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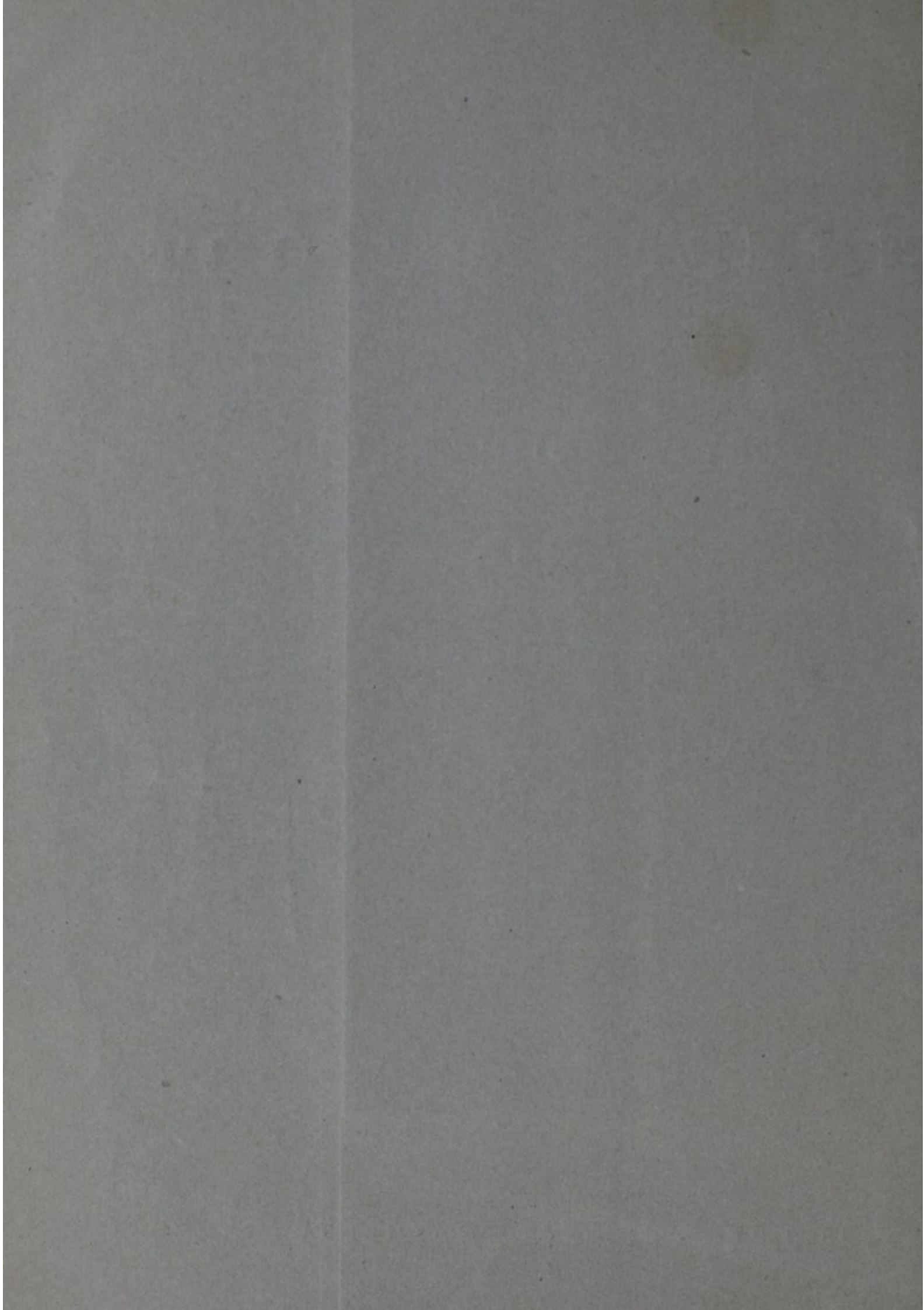
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WE, Richard Burcham, Bartholomew Robson, Alexander Chambers, and Martin Deavin, the Auditors appointed by the Parishioners of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey, to examine and audit the accounts of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey, for the year ending 25th March, 1862, having carefully and diligently examined and investigated the accounts of the said Vestry for the period aforesaid, and the vouchers in support of the same ; and the books, papers, instruments, and writings in their custody or control relating thereto, do hereby certify and declare, that we have this day audited the said accounts of the said Vestry at the Board Room, at the Workhouse, Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey, in the presence of the following, viz. :—Richard Burcham, Chairman, Bartholomew Robson, Alexander Chambers, and Martin Deavin, and that the said accounts are true and correct in all particulars ; and we do allow the same accordingly, and sign the same in token of such our allowance thereof.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of May, 1862.

(Signed)

R. BURCHAM,

ALEXR. CHAMBERS,

BARTHOLOMEW ROBSON,

M. DEAVIN

} Auditors.

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RATE, &c.	Cash Balance at commencement of Year		RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR						PAYMENTS DURING THE YEAR										Cash Balance on the 25th March, 1862.	
	In Credit	In Debit	Rates, &c.	Contributions, &c.	Loans, &c.	Incidentals	Total	Assessment by Metropolitan Board	Works	Establishment	Loans, &c.	Watering	Lighting	Total	In Credit	In Debit				
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				
Paving and General Purposes.....	...	307 14 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	307 14 6	192 8 1	...				
	...	2452 19 1	...	...	...	...	2452 19 1	...	Pavior's Labour 327 8 3	...	Interest 22 0 8	...	...	22 0 8	...	...				
	...		...	Gas and Water Companies, 58 2 11	...	...	...	...	Day Labour 360 18 7	...	...	Horse Hire 80 4 6	...	...	...	...				
	...		...	Surrey Dock Company 14 11 9	...	...	...	...	Cartage 188 0 0	...	...	Labour 18 14 11	...	...	...	...				
	...		...	Messrs. Groves 30 2 9	...	...	...	...	Stone 238 9 7	...	...	Cart Hire 17 2 0	...	...	116 1 5	...				
	...		...	Sundries 0 16 0	...	...	...	...	Scavenging 413 15 0	...	...	...	...	1528 11 5	...	...				
	...		...		...	...	103 13 5	...	Accounts 341 1 6	...	...	...	...	341 1 6	...	...				
	...		...		...	Rent 9 2 0	...	...	Salaries 503 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Lighting .....	...	1780 5 3	...	...	...	...	1780 5 3	...	Commission 63 19 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
	...		...	Sundries 2 6 0	...	...	2 6 0	...	Rent 12 0 0	...	...	...	...	707 18 0	...	...				
	...		...		...	...	...	...	Accounts 98 18 7	...	...	...	1603 15 3	1603 15 3	...	...				
	...		...		...	...	...	...	Valuer 30 0 0	...	...	...	...	59 1 8	...	...				
	...		...		...	...	...	...	Commission 46 4 2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
	...		...		...	...	...	...	Gas Testing 12 17 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Sewers .....	...	3856 4 7	...	...	...	...	3856 4 7	2264 9 3	...	...	...	...	...	2264 9 3	...	...				
	...		...	Drains, &c. 70 16 7	...	...	...	...	Sewers 235 11 9	Salaries 400 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...				
	...		...	Mr.Brandon 43 0 0	...	...	...	...	Labour 328 5 0	Commission 100 1 0	...	...	...	...	...	...				
	...		...	Gulleys 7 7 4	...	...	121 3 11	...	Cartage 21 5 6	Accounts 41 11 11	...	...	...	541 12 11	...	...				
	...		...		...	...	...	...	Accounts 15 6 5	...	...	...	...	600 8 8	...	...				
	...		...		1600 0 0	...	1600 0 0	...	...	1600 0 0 Interest 40 10 11	...	...	...	1640 10 11	...	...				
	...		...		...	...	£ 9925 14 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	£ 9733 6 2	...	...				

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

CONTRACTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF GENERAL WORKS AND SUPPLY OF MATERIALS.

Subsisting at the commencement of, or entered into during, the year ending 25th March, 1862.

Rate, &c.	Date of Contract	Name of Party with whom Contract was made	Nature of Works to be performed, and Materials to be supplied	Observations
Paving, Cleansing, and General Purposes	3rd April, 1862	A. & F. Manuelle .....	Supply of carriage paving, curb, &c., as per schedule of prices ....	Entered into for one year, from 25th March, 1862
"	19th March, 1862	Samuel Cooper .....	Supply of Guernsey granite, spalls, and York paving, as per schedule of prices .....	Ditto ditto
"	21st March, 1862	W. and T. N. Gladdish .....	Supply of stone and ground lime, as per schedule of prices .....	Ditto ditto
"	12th November, 1861	Alfred Thomas Hobman .....	Scavenging and dusting, at £500 per annum .....	Entered into for one year, from 17th November, 1861
"	22nd March, 1862	John Smith and Company ....	Printing and stationery, as per schedule of prices .....	Ditto from 25th March, 1862
"	24th March, 1862	Catherine Wright .....	Team hire and cartage .....	Ditto ditto
LIGHTING	2nd October, 1860	Surrey Consumers' Gas Company	For lighting public lamps, at £4 15s. 0d. each per annum .....	Ditto for three years, from 29th September, 1860
SEWERS	31st March, 1862	William Kent .....	General jobbing works, as per schedule of prices .....	Ditto for one year, from 25th March, 1862.



## GENERAL ABSTRACT OF WORKS.

Executed under Contracts, Agreements, &c., for Special and General Works. Year ending 25th March, 1862.

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VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF WORKS

Executed under Contracts, Agreements, &c., for Special and General Works. Year ending 25th March, 1862.

Paving and General Rate	Paving		Lighting	Watering	Cleansing and Repairing	Improving	Removing Dust	TOTAL
	Footway	Carriageway						
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Paviors and Masons employed by the Vestry ...	226 11 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	226 11 0
		100 17 3	...	...	...	...	...	100 17 3
Granite spalls ...	191 9 7	...	...	...	...	...	...	191 9 7
York paving ...	47 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	47 0 0
Alfred Thomas Hobman, cartage ...	...	...	...	...	188 0 0	...	...	...
Wages of day laborers and stone-breaking ...	...	...	...	...	360 18 7	...	...	...
Removing dust, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	413 15 0	...
Watering, viz.—								413 15 0
" horse hire ...	...	...	...	80 4 6	...	...	...	...
" cart hire ...	...	...	...	17 2 0	...	...	...	...
" labor ...	...	...	...	18 14 11	...	...	...	...
					...	...	...	116 1 5
								£1644 12 10

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF WORKS

Executed under Contracts, Agreements, &c., for Special and General Works. Half-year ending 25th March, 1862.

