esq and Mr Abraham Field who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said [office.]
Treasurer [John Dyer]	Mr John Dyer and Mr Peter Naylor being put in nomination for the office of Treasurer of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said Mr Peter Naylor being exempted by common consent the choice fell on the said Mr John Dyer who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons who have served the office of Treasurer.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That Benjamin Bishop, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Admissions [Abraham Field, Thomas Davis Mason]	Mr Abraham Field, appearing at this Court was sworn into the freedom thereof to which he was presented on the 24th April 1800 at which time his fine for freedom and Hance was paid to the then Treasurer as by his account appeared. Mr Thomas Davis Mason, late apprentice to Mr Simon Field a member of this Company, having by his petition this day presented prayed to be admitted into the freedom of the Company and it appearing by his petition that, although his late Master had discontinued his trade of a Woolstapler, yet that the petitioner with the consent of his master had duly served the remainder of his time with William Nottidge Esq, also a member of this Company. It was ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted and thereupon the said Thomas Davis Mason, appearing at this Court, was admitted and sworn a member of the said Company and paid for Hance 6s 6d.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be requested to pay to Benjamin Bishop, the present Beadle, £5 5s as a free gift of this Company by quarterly payments, the first payment to be made in advance.

[Sheet 396 REV IMG 1115]

Joseph Green Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1802	Debtors	£	s	d
23 April	For amount of cash due to the said Company on balance of account this day audited	60	5	1
	For cash of Mr Moulden for non-attendance at the last Court in due time	0	2	6
	For " of Thomas Kemp Esq, Richard Heaton Jolly Esq and Mr Hugh Shepley for non-attendance at the Court this day in due term	0	7	6
1803 20 Apr	For 1 year's dividend on £1850 New South Sea Annuities due January last	55	10	0
	" " on £450 South Sea Stocks due ditto	15	15	0
	" " on £ 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5th April	6	0	0
		137	~~**10**~~	**1**
	Error 10s			
	[receipt pasted in] Received this 23rd day of April 1803 of Joseph Green Esq £59 18s 11d being the above balance [signature of] John Dyer			

[Sheet 397 IMG 1115]

1802	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
23 April	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	By " to the first 13 members for attendance at this Court	1	12	6
	" " Richard Hewlett a free gift of the Company	7	7	0
	" " Messrs Farley & Co for election dinner as per bill	33	4	6
24	" " Benjamin Bishop on account of a free gift of the Company	1	11	6
23 July	" " " " 1 quarter's salary due Midsummer	2	0	0
23 Oct	" " " " " due Michaelmas	2	0	0
	" " " " on account of gift	1	11	6
1803 24 Jan	" " " " 1 quarter's salary due Christmas	2	0	0
	" " " " on account of gift	1	11	6
7 April	" " " " " " " "	1	11	6
	" " " " " 1 quarter's salary due Lady Day	2	0	0
23	" " to the Clerk 1 year's salary due this day	10	10	0
	" " " " " his bill of expenses	1	11	2
	By balance due to the Company	59	18	11
		137	**10**	**1**
	Memorandum. The above account was examined and allowed this 23rd day of April 1803 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and we find a balance of £59 18s 11d due from the said Treasurer to the Company which is to be paid by him to John Dyer Esq, the Treasurer of the year ensuing. [Signatures of:] Daniel Lambert, George Dyer, Chambers Usborne			

[Sheet 397 REV 1116]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 28th day of April 1804

Present:

Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor	
George Dyer Esq	Joseph Green Esq
William Nottidge Esq	Thomas Moulden Esq
Peter Naylor Esq	Mr John Oakley
Chambers Usborne Esq	James Newsome Esq
James Riley Esq	Mr William Oakley
John Varnham Esq	John Dyer Esq
Jesse Curling Junior Esq	Mr John Swaine
Reverend John Grose	Mr Thomas Mason
Daniel Lambert Esq	Mr Daniel Lambert Junior

The Acts of the last Court were read.

Mayor [Nathaniel Newnham]

The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Nathaniel Newnham Esq and John Perring Esq being put in nomination and the said John Perring being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who being informed thereof appeared at the said Court and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Lieutenant [Joseph Green]

Joseph Green Esq and Peter Naylor Esq being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing and the said Peter Naylor being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Joseph Green who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

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Constables [continued]

Resolved that James Newsome Esq and Mr Abraham Field be continued Constables for the year ensuing.

Treasurer [continued]

That John Dyer Esq be continued Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Auditors

That the same auditors as usual be continued.

Clerk

That Beriah Drew be continued Clerk for the year ensuing.

Beadle

That Benjamin Bishop be continued Beadle for the year ensuing.

Gifts

That the Treasurer be requested to pay to Benjamin Bishop (the Beadle) £5 5s as a free gift of this Company by quarterly payments.

Freedoms

Mr John Lambert, son of Daniel Lambert Esq a member of this Company appeared and prayed to be admitted into the freedom of the said Company by patrimony, he having been born after his father was admitted a free member of the said Company - which was ordered accordingly and thereupon the said John Lambert was admitted and sworn a member of the said Company and paid for Hance 6s 5d.

Apprentices

Mr James Riley, a member of the Company, presented an indenture duly executed and attested by the Clerk, whereby George Webb the younger had become bound to him for 7 years and prayed that the same might be inrolled - which was ordered accordingly.

James Newsome Esq, also a member of the Company, presented an indenture duly executed and attested by the Clerk whereby Thomas Ellis has become bound to him for 7 years and prayed that the same might be inrolled - which was ordered accordingly.

Inrollment George Webb

Indenture dated 27 January 1804 whereby George Webb the younger, son of George Webb late of East Cheap London, became an Apprentice to James Riley of Bermondsey, Woolstapler and Merchant of the Staple, to serve from the date thereof for 7 years.

Thomas Ellis

Indenture dated 23 April 1804 whereby Thomas Ellis, son of Benjamin Ellis, late of Cherwell near Leeds in the County of York clothier, became an Apprentice to James Newsome of Bermondsey Esq, Woolstapler Fellmonger and Merchant of the Staple, to serve from the 24th April 1803 for 7 years.

[Sheet 398 REV IMG 1117]

John Dyer Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1803	Debtors	£	s	d
23 April 1803	For amount of cash of Joseph Green Esq late Treasurer being the balance of his account this day audited	59	18	11
	To cash of Mr Thomas Davis Mason for Hance money	0	6	5
Nov 23	For half a year's dividend on 1850 New South Sea Annuities due 5 July	27	15	0
	For ditto on 450 South Sea Stocks due ditto	7	17	6
	For ditto on 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 10th Oct	3	0	0
1804 17 April	For half a year's dividend on 1850 New South Sea Annuities due 5 January	27	15	0
	For ditto on 450 South Sea Stocks due ditto	7	17	6
	For ditto on 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5 April	3	0	0
		137	**10**	**5**
1804 23 April	For ditto of late Treasurer being an error in his account and audited last year	0	10	0
		138	**0**	**5**

[Sheet 399 IMG 1117]

	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
23 April 1803	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	By ditto the first 13 members to make a Court	1	12	6
	" " Messrs Farley & Co for election dinner	30	17	6
	" " Benjamin Bishop - a free gift	5	5	0
23 July	" " Benjamin Bishop as Beadle 1 quarter's salary due this day	2	0	0
23 Oct	" " " " " " " " " " "	2	0	0
1804 23 January	" " " " due this day	2	0	0
23 April	" " " " due this day	2	0	0
	By deduction from the half year's interest on the South Sea Stock due 5 April under the Property Tax	0	7	10
	By cash paid the Clerk 1 year's salary due this day	10	10	0
	By ditto his bill	4	4	0
	By balance due to the Company	67	3	7
		138	**0**	**5**
	The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1804. And we find a balance of £67 3s 7d due from the said Treasurer and which he is to carry to his next account with the Company. [Signatures of:] Daniel Lambert, Chambers Usborne, Joseph Green			

[Sheet 399 REV IMG 1118]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street in the City of London the 23rd day of April 1805

Present:

Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor	James Riley Esq
Mr Daniel Lambert Junior	Reverend John Grose
Mr Edward Lambert	Broom Witts Esq
James Newsome Esq	John Dyer Esq
George Dyer Esq	Mr John Swaine
Chambers Usborne Esq	Mr Abraham Field
Peter Nayler Esq	Joseph Green Esq
Mr Thomas Davis	Thomas Kemp Esq
Thomas Moulden Esq	John Varnham Esq
Daniel Lambert Esq	Hugh Shepley Esq
William Nottidge Esq	Mr John Oakley

The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.

Mayor [Nathaniel Newnham]: The Court according to their ancient custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Nathaniel Newnham Esq and John Perring Esq being put in nomination and the said John Perring being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who being informed thereof appeared at the said Court and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Lieutenant [John Dyer]: John Dyer Esq and Peter Naylor Esq being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said Peter Naylor being exempted by common consent the choice fell on the said John Dyer who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

[Sheet 400 IMG 1118]

Constables [John Swaine, Hugh Shepley]: Mr Edward Lambert, Mr John Swaine, Mr Thomas Davis Mason and Mr Hugh Shepley being put in nomination for the office of Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said Edward Lambert and Thomas Davis Mason being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said John Swaine and Hugh Shepley, who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

Treasurer [Peter Naylor]: Peter Naylor Esq and William Nottidge Esq being put in nomination for the office of Treasurer of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said William Nottidge being exempted by common consent the choice fell on the said Peter Naylor who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said Company [sic].

Auditors: Resolved that the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such persons who have served the office of Treasurer.

Clerk: That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.

Beadle: That Benjamin Bishop, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.

Gifts: That the said Benjamin Bishop be paid the sum of £5 5s by quarterly payments as a free gift of the said Company.

Petition of Amos Drew: The petition of Amos Drew third son of the Clark to the Company requesting the permission of the Company to permit the petitioner to be bound as an apprentice to James Riley Esq, Woolstapler one of the members of the Company, and that the Ordinance – which prohibits any member thereof except the Mayor of Lieutenant from having more than 2 apprentices to the Staple might be dispensed with in favour of the petitioner – being read and considered. It was resolved that the petition of the said Amos Drew be granted and that the said member be permitted to take the said petitioner an apprentice to the Staple in addition to the number of apprentices by the said Ordinance allowed

[Sheet 400 REV IMG 1119]

John Dyer Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1804	Debtors	£	s	d
23rd April	To amount of cash due to the said Company on balance of account this day audited	67	3	7
20th April 1805	For 1 year's dividend on £1850 New South Sea Annuities due 5th Jan last	55	10	-
	For 1 year's dividend on £450 South Sea Stocks due ditto	15	15	-
	For ditto £ 200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5th April	6	-	-
	By cash of Mr John Lambert son of Daniel Lambert Esq for Hanse money		6	6
		144	**15**	**1**
	[pasted-in paper receipt] Received the 23rd April 1805 of John Dyer Esq sixty five pounds eighteen shillings and eleven pence being the above balance [sic] £65.18s.11d [signed] Peter Naylor			

[Sheet 401 IMG 1119 & IMG 1420]

1804	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
23rd April	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	" " the first 13 members to make a Court	1	12	6
	" " Messrs Farley & Co for Election Dinner	41	0	0
	" " Benjamin Bishop a free gift	5	5	0
23rd July	" " Benjamin Bishop as Beadle 1 quarter's salary due this day	2	0	0
23rd Oct	" " " " " " " " " " " "	2	0	0
23rd Jan 1805	" " " " " " " " " " " "	2	0	0
23rd April	" " " " " " " " " " " "	2	0	0
	By a deduction from the year's interest on the South Sea Stock due 5th April last for the Property Tax	-	15	8
	By cash paid at the Bank on the remainder of the Property of the Company for 1 year due 5th April 1804	1	0	6
	Cash paid the Clerk 1 year's salary due this day	10	10	0
	By " his bill	-	12	6
	By Balance due to the Company	65	18	11
		144	**15**	**1**
	The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1805 and we find a balance of £65 18s 11d due from the said Treasurer and which balance is to be paid by him unto Peter Naylor Esq, the Treasurer for the year ensuing. [Signatures of:] Geo Dyer, Thomas Kemp, Chambers Usborne,			

	[Sheet 401 REV IMG 1120]
	At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street London the 23rd day of April 1806 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor Mr Chambers Usborne — James Newsome Esq Peter Naylor Esq — Jesse Curling Esq Rev John Grose — George Dyer Esq Mr Daniel Lambert — Mr William Oakley Mr Edward Lambert — William Nottidge Esq James Riley Esq — Thomas Kemp Esq Thomas Moulden Esq — Mr John Oakley Daniel Lambert Esq — Joseph Green Esq Mr Abraham Field — JH Solley Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor [Nathaniel Newnham]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Nathaniel Newnham and John Perring Esquires being put in nomination and the said John Perring being exempted by common consent the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who being informed thereof appeared at the said Court and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant [Daniel Lambert]	Daniel Lambert and George Dyer Esquires being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing and the said George Dyer being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Daniel Lambert who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables	Resolved that Messrs John Swaine and Hugh Shepley be continued Constables for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 402 IMG 1120]
Treasurer [Peter Naylor]	That Peter Naylor Esq be continued Treasurer for the year ensuing.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such Members who have served the office of Treasurer.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew the present Clerk be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That Benjamin Bishop be continued Beadle for the year ensuing.
Inrollments Amos Drew	Indenture dated 12th June 1805 whereby Amos Drew son of Beriah Drew, Clerk to the Company, was bound an Apprentice to James Riley, citizen and Cooper of London and Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve from the date thereof for 7 years.
James Watson	Indenture dated 2nd November 1805 whereby James Watson son of James Watson of Parish Street in the parish of St John Southwark, was bound to Jesse Curling and Daniel Nelson, Merchants of the Staple of England, was bound as an Apprentice to serve from the date thereof for 7 years.
Wool	The meeting taking into consideration the great deceit in the winding of wool, it was resolved that an advertisement for preventing such deceit be inserted in 10 county papers, that Messrs Moulden, Nottidge and Riley be a committee to prepare such advertisements and to direct the papers in which the same shall be inserted. Adjourned.

