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THIRTY-SECOND
GENERAL REPORT
OF
THE VESTRY
OF THE
PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE,
SURREY,

For the Year ending 25th March, 1888.

Pursuant to the Act. 18 and 19 Vic. cap. 120.

London:

E. WILLOUGHBY, MACHINE PRINTER, 27 LOWER ROAD, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.

1889.

WE, RICHARD PAINTER, WILLIAM GREENWOOD, WILLIAM JAMES ALLEY,
and WILLIAM THOMAS GARNER, 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, aforesaid, for the
year ending 25th March, 1888, having carefully and dilligently 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, instrumants, 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 PAINTER, (Chairman),
WILLIAM GREENWOOD, WILLIAM JAMES ALLEY, and WILLIAM THOMAS GARNER,
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 28th day of May, 1888.

(Signed),

RICHARD PAINTER,
WILLIAM THOS. GARNER,
WILLIAM JAMES ALLEY,
WILLIAM GREENWOOD,

} *Auditors.*

Vestry Office, Lower Road,
Rotherhithe, S.E.

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY. ACCOUNT IN ABSTRACT.

Showing the Receipts and Expenditure for One Year ending 25th March, 1888, under the "Metropolis Local Management Act," 18th and 19th Victoria, cap. 120.

RATE.	Cash Balance		RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.						PAYMENTS DURING THE YEAR.								Cash Balance on the 25th March, 1888.	
	In Credit.	In Debit	Rates.	Contributions	Loans.	Interest.	Totals.	Metro-politan Bnd.	Works.	Establisshment.	Loans.	Watering.	Lighting.	Totals.	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.	£ s.		
Paving and General Purposes Rate ...	4129 16 9	...	18822 0 0	...	...	...	4129 16 9	...	Paving Jobbing 761 8 3 Special Paving Works 1831 3 2 Day Labour 1643 0 1 Cartage 2002 1 3 Stone 606 16 10 Dusting 1010 14 0 School Board 7176 6 7 Accounts 221 12 11	Salaries 2244 16 6 Interest 687 2 10 Valuation Committee 45 0 0 Rents 161 5 8 Accounts 390 17 4	2244 16 6 Interest 687 2 10	479 17 1	...	479 17 1	2828 4 7	...
				New Streets 195 11 1 Sundries 74 11 2	...	19 0 0	18822 0 0						...	2931 19 4				
					...	...	270 2 3					...	...	1611 10 5		
Lighting Rate...			1660 0 0	...	...	...	1660 0 0			Commisn. 19 16 11	...	...	...	15253 3 1		
				3 7 4	...	Interest 0 15 2	0 15 2				...	...	1600 17 2	19 16 11		
					...	...	3 7 4	6511 6 2			...	...	...	1600 17 2		
Sewers Rate ...			8268 0 0	...	...	...	8268 0 0			Salaries 460 0 0 Commisn. 103 17 8	...	...	...	6511 6 2		
				Drains 122 8 8 Sundries 2 6	...	Interest 13 0 0	13 0 0				...	...	...	563 17 8		
					...	...	122 11 2		Sewers 239 18 6 Labour 732 11 9 Cartage 298 10 6 Accounts 236 19 6		...	...	...	1508 0 3		
							£33,308 12 8				...	...	...	30480 8 1		

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.
GENERAL ABSTRACT OF WORKS.

Executed under Contracts, Agreements, &c., for Special and General Works. One Year ending 25th March, 1888.

Paving and General Purposes Rate.							Paving.				Watering.	Cleansing and Repairing Macadamized Roads and Streets.	Improving.	Removing Dust.	Totals.
							Footway.	Carriageway.							
							£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Paving Jobbing Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	500 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	500 0 0
Ditto ditto ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	261 8 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	261 8 3
Broken Stone, &c., for Roads	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	606 16 10	...	...	...	...
Wages of Day Labourers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1643 0 1	...	...	...	...
Carriage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2002 1 3	...	...	...	...
Watering Roads	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	479 17 1	...	...	...	...	479 17 1
Removing Dust	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1010 14 0	...	1010 14 0
															£6503 17 6

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

ABSTRACT OF WORKS.

Executed under Contracts, Agreements, &c., for Special and General Works. One Year ending March 25th, 1888

CONSTRUCTION BRICK SEWERS.	COST	PIPE SEWERS.										Openings to Sewers.					COST.	Repairs and Alterations to Sewers, Gulleys, &c.	Cleansing including Flushing, Casting, Lifting, Cartage, and Repairs caused thereby.	Incidental Works.	Improvement Works.	TOTAL																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												
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GEORGE LEGG, Surveyor,
King William Street, London Bridge.