Lighting Rate	Lighting	Contribution	Commission	Salary	Sundries			TOTAL
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
The Surrey Consumers' Gas Company ...	1599 5 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	1599 5 9
Mr. B. Ackland...	...	2 7 6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mr. W. J. Blake ...	...	2 2 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Collector's Commission ...	...	...	46 4 2	...	...	...	...	46 4 2
Dr. Vinen, Gas Testing Officer, Half-Year ...	...	...	...	10 0 0	...	...	...	...
Additional Apparatus for Gas Testing Room ...	...	...	...	...	2 17 6	...	...	12 17 6

# VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

Account of Moneys owing to, and Debts owing by, the Vestry of Rotherhithe, Surrey, on the 25th March, 1862.

Rate, &c.	MONEYS OWING TO THE VESTRY					DEBTS AND LIABILITIES OWING BY THE VESTRY							Total
	Cash Balance	Uncollected Rates, &c.	Contributions to be received		Total	Cash Balance	Assesmen by Metropolitan Board	Loans, &c.	Estimated value of Compensation Annuities granted	Special Contracts outstanding	Tradesmen's Bills, and other obligations not under Special Contracts		
PAVING AND GENERAL PURPOSES }	£ s. d. 192 8 1	£ s. d. 140 0 0	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 192 8 1	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d. Mrs. Arnold, 500 0 0	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 500 0 0	
	...		...	...	140 0 0								
			Surrey Gas Company, 8 10 11	...									
			Southwark Water Compy., 11 16 0										
			Commercial Dock Compy., 50 0 0										
			Mr. Beech, 50 0 0										
			St. Bartholomews Hospital, 93 10 6										
			Guardians of the Poor, 15 14 9										
				...	229 12 2								
				...	80 0 0								
LIGHTING	...	80 0 0		...	229 12 2								
SEWERS	...	200 0 0		...	80 0 0								
				...	200 0 0	1173 13 8							
			Bradshaw, 17 10 0					...				1173 13 8	
			Wilson, 10 6 2										
			Landon, 10 2 0										
			Shepherd, 16 4 4										
			Glassborow, 8 11 10										
			Bliss, 13 2 0										
			Haselwood, 10 19 6										
			Obey, 3 0 3										
			Stileman, 16 8 0										
				...	106 4 1								
			Commercial Dock Co., 10 0 0	...	10 0 0								
					£958 4 4							£2742 9 10	



**VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.**  
**Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, Surrey.—SUMMARY STATEMENT.**  
**Paving, and General Purposes. One Year ending 25th March, 1862.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance on 25th March, 1861	...	...	...	68	10	5½
Cash received from Paving Rates, viz. :—						
No. 8, made October, 1859, at 4d. in the pound	...	...	1 13 4			
No. 9, made April, 1860, at 2d. in the pound	...	...	15 14 0½			
No. 10, made October, 1860, at 4d. in the pound	...	...	330 11 11½			
No. 11, made April, 1861, at 4d. in the pound	...	...	1257 8 6½			
No. 12, made October, 1861, at 3d. in the pound	...	...	847 11 2½			
			<u>2452 19 1</u>			
Surrey Gas Company, Repairs to Trenches	...	...	20 19 10			
Southwark Water Company ditto	...	...	33 14 0			
Kent Water Company ditto	...	...	3 9 1			
Surrey Dock Company for alterations—To Paving Rotherhithe street, and Deptford road	...	...	14 11 9			
Messrs. Groves and Sons, for Paving at Platform wharf	...	...	30 2 9			
Mr. W. M. Marshall, Rent of house, Trinity street...	...	...	9 2 0			
Sundries	...	...	0 16 0			
			<u>2634 4 11½</u>			
Borrowed from Lighting Account	...	...	81 8 0½			
			<u>£2715 13 0</u>			

	£	s.	d.
Salaries—Medical Officer of Health, Clerk, Surveyor, Inspector of Nuisances, and Street Keeper, one year	...	...	503 0 0
Commission	...	...	63 19 5
Paviors' Labour one year	...	...	327 8 3
Day Labour ditto	...	...	360 13 7
Cartage ditto	...	...	188 0 0
Stone ditto	...	...	238 9 7
Scavenging and Dusting, ditto	...	...	413 15 0
Interest on Loan (Mrs. Arnold)...	...	...	22 0 8
Rent	...	...	12 0 0
Valuation Committee Expenses	...	...	30 0 0
Removal of Nuisances	...	...	7 17 9
Lime	...	...	17 6 0
Ballast	...	...	15 2 9
Watering.—			
Horse Hire	...	...	80 4 6
Cart Hire	...	...	17 2 0
Labour	...	...	18 14 11
			<u>116 1 5</u>
Balance of Parliamentary Expenses (Railway and Dock Bills)	...	...	124 10 2
Mr. G. Legg's ditto	...	...	40 0 0
Law Costs (re Salmon), on account	...	...	100 0 0
Stationery	...	...	24 14 6
Sundry Tradesmen's Bills	...	...	110 8 11

**Lighting, One Year ending 25th March, 1862.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash received from Lighting Rate, viz. :—						
No. 1, made October, 1859, at 3d. in the pound	...	...	1 5 0			
No. 2, made April, 1860, at 3d. in the pound	...	...	23 12 10½			
No. 3, made October, 1860, at 3d. in the pound	...	...	247 4 3			
No. 4, made April, 1861, at 3d. ...	...	...	942 15 7½			
No. 5, made October, 1861, at 2d. ...	...	...	565 7 6			
			<u>1780 5 3</u>			
Mr. Lambert, for reinstating Lamp, Commercial-place	...	...	2 6 0			
			<u>£1782 11 3</u>			

	£	s.	d.
Overpaid, 25th March, 1861	...	...	28 5 0½
Lighting, one year	...	...	1603 15 3
Commission do.	...	...	46 4 2
Gas Testing Apparatus...	...	...	2 17 6
Gas Testing Officer's Salary (half year)	...	...	10 0 0
Balance at Bank	...	...	10 1 3
			<u>1701 3 2½</u>
Lent Paving Account	...	...	81 8 0½
			<u>£1782 11 3</u>

Sewers, One Year ending 25th March, 1862.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash received from Sewers Rates, viz.:—						
No. 6, made November, 1859, at 8d. in the pound ...	...	3	6	8		
No. 7, made May, 1860 at 4d. in the pound ...	...	32	12	9		
No. 8, made October, 1860, at 6d. in the pound ...	...	498	6	2½		
No. 9, April, 1861, at 6d. ...	...	1896	12	11		
No. 10, October, 1861, at 5d. ...	...	1425	6	0½		
					3856	4 7
Cash received for putting in Drains, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	70	16 7
Contribution towards Gulleys ...	...	...	...	...	7	7 4
Mr. Brandon, contributions towards Sewers, Dartmouth-terrace	...	...	...	...	43	0 0
Loan from London and Westminster Bank	...	...	...	...	1600	0 0
					£5577	8 6

	£	s.	d.
Overpaid, 25th March, 1861	347	19	11
Salaries, one year	400	0	0
Commission "	100	1	0
Loan, London and Westminster Bank	1600	0	0
Interest	40	10	11
Kent General Drainage	235	11	9
Stationery	18	15	9
Metropolitan Board of Works	2264	9	3
Labour	328	5	0
Cartage	21	5	6
Sundry Tradesmen's Bills	38	2	7
Balance at Bank	182	6	10
	£5577	8	6

## Assets to 25th March, 1862.

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## Liabilities to 25th March, 1862.

Loan, London and Westminster Bank	...	...	...	...	800	0	0
Mrs. Arnold on Loan	...	...	...	...	500	0	0
Precept for Expenses of Metropolitan Board of Works, for year 1862, payable	...	...	...	...			
24th June, 1862	...	...	...	...	1173	13	8
Law Costs, Prosecution against J. Salmon, for Nuisance	...	...	...	...	296	1	1
Ditto, against W. Lipscomb	...	...	...	...	72	15	1
					368	16	2
Credit by Cash	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
					268	16	2

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# SIXTH GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe.

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During the past year the Vestry have held sixteen General and Special Meetings, and twenty-nine Committee Meetings.

### Sewers Works.

The lengths of drains and Sewers laid by the Vestry to Lady-day, are :—

6 inch pipe drain	.	.	.	.	261 feet
9       "       "	.	.	.	.	178   "
12       "       "	.	.	.	.	118   "
3 by 2 feet brick sewer	.	.	.	.	200   "
Total					<u>757   "</u>

Seven new road-gulleys and sixteen drain-mouths and junctions to sewers have been formed.

Seventy-five applications have been made to drain houses into sewers, including notices of intended new buildings, and plans checked and approved ; comprising about 307 houses and premises, 284 of which have been drained and completed.

About forty-five cesspools have been done away with.

The Sewer in the rear of Dartmouth-terrace, Rotherhithe New-road, has been extended 200 feet further westward, the ground landlord having contributed towards the cost as heretofore.

The ground landlord has since applied to have this sewer further extended to the cross ditch by the mill, and the Vestry have consented thereto upon his advancing the requisite funds for carrying the same out, subject to the return of the proportion to be borne by the Vestry, so soon as the money can be raised from the rate.

The Commercial Dock Company requiring the site of the high level sewer near the Pageants, Rotherhithe-street, for their new entrance, which they proposed taking under the power contained in their Act of Parliament, the Vestry, upon the report of their Surveyor, accepted the sum of £10 in compensation for such sewer.

The Vestry in October last, by the invitation of the Metropolitan Board of Works, visited the Main Drainage Works in progress at Barking, Woolwich, and Deptford, and express their satisfaction with the way in which they had been so far carried out.

### Paving Works.

The following works have been done with new and old stone:—

New dressed crossings and channels . . . . .	403	yards.
New granite carriage-way . . . . .	112	tons.
Old carriage-way relaid . . . . .	2729	yards.
Granite carriage-way rough dressed . . . . .	368	"
Granite carriage-way pick dressed . . . . .	90	"
New York Paving . . . . .	4697	feet super.
Old York Paving relaid . . . . .	25891	"
Old York new faced . . . . .	300	"
New Granite Kerbing 12 by 9 . . . . .	127	feet run.
Old Kerb reset . . . . .	3575	"
Kerb reworked . . . . .	875	"
New Granite circular kerb . . . . .	43	"
Redressed circular kerb . . . . .	23	"

The following materials have been used in reparation of the roads, footpaths, &c.