[Sheet 402 REV IMG 1121]

Peter Naylor Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1805	Debtors	£	s	d
23rd April	To amount of cash of John Dyer Esq late Treasurer being the balance of his account this day audited	65	18	11
	By fine of John Oakley for non-attendance at Court	-	2	6
6th Nov	For half a year's dividend on £1850 New South Sea Annuities due 5th July	27	15	0
	For half a year's dividend on £450 South Sea Stocks due July last	7	7	6?....
	By ditto due October on £ 200 Old South Sea Annuities	3	0	0
14th Jan 1806	By ditto on £1850 New South Sea Annuities	27	15	0
	By ditto on 450 South Sea Stocks	7	7	6..?
	By ditto on £200 Old South Sea Annuities	3	0	0
		142	**6**	**9**

[Sheet 403 IMG 1121]

1805	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
23rd April	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	" " " the first 13 members to make a Court	1	12	6
	" " " Messrs Farley & Co Election Dinner	39	8	6
	" " " Benjamin Bishop a free gift	5	5	0
	" " " " " Salary	8	0	0
	" " " Beriah Drew "	10	10	0
	By cash property tax on South Sea Annuities	1	0	6
	" " Beriah Drew bill	4	10	5
	By balance due to said Company	61	19	10
		142	**6**	**9**
	The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1806 and we find a balance of £61 19s 10d due from the said Treasurer and which he is desired to carry to his next account with the Company. [Signatures of:] Daniel Lambert, Chambers Usborne, John Dyer			

	[Sheet 403 Rev IMG 1122]
	At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 23rd day of April 1807 Present: Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor — James Newsome Esq Broom Witts Esq — William Oakley Esq Mr Chambers Usborne — Mr Edward Lambert James Riley Esq — William Nottidge Esq Peter Nayler Esq — John Varnham Esq Thomas Moulden Esq — John Dyer Esq Daniel Lambert Esq — Thomas Kemp Esq
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor (Nathaniel Newnham]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Nathaniel Newnham and John Perring Esquires being put in nomination and the said John Perring being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who being informed thereof appeared at the said Court and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant [Peter Nayler]	George Dyer and Peter Nayler Esquires being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing and the said George Dyer being exempted by common consent the choice fell on the said Peter Naylor who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables [Edward Lambert, William Oakley]	Mr Edward Lambert, Mr William Oakley, Mr Daniel Nelson and Mr John Oakley being put in nomination for the office of Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said Daniel Nelson and John Oakley being exempted by common consent the choice fell on the said Edward Lambert and William Oakley who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

	[Sheet 404 IMG 1122]
Treasurer [William Nottidge]	William Nottidge Esq and John Varnham Esq being put in nomination for the office of Treasurer of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said John Varnham being exempted by common consent the choice fell on the said William Nottidge who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	Resolved that the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such members who have served the office of Treasurer.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued.
Beadle	That Benjamin Bishop, the present Beadle, be continued.
Inrollments [Apprentice Joshua Pointing George Oakley]	Indenture dated the 3rd day of April 1807 whereby Joshua James Pointing the younger, son of Joshua Pointing of Bermondsey in the county of Surrey schoolmaster, was bound to Thomas Moulden of the parish of Saint Olaves Southwark, Woolstapler and Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve from the 30th day of April 1806 for 7 years. Indenture dated 14 April 1807 whereby George Oakley son of William Oakley of Church Street in the parish of Saint John Southwark in the county of Surrey, Woolstapler and Merchant of the Staple of England, to serve from the 14th day of February the last for 7 years.

[Sheet 404 REV IMG 1123 & IMG 1423 & 1424]

Peter Naylor Esq, Treasurer to the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1806	Debtors	£	s	d
23rd April	The amount of cash due to the said Company on balance of account this day audited	61	19	10
	By cash of Messrs John Oakley, Solly-Mason and Shepley for non-attendance at Court		10	0
	By half a year's dividend on £1850 New South Sea Annuities due July last – property tax deducted	24	19	6
	By ditto £450 South Sea Stock due 5th July last – property tax deducted	7	1	9
	By ditto £ 200 Old South Sea Annuities due October – property tax deducted	2	14	0
1807	By ditto £1850 New South Sea Annuities due January last – property tax deducted	24	19	6
	By ditto £450 South Sea Stock due ditto – property tax deducted	7	1	9
	By ditto £200 Old South Sea Annuities – property tax deducted	2	14	0
		132	**0**	**4**
	[paper receipt pasted in] Received this 23rd April 1807 of Peter Naylor Esq fifty five pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence being the above balance directed to be paid to me. £55.18.9 [signed] Wm Nottidge			

[Sheet 405 IMG 1123]

1806	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
23rd April	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	" " the first 13 members to make a Court	1	12	6
	" " Messrs Farley & Co – Election Dinner	33	19	0
	" " Benjamin Bishop Salary & Stamps	8	0	8
	" " Beriah Drew "	10	10	0
	" " property tax on the income of the Company due April 1806			
	" " Beriah Drew bill	1	5	8
	By balance due to the said Company	55	18	9
		132	**0**	**4**
	The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1807 and we find a balance of £55 18s 9d due from the said Treasurer to the Company which is to be paid by him unto [gap…..] the Treasurer for the year ensuing [Signatures of:] Daniel Lambert, Chambers Usborne, Broome Witts			

	[Sheet 405 REV IMG 1124]
	At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street the 23rd day of April 1808 Present: Daniel Lambert Esq Mr Chambers Usborne — Rev John Grose George Dyer Esq — Jesse Curling Esq James Ryley Esq — Mr Daniel Lambert Peter Naylor Esq — John Varnham Esq James Newsome Esq — Wm Nottidge Esq Thomas Moulden Esq — John Duer Esq Joseph Green Esq — Mr John Lambert Mr Daniel Nelson
	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor [Nathaniel Newnham]	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Nathaniel Newnham Esq and Daniel Lambert Esq, the senior member of the Company, being put in nomination and the said Daniel Lambert being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who being absent it was ordered that the Clerk do inform him of such appointment.
Lieutenant [Peter Naylor]	Peter Naylor Esq and George Dyer Esq being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing and the said George Dyer being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Peter Naylor who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables [Ed Lambert, Wm Oakley]	Resolved that Messrs Edward Lambert and William Oakley be continued Constables for the year ensuing.

	[Sheet 406 IMG 1124]
Treasurer [ ]	That William Nottidge be continued Treasurer for the year ensuing.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew be continued Clerk for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That Benjamin Bishop be continued Beadle for the year ensuing.
Freedoms	At this Court Joseph Green Esq, a member of the said Company, being present requested that George Green and Charles Green, 2 of his sons (born after his admission as a free member of the Company) might be admitted into the freedom of the same by patrimony – which was ordered accordingly.
	Adjourned

[Sheet 406 REV IMG 1125]

William Nottidge Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1807	Debtors	£	s	d
23rd April	By amount of cash from Peter Naylor Esq, late Treasurer, being the balance of his account this day audited	55	18	9
	" of Thomas Kemp Esq fines for non-attendance at Court		2	6
	By amount of dividends on £1850 New South Sea Annuities due July last	24	19	6
	" " " £450 South Sea Stock due July	7	1	9
	" " " £200 Old South Sea Annuities - October	2	14	0
January 1808	" " " £1850 New South Sea Annuities due January	24	19	6
	" " " £450 South Sea Stock due January	7	1	9
		122	**17**	**9**

[Sheet 407 IMG 1125]

1807	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
23rd April	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	By ditto the first 12 members to make a Court	1	10	-
	" " paid Messrs Farley & Co – Election Dinner	27	1	-
23rd April 1808	" " Beriah Drew 1 year's salary this day	10	10	0
	" " " " his bill	4	9	2
	By salary paid Benjamin Bishop	8	-	-
	By last paid for stamps	-	1	8
	By balance due to the said Company	61	5	11
		122	**17**	**0**
	The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1808 and we find a balance of £61 5s 11d due from the said Treasurer and which he is desired to carry to his next account with the Company. [Signatures of:] John Dyer, Joseph Green, Daniel Lambert, Chambers Usborne			

[Sheet 407 REV IMG 1126]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street London the 24th day of April 1809

Present:

Nathaniel Newnham Esq Mayor	
Mr Chambers Usborne	Daniel Lambert Esq
Mr Daniel Lambert junior	Mr Daniel Nelson
Mr Edward Lambert	Richard Witts Esq
George Dyer Esq	John Varnham Esq
Jesse Curling Esq	Rev John Grose
James Riley Esq	Joseph Green Esq
John Dyer Esq	Mr John Lambert
Thomas Moulden Esq	Mr John Swaine

	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
Mayor	The Court according to their wonted custom proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Nathaniel Newnham Esq and Daniel Lambert Esq, the latter being the senior member of the Company then present, were put in nomination and the said Daniel Lambert being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Nathaniel Newnham who being informed thereof appeared at the said Court and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant [Daniel Lambert]	Daniel Lambert Esq and Richard Witts Esq being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing and the said Richard Witts being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Daniel Lambert who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables [Daniel Nelson and John Lambert]	Daniel Nelson, John Lambert, William Fuller Esq and Thomas Lamb Esq being put in nomination for the office of Constable for the year ensuing, and the said

	[Sheet 408 IMG 1126 & IMG 1426]
	William Fuller and Thomas Lamb being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Daniel Nelson and John Lambert who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Treasurer [John Varnham]	John Varnham Esq and James Riley Esq being put in nomination for the office of Treasurer for the year ensuing, and the said James Riley being exempted by common consent the choice fell on the said John Varnham who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	Resolved that the same auditors as usual be continued with the addition of such members who have served the office of Treasurer.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That Benjamin Bishop be continued Beadle to the said Company for the year ensuing.
Gift	That the said Benjamin Bishop be paid the sum of 5 guineas by quarterly payments as a free gift of the said Company.
Freedoms [George Green and Charles Green]	At this Court appeared George Green and Charles Green, 2 of the sons of Joseph Green Esq, a free member of this Company and were admitted and sworn free members of the Company pursuant to the order of the last Court and each of them paid 6s 5d for Hance money.
[Joseph Newsome]	At this Court appeared Joseph Newsome, son and late apprentice to James Newsome Esq, a member of this Company, and prayed to be admitted into the freedom of the Company, he having been duly bound unto and served his apprenticeship with his said father as by his indenture appeared – and which was ordered accordingly. And thereupon the said Jospeh Newsome was admitted and sworn a member of the said Company and paid 6s 5d for Hance money.
[Dividends]	It being represented to this meeting that the late Treasurer had not been permitted to receive the dividends on the South Sea Stock and Annuities belonging to the Company, under the former orders or warrants for that purpose, by reason of same not being stamped under a duty pursuant to the last Stamp Act, it was resolved: that in case the Mayor cannot be permitted by the South Sea Company to receive the dividends now due and hereafter to become due on the South Sea Stock and Annuities belonging to the Company on production of the Seal of the Company, Then that the Mayor and Constables be requested to sell out the £450 of South Sea Stock and £200 of Old South Sea Annuities, and to purchase New South Sea Annuities with the produce. And that a Power of Attorney or Powers of Attorney be in that case made out and executed under the Seal of the Company to enable Nathaniel Newnham Esq, the present Mayor, and Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, to sell out such Stock and Annuities for the purposes aforesaid and to receive the dividends upon all the funds of the Company, and that the same be from time to time insured after the receipt thereof paid to the Treasurer of the Company for the time being. Adjourned.

[Sheet 408 REV IMG 1127]

William Nottidge Easq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1808	Debtors	£	s	d
23rd April	By amount of cash due to the said Company on balance of account this day audited	61	5	11
	By half a year's dividend on £1850 New South Sea Annuities due July last – property tax deducted	24	19	6
	By ditto £450 South Sea Stock due 5th July last– property tax deducted	7	1	9
	By ditto £200 Old South Sea Annuities due 5th April	2	14	-
		96	**1**	**2**

[Sheet 409 IMG 1127]

	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
	By cash paid to the 13 first members to make a Court	1	12	6
	By cash paid Messrs Farley & Co - Dinner	34	14	-
24 April 1809	By salary to Mr Drew - salary	10	10	-
	Ditto his bill - bill	-	13	-
	By salary due to Mr Bishop Beadle	8	0	0
	By balance due to the said Company	40	11	8
		96	**1**	**2**
	The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 24th day of April 1809 and we find a balance of £40 11s 8d due from the said Treasurer to the Company which is to be paid by him unto John Varnham Esq the Treasurer for the year ensuing. [Signatures of:] Daniel Lambert, Chambers Usborne, Joseph Green			

[Note: Sheets 409 REV & 410 are blank in the original manuscript book.]

[Sheet 410 REV IMG 1130] Note: The preceding Sheets 409 REV & 410 are blank in the original manuscript book

1810 John Varnham Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1809	**Debtors**	£	s	d
24th April	To amount of cash due received of William Nottidge Esq late Treasurer being the said Company on balance of his account this day audited	40	11	8
	To cash of George Green Esq Hance money	-	6	5
	To " " Charles Green Esq " "	-	6	5
	To " " Mr Joseph Newsome " "	-	6	5
September	For 1 year's dividend on £1850 of New South Sea Annuities due January	49	19	-
	Ditto on £450 of New South Sea Stock due January	14	3	6
	Ditto on £200 Old South Sea Annuities due October	5	8	6
4th September	By sale of £450 of South Sea Annuities this day sold pursuant to order	330	3	9
	By ditto £200 of Old South Sea Annuities	137	-	-
February **1810**	By cash for half a year's interest on £2550 of New South Annuities due 5th January	34	8	6
		612	**14**	**2**

[Sheet 411 IMG 1130]

1809	**Per Contra Creditors**	£	s	d
24th April	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	10	0	0
	By ditto the first 13 members to make a Court	1	12	6
	By gift to Benjamin Bishop the Beadle	5	5	-
	By cash to Messrs Farley & Co for Dinner	36	11	6
4th Sep 1809	By cash paid for £700 of New South Sea Annuities at 68/4	476	17	6
	By cash to broker for commission and transfers	1	9	6
2nd May 1810	By cash paid the Clerk 1 year's salary due 23rd April	10	10	-
	By ditto his bill	8	3	2
	By ditto Benjamin Bishop Beadle 1 year's salary	8	-	-
	By balance due to the said Company	54	5	-
		612	**14**	**2**
	The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this first day of May 1810 and we find a balance of £54 5s due from the said Treasurer and which he is desired to carry to his next account with the Company [Signatures of:] Chambers Usborne, Peter Naylor, William Nottidge			

[Sheet 411 REV IMG 1131]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street London on the first day of May 1810

Present:

Daniel Lambert Esq Lieutenant of the Company	
Richard Witts Esq	William Oakley Esq
George Dyer Esq	Daniel Nelson Esq
Chambers Usborne Esq	James Newsome Esq
Mr John Lambert	John Dyer Esq
William Nottidge Esq	George Greene Esq
James Riley Esq	Charles Greene Esq
Thomas Moulden Esq	Mr John Oakley
Mr Joseph Newsome	Peter Naylor Esq

	The Acts of the last Court were read and confirmed.
	The Clerk reported that in pursuance of the resolutions of the last meeting he had applied at the South Sea House to obtain permission for the Mayor to receive the dividends due on the South Sea Stock and Annuities on production of the Sel of the Company. Which application having been refused he had under powers of attorney, executed by the Mayor and Constables and sealed with the Seal of the Company, sold out the £450 of South Sea Stock and £200 of Old South Sea Annuities, the proceeds of which he had paid to the Treasurer, who had purchased therewith £700 of New South Sea Annuities. And that under the power of attorney to the late Mayor and to him said Clerk he had received the dividends and which he had paid to the Treasurer.
[Mayor Nathaniel Newnham dead]	The Clerk also informed the Company of the death of Nathaniel Newnham Esq, the late Mayor of the Staple, who died in January last. Whereupon it was resolved: that the ancient ordinances respecting the election of a Mayor and also the Ordinances respecting the admission into the Company by patrimony and by apprenticeship be now read.