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ALL CONTRACTS

Entered into by the Vestry in the year ending 25th March, 1888, and of all Contracts subsiding at the commencement of that year, and continuing during the same, and of the Works commenced and completed in the year ending 25th March, 1888, and the Works remaining in progress at the termination of the same year.

CONTRACTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF SPECIAL WORKS.

Rate	Date of Contract	Locality.	Name of Contractor.	Nature of Works to be performed.	Contract Price.	Quantity of work commenced and completed during the Year.	Amount of extra work.	Actual cost of works.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Paving	8th Sept. 1886.	Rotherhithe New Road	Messrs. Turner and Son	Paving the carriageway from Bush-rd. westward to a point determined by the west side of the Viaduct of the S.E.R. near Raymouth-road	2620 0 0	620 0 0	15 19 0	2635 19 0
	8th Sept. 1886.	Raymouth Road	Messrs. Turner and Son	Paving the carriageway from Rotherhithe New-rd., to the boundary of the parish in Southwark Park-road ...	1210 0 0	310 0 0	...	1210 0 0
	"	Deptford Lower Road	Messrs. Turner and Son	Paving the carriageway at the entrance to Hawkstone road	240 15 2	240 15 2	...	240 15 2
	22nd Mar. 1887.	Princes' Street	Mr. James Etheridge.	Paving the carriageway, Princes'-street, and relaying the footway paving	422 18 0	422 18 0	...	422 18 0
	"	Dilston Grove	Mr. J. Etheridge	Paving footway...	174 10 0	174 10 0	...	174 10 0
	"	Prospect Place (side ways)	Mr. J. Etheridge	Paving footways ...	63 0 0	63 0 0	...	63 0 0

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.
CONTRACTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF GENERAL WORKS AND SUPPLY OF MATERIALS.

Existing at the commencement of, or entered into, during the year ending 25th March, 1888.

Rates.	Date of Contract.	Name of Party with whom Contract was made.	Nature of Works to be performed, and Materials to be supplied.	Term of Contract.
Paving and General Purposes.	28th March, 1888.	William Reed	Dusting (Vestry to pay the Contractor £850)	Entered into for One Year from 25th March, 1888.
	28th March, 1888.	Mr. Edwin Willoughby	Printing and Stationery as per Schedule of Prices	Ditto.
	22nd March, 1888.	Mr. James Henry Ethridge	Paving—Jobbing Work, as per Schedule of Prices	Ditto.
	24th March, 1888.	Messrs. A. T. Hobman & Son	Team hire and Cartage as per Schedule of Prices... ..	Ditto.
Lighting	25th March, 1888.	The South Metropolitan Gas Company.	For Lighting the Public Lamps with Gas at £3 7s. 4d. each per annum	...
Sewers	25th March, 1888.	Messrs. Henry Woodham & Edmund Fry	Sewers General Jobbing Works as per Schedule of Prices	Entered into for One Year from 25th March, 1888.

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

Statement and Account of Arrears of Rates and other Monies owing to, and of the Mortgages, Debts and Liabilities owing by the Vestry on the 25th March, 1888.

(10)

Rate.	Monies Owing to the Vestry.					Debts and Liabilities Owing by the Vestry.						Total.
	Cash Balance.	Due from Overseers.	Contributions	Loan.	Total.	Cash Balance.	Assessment by Metropolitan Board of Works.	Loans, Mortgages, &c.	Special Contracts Outstanding	Tradesmen's Bills and Accounts.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	1925 7 5 ³ / ₄				1925 7 5 ³ / ₄					2986 4 6	2986 4 6	
Paving ...		...	Parfitt Road 8 6 0 Eugenia Road 5 11 8 Dilston Grove 15 5 4	...	29 3 0			The London Life Association 473 2 0 Eagle Insurance Company 2500 0 0 Atlas Assurance Company 3670 0 0 Metropolitan Board of Works 1764 0 0 Metropolitan Board of Works. 1400 0 0 Metropolitan Board of Works. 1440 0 0 Metropolitan Board of Works. 232 0 0 Metropolitan Board Works 3800 0 0			
Lighting ...	616 14 2 ¹ / ₄	...	...	...	616 14 2 ¹ / ₄				...	419 12 6	15279 2 0 419 12 6
Sewers.....	17 6 8	...	...	...	17 6 8					217 11 9	217 11 9
					£2588 11 4						£18,902 10 9	

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

Summary Statement.