Guernsey granite . . . . .	127	yards.
Common " . . . . .	46	"
Thames Ballast . . . . .	113	"
Ground carted . . . . .	30	"
Lime . . . . .	33	"
Sand . . . . .	113	"
Foundry Clinkers . . . . .	163	"
Rough Ballast . . . . .	108	"
Cement . . . . .	6	bushels

The carriage-way paving Rotherhithe-wall, between the India Arms public-house and West-lane, has been relaid.



On the application of Messrs. Groves, the carriage-way and footway paving opposite their new warehouse at the Platform has been relaid and one new gulley formed near the tramway, at their expense.

The footway paving on the east side of West-lane has been partly relaid. The carriage-paving has also been relaid at the joint expense of the Vestries of Bermondsey and this parish.

The Vestry have consented to an arrangement made by the Trustees of the Roads with the Grand Surrey Dock Company for the improvement of the east end of the Plough-road, by their giving and taking certain small pieces of ground near the saw-mills, to make the pathway there of a more uniform width; also for the widening and improving the east approach to Plough Bridge, by the Dock Company giving up a portion of the site of the gardens in front of the houses on the north side of the road; the latter part of which improvement has been carried out, and the new footway formed to the bridge.

The new way east end of Church-passage is now completed and paved, and one moiety of the cost (£93 10s. 6d.) has been paid by the Governors of St. Thomas's Hospital, as agreed.

The footway on the east side and south end of Love-lane has been increased in width and relaid with York paving and kerb, thereby making the roadway of a more uniform width throughout.

The Vestry have resolved to lay down York paving and kerb on the left-hand side of Deptford Lower-road, from China Hall-gate to Plough-road, such work to be carried out in the autumn of the present year.

The Vestry have been in communication with the Commercial Dock Company to obtain an alteration of the gradient of the ascent on either side of their new bridge, Rotherhithe-street, and this improvement will, it is believed, be carried out in the course of a short time.

### Lighting.

During the past year, two new lamps have been placed as follows, viz.:—One at the west end of Bristol-terrace, Rotherhithe New-road, and one in Seven-step-alley, making the total number of gas lamps in this Parish lighted under contract with the Surrey Consumers' Gas Company, 338 (for particulars of contract see page 4).

### Watering.

The Vestry still continue to contract with Messrs. Brady for the supply of two water carts at £7 10s. 0d. each cart for the season. The horses and drivers being provided by Mrs. Catherine Wright, also under contract.



## Cleansing, &c.

The Vestry have entered into a contract with Mr. Alfred Thomas Hobman for the removal of dust, &c., from the dwellings of the inhabitants, and for cleansing the paved streets; the contractor being now bound to remove dust out of the Parish (for particulars of contract see page 4).

## Removal of Nuisances' Proceedings, &c.

From the 25th March, 1861, to the 25th March, 1862, eighty notices have been served in duplicate under the Nuisances Removal Act, upon complaints made by the Medical Officer and Inspector of Nuisances; eighteen of which have been effectually abated by proper drainage being made from the respective houses into covered sewers, fifty-eight have been abated by removal, and four are in course of abatement and standing over.

Nine summonses have been issued, and Magistrates' orders obtained and carried out.

Fifty-nine notices to make drains and provide water-closets, ashpits, and water supply, have been served in duplicate by order of the Vestry. In thirty-six cases the owners have properly complied therewith, and twenty-three are in progress or standing over.

Fourteen notices of intention of butchers to apply to have their slaughterhouses licensed in this parish were received by the Vestry, which were severally inspected and reported upon by the Medical Officer of Health (see Medical Officer's Report, October, 1861). These slaughterhouses were all licensed by the Magistrates in October, 1861.

The indictment, on the prosecution of this Vestry, against Horatio John Salmon, for the nuisance occasioned by the manufacture of manure under the arches of the Brighton Railway, came on for trial at the Croydon Assizes, in August last, when the Judge made an order that the matter should be left to Dr. Letheby to say what apparatus the Defendant could use with safety to avoid further nuisance. The Defendant also entered into his own recognizances in £200 and two sureties in £100 each to carry out Dr. Letheby's instructions, and to cease all business and accumulation unless and until Dr. Letheby should certify that he might proceed.

Mr. Salmon has since erected an apparatus, and Dr. Letheby has certified as follows:—

*"In the Matter of an Indictment against HORATIO JOHN SALMON.*

"In accordance with the instructions which I have received from the Local Board of Health of Rotherhithe, concerning a reference to me of the matter of a nuisance occasioned by a certain manufacture carried on in the premises situate under the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, and adjacent to the Commercial Dock Railway Station, and belonging to Horatio John Salmon, I have visited the said premises, and examined the said manufactures, and I hereby certify that the alterations which have been made therein in



the process of manufacture, since the date of the above-mentioned indictment in August last, are such as, when properly and carefully conducted, will abate the nuisance complained of; and I certify that the same improved process of manufacture may be properly resumed and carried on without causing the effects, or any of them, in respect of which the said indictment hath been found.

"HY. LETHEBY, M.B., M.A., PH. D.M.,

*Professor of Chemistry in the London Hospital College,  
and Medical Officer of Health for the City of London.*

"Salmon's Manure Works, Manor Road, Rotherhithe,  
March 31st, 1862."

## Financial.

The loan of £800, borrowed of the London and Westminster Bank at five per cent., and the loan borrowed by the late Commissioners of Pavements of Mrs. Arnold at four and a half per cent., still continue.

## Charity Estates.

The Accounts of Messrs. Robert Stranack and Edmond George Dannell, the Churchwardens for the year 1861-62 have been audited, and the following is a copy of the Charities Account:

To Cash received from:—		£	s.	d.
Stratford Estate, half-year omitted Lady-day, 1858	.	33	17	0
" half-year to Michaelmas, 1861	.	34	12	5
" half-year to Lady-day, 1862	.	34	12	5
" Income-tax returned	.	8	11	0
Plaistow Estate, half-year to Michaelmas, 1861	.	12	10	3
" half-year to Lady-day, 1862	.	12	10	3
" Income-tax returned	.	3	0	6
Smith's Charity	.	41	19	6
Bennett's Charity	.	9	0	0
Hill and Bell's Charity	.	6	0	0
Coat and Cloak Charity	.	6	0	0
Mrs. Embleton's Gift	.	5	0	10
Due to Churchwardens	.	0	5	10
		<hr/> £208 0 0 <hr/>		
By Balance paid to late Churchwardens	.	24	7	5
Cash paid for Bread, viz:—				
Lungley	.	10	16	0
Farmer	.	10	16	0
Spry	.	10	16	0
		<hr/>		
Carried forward	.	£32	8	0
		<hr/> £24 7 5 <hr/>		



	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward . . . . .	32	8	0	24	7	5
Colls . . . . .	10	16	0			
Clark . . . . .	10	16	0			
Ashby . . . . .	10	10	0			
Andrews . . . . .	10	16	0			
Evans . . . . .	10	16	0			
Power . . . . .	10	16	0			
Adams . . . . .	10	14	0			
Smith . . . . .	10	16	0			
Rule . . . . .	10	12	8			
Colls . . . . .	10	16	0			
				139	16	8
Hill and Bells Charity, Treasurer of Charity School . . . . .				3	0	0
Mrs. Embleton's Charity . . . . .				5	0	10
Coat and Cloak Charity . . . . .				6	0	0
Ambrose Bennett's Gift, distributed in Coal, &c. . . . .				9	0	0
District Board of West Ham, for palings, &c. . . . .				10	0	0
Expenses visiting Charity Estates . . . . .				10	15	1
				<u>£208</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

### Miscellaneous.

The Grand Surrey and Commercial Dock Companies having disputed their liability to pay Paving, Lighting, and Sewers Rates, or, at all events, only a small proportion of Paving and General Purposes Rate and Lighting Rate, and no Sewer Rate, a Committee was appointed to consider the matter; and, upon their recommendation, the Vestry arranged with the Dock Companies that the evidence on both sides should be taken before some Barrister to be agreed upon, who should draw up a case and submit it to the Court of Quarter Sessions, for them to state to the Court of Queen's Bench, in order that the latter Court might fully determine the liability or non-liability of the Companies to pay all, or any and what portion, of the Rates in question.

The cases are now being proceeded with, and the Dock Companies continue to pay the Rates, upon the understanding that any money found to have been overpaid, upon the settlement of the appeals, be returned to them.

The valuation of the Parish for assessment to the Parochial Rates, is still proceeding, and is now nearly completed.

Mr. W. P. Beech having applied to the Vestry and offered to purchase the site of the five-feet way at the west end of his premises at Horseferry-stairs, for the purpose of throwing the same into his proposed new dock; and the Vestry, taking into consideration that the said way had been for many years totally disused by the inhabitants, and there being a commodious public right of way at Horseferry-stairs, they agreed to accept the



sum of £50 for their interest in the said five-feet way, and to convey all their right and interest in the same to Mr. Beech.

The question of the abolition of the tolls upon the Bermondsey, Rotherhithe, and Deptford Turnpike Roads, having been brought under the notice of the Vestry, they have appointed a Committee to consider the whole subject; also to confer with the Committees of the adjoining Parishes, and report thereon to the Vestry. No meeting has, however, taken place, inasmuch as the Vestry of St. Paul, Deptford, declined taking any steps, and no reply has been obtained from the Vestry of St. Nicholas, Deptford. The Vestry of Bermondsey expressed their willingness to have a conference with the Committee.

Great complaints being constantly made as to the length of time the bridges over the entrances to the Grand Surrey Docks, Rotherhithe-street, were kept open, the Vestry have caused two notice boards to be set up, one near the west end of the new bridge, and the other near the east end of the old bridge, with an inscription thereon, stating the time allowed by the Act of Parliament for keeping the bridges open, and the penalty incurred by the Dock Company for not shutting them within due time, and directing persons detained in consequence to give notice thereof to the Vestry Clerk.

In consequence of the embankment of the open ditch round the cricket-field opposite Westfield-terrace, constantly falling away, thereby causing the public footpath along the said ditch to become very dangerous, and the Vestry having been so often put to the expense of repairing the same, they gave the freeholder notice to fill up the ditch and fence in the field, and negotiations are still pending to obtain that object.

With respect to the removal of St. Thomas's Hospital from its present site, the Vestry made the following Resolutions, and caused the same to be forwarded to the Governors of the Hospital:—

Resolved, that this Vestry are of opinion that the removal of St. Thomas's Hospital from the south side of the Thames would be a great injury and loss to the sick poor of this District, and that the same ought to be rebuilt on some suitable spot of the south district; also

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Governors of St. Thomas's Hospital, and that they be respectfully requested to continue the Hospital, on some convenient spot among the working population on the south side of the Thames.