	[Sheet 412 IMG 1131]
	The several ordinances respecting the election of a Mayor and Lieutenant and also for the obtaining the freedom of the Company by patrimony and apprenticeship being read by the Clerk, it was resolved: That an inspection of the ancient ordinances, it appears the proper mode to be adopted on the election of a Mayor is to put in nomination three of the most ancient members then present, one of whom should be exempted by common consent and the election out of the other two to be determined by a ballot. That the duties formerly required to be performed by the Mayor having from the alterations of the laws and customs of the Kingdom become almost obsolete, it is considered that the annual fee of £10 to the Mayor should be discontinued and that the annual present in future should be 1 guinea.
Mayor [Daniel Lambert]	The Court then according to the ancient ordinances proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. Daniel Lambert Esq, Richard Witts Esq and George Dyer Esq (three of the most ancient members) being severally put in nomination and the said George Dyer being exempted by common consent and the names of the two others being written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed on a balloting box then in Court, and the several members having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant [Richard Witts]	Richard Witts Esq, George Dyer Esq and Chambers Usborne Esq being severally put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing and the said Chambers Usborne being exempted by common consent, a ballot was taken between the other two members when the choice fell on the said Richard Witts who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables [continued]	Resolved that Daniel Nelson Esq and John Lambert Esq, the present Constables, be continued for the year ensuing.
Treasurer [continued]	That John Varnham Esq, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued.

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	[Sheet 412 REV IMG 1132]
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That Benjamin Bishop, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
New Ordinances	Resolved unanimously that towards increasing the revenue of the Company the Hance fee on the admission of every member by patrimony be £5. That henceforth on the binding of every apprentice to a member of the Company a fee of £10 be paid to the Treasurer for the time being by the Master for the use of the Company. Adjourned

	[Sheet 413 IMG 1132]
	Apprentices
25 October 1810 8/8 Clerk 2/6 Beadle	Josias Nottidge, son of Josias Nottidge of Bocking in the county of Essex esquire, was bound apprentice to William Nottidge of Bussell Street Bermondsey in the county of Surrey Woolstapler and Merchant of the Staple, to serve from the 1st of September last for 7 years – which indenture as to the execution thereof by the said apprentice and the said William Nottidge is attested by Beriah Drew junior, and as to the execution by the said Josias Nottidge the Elder by Henry Wakeman.

[Sheet 413 REV IMG 1134]

1811 John Varnham, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1810	Debtors	£	s	d
1st May	By amount of cash due to the said Company on balance of account this day audited	54	5	-
	By a fine on a member for not attending in time	-	2	6
August	By half a year's dividend on £2550 of New South Sea Annuities due 5th July	34	8	6
Sept 1811	By half a year's dividend on £2550 of New South Sea Annuities due 5th January	34	8	6
		123	**4**	**6**
	[Paper receipt pasted into the book] Received this 23rd day of April 1811 of John Varnham Esq re £66 12s 3d being the above balance directed to be paid by him to me. £66.12.3 [Signature] James Riley			

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1810	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
24th April	By cash the first 13 members to make a Court	1	12	6
	By ditto to Farley & Co for Dinner	34	14	-
23rd April 1811	By ditto paid the Clerk 1 year salary due 23rd instant	10	10	-
	Ditto his bill	-	14	9
	Ditto to the Mayor for attending	1	1	-
	Ditto Benjamin Bishop his salary as Beadle	8	-	-
	By balance say £66.12.3	66	12	3
		123	**4**	**6**
	The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1811 and we find a balance of £66 12s 3d due from the said Treasurer which is desired to be paid by him unto James Riley Esq the Treasurer for the year ensuing. [Signatures of:] Chambers Usborne, Peter Naylor, William Nottidge			

[Sheet 414 REV IMG 1135]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street London on the 23rd day of April 1811

Present:

Daniel Lambert Esq Mayor	
Charles Usborne Esq	William Nottidge Esq
James Riley Esq	James Newsome Esq
Daniel Lambert Junior Esq	Mr Simon Field
John Lambert Esq	Mr Daniel Nelson
Thomas Moulden Esq	Richard Witts Esq
Mt Edward Lambert	Charles Green Esq
Mr Joseph Newsome	Thomas Lambert Esq

	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor	The Court according to the ancient ordinances proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing. when Daniel Lambert Esq, Richard Witts Esq and Chambers Usborne Esq (three of the most ancient members) being severally put in nomination and the said Chambers Usborne being exempted by common consent and the names of the said Daniel Lambert and Edward Witts being severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed on a balloting box then in the Court, and the several members having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant [Richard Witts]	Richard Witts Esq, Charles Usborne Esq and Peter Naylor Esq being severally put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing and the said Peter Naylor being exempted by common consent, a ballot was taken between the 2 other/

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	when the choice fell on the said Richard Witts who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables [Charles Green & Jospeh Newsome]	Charles Green Esq, Joseph Newsome Esq, William Fuller Esq and Joseph Woolley Esq being severally put in nomination for the office of Constable for the year ensuing, and the said William Fuller and Joseph Woolley being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Charles Green and Joseph Newsome who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Treasurer [James Riley]	James Riley Esq and Thomas Moulden Esq being severally put in nomination for the office of Treasurer of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said Thomas Moulden being exempted by common consent the choice fell on the said James Riley, who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	Resolved: That the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That Benjamin Bishop, the present Beadle, be continued.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be requested to pay to the said Benjamin Bishop 4 guineas as a free gift of the Company at such times as the Treasurer may think fit.
Freedom	At this Court appeared Mr George Webb, late apprentice to James Riley Esq, a free member of the Company, and prayed to be admitted into the Freedom thereof, he having been bound unto and duly served his apprenticeship with the said Member. Whereupon, on production of the indenture and with the assent of his said late Master, the said George Webb was admitted into and sworn a member of the said Company and paid 6s 5d for Hance money.
Inrollment	At this Court William Nottidge Esq, a free member of the Company, informed the Court he had lately taken Josias Nottidge (his nephew) as an apprentice and that he was ready to pay to the Treasurer the sum of £10 pursuant to the ordinance of the last Court, and he requested the indenture might be inrolled. Whereupon it was resolved that on payment of the £10 to the Treasurer the indenture, whereby the said Josias Nottidge was bound to the said William Nottidge, be inrolled by the Clerk – and then the Court adjourned.

[Sheet 415 REV IMG 1136]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street London on the 23rd day of April 1812

Present:

Daniel Lambert Esq Mayor	
James Riley Esq	James Newsome Esq
Isaac Heaton Jolly Esq	William Nottidge Esq
Broom Witts Esq	Rev. John Grose
Richard Witts Esq	Mr George Webb
Peter Naylor Esq	Mr John Lambert
Charles Green Esq	Mr Swaine
Thomas Moulden Esq	Mr Daniel Lambert
Chambers Usborne Esq	
Jesse Curling Esq	

	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor	The Court, according to the ancient ordinances, proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Daniel Lambert Esq, Richard Heaton Jolly Esq and Richard Witts Esq , being 3 of the most ancient members of the Company, being severally put in nomination and the said Richard Witts being exempted by common consent. And the names of the said Daniel Lambert and Richard Heaton Jolly being severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed on a balloting box then placed in the said Court, and the several members present having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant	Richard Witts Esq, Chambers Usborne Esq, and William Nottidge Esq being put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing and the said William Nottidge being exempted by common consent, a ballot was taken between the 2 others, when the choice fell on the said Richard Witts who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

	[Sheet 416 IMG 1136]
Constables	Resolved: That Charles Green Esq and Mr Joseph Newsome be continued Constables for the year ensuing.
Treasurer	That James Riley, the present Treasurer, be continued for the year ensuing.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That Benjamin Bishop, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Freedom by Apprenticeships [John Swaine younger]	At this Court appeared John Swaine, late apprentice to Mr John Swaine (his uncle) a member of the Company, and prayed to be admitted into the Freedom thereof, he having been duly bound unto and served his apprenticeship with his said Master as by his indenture appeared. Whereupon the said John Swaine the younger was admitted and sworn a member of the said Company and paid 6s 5d for Hance money.
Gifts	Resolved that Benjamin Bishop the Beadle be paid £8 by quarterly payments as a free gift of the Company. Adjourned

[Sheet 416 REV IMG 1137]

1812 James Riley Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1811	Debtors	£	s	d
23rd April	To the balance of account of John Varnham Esq this day audited	66	12	3
	For cash of William Nottidge Esq on the binding of Josias Nottidge his nephew as an apprentice	10	-	-
	Cash of 2 members for non-attendance in time to make a Court	-	5	-
	Cash of Mr George Webb for Hance money		6	6
1812 3rd Feb	By 1 year's dividend on £2550 of New South Sea Annuities due January last deducting property tax	68	17	-
		146	**0**	**9**

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18	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
23rd April	By cash paid the first 13 members that attended to make a Court	1	12	6
	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	1	1	0
	By cash Messrs Peacock & Co for Dinner	34	5	-
	ditto to Benjamin Bishop in part of a free gift of the Company	4	4	-
1812 3rd April	ditto 1 year's salary	8	-	-
	ditto to the Clerk 1 year's salary	10	10	-
	ditto his bill	3	8	10
	By balance due to the Company	82	19	5
		146	**0**	**9**
	The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1812 and we find a balance of £82 19s 5d due from the said Treasurer and which he is desired to carry to his next account with the Company. [Signatures of:] Chambers Usborne, William Nottidge, Broome Witts			

[Sheet 417 REV IMG 1138]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street London on the 23rd day of April 1813

Present:

Daniel Lambert Esq Mayor	
Mr Chambers Usborne	Richard Heaton Jolly Esq
Mr George Webb	Mr Daniel Lambert Junior
James Riley Esq	Broom Witts Esq
Rev John Grose	Mr Edward Lambert
Thomas Moulden Esq	Charles Green Esq
Richard Witts Esq	John Dyer Esq
John Lambert Esq	Mr Thomas Lambert
Mr Joseph Newsome	

	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor	The Court according to the ancient ordinances proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Daniel Lambert Esq, Richard Heaton Jolly Esq and Richard Witts Esq (3 of the most ancient members) being severally put in nomination and the said Richard Jolly being exempted by common consent and the names of the said Daniel Lambert and Richard Witts being written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed on a balloting box (then placed in the Court), and the several members then present having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant	Richard Heaton Jolly Esq, Richard Witts Esq and Broom Witts Esq being severally put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing and the said Richard Heaton Jolly being exempted by common consent, a ballot was taken between the other two members, when the choice fell on the said Richard Witts who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

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Constables	Mr George Webb, Broom Witts Esq, Chambers Usborne Esq and John Dyer Esq being severally put in nomination for the office of Constables for the year ensuing, and the said Chambers Usborne and John Dyer being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said George Webb and Broom Witts, who being present accepted thereof and severally took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Treasurer	Thomas Moulden Esq and Mr Daniel Lambert Junior being severally put in nomination for the office of Treasurer for the year ensuing and the said Daniel Lambert being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Thomas Moulden, who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	Resolved: That the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew be Clerk for the year ensuing.
Beadle [Ben Bishop suspended]	That Benjamin Bishop, the Beadle, be suspended from that office for improper conduct.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be requested to apply 8 guineas in such manner as he shall think best for the support of the daughter of the said Benjamin Bishop.
Freedom	At this Court appeared Mr Amos Drew, late apprentice to James Riley Esq a free member of the Company, and prayed to be admitted into the freedom thereof, he having been bound unto and duly served his apprenticeship with the said member. And on production of the indenture and with the assent of his late Master, he the said Amos Drew was admitted into and sworn a member of the said Company and paid 6s and 6d for Hance money. Adjourned.

[Sheet 418 REV IMG 1139]

1813 James Riley Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

	Debtors	£	s	d
23 April 1812	For the amount of cash due to the said Company on balance of the account this day audited	82	19	5
	For cash of a member for non-attendance in due time	0	2	6
	ditto for Hance money from Mr John Swaine	0	6	6
1813 17 April	For 1 year's dividend on £2550 of New South Sea Annuities due 5 January last, deducting property tax	68	17	-
		152	**5**	**5**

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1812	**Per Contra Creditors**	£	s	d
23rd April	By cash to the Mayor - annual present	1	1	0
	By cash paid the first 13 members who attended to make the Court	1	12	6
	By ditto Messrs Terry & Co – Election Dinner	38	1	6
	ditto to Benjamin Bishop a gift by order	8	-	-
1813 3rd April	ditto to Beriah Drew Clerk 1 year's salary	10	10	0
	ditto his bill	-	10	6
	ditto to Benjamin Bishop Beadle ditto salary	8	-	-
	By balance due to the Company	84	9	11
		152	**5**	**5**
	The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1813 and we find a balance of £84 9s 11d due from the said Treasurer and which is to be paid by him unto Thomas Moulden Esq, the Treasurer for the year ensuing. [Signatures of:] Broome Witts, Richard Witts, Chambers Usborne			

[Sheet 419 REV IMG 1140]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street London on the 23rd day of April 1814

Present:

Daniel Lambert Esq Mayor	
George Dyer Esq	Thomas Moulden Esq
Edward Lambert Esq	Daniel Lambert Junior Esq
John Dyer Esq	Mr William Oakley
Peter Nayler Esq	[illegible or crossed out]
Mr Amos Drew	Charles Green Esq
William Nottidge Esq	John Lambert Esq
James Riley Esq	Mr George Webb
Rev John Grose	Thomas Lambert Esq
George Green Esq	Jesse Curling Esq

	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor	The Court according to the ancient ordinances proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Daniel Lambert Esq, George Dyer Esq and John Dyer Esq (3 of the most ancient members) being severally put in nomination and the said George Dyer being exempted at his request and by common consent, the names of the said Daniel Lambert and John Dyer were severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed on a balloting box. And the several members present having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant	George Dyer Esq, John Dyer Esq and William Nottidge Esq being severally put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant for the year ensuing and the said George Dyer being exempted at His request and by common consent, a ballot was taken between the others, when the choice fell on the said John Dyer who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables	Resolved: That Broom Witts Esq and Mr George Webb be continued Constables for the year ensuing.
Treasurer	That Thomas Moulden Esq, the present Treasurer, continued for the year ensuing.