One Year ending 25th March. 1888.

Paving and General Purposes Account.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance on 25th March, 1887	3339	4	7 ³ / ₄
„ Cash from Overseers on Account of Paving Rate ...	18822	0	0
„ „ Interest on current Account with London and Westminster Bank	19	0	0
„ „ Contributions from Overseers towards cost of Paving New Streets	195	11	1
„ „ The Churchwardens of St. Mary, Rotherhithe, on account of Plaistow Charity Estate ...	70	0	0
„ „ Fees under the Canal Boats Registration Act...	1	15	0
„ „ Sundry Contributions	2	16	2

	£	s.	d.
By paid Salaries	786	0	0
„ „ Commission	228	7	5
„ „ Rent of Vestry Offices	100	0	0
„ „ „ Stone Yard	48	9	8
„ „ „ Board Room of Workhouse	5	0	0
„ „ „ Yard, Bush Road... ..	7	16	0
„ „ Paving Jobbing Works	761	8	3
„ „ „ Dilston Grove	174	10	0
„ „ „ Rotherhithe New Road, (part of) ...	620	0	0
„ „ „ RAYMOUTH ROAD	310	0	0
„ „ „ Deptford Lower Road, at entrance to Hawkstone Road	240	15	2
„ „ „ Princes' Street	422	18	0
„ „ „ Prospect Place, (side ways)... ..	63	0	0
„ „ Day Labour	1643	0	1
„ „ Cartage	2002	1	3
„ „ Broken Stone for Roads	606	16	10
„ „ Watering Roads... ..	479	17	1
„ „ Loans and Interest	2931	19	4
„ „ Valuation Committee Expenses	45	0	0
„ „ Removing Dust... ..	1010	14	0
„ „ Stationery, Printing, &c.	36	11	4
„ „ Expenses under Sale of Food and Drug Act ...	2	4	6
„ „ Expenses under Nuisance Removal and Sanitary Acts	85	5	3
„ „ London School Board Precept	7176	6	7
„ „ Expenses for Ballot for Vestrymen	37	10	4
„ „ Expenses under Canal Boats Registration Act..	4	3	0
„ „ Owners of Property in Eugenie Road, amount of Apportionment paid in excess of Contract sum for paving the said Road	52	4	8
„ „ Tradesmen's Bills, &c.	394	11	2
	20276	9	11
Balance	2173	16	11 ³ / ₄
	£22,450	6	10 ³ / ₄

£22,450 6 10³/₄

£22,450 6 10³/₄

Summary Statement—Continued.

Lighting Account.

One Year ending 25th March, 1888.

	£	s.	d.
To Cash on 25th March, 1887	562	5	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
" „ received from Overseers on Account of Lighting Rate	1660	0	0
" „ Interest on current Account with Landon and Westminster Bank	0	15	2
" „ Mr. Day's Contribution for Lighting Lamp at corner of Warndon Street	3	7	4
	<u>£2226</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3$\frac{1}{4}$</u>

	£	s.	d.
By paid Lighting one Year	1600	17	2
" „ Commission	19	16	11
	<u>1620</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>605</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>2$\frac{1}{4}$</u>
	<u>£2226</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3$\frac{1}{4}$</u>

Sewers Account.

	£	d.	s.
To Balance on 25th March, 1887	228	6	4
" „ Cash received from Overseers on Account of Sewers Rate	8268	0	0
" „ for putting in Drains	122	8	8
" „ Interest on current Account with London and Westminster Bank	13	0	0
" „ Mr. R. Moore, rent of Ground over site of Sewer, Derrick Street	0	2	6
	<u>£8631</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>

	£	s.	d.
By paid Salaries one Year	460	0	0
" „ Commission	103	17	8
" „ The Metropolitan Board of Works Precept	6511	6	2
" „ Labour	732	11	9
" „ Cartage	298	10	6
" „ General Drainage Works	239	18	6
" „ Expenses of maintaining and Water supply to Urinals	98	0	6
" „ Stationery, Printing, &c.	23	1	0
" „ Tradesmen's Bills, &c.	115	18	0
	<u>8583</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
Balance	48	13	5
	<u>£8631</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>

THE THIRTY-SECOND GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY,

For the Year ending the 25th of March,

1888.