Upon the Metropolis Local Management Act Amendment Bill being brought before Parliament this Session, the Vestry caused the following Petition for clauses to be presented to the House of Commons:—

#### METROPOLIS LOCAL MANAGEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

*To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,  
in Parliament assembled:—*

The humble Petition of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey,

SHEWETH,—

That under the 47th section of the Metropolis Local Management Act, 1855, the Parish of



Rotherhithe is joined to the Parishes of Saint Olave and Saint Thomas, Southwark, and Saint John, Horselydown, for the purpose of electing and returning one member to the Metropolitan Board of Works.

That in the year 1851 the population of the said Parish of Rotherhithe was 17,805, and in the year 1861 it has increased to 24,500, and the area of the said Parish is 886 acres.

That there are twenty-four elected Vestrymen appointed by the ratepayers under the Metropolitan Local Management Act, 1855, and three *ex officio* Vestrymen.

That in the year 1851 the population of the said Parishes of Saint Olave, Saint Thomas, and Saint John, Horselydown, was 19,375, and in the year 1861 it has decreased to 19,053 and the area of the said Parishes is 169 acres.

That there are eighteen elected Vestrymen appointed by the ratepayers of the said Parish of Saint Olave, and five *ex officio* Vestrymen.

That there are eighteen elected Vestrymen appointed by the ratepayers of the said Parish of Saint Thomas, and three *ex officio* Vestrymen.

That there are eighteen elected Vestrymen appointed by the ratepayers of the said Parish of Saint John, Horselydown, and five *ex officio* Vestrymen.

That the said Parish of Rotherhithe, from its peculiar locality, and being so much below the level of Trinity high-water mark, and also containing large Docks, and being intersected by a Canal, requires very considerable local knowledge as to the carrying out an effective system of drainage, and that at the present time it is very inefficiently drained, a large portion of the said Parish being without any drainage whatever.

That during the last ten years several new streets have been formed, and upwards of 670 houses erected in the said parish.

That your Petitioners, at the last two elections for a member to the Metropolitan Board of Works, endeavoured to obtain gentlemen to be returned who were residents of the said Parish of Rotherhithe, and persons of very great local knowledge of the said Parish and its requirements as to drainage; but owing to the large preponderance of Vestrymen for the said Parishes of Saint Olave, and Saint Thomas, Southwark, and Saint John, Horselydown, all of whom united in opposing such nomination, your Petitioners could not, and cannot at any time, succeed in returning their nominee.

That the said Parishes of Saint Olave, and Saint Thomas, Southwark, and Saint John, Horselydown, have for many years past been supplied with good and effective drainage, which does not, and will not, require any great alterations in carrying out the system of main drainage, whereas the said Parish of Rotherhithe will require very great attention, care, local knowledge, and experience.

That a large number of new houses are now in process of being built, and several new streets marked out within the said Parish of Rotherhithe, and there is now in the said Parish upwards of 200 acres, which are reserved by the owners for, and will shortly be applied to, building purposes, and for which there is at present no system of drainage laid down.

That your Petitioners humbly submit that the said Parish of Rotherhithe is not efficiently represented at the Metropolitan Board of Works.



Your Petitioners therefore pray that the 47th section of the Metropolis Local Management Act, 1855, may be repealed, and in lieu thereof that provision be made in the Metropolis Local Management Act Amendment Bill to enable your Petitioners to elect one Member to the Metropolitan Board of Works, separate and distinct from the said Parishes of Saint Olave and Saint Thomas, Southwark, and Saint John Horselydown.

(Signed) E. G. DANNELL, Chairman.

The Common Seal, affixed by order of the Vestry, at a Meeting held on the 1st day of April, 1862.

(Signed) R. SHAFTO HAWKS, Clerk.

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## APPENDIX No. I.

### Water Companies' Accounts.

Copy Account of Receipt and Expenditure of the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company, from 1st October, 1860, to 30th September, 1861.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bankers, 1st October, 1860.....				8340	2	10
Water Rates .....				61710	7	1
Shares and Loans .....				87340	0	0
<b>Paid on Account of—</b>						
New Work .....	20170	16	1			
Extension of Services .....	40861	14	1			
Law and Parliamentary Charges .....	971	1	6			
Repair of Works and Premises .....	1341	17	7			
Pumping Establishments .....	8628	18	3			
Salaries, Wages, Collectors, Commission, &c. ....	10041	2	9			
Rent and Taxes .....	3826	5	2			
Loans .....	22700	0	0			
Interests .....	15192	9	4			
Dividends .....	23036	3	7			
<b>Balance at Bankers, on 30th September, 1861....</b>	<b>10620</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>157390</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>

W. CLAY, Chairman.

T. F. MARSON,  
E. O. COE.



# APPENDIX No. II.

## VESTRYMEN, AUDITORS, AND OFFICERS OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

*Under the "Metropolis Local Management Act, 1855."*

1862.

### Vestrymen.

Rev. EDWARD BLICK, M.A., Rectory, Church-street.	
Captain ROBERT STRANACK, Paradise-row.	
Mr. EDMOND GEORGE DANNELL, Bedford-place, Deptford-road,	} Churchwardens.
Mr. ROBERT BRAKENBERRY, 358, Rotherhithe-wall	
Mr. JOHN HOLLINS, Midway-terrace, Deptford-road	To go out of Office in
Mr. CHARLES ERWIN, Walker-place, Deptford-road	1863
Mr. RICHARD BURCHAM, Paradise-row	"
Mr. JOHN WOODWARD BARRETT, Thames-street	"
Mr. JOHN COX, "Albion," Albion-street	"
Mr. JAMES FORD, 354, Rotherhithe-wall	"
Mr. SAMUEL TILLEY, 27, Paradise-row	"
Mr. JAMES ARNOLD, Church-passage	1864
Mr. JAMES HARE MATTHEWS, Augusta-place, Deptford-road	"
Mr. ROBERT TALBOT, Eden-terrace, Paradise-row	"
Mr. ROBERT ALLEN, Union-road	"
Mr. ROBERT NEWHAM, 381, Rotherhithe-wall	"
Mr. JOHN HEDGECOCK JENKINS, Princes-street	"
Mr. JAMES ROBERT GOODHEW, Lower York-street	"
Mr. WILLIAM STOTESBURY, Albion-street	"
Mr. WILLIAM JAMES BLAKE, Sarah-place, Swan-lane	1865
Mr. EDWARD TALBOT, Church-street	"
Mr. BENJAMIN HOLMAN, Plough-road	"
Mr. EDMOND GEORGE DANNELL, Bedford-place, Deptford-road	"
Mr. JOHN SANDERSON, Church-street	"
Mr. WILLIAM CASTON, JUN., Lower York-street	"
Mr. CHARLES HAY, Deptford-road	"
Mr. WILLIAM POWER, Neptune-street	"

### Auditors of Accounts.

Mr. THOMAS WILLIAM CLARKE, Rotherhithe-wall.  
 Mr. BARTHOLOMEW ROBSON, Lucas-street.  
 Mr. WILLIAM HARRIS, Mary's Cottages, Plough-road.  
 Mr. CLEMENT HAYWARD, 1, Neptune-street.  
 Mr. LUKE SEAR, Crystal-terrace, New-road.

### Officers of the Vestry.

ROBERT SHAFTO HAWKS, 61, Paradise-street, Clerk.  
 WILLIAM MURDOCH, M.D., Rotherhithe-street, Medical Officer of Health.  
 GEORGE LEGG, 61, King William-street, City, Surveyor of Sewers.  
 JOHN KELSEY, 72, Paradise-street, Surveyor of Pavements.  
 WILLIAM MATTHEW MARSHALL, Rotherhithe-wall, Collector of Paving, Lighting, and  
 Sewers Rates.  
 JOSEPH BISHOP, Paradise-row, Clerk of the Works.  
 JOSEPH JOHN SANDERS, Goldsworthy-place, Sanitary Inspector and Street Keeper.

### Representative at The Metropolitan Board of Works.

JOHN HUMPHERY, Esq., Alderman, Hay's Wharf, Tooley-street.

## PARISH OF SAINT MARY, ROTHERHITHE.

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**Churchwardens.**

CAPT. ROBERT STRANACK, Paradise-row.

MR. EDMOND GEORGE DANNELL, Bedford-place, Deptford-road.

**Overseers.**

MR. JAMES PARSONS, Paradise-street.

MR. THOMAS KNIGHT TIPPETT, Stringer's-row, Deptford-road.

MR. ROBERT BRAKENBERRY, Rotherhithe-wall.

MR. JAMES ROBERT GOODHEW, Lower York-street.

**Valuer.**

MR. CHARLES ERWIN, Walker-place, Deptford-road.

**Assistant Valuers.**

MR. JAMES ARNOLD, Church-passage.

MR. EDMOND GEORGE DANNELL, Bedford-place, Deptford-road.

MR. WILLIAM JAMES BLAKE, Sarah-place, Swan-lane.

MR. JOHN WOODWARD BARRETT, Thames-street.

**Vestry Clerk.**

R. SHAFTO HAWKS, 61, Paradise-street.

**Parish Clerk.**

EBENEZER BRADSHAW, Church-street.

**Sextoness.**

HARRIET NOWNE, Princes-street.

**Beadle.**

HENRY JOHN HAMBROOK, Portland-place, Deptford-road.

**Turncocks.***For the West Division of the Parish.*

EDWARD EASTON, 10, Riley Street, Great George Street, Bermondsey.

WILLIAM BROWN, 18, Marygold Street, Bermondsey.

*For the East Division.*

RICHARD TERRY, 4, Ridgewell Road Deptford.



## PARISH OF SAINT MARY, ROTHERHITHE.

*Guardians of the Poor, 1862.***Chairman.**

ROBERT STRANACK, Esq., Paradise-row.

**Vice-Chairman.**

CHARLES ERWIN, Esq., Walker-place, Deptford-road.