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Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew be Clerk for the year ensuing.
Beadle [to remain vacant]	That the office of Beadle remain vacant for the year ensuing
Freedoms [G Oakley]	At this Court appeared George Oakley, son and late apprentice to Mr William Oakley a free member of this Company who requested that his said son might be admitted into the freedom thereof, he having duly served his apprenticeship with his said father. Whereupon, on production of the indenture and on the request of the said member, the said George Oakley the son was admitted into freedom of the said Company, took the oath accordingly and paid 6s and 6d Hance money.
[Joshua James Ponting]	At this same Court appeared Joshua James Ponting, late apprentice to Thomas Moulden Esq the Treasurer who requested the said Joshua James Ponting might be admitted into the freedom of the Company, he having been bound unto and duly served his apprenticeship with his said Master. The said Joshua James Ponting was admitted a member of the said Company, took the oath and paid 6s 6d for Hance money.
Gifts	A petition from Benjamin Bishop, the suspended Beadle and poor member of the Company, was presented and read. Resolved that the Treasurer be requested to apply £8 8s towards the support of the family of the petitioner as the Treasurer shall think fit.
[French Wines]	At this Court it was moved and seconded that the Ordinance of the 23rd April 1796, respecting the refraining from drinking French wines, should be read, and the same being read: It was resolved that this Company rejoicing with the Nation at large on the return of the Blessing of Peace and in the firm hope of the restoration of trade and commerce, being desirous of expressing their loyalty to our most gracious Sovereign as well as their good wishes for the prosperity of his most Christian Majesty, Louis the 18th of France, who on this day left this country in which he was so highly esteemed, for the purpose of ascending the throne of his ancestors, and in the firm hope and expectation that he may be enabled to cement goodwill between this country and that to which he is returning, they will on this day and on this occasion indulge themselves with French wines as in good old times they were accustomed. Adjourned.

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1814 Thomas Moulden Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1813	**Debtors**	£	s	d
23rd April	To amount of balance due to the Company on the account this day audited	84	9	11
	By cash of Mr Amos Drew Hance money on his admission	-	6	6
	Cash of 2 members for non-attendance in time to make a Court			
1814				
24 April	By cash for a year's dividend on £2550 of South Sea Annuities	68	17	-
		153	**13**	**5**

[receipt pasted on the page]
Received May 17th 1815 of Thomas Moulden Esq the sum of £112 12s 1d being the balance of his account taken as Treasurer to the Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England as audited on the 24 ultimo [last].
[Signature of:] Daniel Lambert Junior

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1813	**Per Contra Creditors**	£	s	d
23rd April	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	1	1	0
	By ditto paid the first 13 members to make a Court	1	12	6
	By ditto Messrs Terry & Co - Election Dinner	36	13	-
1814				
22 April	By cash to B Drew his salary	10	10	-
	By ditto his bill	3	8	10
	By gift to B Bishop's daughter & family	8	-	-
	By balance	92	8	1
		153	**13**	**5**
	The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1814 and we find a balance of £92 8s 1d due from the Treasurer and which he is desired to carry to his next account with the Company. [Signatures of:] George Dyer, William Nottidge, John Dyer			

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At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street London on the 24th day of April 1815

Present:

Daniel Lambert Esq Mayor	
Broom Witts Esq	Mr Edward Lambert
Chambers Usborne Esq	Mr William Oakley
Joseph Green Esq	Mr George Oakley
Charles Green Esq	John Dyer Esq
Jesse Curling Esq	Mr John Swaine
Rev John Grose	Mr Amos Drew
Daniel Lambert Junior Esq	William Nottidge Esq
Mr John Lambert	Mr Joshue Ponting
Mr Thomas Lambert	

	The Acts of the last Court were read.
Mayor	The Court according to the ancient ordinances proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Daniel Lambert Esq, Broom Witts Esq and John Dyer Esq, 3 of the most ancient members, being severally put in nomination and the said John Dyer being exempted by common consent, the names of the said Daniel Lambert and Broom Witts were severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed on a balloting box then placed in the Court. And the several members present having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant	Broom Witts Esq, Chambers Usborne Esq and William Nottidge Esq being severally put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant of the said Company for the year ensuing and the said William Nottidge being exempted by common consent, a ballot was taken between the said Broom Witts and Chambers Usborne, when the choice fell on the said Broom Witts who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables	George Green Esq, Mr Amos Drew, Mr George Oakley and Mr Joshua James Pointing being severally put in nomination for the office of Constables for the year ensuing,

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	and the said George Oakley and Joshua James Pointing being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said George Green and Amos Drew, who being present accepted thereof and severally took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Treasurer	Daniel Lambert Junior Esq and The Reverend John Grose being put in nomination for the office of Treasurer for the year ensuing and the said John Grose being exempted at his request and by common consent, the choice fell on the said Daniel Lambert, who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	Resolved: That the same auditors as usual be continued.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew, the present Clerk, be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That the appointment of a Beadle be postponed until the next General Meeting of the Company and that a Beadle then be appointed.
Apprentices Indentures Inrolled Richard Wright Tuack [& James Newsome]	At this Court the Clerk, in the absence of Thomas Moulden Esq, a member of the Company, produced a certain Indenture of Apprenticeship bearing date the 25th day of July 1814 whereby Richard Wright Tuack, son of Francis Tuack of Bermondsey in the County of Surrey Woolstapler, was bound to the said Thomas Moulden, as such Merchant of the Staple, for the term of 7 years, the execution of which indenture was attested by the Clerk to the Company. And it appearing by the accounts of the Treasurer that he had received the £10 for the Company on such binding, it was ordered that the indenture be inrolled. At this same Court the Clerk in the absence of James Newsome Esq, a free member of the Company, produced a certain Indenture of Apprenticeship dated the 17th day of April instant, whereby William Alexander Newsome, son of the said James Newsome but born before his admission into the freedom of the Company, was bound to the said James Newsome being such Merchant of the Staple, for the term of 7 years, the execution of which indenture was attested by the Clerk and the said James Newsome having paid the £10 to the Treasurer it was ordered that the indenture be inrolled.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be desired to pay John Swayne, a poor member of the Company, £6 6s as a free gift of the Company in relief of his distress at this time.
	That the Treasurer be also requested to apply £4 (margin) 4s towards the relief of the family of Benjamin Bishop the late Beadle at such times and in such manner as the Treasurer in his discretion shall think fit - Adjourned.

[Sheet 422R REV IMG 1144]

1815 Thomas Moulden Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1814	Debtors	£	s	d
April 23	To amount of balance due to the Company in the account this day audited	92	8	1
	By Hance money of Mr George Oakley		6	6
	Ditto Joseph James Pointing		6	6
	Of Thomas Lambert Esq for non-attendance in due time		2	6
	Ditto of Peter Naylor Esq		2	6
	Ditto fee on the binding of Richard Wright Tuack as an apprentice to Thomas Moulden	10	-	-
	The like for William Alexander Newsome as an apprentice to James Newsome Esq	10	-	-
	By 1 year's dividend on £2550 of New South Sea Annuities deducting property tax	68	17	-
		182	**3**	**1**

[Sheet 423 IMG 1144]

1814	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
23 April	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	1	1	0
	By cash paid the first 13 members to make a Court	1	12	6
	Cash paid Messrs Terry & Co for the Company's dinner	46	15	6
	Cash to [Benjamin] Bishop – gift as the Court [ordered]	4	4	-
24 April 1815	Cash to Mr B Drew his salary	10	10	-
	Ditto his bill	1	4	-
	By balance	112	12	1
		182	**3**	**1**
	The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 24th April 1815 and we find a balance of £112 12s 1d due from the Treasurer and which he is requested to pay unto Daniel Lambert Esq the Treasurer for the year ensuing. [Signatures of:] Broome Witts, Chambers Usborne, William Nottidge, John Dyer			

[Sheet 423R IMG 1145]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street on Tuesday the 23rd day of April 1816

Present:

Daniel Lambert Esq Mayor	
Chambers Usborne Esq	Mr George Webb
James Riley Esq	George Green Esq
Broom Witts Esq	Mr Edward Lambert
Jesse Curling Esq	William Nottidge Esq
Mr John Lambert	Mr Daniel Lambert Esq
Rev John Grose	Mr Joshua Pointing
John Dyer Esq	Thomas Moulden Esq
Mr John Swaine	Mr Amos Drew
George Dyer Esq	Mr Thomas Mason

	The Minutes of the last Court were read.
Mayor	The Court according to the ancient ordinances proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Daniel Lambert Esq, Broom Witts Esq and George Dyer Esq , 3 of the most ancient members, being severally put in nomination and the said George Dyer being exempted by common consent. The names of the said Daniel Lambert and Brrom Witts were severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed on a balloting box. And thereupon the several members present in Court having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant	Chambers Usborne Esq, William Nottidge Esq and James Riley Esq being severally put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant for the year ensuing and the said James Riley being exempted by common consent, a ballot was taken between the said Chambers Usborne and James Riley [mistake: should be Wm Nottidge] , when the choice fell on the said Chambers Usborne who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

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Constables	Resolved. That George Green Esq and Mr Amos Drew be continued Constables for the year ensuing.
Treasurer	That Daniel Lambert the younger Esq be continued Treasurer for the year ensuing.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew be Clerk for the year ensuing.
Beadle [John Swaine the younger]	Resolved. That the resolution made at the last meeting respecting the appointment of a Beadle be now read. And on the same being read it was resolved that Benjamin Bishop the late Beadle is an unfit person to be continued Beadle of this Company. That this Court do declare the place of Beadle to the Company to be now vacant and that they do now proceed to the election of a Beadle pursuant to the resolutions of the last meeting. Mr John Swaine the younger, a member of the Company, having presented his petition praying to be appointed to the office of Beadle thereto and the same being read and considered. It was resolved that John Swaine the younger be appointed Beadle to this Company during the pleasure of the Court and that he be allowed and paid a salary of £8 a year for the performance of the duties attached to that office.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be requested to pay to Benjamin Bishop, the late Beadle, 4 guineas at such times and in such proportions as such Treasurer shall think fit towards the support of the said Benjamin Bishop and his family.
[Wool Exports]	It being submitted to this Court by a member thereof that certain propositions were then depending in Parliament, one of which was to permit the wool of this country to be exported to foreign parts: It was resolved that a committee be appointed to attend and watch the propositions now pending in Parliament for allowing the exportation of wool into foreign parts. That the Worshipful Mayor, the Lieutenant, Treasurer and Constables together with Messrs Moulden, Witts, Nottidge ..... [Court proceedings continued on Sheet 425 REV]

[Sheet 424 REV IMG 1146]

1816 Daniel Lambert Junior Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1815	Debtors	£	s	d
23rd April	To amount of the balance due to the Company of the account this day audited	112	12	1
	Fine received of Thomas Lambert Esq for non-attendance in due time		2	6
23rd April 1816	For half a year's dividend of £2550 of New South Sea Annuities due 5th July last	34	8	6
	Ditto on £2550 of ditto due 5th January last	35	15	6
		182	**18**	**7**

[Sheet 425 IMG 1146]

1815	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
24th April	Cash paid the Mayor his annual present	1	1	0
	Cash paid the first 13 members to make a Court	1	12	6
	Cash paid Messrs Terry & Co for the last Court Dinner	34	6	-
	" to John Swaine a gift of the Company	6	6	-
	" paid for the purchase of £100 of New South Sea Annuities and brokerage	60	12	6
	Cash to the family of Benjamin Bishop being a gift by order of the last Court	4	4	-
24 April 1816	Cash to Beriah Drew the Clerk for 1 year's salary due this day	10	10	-
	ditto his bill	4	16	6
	Stamps	-	2	4
	By balance	59	7	9
		182	**18**	**7**
	The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1816 and we find a balance of £59 7s 9d due from the Treasurer and which he is desired to carry to the next account with the Company. [Signatures of:] Broome Witts, Chambers Usborne, William Nottidge			

[Sheet 425 REV IMG 1147]

Minutes of 23rd April 1816 continued

.. Nottidge, Curling, Dyer, Riley, Swaine Senior and Webb be a Committee for that purpose .

That the Committee do if they think it necessary prepare a Petition to be presented to both Houses of Parliament against any law that may be proposed to permit such exportation and that the Seal of the Company be affixed thereto.

That the Committee be empowered to deliver the Petition to such Member of the House of Commons and if necessary to such Lord in Parliament as they may think fit.

That any 3 of the Committee have power to act at any meeting to be duly held for that purpose.

That the Treasurer of the Company be empowered to pay to the Committee any sum not exceeding £21 towards expenses of the Committee and their proceedings.

That on the requisition of any 3 of the Committee the Clerk to the Company do summon a General Meeting of the Committee to meet at such time and place as in such requisition shall be named for that purpose.

And then the Court adjourned.

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[Sheet 426 REV IMG 1148]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street on Wednesday the 23rd day of April 1817

Present:

Daniel Lambert Esq Mayor	
Chambers Usborne Esq	Mr Edward Lambert
James Riley Esq	Mr Amos Drew
William Nottidge Esq	Thomas Moulden Esq
Jesse Curling Esq	Mr Joshua James Pointing
Daniel Lambert Junior Esq	Mr John Swaine
Mr Thomas Mason	Mr John Lambert
George Green Esq	Mr Daniel Nelson
Charles Green Esq	John Dyer Esq
Mr George Webb	

	The Minutes of the last Court were read.
Mayor	The Court according to the ancient ordinances proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Daniel Lambert Esq, John Dyer Esq and Chambers Usborne Esq 3 of the most ancient members being severally put in nomination, and the said Chambers Usborne being exempted by common consent, the names of the said Daniel Lambert and John Dyer were severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed on a balloting box, and the several members present in Court having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant	William Nottidge Esq, James Riley Esq and Thomas Moulden Esq being severally put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant for the year ensuing and the said Thomas Moulden being exempted by common consent, a ballot was taken between the said William Nottidge and James Riley, when the choice fell on the said William Nottidge who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

	[Sheet 427 IMG 1148]
Constables	Mr John Swaine, Mr John Lambert, Mr Thomas Davis Mason and Mr Joshua James Pointing being put in nomination for the office of Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said Thomas Davis Mason and Joshua James Pointing being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said John Swaine and John Lambert, who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Treasurer	Edward Lambert Esq and Jesse Curling Esq put in nomination for the office of Treasurer for the year ensuing and the said Jesse Curling being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Edward Lambert, who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	Resolved: That the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew the present Clerk be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Swaine the younger, the present Beadle, be continued for the year ensuing.
Freedom by Patrimony	Mr James Riley, son of James Riley Esq, a member of this Company, appeared and prayed to be admitted into the Freedom of the said Company by Patrimony, he having been born after his father was admitted a free member of the said Company – which was ordered accordingly, and thereupon the said James Riley the son was admitted and sworn a member of the said Company and paid for Hance £5 pursuant to the order of the Court of the first day of May 1810.
Report of the Treasurer as to old dividends by him received	The Treasurer reported that since the last meeting he had received 3 dividends on the funds of the Company which had not been claimed by the former Treasurers, as under £6 2s 6d on £350 New South Sea Annuities due 1777, £7 17s 6d on £450 of the like annuities due July 1791, and £25 10s 0d on £1700 New Joint Stock due same time – making together £39 10s 0d.
Report as to the petition against exporting of wool	Thomas Moulden Esq reported that in pursuance of the resolutions of the last Court a Petition under the Seal of the Company had been presented to the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom in Parliament assembled against (continued 2 leaves forward)

[Sheet 427 REV IMG 1150]

1817 Daniel Lambert Junior Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1816	Debtors	£	s	d
23rd April	For amount of balance due to the Company on the account this day audited	59	7	9
	Of Thomas Lambert Esq for non-attendance in due time	-	2	6
	of ditto Mr Amos Drew for same	-	2	6
	of ditto Mr Thomas Mason	-	2	6
26 June	Cash for half a year's dividend on £350 of South Sea New Annuities due January 1777 and which was found to remain unpaid	6	2	6-
	Ditto on £450 of the like annuities due July 1791	7	17	6
	Ditto on £1700 of New Joint Stock due July 1791	25	10	-
1817 20 April	Cash for 1 year's dividend on £2650 of New South Sea Annuities due 5 January last	79	10	-
		178	**15**	**3**

[Sheet 428 IMG 1150]

1816	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
23rd April	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	1	1	0
	Ditto the first 13 members to make a Court	1	12	6
	By cash Messrs Terry & Co for the Dinner	40	-	-
27 June	Cash paid for information respecting the dividends on the New South Sea Annuities and South Sea Stock due to the Company and which then remained unclaimed and which had been paid to the Treasurer	4	-	-
	Cash to the family of Benjamin Bishop being a gift by order of the last Court	4	4	-
1817 3rd April	Cash to Beriah Drew the Clerk 1 year's salary due this day	10	10	-
	ditto his bill	2	14	-
	Ditto John Swaine 1 year's salary due this day	8	-	-
	Paid for stamps	-	-	6
	Cash paid the Clerk towards the expenses of the Petitions to Parliament against the propositions for permitting the exportation of wool	21	-	-
	By balance	85	13	3
		178	**15**	**3**
	The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1817 and we find a balance of £85 13s 3d due from the Treasurer and which he is requested to pay to Edward Lambert Esq the Treasurer for the year ensuing. [Signatures of:] Thomas Moulden, Chambers Usborne, John Dyer, James Riley			

[Sheet 428 REV IMG 1153 & 1151]

	Minutes of 23rd April 1817 continued
	..against the propositions then pending in Parliament to permit the exportation of wool, and that the Committee of the House to whom the propositions had been referred had reported to the House that such exportation ought not to be permitted at this time. Mr Moulden also reported that the expenses of the Committee appointed at the last Court had exceeded the sum ordered to be allowed. Resolved: that the Treasurer pay to Mr Drew on account of the Committee £21 towards the expenses of the Committee on such Petition pursuant to the order of the last Court.
Gifts	That the Treasurer this day elected be requested to pay to Benjamin Bishop, the late Beadle and a poor member of the Company, 1 guinea for his present relief, and also to apply 5 guineas towards the relief of the said poor member his wife and daughter at such times and in such manner as such Treasurer shall think fit. Adjourned.

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[Sheet 429 REV IMG 1154]

1817 & 1818 **Edward Lambert Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England**

1817	Debtors	£	s	d
23rd April	For amount of balance of the account of Daniel Lambert Junior Esq this day audited	85	13	3
	Cash received of Mr James Riley Junior for Hance money	5	-	-
	Cash received of Thomas Lambert Esq fine for non-attendance at the Court	-	2	6
1818 20th April	Cash received for 1 year's dividend on £2650 of New South Sea Annuities due 5th January last	79	10	-
		170	**5**	**9**

[Sheet 430 IMG 1154]

1817	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
23rd April	Cash paid the Mayor his annual present	1	1	-
	ditto the first 13 members who attended	1	12	6
	ditto Mrs Bishop a gift by order of the Court	6	6	-
	ditto Messrs Terry Peacock & Co for the Court Dinner	46	17	-
3rd April 1818	Cash paid Mr Drew the Clerk his salary	10	10	-
	and for his bill	4	8	-
	Mr Swaine the Beadle his salary	8	-	-
	By balance due to the Company	91	11	3
		170	**5**	**9**

The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1818 and we find a balance of £91 11s 3d due from the Treasurer which he is desired to carry to the next account with the Company.
[Signatures of:] Broom Witts, Chambers Usborne, Thomas Moulden, Daniel Lambert Junior

[Sheet 430 REV IMG 1155]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street on Thursday the 23rd day of April 1818

Present:

Daniel Lambert Esq Mayor	
Chambers Usborne Esq	James Riley Esq
Mr John Lambert	Mr James Riley Junior
Mr George Webb	Mr Edward Lambert
Broom Witts Esq	George Green Esq
John Dyer Esq	Mr Amos Drew
Mr John Swaine	Mr Thomas Mason
Daniel Lambert Junior Esq	Revd John Grose
Thomas Moulden Esq	Jesse Curling Esq
	Mr Joshua James Pointing

	The Minutes of the last Court were read.
Mayor	The Court according to the ancient ordinances proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Daniel Lambert Esq, Broom Witts Esq and the Revd John Grose, 3 of the most ancient members, being severally put in nomination and the said John Grose being exempted by common consent, the names of the said Daniel Lambert and Broom Witts were severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed on a balloting box and the several members present having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant	Broom Witts Esq, the Revd John Grose and John Dyer Esq being severally put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant for the year ensuing and the said John Dyer being exempted by common consent, a ballot was taken between the said Broom Witts and Revd John Grose when the choice fell on the said Broom Witts who took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables	Resolved that Mr John Swaine and Mr John Lambert be continued Constables for the year ensuing.
Treasurer	That Edward Lambert Esq be continued Treasurer for the year ensuing.

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Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew be Clerk for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Swaine be Beadle for the year ensuing.
Freedom	At this Court appeared Mr Josias Nottidge, late apprentice to William Nottidge Esq a free member of the Company, to whom he was bound on the 25th Oct 1810 for 7 years and the sum of £10 paid thereon to the then Treasurer as by the account of such Treasurer appears. And the said Josias Nottidge prayed to be admitted into the freedom of the Company, he having duly served his apprenticeship. Whereupon and on production of the indenture with the certificate of the said William Nottidge thereon of this faithful service, the said Josias Nottidge was admitted into and sworn a member of the said Company and paid 6s and 5d for Hance money.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be requested to pay to Benjamin Bishop, a poor member of the said Company, £7 7s to be applied towards his relief and the relief of his wife and daughter at such times and in such manner as the Treasurer shall direct. Adjourned.

[Sheet 431 REV IMG 1156]

1818 & 1819 **Edward Lambert Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England**

1818	Debtors	£	s	d
23rd April	For amount of balance due to the Company on the audit of the last account	91	11	3
	For cash of Mr Thomas Lambert for non-attendance in due time		2	6
	For cash of Mr Josias Nottidge for Hance money		6	5
1819 April 21st	For cash received 1 year's dividend on £2650 of New South Annuities due 5th January last	79	10	-
		171	**10**	**2**

[Sheet 432 IMG 1156]

1818	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
April 23rd	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	1	1	-
	By cash paid the first 13 members that attended the Court	1	12	6
	By cash Messrs Terry Peacock & Terry for the Dinner	42	14	-
	By cash to Benjamin Bishop a free gift	7	7	-
1819 April 23rd	By cash paid Mr Drew his salary	10	10	-
	ditto his bill	-	15	
	ditto John Swaine the Beadle his salary	8	-	-
	Balance due to the Company	99	10	8
		171	**10**	**2**

The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1819 and we find a balance of £99 10s 8d due from the Treasurer which he is desired to carry to the next account with the Company.
[Signatures of:] Chambers Usborne, William Nottidge, James Riley, Thomas Moulden

[Paper receipt pasted onto the page:]
Received the 23rd day of April 1819 of Edward Lambert Esq the sum of £99 10s 8d being the balance of his account as Treasurer of the Merchants of the Staple of England this date audited
[Signature of:] Jesse Curling

[Sheet 432 REV IMG 1157]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street on Friday the 23rd day of April 1819

Present:

Daniel Lambert Esq Mayor	
Chambers Usborne Esq	Mr James Riley Junior
Jesse Curling Esq	Daniel Lambert Junior Esq
George Green Esq	Mr Joshua James Pointing
Thomas Moulden Esq	William Nottidge Esq
Mr George Webb	John Dyer Esq
James Riley Esq	Mr Amos Drew
and Mr Josias Nottidge	

Mayor	The Court according to the ancient ordinances proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Daniel Lambert Esq, John Dyer Esq and Chambers Usborne Esq, 3 of the most ancient members, being severally put in nomination and the said Chambers Usborne being exempted by common consent, and the names of the said Daniel Lambert and John Dyer were severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed to a balloting box, and the several members present having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said Daniel Lambert who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant	John Dyer Esq, Chambers Usborne Esq and William Nottidge Esq being severally put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant for the year ensuing and the said William Nottidge being exempted by common consent, a ballot was taken between the said John Dyer and Chambers Usborne when the choice fell upon John Dyer who took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables	Mr Amos Drew, James Riley Junior, Joshua James Pointing and Josias Nottidge were severally put in nomination for the office of Constables for the year ensuing, and the said Joshua James Pointing and Josias Nottidge being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Amos Drew, James Riley who being present accepted thereof and severally took the oath appertaining to the said office.

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Treasurer	Jesse Curling Esq and Mr George Webb being severally put in nomination for the office of Treasurer for the year ensuing and the said Mr George Webb being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Jesse Curling who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	Resolved that the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That Beriah Drew be Clerk for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Swaine be Beadle for the year ensuing.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be requested to pay to Benjamin Bishop, a poor member of the Company, £7 7s to be applied to his relief and the relief of his wife and daughter as the Treasurer shall think fit.
Inrollment	At this Court Mr Amos Drew, a member of the Company, produced a certain Indenture bearing date the 31st day of August 1818 whereby Frederick Nottidge, son of the Reverend John Nottidge of East Hammingfield[291] in the county of Essex, was bound to the said Amos Drew, as such a member of the Staple, for the term of 7 years from the date thereof. The execution of which Indenture was attested by the Clerk, and the said Amos Drew having paid the sum of £10 to the Treasurer as the fee on the binding of such apprentice pursuant to the order of the 1st May 1810, it was ordered that the Indenture be enrolled.
	and then the Court adjourned

[291] Now spelt East Hanningfield.

[Sheet 433 REV IMG 1158]

1819 to 1820 **Jesse Curling Esq, Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England**

1819	**Debtors**	£	s	d
23rd April	For the amount of the balance due to the Company on the audit of the last account from Edward Lambert Esq	99	10	8
	To cash of Edward Lambert Esq, Thomas Lambert Esq and Charles Green Esq for non-attendance in due time 2/6 each	-	7	6
	To cash of Mr Amos Drew, fee on the binding of Frederick Nottidge	10	-	-
1820 24 April	To a year's dividend on £2650 New South Sea Annuities due 5th January last	79	10	-
		189	**8**	**2**

[Sheet 434 IMG 1158]

1819	**Per Contra Creditors**	£	s	d
23rd April	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	1	1	-
	Ditto to John Swaine half a year's salary as Beadle due this day per the last Court	4	-	-
	Ditto to the first 13 members that attended the Court	1	12	6
	Ditto to Messrs Terry Peacock & Terry for the Dinner	41	14	6
	Ditto to Benjamin Bishop a free gift	7	7	-
1820 24 April	By cash paid Beriah Drew his salary as Clerk	10	10	-
	ditto his bill as Clerk	4	11	8
	To John Swine his 1 year's salary as Beadle due this day	8	-	-
	By balance due to the Company	114	11	6
		189	**8**	**2**

The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 24th day of April 1820 and we find a balance of £114 11s 2d due from the Treasurer which he is desired to carry to the next account with the Company. [Signatures of:] Broom Witts, Chambers Usborne, William Nottidge, James Riley, Thomas Moulden, Daniel Lambert Junior

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[Sheet 434 REV IMG 1159]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street on Monday the 24th day of April 1820

Present:

Daniel Lambert Esq Mayor	
Chambers Usborne Esq	James Riley Esq
John Lambert Esq	Daniel Lambert Esq
Mr Thomas Davis Mason	Mr Joshua James Pointing
Broom Witts Esq	Thomas Moulden Esq
George Green Esq	Rev John Grose
Jesse Curling Esq	Mr George Oakley
William Nottidge Esq	Mr Josiah Nottidge
Mr James Riley	Mr Daniel Nelson
Mr Amos Drew	Daniel Lambert Esq Junior

	The Minutes of the last meeting were read.
Mayor	The Court according to the ancient ordinances proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Daniel Lambert Esq, Broom Witts Esq and the Revd John Grose, 3 of the most ancient members, being severally put in nomination and the said John Grose being exempted by common consent and the names of the said Daniel Lambert and Broom Witts Esq were severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed on a balloting box, and the several members present having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said Daniel Lambert who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant	Chambers Usborne Esq, William Nottidge Esq and James Riley Esq being severally put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant for the year ensuing and the said James Riley being exempted by common consent, a ballot was taken between the said Chambers Usborne and William Nottidge when the choice fell on the said William Nottidge who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

[Sheet 435 IMG 1159]

Constables	Resolved: that Mr Amos Drew and Mr James Riley the younger be continued Constables for the year ensuing.
Treasurer	That Jesse Curling Esq be continued Treasurer for the year ensuing.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk [Beriah Drew resigned. George Drew appointed]	The Court being informed by a member thereof that Beriah Drew the Clerk to the Company requested leave to reign his office, the Court took the same into their consideration and thereupon resolved that the resignation of the said Beriah Drew be accepted and he be in future considered as an Honorary member of the said Company. It was then resolved that George Drew be appointed Clerk to the Company for the year ensuing and he thereupon took the oath appertaining to such office
Beadle	That John Swaine the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be requested to pay Benjamin Bishop , a poor member of the Company, £7 7s to be applied to his relief and the relief of his wife and daughter as the Treasurer shall think fit.
Ordinance	That the Treasurer be requested to purchase £100 of South Sea Annuities in the name of the Company. Adjourned.