Mr. JAMES ARNOLD, Church-passage.  
 Mr. JAMES FORD, Rotherhithe-wall.  
 Mr. EDWARD TALBOT, Church-street.  
 Mr. ROBERT TALBOT, Eden-terrace, Paradise-row.  
 Mr. CHARLES HAY, Deptford-road.  
 Mr. EDMOND GEORGE DANNELL, Bedford-place, Deptford-road.  
 Mr. HENRY RAVENHILL, King and Queen Iron-works.  
 Mr. ROBERT BRAKENBERRY, Rotherhithe-wall.  
 Mr. WILLIAM JAMES BLAKE, Sarah-place, Swan-lane.  
 Mr. JAMES PAYNE, Plough-road.  
 Mr. JOHN WOODWARD BARRETT, Thames-street.  
 Mr. DANIEL SERLE, James-place, Deptford-road.  
 Mr. ALFRED THOMAS HOBMAN, Plough-road.

ROBERT SHAFTO HAWKS, 61, Paradise-street, Clerk to the Board.

**Medical Officers.**

WILLIAM SOWERBY WALLEN (East District), Portland-terrace, Deptford-road.  
 GEORGE WILLIAM NICHOLS (West District and Workhouse), Almond Tree House,  
 Deptford-road.

Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and Collector  
 of Poor's Rates.

GEORGE HOUSTOUN CLARK, 2, Goldsworthy-terrace, Deptford-road.

Registrar of Marriages and Relieving Officer.

JOHN GEORGE BAYLEY, 61, Paradise-street.

Registrar of Births and Deaths.

JOHN JAMES BAYLEY, 61, Paradise-street.





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*Vestry of Rotherhithe Surrey*

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ACCOUNT IN ABSTRACT  
OF  
RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE,

Year ending 25th March, 1862,

TOGETHER WITH A

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ALL CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO,

AND

WORKS COMMENCED AND COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR,

AND OF THE

MONEYS OWING TO, AND DEBTS OWING BY, THE

*Vestry*

ON THE 25th MARCH, 1862 .

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JOHN SMITH & Co., CONTRACTORS TO THE METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.



WE, Richard Burcham, Bartholomew Robson, Alexander Chambers and Martin Deakin  
the Auditors appointed by the Parishioners of the Parish of Rotherhithe in the County of Surrey  
to examine and audit the accounts of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe in the County of Surrey for the year ending 25th  
March, 1862, having carefully and diligently examined and investigated the accounts of the said Vestry for the period  
aforesaid, and the vouchers in support of the same; and the books, papers, instruments, and writings, in their custody or control relating thereto, do hereby certify  
and declare, that We have this day audited the said accounts of the said Vestry at their Office, situate No. Board Room at the Workhouse Rotherhithe  
in the County of Surrey in the presence of the following viz:— Richard Burcham  
Chairman Bartholomew Robson, Alexander Chambers and Martin Deakin  
and that the said accounts are true and correct in all particulars: and We do allow the same accordingly, and sign the same in token of such our allowance thereof.

Given under our hands this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1862.

Rich<sup>d</sup> Burcham  
Alex<sup>r</sup> Chambers  
Barth<sup>ol</sup> Robson  
M<sup>r</sup> Deakin

AUDITORS.

Office— 61 Paradise Street  
Rotherhithe





ACCOUNT IN ABSTRACT,  
SHOWING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE,  
Year ending 25th March, 1862,  
Under the "Metropolis Local Management Act," 18 and 19 Victoriae, Cap. 120.





Entered into by the \_\_\_\_\_ in the Year ending 25th March, 185\_\_\_\_\_, and of all Contracts subsisting at the commencement of that Year; and continued during the same, and of the Works Commenced and Completed in the Year ending 25th March, 185\_\_\_\_\_, and the Works remaining in Progress at the termination of the same Year.

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# Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe Surrey

## CONTRACTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF GENERAL WORKS AND SUPPLY OF MATERIALS,

Subsisting at the Commencement of, or entered into, during the Year ending 25th March, 1862

DATE, &c.	Date of Contract	Name of Party with whom Contract was made	Nature of Works to be Performed, and Materials to be Supplied	Observations
Paving Paving and General Purposes	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 1862	A & F Munnelle	Supply of Carriage paving Curb &c as per Schedule of prices	Entered into for one year from 25 <sup>th</sup> March 1862
	19 <sup>th</sup> March 1862	Samuel Cooper	Supply of Querns, Gravel Spalls and York Paving as per Schedule of prices	ditto ditto
	24 <sup>th</sup> March 1862	W and T. A. Gladdish	Supply of Sand and Gravel Limes as per Schedule of prices	ditto ditto
	12 November 1861	Alfred Henry Hobman	Scavenging and Dusting at £ 500 per annum	Entered into for one year from 17 <sup>th</sup> November 1861
	22 <sup>nd</sup> March 1862	John Smith & Company	Printing and Stationery as per Schedule of prices	ditto from 25 <sup>th</sup> March 1862
	24 <sup>th</sup> March 1862	Catherine Wright	Scand Hires and Cartage	ditto ditto
Lighting	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 1860	Surrey Consumers Gas Company	For lighting Public Lamps (£ 11 - 15 - 0 each per annum)	ditto for three years from 29 <sup>th</sup> September 1860
Querns	31 <sup>st</sup> March 1862	William Hunt	General jobbing works as per Schedule of prices	Entered into for one year from 25 <sup>th</sup> March 1862























ACCOUNT OF MONEYS owing to, and Debts owing by, the *Victory* of *Rotherhithe Surrey*  
on the 25th March, 1862.





ACCOUNT OF MONETARY OPERATIONS

MONTHLY STATEMENTS

Date	Balance forward	Receipts	Payments	Balance
1850	£ 1,000,000	£ 500,000	£ 200,000	£ 1,300,000
1851	£ 1,200,000	£ 600,000	£ 300,000	£ 1,500,000

No. 18.



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*Vestry of Rotherhithe Surrey*

# STATEMENT AND ACCOUNT

OF THE

# AMOUNT OF ALL CONTRACTS

ENTERED INTO,

AND OF

**ALL MONIES RECEIVED AND EXPENDED**

DURING THE YEAR,

AND ALSO OF

ALL ARREARS OF RATES, AND OTHER MONIES OWING TO, AND ALL MORTGAGES AND  
OTHER DEBTS AND LIABILITIES OWING BY, THE *Vestry*

ON THE 25th MARCH, 1862 .

JOHN SMITH & Co., CONTRACTORS TO THE METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.





WE, Richard Burcham, Bartholomew Robson, Alexander Chambers and Martin Deavin  
the Auditors appointed by the Parishioners of the Parish of Rotherhithe in the County of Surrey  
to examine and audit the accounts of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe in the County of Surrey for the year ending 25th  
March, 1862, having carefully and diligently examined and investigated the accounts of the said Vestry for the period  
aforesaid, and the vouchers in support of the same; and the books, papers, instruments, and writings, in their custody or control relating thereto, do hereby certify  
and declare, that We have this day audited the said accounts of the said Vestry at their ~~Office, situate No. 10, Broad Road at the Workhouse Rotherhithe~~  
in the County of Surrey in the presence of the following viz.:- Richard Burcham  
Chairman Bartholomew Robson, Alexander Chambers and Martin Deavin  
and that the said accounts are true and correct in all particulars: and We do allow the same accordingly, and sign the same in token of such our allowance thereof.

Given under our hands this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1862,

Rich<sup>d</sup> Burcham  
Alex<sup>r</sup> Chambers  
Barth Robson  
Martin Deavin

AUDITORS.

Office— 61 Paradise Street  
Rotherhithe





Entered into by the \_\_\_\_\_ during the Year ending 25th March, 185 .



Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe Surrey

CONTRACTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF GENERAL WORKS AND SUPPLY OF MATERIALS,

RATE, &c.	Date of Contract	Name of Party with whom Contract was made	Nature of Works to be Performed, and Materials to be Supplied	Observations
Paving Sweeping and General Repairs	3 <sup>d</sup> April 1862	J and F. Hammett	Supply of Carriage paving Curb &c as per Schedule of prices	Entered into for one year from 25 <sup>th</sup> March 1862
	19 <sup>th</sup> March 1862	Samuel Cooper	Supply of Guernsey Granite Slabs and York Paving as per Schedule of prices	ditto ditto
	21 <sup>st</sup> March 1862	Wm & T. Gladish	Supply of Stone and Ground Lime as per Schedule of prices	ditto ditto
	12 November 1861	Alfred Thomas Hobman	Scavenging and Dusting at £500 per annum	Entered into for one year from 17 <sup>th</sup> November 1861
	22 March 1862	John Smith Company	Printing and Stationery as per Schedule of prices	ditto from 25 <sup>th</sup> March 1862
	24 March 1862	Catherine Wright	Farm Hire and Cartage	ditto ditto
Lighting	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 1860	Surrey Consumers Gas Company	For lighting Public Lamps @ £4.15.0 each per annum	ditto for three years from 29 <sup>th</sup> September 1860
Sewers	31 <sup>st</sup> March 1862	William Stent	General jobbing works as per Schedule of prices	Entered into for one year from 25 <sup>th</sup> March 1862





During the Year ending 25th March, 1882 ,  
Under the "Metropolis Local Management Act," 18 and 19 Victoriae, Cap. 120.

RATE, &c.		CASH BALANCE at commencement of Year		RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR										PAYMENTS DURING THE YEAR										CASH BALANCE on the 25th March, 185							
				Rates, &c.		Contributions, &c.		Loans, &c.		Incidentals		TOTAL		Assessments by Metropolitan Board		Works		Establishment		Loans, &c.		Commissaries Baking		Lighting		TOTAL		In Credit		In Debt	
				£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Baking and		307 14 6																													
General				2452 19 1								2452 19 1																			
Persons																															





History of the Parish of Rotherhithe Surrey

STATEMENT AND ACCOUNT of all Arrears of Rates and other Monies owing to, and of all Mortgages, Debts, and Liabilities owing by, the

*Vesting of Rotherhithe Surrey* on the 25th March, 1862.





METROPOLIS LOCAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1855.

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# R E P O R T S

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

TO

The Vestry

OF

IN THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE,

S U R R E Y.

*From May, 1861, to April, 1862.*

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## SIXTY-FOURTH REPORT.

WOMEN,

At the recommendation of the Magistrates of the Greenwich Police an Indictment has been preferred at the Quarter Sessions, against Mr. Salmon, Manure Maker, and a true bill was found by the Jury.

An Indictment was also preferred against Mr. Lipscomb, Dust Collector for the Parish of Bermondsey. In this case too a true bill was found.

A large Dust Mound to the east of and opposite to Napier's Place, Rotherhithe Road, has been entirely removed; but another one has sprung up similar to and nearly as large as the former, to the north of Napier's Place and within forty feet of it.

There is also to the north-east of the same row of houses, and at a short distance from them, a smaller mound of House Refuse, formed by a Contractor for the Parish of Rotherhithe. I must express upon this occasion the same opinions which on previous occasions I have repeatedly given to this Board, namely, that all such accumulations, from whatever source, of animal and vegetable substances which they contain, are a source of decomposition and putrefaction, nuisances, and injurious to the health, more particularly during the summer months, and I must urge the necessity of taking steps for their removal.

While attempts are made by both the above-mentioned Contractors to burn the organic matters found among the ashes. In order perfectly to consume them by fire, it would require as much fuel as the heaps are composed of, cabbage stumps, turnip tops, dead animals, &c., being somewhat difficult to burn. These attempts rather increase the nuisance than diminish it. The slow fires smoulder day and night, and are quite inadequate for the purpose for which they are intended. The columns of black smoke arising from them are drifted by the wind to a considerable distance, to the great annoyance of the neighbourhood. Persons living near the Plough Road complain of these effluvia.

At the Union Chemical Works, the manufacture of Hydrochloric Acid is carried on as formerly. The apparatus used is of the roughest kind, and is not properly covered in. From leakage, from opening the pots to fill them, and from other causes, there is often an unpleasant



vapor of hydrochloric acid hanging about the premises. The landlady of a row of houses near the factory, declares that the value of his premises is thereby diminished.

At the house, 54, Lower Queen Street, the drainage has not been done to the satisfaction of the officers. A summons was taken out against the owner, who has promised to complete the work, as required, within a fortnight.

Thirty-eight deaths were registered in April, the mortality being rather under the average. For some months past hooping cough has been the only zymotic disease prevalent in Rotherhithe, but in April two deaths occurred from scarlatina. The Parish is at present healthy.

Yours respectfully,

May, 1861.

W. MURDOCK

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## SIXTY-FIFTH REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

THE case of the Queen on the prosecution of the Parish of Rotherhithe *v.* Lipscombe, was tried at the Surrey Sessions on Tuesday 21st May. After part of the evidence for the prosecution had been heard, the jury retired for a short space of time, during which the counsel for the prosecution and defence conferred together, and agreed to the following terms, namely:—that the defendant should plead guilty; he should be allowed to continue shooting dust in the same locality, at a greater distance from the dwelling houses until the expiration of his contract on the 24th June 1861; that in six weeks from the above date he should totally clear away all deposits; and that failing to fulfil any of these conditions he should be brought up for judgment.

The case of the Queen on the prosecution of the Parish of Rotherhithe *v.* Salmon, has been transferred to the Court of Queen's Bench by a writ of Certiorari, issued by the defendant. The nuisance on the premises continues unabated. On the 22nd May, about 11 p.m., I visited the place. Men could be seen at work under the arches, the stench on the side was nauseous in the extreme, and on ascending to the post office of the signalman on the Greenwich line, a dense cloud of vapor hovering over Salmon's premises was distinctly visible. On the following day I received a letter from an habitual passenger on the North Kent line, urging the Parish authorities to take steps for the abolition of what the writer justly calls a dangerous evil.

The disagreeable effluvia proceeding from the premises of Messrs Miller and Johnson, Manure Makers, Rotherhithe Street, are still occasionally complained of. A gas scrubber has been erected in this fact-



was only mitigated, not entirely abolished, the effluvia. Indeed it is a work of no small difficulty entirely to destroy the pungent and offensive gas which arises during the process of manure making. Persons passing along the Deptford Road, must have been struck by the unsightly appearance presented by two pools of stagnant water at the north-west corner of the Maynard Road. The putrefying of the water may become injurious to health, and the hollows being unprotected either by rail or fence, are dangerous at night to way-ward persons. Report says that an accident has already happened there.

Complaints of non-removal of the house refuse from the dwellings, have been made repeatedly to the officers and at the Office of the Vestry. The truth be told. The excellent arrangements of this Board in relation to the collection and removal of the dust have never yet been fully and effectually carried out. Now, as I have often before said, the regular removal of the ashes and offal from the houses is second only to good drainage and abundant water supply for the prevention of disease and the preservation of the health of the inhabitants. Pigs are kept at No. 15, Frederick Place, Commercial Street. A pig has been served and a promise obtained that the animals shall be removed in a few days.

At the Blue Bell public-house the cellar is continually flooded. The flooding causes great inconvenience to the occupier and renders the atmosphere unwholesome. It appears in some way connected with the high-pressure sewer running in front, a state of things analogous to that which the Surveyor has recently remedied at the Plough Tavern.

No. 27, King Street, proper drainage is wanted. Fifty-one deaths were registered last month. The only epidemic disease prevalent was hooping cough.

At the Census recently taken, the Parish of Rotherhithe contained 21,967 souls, of which 11,307 were males, and 11,650 females. According to the Census taken in the year 1851, the population of this Parish was 17,805 souls, so that the increase amounts to 5,152. In all calculations hitherto made by myself, I have for want of correct data estimated the population of the Parish at 20,000, thus rather over-rating mortality, and under-rating the healthfulness of Rotherhithe.

Yours respectfully,

W. MURDOCH.

June, 1861.

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## SIXTY-SIXTH REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

DURING the last six weeks or more, complaints have been repeatedly made and letters written to the Vestry Clerk and myself con-



cerning the abominable stench arising occasionally on the premises of the Surrey Consumers' Gas Company. The wind having, in the part of the month of June frequently blown from an easterly quarter, the upper part of Rotherhithe has much suffered from these stench. In consequence, several special visits have been made by me to the Works, to investigate, as far as possible, the cause of the nuisance. I have always chosen for my visits a time when the effluvia could be distinctly smelt, and the following conclusions are the result of my observations.

1st. That a very disagreeable sulphury smell is often produced by the slaking of the coke, and that such smell may be borne by the wind to a considerable distance.

2nd. That the worst stench is given off from the opening of the Purifiers.

Purifying is the last operation which gas undergoes before it is delivered to the public for consumption. The purifiers are large iron boxes filled with some substance having a strong affinity for sulphur, the principal object being to rid the gas of any sulphuretted hydrogen which it may contain.

Formerly wet lime was universally employed for that purpose, but for sanitary reasons of late years, salts or oxides of iron (generally the sulphate or the peroxide) mixed with sawdust, have been substituted for it.

After a time, these substances, from the decomposition of the sulphuretted hydrogen in the gas passing through them, become saturated with sulphur, or, more correctly speaking, become converted into sulphuret of iron, and thereby powerless to decompose the sulphuretted hydrogen. It is then necessary to open the purifiers.

Black sulphuret of iron, by being exposed to the air, becomes gradually decomposed, and by absorption of oxygen from the atmosphere it is again converted into peroxide of iron and free sulphur. Thus renovated, it may again be put into the purifier, and used afresh. The processes may be repeated several times on the mass.

This process of renovation is effected in many gas works by simply casting the black sulphuret out of the purifier on to the ground, and occasionally turning it; but at the Surrey Consumers' Gas Works it is never taken out of the purifiers at all. The lid of the box being lifted, the hot sulphury contents are moistened with water, and turned over with shovels, currents of air are then quickly sent through it, so as to obtain in a short space of time, say an hour or two, that oxidation of iron which is the result of a much slower process when the black sulphuret is exposed to the air on the ground.

This mode of proceeding, by rapid oxidation, is the cause of the nuisance so much complained of, all the stinking gases contained in the purifier being let off at once into the atmosphere.

The remedy would be to erect a building round the purifiers, and carry the gases either into water or a high chimney. I am assured



ing'neer of the Company that some such project is at present under the consideration of the Board of Directors.

At the houses in Mariner's Buildings, the drains were stopped.

At the houses numbered from 53 to 63, Lower Queen Street, Mr. [unclear]'s property, the cesspools are full and the drainage imperfect. [unclear]s have been served.

The dust mound at Plough Bridge is gradually lessening. No house has been lately shot there. The heaps are being sifted, and the [unclear] taken away in barges.

There is every reason to believe that the arrangements made by Mr. [unclear]ombe will be fairly carried out.

On Thursday, 20th June, at half-past eleven p.m., a fire broke out on the premises of Mr. Henry Levy, sack and bag merchant, Rotherhithe, opposite the Tunnel. The engines began to play on the fire at a quarter past twelve o'clock. I take this opportunity of mentioning to [unclear] the vigilance and activity of the Fire-escape Keeper stationed at St James's Church, Bermondsey, who, with his apparatus, was at the fire a quarter of an hour before any engine arrived.

Fifty-two deaths were registered in Rotherhithe in June. Only one of which was from epidemic disease (hooping cough.)

Yours respectfully,

W. MURDOCH.

July, 1861.

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## SIXTY-SEVENTH REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

PROPOSALS having been made to the Rev. Thos. Sedger, by Messrs. [unclear] and Charles, to take a lease of the premises at the back of the Noah's Ark, in Rotherhithe Street, for the purpose of establishing there a Composite Candle Factory, the former gentleman wrote letters to the Vestry Clerk and to myself, enquiring whether such factory would be considered by the parish authorities as likely to generate nuisance in the neighbourhood, and also whether their consent to its establishment might be obtained. The answer given was to the effect that the matter should be submitted by us to the consideration of the Board at its next meeting. Since the correspondence, however, Messrs. [unclear] and Charles have declined to take the lease, and thus the affair ended.

The dust-heap at Plough Bridge is gradually disappearing. There are still several small hillocks, composed of sifted cinders and broken materials for road-making. As the greater portion of the organic matter has been removed, the worst part of the nuisance is abated.



The house, No. 42, Trinity Street, projects out about two feet than No. 43. A right angle is thus formed by the two walls; tenants of the first house complain that this angle is made use of as a urinal by the public, and that they are, in consequence, subjected to considerable annoyance and inconvenience. I submit this complaint to the Vestry, with the remark that the owners of the houses Nos. 42 and 43 might easily come to an understanding, and remedy the evil at small expense.