[Sheet 435 REV IMG 1160]

1820 to 1821 Jesse Curling Esq, the Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1820	Debtors	£	s	d
April 23	For the amount of the balance due to the Company on the audit of the last account	114	11	6
	To cash of John Dyer Esq, Edward Lambert Esq and Charles Green Esq for non-attendance in time 2/6 each	-	7	6
1821 April 23	To a year's dividend on £2650 of New South Sea Annuities due 5 January last	79	10	-
		194	**9**	**0**

[Sheet 436 IMG 1160]

1820	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
April 23	By cash paid the Mayor his annual present	1	1	0
	Ditto to the first 13 members that attended the Court	1	12	6
	Ditto to Messrs Terry Peacock and Terry for the Dinner	48	10	-
	Ditto to Benjamin Bishop a free gift	7	7	-
1821 3rd April	Ditto to George Drew his salary as Clerk	10	10	-
	Ditto his bill as Clerk	-	13	-
	Ditto John Swaine 1 year's salary due this day as Beadle	8	-	-
	To the purchase of £100 South Sea Annuities - making the amount £2750	71	5	-
	By balance due to the Company	45	10	6
		194	**9**	**0**

The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1821 and we find a balance of £45 10s 6d due from the Treasurer which he is desired to carry to the next account with the Company.
[Signatures of:] Broom Witts, William Nottidge, James Riley, Thomas Moulden

[Sheet 436 REV IMG 1161]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street on the 23rd day of April 1821

Present:

William Nottidge Esq	Lieutenant
Broom Witts Esq	Mr T D Mason
James Riley Esq	Jesse Curling Esq
Mr James Riley	Mr Amos Drew
Mr Simon Field	Mr Thomas Moulden
Mr George Webb	Mr JJ Pointing

	The Minutes of the last Court were read.
	The Clerk reported that Daniel Lambert Esq the Mayor was deceased. Whereupon it was resolved that it be recommended to all future Courts of Election that after a member has served the office of Mayor for 1 year that he be exempted by common consent in the next year and that the allowance of 1 guinea annually to the Mayor be discontinued.
Mayor	The Court according to the ancient ordinances proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Broom Witts Esq, George Dyer Esq and William Nottidge Esq, 3 of the most ancient members being severally put in nomination and the said George Dyer Esq being exempted by common consent and the names of the said Broom Witts Esq and William Nottidge Esq were severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed to a balloting box, and the several members present having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said Broom Witts Esq who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office. The said Broom Witts then took the chair.

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Lieutenant	James Riley Esq, Thomas Moulden Esq and Daniel Lambert Esq being severally put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant for the year ensuing and the said Daniel Lambert being exempted by common consent, a ballot was taken between the said James Riley Esq and Thomas Moulden Esq, when the choice fell on the said James Riley Esq who accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables	William Fuller Esq, Edward Horne Esq, Mr Thomas Davis Mason and Mr Joshua James Pointing being put in nomination for the office of Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said William Fuller and Edward Horne being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on Thomas Davis Mason and Joshua James Pointing who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Treasurer	Resolved that Jesse Curling Esq be continued Treasurer for the year ensuing.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That George Drew the present Clerk be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Swaine the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be requested to pay Benjamin Bishop, a poor member of the Company, £7 7s to be applied towards his relief and the relief of his wife and daughter in such manner as the Treasurer shall think best.
	Adjourned.

[Sheet 437 REV IMG 1162]

1821 to 1822 **Jesse Curling Esq, the Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England**

1821	Debtors	£	s	d
April 23rd	To the amount of the balance due to the Company on the audit of the last account	45	10	6
1822 April 23rd	To a year's dividend on £2750 of New South Sea Annuities due 5th January last	82	10	-
		128	**0**	**6**

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1821	Per Contra Creditors	£	s	d
April 23rd	By cash paid the first 11 members that attended the Court	1	7	6
	Paid Messrs Peacock and Co for the Dinner	31	4	6
	" to Benjamin Bishop a free gift	3	3	-
1812 3rd April	" to George Drew his salary as Clerk	10	10	-
	" his bill	-	17	-
	" John Swaine his salary due this day as Beadle	8	-	-
	By balance due to the Company	72	18	6
		128	**0**	**6**

The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1822 and we find a balance of £72 18s 6d due from the Treasurer which he is desired to carry to pay to Charles Green Esq the new Treasurer.
[Signatures of:] Broom Witts, Thomas Moulden
[Paper printed receipt form pasted onto the sheet:]
London 28 Aril 1823
Received of Jesse Curling Esq Treasurer to the Merchants of the Staple
the Sum of £72 18s 6d the balance of his account this day audited [Signature of:] Charles Green

[Sheet 438 REV IMG 1164]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street on Tuesday the 23rd day of April 1822

Present:

Broom Witts Esq Mayor	
Thomas Moulden Esq	James Riley Esq
Charles Green Esq	Mr Thomas Davis Mason
George Green Esq	Mr Joshua James Pointing
Jesse Curling Esq	Mr Josias Nottidge
Mr George Webb	Mr Amos Drew
Mr Simon Field	

	The Minutes of the last Court were read.
Mayor	The Court according to the ancient ordinances and in conformity to the recommendation of the last Court proceeded to nominate 3 of the most ancient members for the office of Mayor for the year ensuing. When none of the members then present appearing to have served the office of Lieutenant of the Company except Broom Witts Esq the Mayor, the said Broom Witts was requested to take upon him the said office of Mayor for the year ensuing and which he accordingly accepted.
Lieutenant	Thomas Moulden Esq, Daniel Lambert Esq and Jesse Curling Esq being severally put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant for the year ensuing and the said Danile Lambert being exempted by common consent, the names of the said Thomas Moulden and Jesse Curling were severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed to a balloting box. And the several members present having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said Thomas Moulden who accepted thereof and took the oath to the said office appertaining.
Constables	Resolved that Mr Thomas Davis Mason and Mr Joshua James Pointing be continued Constables for the year ensuing.

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Treasurer	Charles Green Esq and George Green Esq being put in nomination for the office of Treasurer for the year ensuing and the said George Green being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said Charles Green, who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That George Drew the present Clerk be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Swaine the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
Freedoms by Servitude	At this Court appeared William Alexander Newsome, late apprentice to James Newsome Esq deceased a free member of the Company, to whom he was bound on the 17th day of April 1815 for 7 years and the sum of £10 paid thereon to the then Treasurer (as by his account appears). And the said William Alexander Newsome prayed to be admitted into the freedom of the Company, he having since the decease of his late father continued to serve the residue of his apprenticeship with his mother, the widow of his late father by whom the trade was continued. been bound unto and duly served his apprenticeship with the said member. Whereupon, and on production of the Indenture and on such faithful service for the term of such apprenticeship being certified to the Court by one of the members then present, the said William Alexander Newsome was admitted into and sworn a member of the said Company and paid 6s and 5d for Hance money.
	At the same Court appeared Rich Wright Tuack, late apprentice to Thomas Moulden Esq, a free member of the Company to whom he was bound on the 25th day of July 1814 for 7 years and the like sum of £10 paid thereon to the then treasurer as by his account appears. And the said Richard Wright Tuack prayed to be admitted into the Freedom of the Company, he having duly served his apprenticeship. Whereupon and on production of the Indenture and the said Thomas Moulden admitting such service, the said Richard Wright Tuack was admitted into.....

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	... and sworn a member of the said Company and paid 6s 5d for Hance money.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be requested to pay to John Bishop, son of Benjamin Bishop late a poor member of the Company and who died since the last meeting, £5 in consideration of his care and attention to his late father during his illness.
Ordinance [Court not to be held on 23rd April due to birthday of the King]	It being represented to this Court that the holding thereof on the same day on which the birthday of his present Majesty was kept was inconvenient to several members of the Company, it was resolved that the order of the 30th day of November 1700, which directs the annual Court of Election and Court of Audit to be held on the 23rd April yearly, be suspended and that in future such Court be held on the Thursday in the week next before the 23rd day of April yearly. Adjourned.

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[Sheet 440 REV IMG 1168]

1882 to 1883 Charles Green Esq, the Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1822	**Debtors**	£	s	d
April 23rd	To the amount of the balance due to the Company on the audit of the account	72	18	6
	Cash received of Mr W A Newsome Hance money	-	6	5
	Ditto of Mr R W Tuack ditto	-	6	5
1823 April 23	Cash received for year's dividend on £2750 of New South Sea Annuities	82	10	-
		156	**1**	**4**

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1822	**Creditors**	£	s	d
April 23	Cash paid 11 members who attended	1	7	6
	" to John Bishop a gift per order of Court	5	-	-
	" " Messrs Peacock and Co for Court Dinner	36	17	-
October	John Swayne half a year's salary due 23rd this	4	-	-
1823 April	Ditto this day	4	-	-
	George Drew his salary due	10	10	-
	Ditto his bill	4	5	4
	By balance due to the Company	90	1	6
		156	**1**	**4**

The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 17th day of April 1823 and we find a balance of £90 1s 6d due from the Treasurer which he is requested to carry to his next account with the Company.
[Signatures of:] Broom Witts, James Riley, Thomas Moulden, Jesse Curling

[Sheet 441 REV IMG 1169]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street on Thursday the 17th day of April 1823

Present:

Broom Witts Esq	
James Riley Esq	Mr Joshua James Pointing
Mr James Riley	Mr Tuack
Mr George Webb	Mr Nelson
Mr Thomas Davis Mason	Mr C Green
Mr Simon Field	Mr Thomas Moulden
Jesse Curling Esq	Mr William Alexander Newsome

	The Minutes of the last Court were read.
Mayor	The Court according to the ancient ordinances then proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Broom Witts Esq, James Riley Esq and Thomas Moulding Esq, 3 of the most ancient members being severally put in nomination and the said Broom Witts being, pursuant to the ordinance of the 23rd April 1821, exempted by common consent, the names of the said James Riley and Thomas Moulden were severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed on a balloting box, and the several members present having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said James Riley who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant	Mr Simon Field, Jesse Curling Esq and Daniel Lambert Esq being severally put in nomination for the office of Lieutenant for the year ensuing and the said Simon Field being exempted by common consent, a ballot was taken between the said Jesse Curling and Daniel Lambert when the choice fell on the said Jesse Curling Esq who accepted thereof and took [the oath] to the said office appertaining.
Constables	Resolved that Mr Thomas Davis Mason and Mr Joshua James Pointing be continued Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing.
Treasurer	.That Charles Green Esq be continued Treasurer for the year ensuing.

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Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That George Drew the present Clerk be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Swaine the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
Freedoms	At this Court Mr Jeremiah Riley, who attained his age of 21 years in January 1822, the son of James Riley Esq the present Mayor of the Company, appeared and prayed to be admitted into the freedom of the Company by Patrimony, he having been born after his father's admission as a free member, thereof which was ordered accordingly and thereupon the said Jeremiah Riley was admitted and sworn a member and paid for Hance £6 pursuant to the ordinance of the 1st day of May 1810.
	At this same Court, Jesse Curling the Younger, who attained his age of 21 years on 17th October last, son of Jesse Curling Esq the previous Lieutenant of the Company, also appeared and prayed to be admitted into the freedom of the Company by Patrimony, he having been born after his father's admission as a free member, thereof which was ordered accordingly and thereupon the said Jesse Curling the Younger was admitted and sworn a member of the Company and paid for Hance a like sum of £5.
	At this same Court, Mr Benjamin Newsome, who attained his age of 21 years on the 19th October last, son of James Newsome Esq, a late member of the Company, appeared and prayed to be admitted into the freedom of the Company by Patrimony, he having been born after the admission of his late father as a free member, thereof which was ordered accordingly and thereupon the said Benjamin Newsome was admitted and sworn a member and paid for Hance a like sum £5.
[Purchase of South Sea Stock]	That the Treasurer be requested after the receipt of the next yearly dividend on the South Sea Stock to purchase a further sum of £50 therein.
Ordinance	At this Court it was resolved that the ordinance of the last Court, by which it was ordered that the annual Court of Election should in future be held on the Thursday in the week next before the 23rd day of April, be rescinded.
	It being represented to this Court that the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs have through their office made enquiries of

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... several members of this Company carrying on the trade of Woolstapler, whether there was any objection to the licenses required to be obtained on shipping wool coastwise being abandoned.
It was resolved and ordered:
That the Mayor, Lieutenant and Thomas Moulden Esq be a committee to ascertain the nature of the suggestions made by the Commissioners of the Customs, with power for such committee, should they think it expedient, to prepare and present a memorial under the seal of the Company praying for such alteration of the law respecting the shipping of wool as aforesaid, as they might deem proper, and to present such memorial to the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs and that the expenses of the committee be paid out of the funds of the Company.

And then the Court adjourned.

[Sheet 443 IMG 1170]

At a Special Court of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street London on the 15th day of March 1824 to take into consideration the propriety of petitioning Parliament against allowing the export of British Wool and upon the subjects affecting the interests of the Company

Present:

James Riley Esq Mayor	Mr Josias Nottidge
William Nottidge Esq	Mr George Webb
Thomas Moulden Esq	Mr Tuach
John Dyer Esq	Mr Pointing
Mr Swayn	

11 members not being present within 1 hour after the time the Court was summoned to meet, the Mayor adjourned the same until Friday next the 19th inst. at 10 for 11 o'clock in the morning.