Early in the month of July, information was received at the Council that a large quantity of fish had been sent to the Union Chemical Works, Union Road, for the purpose of making artificial manure, and that there was much dissatisfaction in that neighbourhood on account of the filthy effluvia emitted from the Works. The Inspector of the Medical Officer at once proceeded thither, and found that the statements were not exaggerated. There were on the premises several large tubs full of putrid fish, some of which were black as if they had been charred by fire or strong sulphuric acid. A notice was immediately served, and two days after all the fish had been removed from the premises. On the 16th July a horrible stench of fish again arose, and I again visited the Union Works, but did not find any fish on the premises, the foreman attributing the smell to the fact of the ovens being impregnated with the stink from the former bakings, a statement which I have much difficulty in believing. A few days after I called on Mr. Barber, Jamaica Level, Bermondsey, the owner of the Union Works. Mr. Barber solemnly declared that he is a practical chemist, and not a manure maker, that the foreman had taken in the fish upon his own responsibility, and without the master's sanction or knowledge. He then spoke for the foreman, and reprimanded him severely in my presence for his past conduct, and gave instructions as to the uncharging of the pots used in the manufacture of hydrochloric acid, which instructions, if properly carried out, will much abate the nuisance at the Union Works. Mr. Barber invited the frequent visits of the officers of this Vestry to the Works. I hope that a better state of things will henceforth exist.

Forty deaths were registered in July. Although diarrhœa being prevalent, the parish is more healthy than it generally is at this time of the year.

Yours respectfully,

August, 1861.

W. MURDOCH

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## SIXTY-EIGHTH REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

THE case of the Queen *v.* Salmon, on the prosecution of the Vestry of Rotherhithe, was partly tried at the Assizes at Croydon



Friday, 9th August. On the renewal of the trial, on the morning of Saturday, the 10th of August, it was suggested by the Judge that the matter should be left to Dr. Letheby, to say what apparatus the defendant could use with safety to avoid further nuisance. The defendant entered into his own recognizances in £200, and two sureties of £100 each, to carry out Dr. Letheby's instructions, and to cease accumulations unless and until Dr. Letheby should certify that he might proceed.

In a building on the east side of Clarke's Orchard, a cat-gut maker for some time carried on his business. The attention of the parish officers has been on former occasions directed to this factory, and it has been mentioned in the Reports. Of late, probably from the long-continued hot weather, the complaints of the neighbouring inhabitants have become more numerous and frequent. It has been repeatedly pointed out by the officers. I recommended a free use of disinfectants, and issued a notice to be served. Any further proceedings against the manufacturer must depend on the decision of this Board. The substance used is the entrails of sheep, and the smell inside the factory is something terrific. Any one not gifted by nature with a strong stomach ought not to enter therein.

Stench is still occasionally given off from the Gas-works. In the 67th Report, July, 1861, their origin was fully stated.

The Piggeries near the Railway Arches continue in the same state as heretofore. A collection of thirty or forty hogs, during the summer months, will smell unpleasantly, notwithstanding any care which may be bestowed upon it. The owners seem to strive to the best of their ability to keep the places clean. One piggery has no drainage, the other runs into an open ditch. All the other cases mentioned in the Agenda Paper have relation to imperfections of drainage, and a notice has been served in each case respectively.

Forty-three deaths were registered last month in Rotherhithe, a mortality much larger in appearance than in reality, for nine of the number were persons drowned or picked up dead in the river; one found dead, and another killed by accident (in all eleven), so that the mortality from disease amounted to thirty-two only. One death occurred from hooping cough, which still lingers in the neighbourhood, and six from diarrhœa, other epidemic diseases being at present prevalent in the Parish. The elapsed month was remarkably fine and warm, the average day temperature was 72° taken at 1 P.M., whereas in August, 1860, it was only 67° or five degrees lower than during the corresponding month of the present year.

Yours respectfully,

W. MURDOCH.

September, 1861.



## SIXTY-NINTH REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

FOURTEEN Butchers have applied to the Vestry for licenses Slaughterhouses. Of that number eleven ask for the renewal of licenses already granted, the other three are fresh applicants. To the former objection can be made, as their slaughterhouses are in the same state last year. I shall, therefore, limit my observations to the fresh applicants.

The first is a pork butcher named Haarer, 353, Rotherhithe Wall. The proposed slaughterhouse is at the back of the house on a level with the yard, but below that of the street, and appears to have been originally a wash-house. The floor is stone paved, the drainage good and the water supply abundant. The place is destined for killing pigs only. The next is Mr. [unclear], Elephant Lane, formerly One [unclear].

The building is at the back of and detached from the building, and was formerly erected for the purpose of slaughtering cattle, but has not been used for some years. The drainage and other appliances are good. The third is Mr. Lamb, 8, Commercial Place, Deptford Road. The slaughterhouse is a shed at the bottom of the yard, and consists of a loft and basement floor stone paved. Every thing is in good order and very clean.

I beg to recommend these applications to the favorable consideration of the Board.

Let it be here remarked in justice to the butchers of Rotherhithe that neither last year nor previously, has any complaint been made by the Officers of any nuisance arising from or connected with a slaughterhouse. They are generally kept clean and are well conducted, and I have always found their owners willing to adopt any improvements suggested.

The drainage of the houses 270, 271, and 272, Rotherhithe Street passes along Pump Court and through the yard of the Bull's Head Beershop. Some stoppage having occurred in the latter locality, Pump Court was flooded for several days during the early part of September. The obstacle has however been removed and the nuisance abated.

At the White Lion, Rotherhithe Wall, the scullery is placed in front of the house. All the liquid refuse poured down the sink of the scullery discharges itself by a pipe into the street, passing along a groove in the flag stones to the gutter, where it has to travel forty feet and cross the road, before it can arrive at the grating by the corner of Elephant Lane. That part of the street is in consequence always wet and dirty; both the foot-passengers and the neighbours complain of it.

The cellar at Thanet Cottage, Swan Lane, is, from some stoppage in the drain pipes, always full of water. The owner and occupier, Mr.



also, complains that her house is thereby rendered damp and un-  
inhabitable, and her health injured.

Since the last meeting there have fewer complaints against the cat-gut  
works in Clark's Orchard. This fact may be accounted for by the  
weather having become cooler, and by the maker employing an increased  
quantity of disinfectants.

Forty-eight deaths were registered last month in Rotherhithe. De-  
ducting from this number one death from violence and seven from  
accident, there remain forty from disease, or about the monthly average.  
There were seven deaths from diarrhoea, no other epidemic disease being  
at present prevalent in the neighbourhood.

Yours respectfully,

W. MURDOCH.

Gober, 1861.

## SEVENTIETH REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

COMPLAINTS are occasionally made in different parts of the Western  
division of Rotherhithe, of the deficiency of the water supply from the  
London and Vauxhall Company. No place has suffered more from  
this deficiency than the neighbourhood of Clare Hall Cottages. In  
the early part of October, a message and a letter signed by a great  
number of the inhabitants of that district were sent to me, to the effect,  
that the cottages had been for a week without water at all, and that  
when by chance it did come on, it was in so small a quantity as not to  
be sufficient for the household purposes of one day. I immediately  
addressed myself to the turncock, who did his best to remedy the evil,  
and upon enquiry a few days ago I found that the supply had been very  
much better than before complaint was made. It appears to me that  
the scantiness of water in many places in Rotherhithe is in some mea-  
sure owing to the great waste which daily takes place, and that it would  
be much to the benefit of the public, and also to the profit of the com-  
pany, if some surveillance were exercised over the butts and receiving  
vessels, and if such butts and vessels were properly fitted with ball-taps  
or other apparatus for cutting off the supply when they are filled. In  
the present state of things, the loss of water from the low services is so  
great, that a cistern placed fifteen or twenty feet above the level of the  
road often receives no water, or is only partially filled even on those  
days when the pressure is highest at the central works.

On Monday, 28th October, the summons taken out against the cat-  
gut maker in Clark's Orchard was partly heard at the Greenwich Police  
Court. The case was adjourned for six weeks to give to the proprietor  
time to use the best means in his power to mitigate or suppress the



nuisance. The latter is occasioned by the gases arising from the entrails of the animals, while undergoing the necessary processes for being converted into cat-gut. I have recommended the maker to keep the lower part of the factory closed as far as possible, to place in the factory vessel gradually giving off small quantities of chlorine, and to erect on the top of the building a long funnel with a ventilator.

On the same day the summons against the fish-boilers near the Plough Bridge was also partly heard, and adjourned for the same purpose as the preceding one. On Thursday, however, 24th October, the fish-boiling was going on as usual, and the stench was so offensive that a crowd collected, and one of the proprietors, according to his own statement, was threatened by the assembled multitude with personal violence, and broad hints were thrown out that if the nuisance was not speedily suppressed, a summary process would be employed for that purpose. Another summons was, therefore, taken out and heard on Wednesday, 30th October, when it was finally settled that all work in the factory should be stopped, until apparatus had been erected to satisfy the Medical Officer that the business could be carried on without annoyance to the inhabitants.

Two sources of nuisance exist at this factory, one is from the steaming of the fish, the other from the leakage of the tank in which the liquid from the steamed fish is accumulated, and of which the sickening effluvia could be plainly smelt at one hundred feet from the building. I recommend:—1st, that the tank, which is of wood, be lined with metal and made air and water-tight, and properly covered; 2nd, that the fish be steamed in a closed boiler with a pipe annexed, to convey the waste steam into a high shaft.

Several Vestrymen who happened on Thursday, 24th October, to be in the neighbourhood of the factory, had nasal demonstration of the intensity of the nuisance from the operation of fish cooking.

Thirty-nine deaths were registered in Rotherhithe last month, of which seven were from drowning and thirty-two from disease. No less than ten persons, or nearly one-third of the whole, died from pulmonary consumption, two from fever, one from diarrhoea, and one from hooping cough; measles, scarlatina, and small-pox are at present absent.

Yours respectfully,

November, 1861.

W. MURDOCH.

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## SEVENTY-FIRST REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

Most persons passing along the Deptford Lower Road, have remarked that latterly a part of the garden land near the China Hall Gate, in the occu-



the yard of Mr. Brandon, has been flooded. This flooding extends to the north side of Commercial Street, and is attributed by the popular voice to the leakage of the embankment of the recently formed timber pond on the premises of the Surrey Canal Dock Company. On Saturday, the 23rd November, I visited Commercial Street in company with the Inspector. The yard of almost every house on the north side was in a damp state as if it had been recently covered with water. At Nos. 28, 29, 30, there was a large pool, and between the yard and the embankment of the timber pond, a sort of gutter or ditch evidently formed by the leakage. At No. 1, William Street, a turning out of Commercial Street to the north, the dwelling and back premises were in a deplorable state. The tenant declared that there were often seventeen inches depth of water under the boards of the ground floor. The Inspector took out a rule and found the depth to be at that moment nine inches. The cupboards were all damp, the walls wet, and the paper peeling off from them. Other premises were in almost as bad a condition. No. 3, Frederick Place was empty, but we were told at the door by the previous tenant, that she had left the house because of its damp state, and two of her daughters had been affected with acute rheumatism.

Wellington Street, Deptford Road, is inundated from another cause; there being no drainage, the street in wet weather becomes a lake, such accumulations of stagnant liquid must render the district aguish and unhealthy.

The house, No. 1, Orange Place, is in a very dilapidated state. The yard is occasionally inundated from some imperfection in the drainage. The water supply is obtained from the next house, the roof is leaky, the walls are cracked, and undermined by rats.

At No. 15, Stanley Terrace, there is a defect of drainage.

At the cat-gut factory, Clark's Orchard, the improvements suggested have been carried out; an apparatus continually giving off chlorine is placed in the factory, and a zinc tube with a cowl has been raised on the top of the building.

At the Guano sheds near the Plough Bridge, no work appears to be carried on. I have visited the place frequently but have never been able to obtain permission.

On Monday, 25th November, I had an interview with Dr. Letheby at Dr. Salmon's premises. The doctor suggested certain alterations which ought to be made on the works to abate the nuisance. When those alterations have been made, I will report thereon to this Board.

Forty-three deaths were registered in Rotherhithe during the elapsed month.

Yours respectfully,

W. MURDOCH.

December, 1861.



## SEVENTY-SECOND REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

For some years past, the inhabitants of Swan Lane and its immediate vicinity, have often been seriously inconvenienced by offensive smells issuing from the premises of Mr. Fisher, wharfinger, in Rotherhithe Street. Such smells have been justly attributed to the practice of landing, housing, and kiln-drying damaged grain on those premises. Numerous notices have been served on the occupier, and if more stringent measures have not been employed, it was because the nuisances alluded to have been speedily abated, and also on account of the unwillingness of this Board to resort to legal proceedings unless forced thereto by absolute necessity.

On the 11th December, and the following days, a cargo of wheat damaged by salt water was landed and housed at Mr. Fisher's. An overpowering stench, increased threefold by the process of kilndrying, immediately pervaded the whole district. There was a general outcry among the inhabitants of the locality, and the passengers along Rotherhithe and the neighbouring streets. Complainants in large numbers addressed themselves to the Sanitary Officers, to enquire whether there was no summary means of suppressing the abomination. A notice was at once served, and followed by a summons, which was heard on the 27th of December, when the Defendant was convicted, an order was obtained for the removal of the nuisance forthwith, and prohibiting its recurrence. The stench given off surpassed everything of the sort reported upon by me to this Vestry, both for its intensity and its persistency. Other stenchs, from gas-works, manure-works, and the like, are transient and intermittent, but during a whole fortnight the inhabitants of the dwellings near Mr. Fisher's warehouses, never had a moment's remission from the noxious effluvia. They penetrated into parlours and bedrooms, disturbing people's meals and rest, extended themselves far and wide, and were perceptible in the Rotherhithe New-road, more than half-a-mile off, when the wind was blowing in that direction. Several of the teachers and children of the schools adjoining Mr. Fisher's premises were so ill that it was thought advisable to close those establishments. If, by the decision of the magistrate, the parish of Rotherhithe has permanently got rid of such an evil, there is much reason for congratulation.

Notices have been served at Rose Cottage, Deptford Road, and at Nos. 2 and 3, Albert Place, Union Road, for imperfections of drainage.

Thirty-six deaths, a number below the monthly average, were registered last month. The mortality, however, is not always an exact criterion of the healthfulness of a place. Thus, during December, there was much illness in Rotherhithe, although the cases were not of a serious or fatal nature. Low fever is prevalent, particularly among children, and both measles and scarla-



have re-appeared; two deaths from the former, and one from the latter, having been registered.

Yours respectfully,

W. MURDOCH.

January, 1862.

## SEVENTY-THIRD REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

In my Report of December, 1861, I described the flooded state of many of the back-yards of the houses on the north side of Commercial Street, Deptford Road. My attention has been again called to that place, and on Friday, 31st ult., it was visited and carefully examined by the Surveyor, Mr. Legg, and myself. I have but little to add to the statements previously made.

The back premises of the dwelling-houses, numbered from 1 to 9, have not suffered, but between Nos. 10 and 31, and also in William Street, and in Frederick Place, Commercial Street, a great number of the yards have been inundated. In some cases the water has nearly covered the yards, in others it has penetrated under the flooring of the houses, rendering them wet and unwholesome. Several persons in the row have been affected with rheumatism, which they naturally enough attribute to the dampness of their dwellings. The flooding seems to be caused, not exactly by leakage of the subbankment, as is generally believed, but by filtration or percolation of the water through the earth, and becomes, as might be expected, much worse when the tide rises in the timber pond, the pressure being thereby increased.

Let it be remarked here, that the greater number of the dwellings examined in Commercial Street, do not possess those sanitary requirements which are deemed necessary for every well-regulated residence. Thus, none of the water-closets are supplied with water, many of the pans are full, and along the whole road we did not see one properly-constructed dust-bin. The heaps of ashes and house refuse in almost every yard, spoke little in favour of the tidy habits of the inhabitants, or the diligence of the dustmen.

At the Jolly Calkers, at some distance from the road, there is a wooden urinal, which is often in a dirty state. The floor is stone paved, and has in it a small grating about four inches square, communicating with a cesspool. A notice has been served to the effect that the drainage of the urinal be connected with the sewer.

Some complaints of offensive smells issuing from the Guano-sheds, Plough Bridge, were made in the early part of January. Fish steaming has not, of late, been practised there. The stench arose from the process of emptying the tank containing the liquid result of former cookings. As the



fluid in the tank has been racked off into casks, the smell has gradually diminished, and at my last visit it was confined to the precincts of the building.

In the month of January, the mortality is usually large, nor has the year 1862 differed in this respect from its predecessors. Fifty deaths were recorded. They are from various causes, there being no particular disease at present prevalent in Rotherhithe.

Yours respectfully,

February, 1862.

W. MURDOCH.

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## SEVENTY-FOURTH REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

COMPLAINT having been made of the state of the back-yard of Mr. Haarer, pork-butcher, Rotherhithe Wall, his premises were several times during the elapsed month, visited by the Sanitary Officers. The yard is about 35 feet long and 14 wide, and on its west side stands a large pig-stye. The drainage is good, the drains having been recently opened and cleared. The stye is at present tenanted by eight half-grown swine, which the proprietor declares that he keeps there for slaughter, in the legitimate pursuit of his calling. The place is now clean and orderly, and there is no smell. The weather, however, being very cold at the time of the examinations, I interrogated the neighbours whether they had at any time been inconvenienced by the effluvia arising from Mr. Haarer's yard. They answered no; one person, however, stated that he was frequently disturbed during the night by the pigs grunting and squeaking.

At No. 5, Swan Lane, the yard is flooded with sewage from some imperfection in the drain. A notice has been served.

The drainage of Riches Place, and part of that of Orange Place, run into an open ditch, which is in a very foul condition. A notice has been served to the effect that the drainage be carried into the Deptford Road Sewer. The ditch in the rear of Dartmouth Terrace, Rotherhithe New Road, notwithstanding the attention bestowed upon it, emits, when the water is low, noxious effluvia. Two unsightly privies discharge themselves into that ditch.

On Mr. Shepherd's ground, at the back of Dunn's Cottages, a factory is being erected. The owner purposes purifying salt cake (sulphate of soda) and manufacturing artificial manure. The first operation will not occasion any nuisance. A complicated apparatus is being set up, to prevent the evo-



luta and escape of noxious gases in manure making. I cannot venture to give an opinion upon the result till I have seen the apparatus at work. Fifty-one deaths were registered last month.

Yours respectfully,

W. MURDOCH.

March, 1862.

## SEVENTY-FIFTH REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

DURING the elapsed month much attention has been given by the Sanitary Officers to the premises of Mr. Salmon, manure-maker, Brighton Railway Works. The apparatus recently erected on those premises for the purpose of preventing the escape of gases during the mixing of artificial manure, was tested on Saturday, 9th March, in the presence of Dr. Letheby, Dr. Odling, and myself. The apparatus consists of an iron box with close-fitting lid, and capable of holding about half a ton of the materials employed. The box is revolved by a spindle or cylinder armed with strong iron teeth, and which is made to revolve by a handle and wheel. The box having been charged with the usual ingredients, the handle is turned for four or five minutes by two men, and the contents, agitated and worked in every direction by the teeth of the cylinder, are soon mixed thoroughly, and converted into a homogeneous mass. A flap of the box is then opened, the newly-mixed manure is raked out, and falls into a chamber beneath. The gases evolved during the process pass up a chimney into a scrubber, or close vessel full of wet coke, a streamlet of water there meeting them as they rise, and dissolving them, they being all soluble. The refuse water from the scrubber is conveyed by a small pipe into a tank below, and used again in the mixing. Any gas escaping the solvent action of the water, passes from the scrubber into an iron tube, and hence under a fire of glowing coke, and the result of the combustion by the coke goes up an iron funnel or shaft, rising twelve or fourteen feet above the level of the railway. The constant current of air from the box to the shaft, is kept up by the coke fire. The apparatus is well suited for the purposes it has to fulfil, and if properly worked, and kept free from leakage, will much abate the nuisance hitherto complained of. The only gas which can escape into the factory during the operation of mixing being the small quantity hanging about the newly-made manure when the flap is opened to let it fall into the chamber below.

The nuisance occasioned by the accumulation of decomposing animal matter in the factory, is at present remedied, to a certain extent, by storing such substances in a close compartment with only one opening, namely, the

door. As the door, however, when the work is going on, is of necessity frequently opened, I will not venture an opinion on the efficacy of the plan until proved and tried by the test of warm weather.

To conclude, the state of the place is much improved.

A temporary permission to work has been granted to Mr. Salmon by the eminent chemist appointed by the Court, and there can be no doubt that permanent authorization will not be granted until the manufacture can be carried on without nuisance or injury to the public.

On Friday, 21st March, the flooding in the back yards on the north side of Commercial Street, increased considerably. On that day the tide in the Thames rose above its ordinary height, and consequently there was a greater body of water than usual in the timber pond. I merely mention this circumstance to bear out the statement previously made by me, that the inundated state of the yards on the north side of Commercial Street, is caused by the percolation of water from the pond.

At the privies in Church Street, at No. 11, St. Mary's Buildings, 15, Hambly Place, 18, Swan Lane, and 1, China Hall Place, the drainage is imperfect, and a notice has been served in each case respectively.

Forty-nine deaths were registered in March.

Yours respectfully,

April, 1862.

W. MURDOCH.