Adjourned

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At a Special Court of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street London on the 19th day of March 1824 to take into consideration the propriety of petitioning Parliament against allowing the export of British Wool and upon the subjects affecting the interests of the Company

Present:

James Riley Esq Mayor	Mr William Newsome
William Nottidge Esq	Mr Josias Nottidge
Thomas Moulden Esq	Mr Benjamin Newsome
John Dyer Esq	Mr Tuack
Mr Swayne	Mr Jesse Curling Esq
Mr Webb	Mr Pointing

James Riley Esq the Mayor in the chair.
The Mayor stated that he had ordered the Court to be summoned in pursuance of a requisition of 4 members of the Company for that purpose.
The Clerk then read the requisition.
Whereupon and after a debate upon the subject of the Bill intended to be brought into Parliament for allowing the exportation of wool.
It was resolved:

That it appears to this meeting that allowing of the export of Wool the growth of this country will be attended with serious mischief to the Wollen Manufacturers particularly to those large Mills recently erected for the manufacture of worsted yarn, an article from the superior quantity of British Long Wools not to be equalled in any other country.

That the allowing of the export of such Wools would give the foreign manufacturer the opportunity of rivalling the British Manufacturer in the production of various articles now exclusively confined to this country, and it will also tend materially to decrease the employment afforded to the manufacturing classes.

That a Petition founded upon these resolutions be presented to Honourable the House of Commons praying that the exportation of Long Wools may not be allowed.

That William Nottidge Esq, Thomas Moulden Esq and Mr WA Newsome be a committee to wait upon some Member of Parliament to request him to present the same.

Adjourned

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The following is a copy of the Petition presented:

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled.

The Humble Petition of the Mayor Constable and Company of Merchants of the Staple of England showeth

That your Petitioners having duly considered the proposition submitted to your Honourable House for the exportation of British raw Wool beg leave respectfully to submit to your Honorable House their decided opinion that to allow the export of Wool the growth of this Country will be attended with serious mischief to the Woollen Manufacturers particularly those large Mills recently erected for the manufacture of Worsted Yarn – an article from the superior quality of our British long Wools – not to be equalled in any other country that allowing the export of such Wools would give to the foreign manufacturer the opportunity of rivalling the British manufacturer in the production of various articles now exclusively confined to this Country – and it will also tend materially to decrease the employment afforded to the manufacturing classes.

And your Petitioners, deeply impressed with the importance of the Woollen Manufacture of this Country which has been continually increasing since the period at the export of British Raw Wool became illegal and the injury that will arrive to the Capital employed therein as well as the probably decrease of Labour, cannot suffer the present proposition made to your Honorable House to pass without respectfully submitting their apprehension to your consideration.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will not pass any Law to allow the exportation of British Raw Wools.

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At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street on Friday the 23rd day of April 1824

Present:

William Nottidge Esq	
Jesse Curling Esq	John Lambert Esq
Charles Green Esq	Mr Thomas Davis Mason
George Green Esq	Mr Pointing
Thomas Moulden Esq	Mr Jesse Curling Junior
Mr George Webb	Mr Tuack
Mr James Riley Junior	Mr Swain
Mr Amos Drew	Mr Benjamin Newsome
Mr William Alexander Newsome	

	The Minutes of the several Courts held during the last year were read.
Mayor [Wm Nottidge]	The Court according to the ancient ordinances then proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when James Riley Esq the present Mayor, William Nottidge Esq and Thomas Moulden Esq, 3 of the most ancient members, being severally put in nomination and the said James Riley being pursuant to the resolution of the 23rd day of April 1821 exempted by common consent, the names of the said William Nottidge and Thomas Moulden were severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed on a balloting box. And the several members present having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said William Nottidge who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Lieutenant	Charles Green Esq was unanimously elected and chosen Lieutenant of the Company for the year ensuing.
Constables	Mr William Alexander Newsome, Mr Francis Wright Tuack, Mr Jeremiah Riley and Mr Jesse Curling the Younger being put in nomination for the office of Constables for the year ensuing, and the said Jeremiah Riley and Jesse Curling being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said William Alexander Newsome and Richard Wright Tuack who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.

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Treasurer	Mr John Swaine and Mr John Lambert being put in nomination for the office of Treasurer for the year ensuing and the said John Lambert being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said John Swaine who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That George Drew the present Clerk be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Swaine the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing.
Ordinance	That in future 9 members do constitute a Court instead of 11 as mentioned in the minutes of the 24th February 1778.
Admissions	Mr Joshua Healey Riley who attained his age of 21 years on the 13th day of October last, the son of James Riley Esq the Mayor of the Company for the last year, appeared and prayed to be admitted into the freedom of the Company by patrimony, he having been born after his father's admission as free member thereof; which was ordered accordingly and thereupon the said Joshua Healey Riley was admitted and sworn a member of the Company and paid for Hance the sum of £5 pursuant to the ordinance of the 1st May 1810.
	Thomas Moulden Esq reported that the committee appointed the 23rd day of April last had prepared and handmitted to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs a memorial respecting the removal of some of the regulations required on shipping wool coastwise. Also: That the committee appointed on the 19th March last had, agreeable to the Resolutions of that meeting, waited on Thomas Wilson Esq, one of the Representatives in Parliament for the City of London, who immediately consented to and had since presented to the House of Commons the Petition of the Company against allowing the exportation of British Raw Wool. And then the meeting adjourned.

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1823 to 1824 Charles Green Esq, the Treasurer of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England

1823		£	s	d
17th April	To balance of account this day audited	90	1	6
	To Hance money received from Mr Jeremiah Riley a free member admitted this day	5	-	-
	To Hance money received from Mr Jesse Curling Junior another member admitted this day	5	-	-
	The like of Mr Benjamin Newsome another member admitted this day	5	-	-
1824 Feby	To a year's dividend on £2750 New South Sea Annuities due 5th January	82	10	-
		187	**11**	**6**

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1823		£	s	d
17 April	To cash paid the first 13 members that attended the Court this day	1	12	6
	To cash paid for the Dinner	44	3	6
20 Oct	To ditto paid John Swayne the Beadle for a year's salary due 5th Jul	4	-	-
1824 April	To ditto paid for the purchase of £50 New South Sea Annuities	46	6	3
	Ditto paid the Clerk's bill for business done	7	4	1
23rd	Ditto paid the Clerk's salary due this day	10	10	-
23rd	Ditto paid the Beadle half a year's salary due this day	4	-	-
	By balance due to the Company	69	15	2
		187	**11**	**6**

The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1824 and we find a balance of £69 15s 2d due from the said Treasurer which he is desired to pay to Mr John Swayne the new Treasurer
[Signatures of:] William Nottidge, Jesse Curling, Thomas Moulden

[Sheet 446 REV IMG 1178]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street on Saturday the 23rd day of April 1825

Present:

James Riley Esq	
John Dyer Esq	Jesse Curling Esq
Mr George Webb	William Nottidge Esq
Mr James Riley Junior	Mr John Swaine
Mr Jesse Curling Junior	Mr Mason
Mr Richard W Tuack	Thomas Moulden Esq
John Lambert Esq	Mr Pointing
Mr Benjamin Newsome	

	The Minutes of the last Courts were read.
Mayor	The Court according to the ancient ordinances proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when James Riley Esq, John Dyer Esq and Thomas Moulden Esq, 3 of the most ancient members, being severally put in nomination and the said James Riley being, pursuant to the ordinances of the 23rd April 1821, exempted by common consent and the names of the said John Dyer and Thomas Moulden were severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed on a balloting box and the several members then present having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said John Dyer who being present accepted of the said office and took the oath appertaining thereto and thereupon took the Chair.
Lieutenant	Thomas Moulden Esq was unanimously elected and chosen Lieutenant of the Company for the year ensuing and thereupon took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables	Resolved that Mr William Alexander Newsome and Mr Richard Wright Tuack be continued Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing.
Treasurer	That Mr Swaine be continued Treasurer for the year ensuing.

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Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That George Drew be continued Clerk for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That John Swaine be continued Beadle for the year ensuing.
Gifts	It being represented to this Court by one of the members that John Swaine the Beadle was in very distressed circumstances arising from a severe illness by which not only his bodily but mental health was greatly injured and that he was incapable of presenting any memorial or petition, it was resolved That the Treasurer be authorised to pay to the said Joh Swaine or to apply for his benefit the sum of £4 5s at such times and in such manner as he shall think fit.
[Duty on Wool Export]	Thomas Moulden Esq reported that since the last Court viz on the 3rd day of June last an Act of Parliament had passed repealing all the laws relating to Wool and imposing a Duty on the Exportation of British Raw Wool.

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John Swayne Esq, the Treasurer to the Merchants of the Staple of England in account with the Company

1824	**Debtors**	£	s	d
23 April	To balance of account received of Charles Green Esq the former Treasurer	69	15	2
	To Hance money received from Mr Joshua Healey Riley a free member admitted this day	5	-	-
1825 April	To a year's dividend on £2800 New South Sea Annuities due 5 January last	84	-	-
		158	**15**	**2**

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1824	**Creditors**	£	s	d
April 23	To cash paid the first 13 members that attended the Court this day	1	12	6
	To cash paid for the Dinner	43	5	6
1825 April 23rd	To cash paid John Swayne a year's salary due this day	8	-	-
	Ditto paid the Clerk a year's salary due this day	10	10	-
	Ditto his bill for business done	4	15	9
	By balance due to the Company	90	11	5
		158	**15**	**2**

The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1825 and we find a balance of £90 11s 5d due from the said Treasurer which he is requested to carry over to his next account.
[Signatures of:] John Dyer, William Nottidge, James Riley, Thomas Moulden

[Sheet 448 REV IMG 1182]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street on Monday the 24th day of April 1826

Present: Thomas Moulden Esq

Jesse Curling Esq	Mr George Webb	Mr Mason	William A Newsome Esq
William Nottidge Esq	Jesse Curling Esq Junior	Ro. W Tuack Esq	Benjamin Newsome Esq
James Riley Esq		Josias Nottidge Esq	Mr Pointing

	The Minutes of the last Court were read.
Mayor	The Court according to the ancient ordinances then proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when John Dyer Esq, Thomas Moulden Esq and Jesse Curling Esq, 3 of the most ancient members, being severally put in nomination and the said John Dyer being, pursuant to the ordinance of the 23rd April 1821, exempted by common consent and the names of the said Thomas Moulden and Jesse Curling were severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed on a balloting box and the several members present having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said Thomas Moulden who being present accepted of the said office and took the oath appertaining thereto and thereupon took the Chair.
Lieutenant	Jesse Curling was unanimously elected and chosen Lieutenant of the Company for the year ensuing and thereupon took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables	Mr William Alexander Newsome, Richard [secretary's correction written over *Francis*] Wright Tuack, Mr Jesse Curling the Younger and Mr Benjamin Newsome being put in nomination for the office of Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing, and the said William Alexander Newsome and Francis [secretary's mistake: should be *Richard*] Wright Tuack being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on Jesse Curling the Younger and Benjamin Newsome who being present accepted of the said office and took the oath appertaining thereto.
Treasurer	John Lambert Esq and James Riley Esq being put in nomination for the office of Treasurer for the year ensuing and the said John Lambert being exempted by common consent, the choice fell on the said James Riley who being present accepted thereof and took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That George Drew the present Clerk be continued for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That Joshua James Pointing be and he is hereby appointed Beadle to this Company for the year ensuing in the room of John Swaine who by reason of ill health has become incapable of executing the office.

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	That the salary to be paid to the said Beadle be the sum of 4 guineas per annum.
Freedoms	At this Court appeared Mr Frederick William Nottidge, late apprentice to Mr Amos Drew a free member of the Company to whom he was bound on [space] day of [space] for 7 years and the sum of £10 paid thereon to the then Treasurer and the said Frederick William Nottidge prayed to be admitted into the freedom of the Company, he having duly served his apprenticeship. Whereupon and on production of the Indenture and it being certified to the Court that he had faithfully served his apprenticeship, he was admitted into and sworn a member of the said Company and paid 6s 5d for Hance money.
	Mr William Curling who attained his age of 21 years on the 9th day of September 1824, a son of Jesse Curling Esq the Lieutenant of the Company, appeared and prayed to be admitted into the freedom of the Company by Patrimony he having been born after his father's admission as a free member thereof. Which was ordered accordingly and thereupon the said William Curling was admitted and sworn a member of the Company and paid for Hance the sum of £5 pursuant to the ordinance of the 1st day of May 1810.
Inrollment	At this Court Josias Nottidge Esq a member of the Company produced a certain Indenture bearing date the [space] day of [space] whereby William Nottidge, son of George Nottidge Esq of [space] was bound an apprentice to the said Josias Nottidge as a Merchant of the Staple for the term of 7 years from the date thereof. The execution of which Indenture was attested by the Clerk and the said Josias Nottidge having paid the sum of £10 to the Treasurer as the fee on binding of such apprentice pursuant to the ordinance of the 1st May 1810. It was ordered that the said Indenture be enrolled.
Gifts	It being represented to the Court that John Swaine the late Beadle to the Company was in very distressed circumstances and afflicted with paralysis, the Treasurer was requested to apply the sum of £10 towards his relief at such times and in such manner as he should think fit. A letter from Mr John Swayne the late Treasurer to the Company was laid before the Court stating that owing to his present unfortunate situation he was prevented sending the balance of his account as late Treasurer to the Company but that he trusted to the indulgence of the Court in allowing him time to do so at his earliest convenience, and after debate thereon it was resolved that, in consequence of the unfortunate and unprecedented situation in which the late Treasurer and his sureties are placed, the Court will grant the application now made by him to discharge the balance due to the Company at his own convenience.
Ordinance	That a Power of Attorney be executed by the Mayor authorizing Mr George Drew the Clerk to receive the Dividends now due and to accrue due on the South Sea Annuities belonging to the Company.

[Sheet 449 REV IMG 1187]

Mr John Swayne, the Treasurer to the Merchants of the Staple of England in account with the Company

1825	Debtors	£	s	d
April 23	To balance of account brought forward	90	11	5
		90	**11**	**5**

That the Clerk do deliver to every future Mayor a list of the Books and Seals in his custody belonging to this Company.
That at all future Courts of Election and Audit the Members be summoned to meet at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and business to proceed at ½ past 3 [sic written] and that the first 9 members who shall attend before the commencement of business be paid ½ Crown each.
Adjourned

[Sheet 450 IMG 1187]

1825	Creditors	£	s	d
April	To cash paid the first 13 members who attended the Court this day	1	12	6
	To cash paid for the Dinner	38	2	-
	To cash paid John Swayne the salary	8	-	-
	Ditto a free gift	4	4	-
	By balance due to the Company	38	12	11
		90	**11**	**5**

The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 24th day of April 1826.
[Signatures of:] William Nottidge, Jesse Curling, Thomas Moulden

[Sheet 450 REV IMG 1188]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street on Monday the 23rd day of April 1827

Present:

Thomas Moulden Esq	
Jesse Curling Esq	Edward Horne Esq
Charles Green Esq	Frederick William Nottidge Esq
George Green Esq	William A Newsome Esq
Mr George Webb	Mr Josias Nottidge
Daniel Lambert Esq	John Lambert Esq
Mr Thomas Mason	James Riley Esq
Mr William Curling	Jeremiah Riley Esq
Josias Nottidge Esq	Benjamin Newsome Esq

	The Minutes of the last Court were read.
Mayor [Jesse Curling]	The Court according to ancient ordinances then proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Thomas Moulden Esq & Jesse Curling Esq were severally put in nomination for that office and Thomas Moulden being, pursuant to the ordinances of the 23rd April 1821, exempted by common consent it was resolved unanimously that Jesse Curling Esq be elected Mayor for the year ensuing who being present accepted of the said office and took the oath appertaining thereto.
Lieutenant	Daniel Lambert Esq was unanimously elected and chosen Lieutenant of the Company for the year ensuing and thereupon took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables	Resolved that Jesse Curling the Younger and Benjamin Newsome be continued Constables of the said Company for the year ensuing.
Treasurer	That James Riley Esq be continued Treasurer to the Company for the year ensuing.

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Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That George Drew be continued Clerk for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That Joshua James Pointing be continued Beadle for the year ensuing.
	Ordered that, as no communication has this day been made by Mr Swayne the late Treasurer respecting the payment of the balance due from him, the Clerk do apply for the payment thereof and report to the Court the result of that application.
Gifts	That the Treasurer be requested to apply the sum of £10 towards the relief of John Swayne the late Beadle to the Company at such times and in such manner as he the Treasurer may think fit.
Reports	The Treasurer reported that he had purchased the sum of £50 towards the [South] Sea Annuities for the account of the Company.

[Sheet 451 REV IMG 1190]

James Riley Esq, the Treasurer to the Merchants of the Staple of England

1826	Debtors	£	s	d
April 23	To cash received of Josias Nottidge Esq in binding of William Nottidge as an apprentice	10	-	-
	ditto of Mr Frederick W Nottidge Hance money	-	6	5
	ditto of Mr William Curling ditto	5	-	-
1827 January	ditto from dividends on £2800 of New South Sea Annuities due July 1825, January 1826, July 1826 and January 1827	168	-	-
		183	**6**	**5**

[Sheet 452 IMG 1191]

1826	Creditors	£	s	d
23 April	To cash paid the first 12 members attending the Court this day	1	10	-
	Paid Mr George Drew his salary as Clerk due this day	10	10	-
	Ditto his bill	1	1	6
14 Aug	Paid Mr Swayne on account of Gratuity & Stamp	2	10	2
1 Nov	ditto	2	10	2
	Paid Mr Peacock & Co for the Dinner	32	-	-
1827 23 January	Paid Mr Swayne on account of Gratuity & Stamp	2	10	2
	Paid for the purchase of £50 New South Sea Annuities	41	11	6
23 April	Paid the first 13 members attending the Court this day	1	12	6
	Paid Mr Drew his salary due this day	10	10	-
	Paid Mr Swayne balance of Gratuity & Stamp	2	10	2
	Paid W Pointing his salary due this day	4	4	-
	Paid Mr Drew his bill	9	11	4
	By balance due to the Company	60	14	11
		183	**6**	**5**

23 April 1827
The above account was this day examined and allowed by us and we do find a balance of £60 14s 11d due from the Treasurer which he is requested to carry to his next account.
[Signatures of:] Thomas Moulden-Mayor, Jesse Curling, Daniel Lambert

[Sheet 452 REV IMG 1192]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street London on Wednesday the 23rd day of April 1828

Present:

Jesse Curling Esq	
George Green Esq	James Riley Esq
William Nottidge Esq	Mr Richard Wright Tuack
Mr Thomas Davis Mason	Jesse Curling Junior Esq
Mr George Webb	Josias Nottidge Esq
William Newton Esq	

	The Minutes of the last Court were read.
Mayor [William Nottidge]	The Court then proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when Jesse Curling Esq, William Nottidge Esq and Thomas Moulden Esq, 3 of the most ancient members, being severally put in nomination and the said Jesse Curling being, pursuant to the ordinances of the April 1821, exempted by common consent the names of the said William Nottidge and Thomas Moulden were severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed on a balloting box and the several members then present having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said William Nottidge who being present accepted of the said office and took the oath appertaining thereto and thereupon took the Chair.
Lieutenant	James Riley Esq was unanimously elected and chosen Lieutenant of the Company for the year ensuing and thereupon took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables	Jesse Curling the Younger Esq and Benjamin Newsome Esq were continued Constables for the year ensuing.
Treasurer	Resolved unanimously that George Green Esq be appointed the Treasurer for the year ensuing and he being present accepted the said office and thereupon took the oath appertaining thereto.
Auditors	That the same auditors as usual be continued for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That George Drew the present Clerk be continued for the year ensuing.

[Sheet 453 IMG 1192]

Beadle	That Joshua James Pointing the present Beadle be continued for the year ensuing. That the salary to be paid to the Beadle be hereafter the sum of £6 per annum.
Gifts	A petition from Mary Swayne the widow of John Swayme formerly Beadle to this Company was read praying some relief from the Company and it was ordered: That the Treasurer pay to the said Mary Swayne the sum of £2 10s in addition to the sum of £2 10s – the balance of the sum of £10 10s which was authorised at the last Court to be applied for the relief of the said John Swayne.
New Ordinance [Courts to be held on 3rd February]	That in consequence of His Majesty holding a Court on the 23rd day of April, the future Courts of Election and Courts of Audit be held on the 3rd day of February, the anniversary of the birth of Bishop Blase[292] the introducer of the Woollen Manufactures into this country.
[John Swayne – outstanding balance as Treasurer]	The Clerk laid before the Court a letter from Mr John Swayne, in reply to an application made for payment of the balance of his account as Treasurer to the Company, stating his regret that the misfortunes which had latterly attended him should prevent his liquidating such claim, and that his feelings were so poignant on the subject that they should not permit him to add more than to place himself under the liberal and generous consideration of the Company. Whereupon, it was resolved that in consequence of the age and misfortune of Mr Swayne that no further application be made to him or his sureties for the payment of such balance.

[292] The 3rd February is the Feast day of Saint Blaise, a 3rd century Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia (modern Turkey) – the wool comb is a symbol of his martyrdom. He became a patron saint of cloth workers.

[Sheet 453 REV IMG 1194]

James Riley Esq, Treasurer to the Merchants of the Staple of England

1827	**Debtors**	£	s	d
24 April	To balance of last account audited this day	60	14	11
	To half a year's dividend on £2850 New South Sea Annuities due 5 July last	42	15	-
1828 January	To half a year's dividend on the above due 5 inst.	42	15	-
		146	**4**	**11**

[Sheet 454 IMG 1194]

1827	**Creditors**	£	s	d
23 July	Paid John Swayne on account of gratuity and stamp	2	10	2
30 Oct	The like	2	10	2
	Paid Messrs Peacock & Co for election dinner	35	18	6
1828 23 Jan	Paid John Swayne on account of gratuity and stamp	2	10	2
1828 23 April	Paid the first 10 members attending the Court this day	1	5	-
	Paid Mr Drew his salary due this day as Clerk to the Company	10	10	-
	Paid Mr Ponting his salary due this day as Beadle	4	4	-
	Paid Mr Drew his bill for business	1	11	-
	Paid Mrs Swayne balance of gratuity granted to her husband	2	10	2
	By balance in Treasurer's hands	82	15	9
		146	**4**	**11**

The above account was examined and allowed by us the undersigned this 23rd day of April 1828. And we find that a balance of £82 15s 9d is due from the said Treasurer which he is pay over to George Green Esq the Treasurer this day appointed.

[Signatures of:] William Nottidge, Jesse Curling

[Sheet 454 REV IMG 1197]

At a Court of Election and Court of Audit of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopgate Street London on Tuesday the 3rd day of February 1829

Present:

Thomas Moulden Esq	
Jesse Curling Esq	Mr George Webb
William Nottidge Esq	Josias Nottidge Esq
George Green Esq	Mr F W Nottidge Esq
John Lambert Esq	Mr George Oakley
William A Newsome Esq	Mr Richard W Tuack
Benjamin Newsome Esq	Mr Thomas D Mason
The Revd W Curling	Mr John Curling

	The Minutes of the last Court were read.
Mayor [Thomas Moulden]	The Court then proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing when William Nottidge Esq, Thomas Moulden Esq and Jesse Curling Esq, 3 of the most ancient members, being severally put in nomination and the said William Nottidge Esq being, pursuant to the ordinance of the 23rd April 1821, exempted by common consent the names of the said Thomas Moulden and Jesse Curling were severally written on 2 pieces of paper and affixed on a balloting box and the several members present having put their ballots therein, the choice fell on the said Thomas Moulden who being present accepted of the said office and took the oath appertaining thereto and thereupon took the Chair.
Lieutenant	George Green Esq was unanimously elected and chosen Lieutenant of the Company for the year ensuing and thereupon took the oath appertaining to the said office.
Constables	Jesse Curling Junior Esq and Benjamin Newsome Esq were continued Constables for the year ensuing.

[Sheet 455 IMG 1197]

Treasurer	That George Green Esq be continued Treasurer for the year ensuing.
Auditors	That also the members present who have served the office of Treasurer be the auditors for the year ensuing.
Clerk	That George Drew be continued Clerk for the year ensuing.
Beadle	That Joshua James Pointing be continued Beadle for the year ensuing.
Freedom	Mr John Curling who attained his age of 21 years on the 6th say April 1828, a son of Jesse Curling Esq a free member of the Company, appeared and prayed to be admitted into the freedom of the Company by Patrimony, he having been born after his [father's] admission as a free member. Thereof which was ordered accordingly and thereupon the said John Curling was admitted and sworn a member of the Company and paid for Hance the sum of £5 pursuant to the ordinance of the first day of May 1810.
Ordinance	That this Court do meet on such day in the month of August next as the Mayor shall appoint to take into consideration the ordinances of the Company and to make such attention therein as may be deemed expedient.
[Chaplain]	That the Reverend William Curling be requested to act as Chaplain to this Company.

[Sheet 455 REV IMG 1200]

George Green Esq, the Treasurer to the Merchants of the Staple

1829	**Debtors**	£	s	d
April 23	To balance of last account audited the 23rd day of April 1828	82	15	9
	To half a year's dividend on £2850 New South Sea Annuities due 5 July 1828	42	15	-
	To half a year's dividend on ditto due the 5th January 1829	42	15	-
		168	**5**	**9**

[Sheet 456 IMG 1200]

1828	**Creditors**	£	s	d
	Cash paid Messrs Peacock and Co for Election Dinner	22	-	-
	Cash to the first 9 members who attended the Court on the 23rd April 1828	1	2	6
	To cash paid Mr Swayne gratuity and stamp	2	10	2
1829	Ditto George Drew his bill	5	19	8
	Ditto his salary as Clerk	10	10	-
	Ditto Joshua J Pointing his salary as Beadle due April next	6	-	-
	By balance in the Treasurer's hands	120	3	5
		168	**5**	**9**

3rd February 1829

The above account was examined and allowed by us [the undersigned] and we do find a balance of £120 3s 5d due from the Treasurer which he is requested to carry to his next account.

[Signatures of:] Thomas Moulden – Mayor, William Nottidge, Jesse Curling

[Sheet 456 REV IMG 1201]

At a Special Court of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple of England held at the City of London Tavern in Bishopsgate Street

[Sheets 457 blank IMG 1202, 1204, 1206, 1207]

[Sheet 457 REV IMG 0554]

The names of such Free Men of the Right Worshipful Company of Merchants of the Staple, England as are now resident in and about the City of London

[This list seems to have been started in 1673: the Constables for 1673 are mentioned - Charles Crayker senior & Bernard Whittle, and John Wright as Treasurer. Many names are ~~crossed through~~; a few of these are appended as 'Dead'. Other names crossed through may have been as dead or as no longer resident in London. Charles Crayker senior (Lieutenant 1680-1687) died in 1687, and Bernard Whittle died in about 1693.]

	Sir Peter Daniel Kt & Alderman Mayor	
	~~Sir John Frederick Kt & Alderman~~	Joseph Crayker
	~~Sir Nathaniel Hearne~~	~~Joseph Body~~
	~~Sir Charles Lloyd Kt~~	Alexander Fisher
	~~Mr John Holland Lambert~~ Dead	John Yates
	~~Mr Charles Crayker senior~~} ~~Mr Bernard Whittle~~ } *Const.*	Matthew Smith
	~~*Major* Capt Francis Mansfeild~~	Richard Donton
	Mr William Withers *senior*	John Markes
	~~Mr Henry Cater~~	Daniel Norton
	~~Mr John Withers~~	Joseph Byard
	~~Mr William Bayley~~	Richard Wiffin
	~~Mr John Wright~~ *Treasurer*	Mr Henry Durnford
	~~Mr Joseph Reeves~~ *Esq*	
	~~Mr James Abrathat~~	
	~~Mr Thomas Maylin~~	
	~~Mr Cave Mansfeild~~ *Dead*	
	~~Mr William Herbert~~	
	Mr Robert Joyce	
	Mr ~~Clement Hiller~~	
	~~Mr Peter Delaney~~	
	Mr John Godfrey *Clerk*	
	~~Mr William Ryley~~ *Dead*	
	~~Mr Charles Crayker Junior~~	
	Mr Alexander Howgrave	
	~~Mr John Mason~~	
	Mr Samuel Lewin	John Mansfeild *Beadle*
	~~Mr John Musson~~	
	~~Mr Gaven Spurle~~ D*ead*	
	Mr William Neale	
Mr Encirer [?]	~~Mr Daniell Roswell~~	
Mr Yates	~~Mr Samuel Crayker~~	
~~Reeves~~	~~Mr Jacob Nurse~~	
Mr Anderson	Mr John Rochester	
Mr Dunning	~~Mr Joseph Crayner~~	
Mr Reeves	Mr Charles Otway	
	Mr William Withers Junior	
	~~Mr Raphe Clare~~	
	Mr Ben Crayker	
	~~Mr Esaias Jackson~~	
	Mr Joseph Barber	
	Mr Joseph Hearne	
	Mr Kellam Merry	

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