During the past year **23** General and Special Meetings and **32** Committee Meetings have been held.

Sewers Works.

The following lengths of Pipe Sewers and Drains have been laid during the year, viz.:

4 feet of 15-inch pipe

414	„	12	„
336	„	9	„
412	„	6	„
12	„	4	„

Total 1178 feet

Ten gulleys, one side entrance, four air and flushing shafts, and thirty-three drain mouths have been formed and constructed, the cost of which in detail is shown in the General Abstract at page 7 hereof.

The following is a statement of applications made to the Vestry to drain houses and premises; and the results consequent thereon:

Number of Notices received.	No. of houses permanently drained into covered Sewers.	Buildings and premises other than houses drained.	House Drains cleared.	Total number of Houses and Buildings inspected for drainage.
38	59	6	28	93

The following applications for the erection and drainage of new houses and buildings have also been checked and approved:

Number of Notices.	Number of Houses.	Additions to Houses.	Warehouses and other Buildings.	Total Number of New Buildings.
23	12	11	10	33

By arrangement with the owner of the property, an iron ventilating pipe from the sewer, with exhaust cowl, has been fixed between Nos. 56c and 56d Ainsty Street.

The Vestry have also been in communication with the Metropolitan Board of Works, urging the Board to provide additional exhaust ventilators to the main sewer, Rotherhithe New-road.

The following houses in Osprey-street, viz.: Nos. 6 to 14 on the south side, and Nos. 9 to 19 and 25 and 27 on the north side, have been drained into the pipe sewer in the street, and a man-hole formed in the said sewer.

Paving Works.

The following materials have been used during the year, viz.:

Broken Guernsey Granite	...	...	756 cubic yards
Gravel and Hoggin	...	...	420 „
Slop and Snow Carted	...	...	14,600 loads
Water for Watering Roads	...	...	11,934 van loads
Broken Stone	...	...	359 loads
Hard Core	...	...	52 „
Bombay Stone	...	...	44 „
Materials Carted	...	...	912 „

The side streets out of Prospect-place, Union-road, have been made up and paved, the estimated expense thereof amounting to £68 1s. 7d. having been previously paid by the London Labourers' Dwellings Society, the Leaseholders of the property.

The defective channel Deptford Lower-road, at Surrey-place, and northward thereof has been removed and the pitching continued up to the curb, at a cost of £90 3s. 0d.

The old carriage paving in Princes-street has been taken up, redressed and relaid as far as it would go, and the remainder made up with good sound second-hand cubes on six inches of concrete, the curb redressed and relaid on edge, and the York paving relaid and made good. The work was executed by Mr James Etheridge, under his contract for Paving Jobbing Works, at a cost of £422 18s. 0d.

The footways of the following streets, viz.: Renforth-street, Risdon-street, and Hatteraick-street have also been curbed and repaved, under the contract for Paving Jobbing Works.

Paving Jobbing Works.

Mr. James Etheridge is the Contractor for Paving Jobbing Works at a Schedule of Prices. (For particulars of Contract see page 9.)

Lighting.

Five additional Gas Lamps have been set up and lighted during the past year, viz.: two in Bracton-road, one in Railway Avenue, Adam-street, one in Eve's-place, and one in Union-road; one lamp has been discontinued in Swing Bridge-road; making the total number of Lamps lighted by the South Metropolitan Gas Company 468, at a cost of £3 7s. 4d. per lamp per annum, less £5 per cent. discount, upon payment within one month from Quarter day.

Cleansing, Watering, &c.

Messrs. A. T. Hobman & Son contract for the supply of Men, Horses and Carts, and for the removal of scrapings from the whole of the roads and streets, after the same have been swept by the labourers employed by the Vestry, to a shoot provided by the contractors, at a specified price per man, horse and cart.

Messrs. Hobman & Son also contract for the supply of horses, harness and drivers for the Vestry's water vans. (See page 9.)

In March, 1888, the seven Watering Vans were repaired and painted by Messrs. G. & J. Oakley, under a contract, at a cost of £62 9s. 0d.

Dusting.

Mr. William Reed is the Contractor for removing dust, ashes, &c. from the dwellings of the inhabitants of the Parish. The contractor also agrees to remove when

required from mills, factories, and premises, trade refuse, &c., upon payment by the occupiers thereof at 3/- per cubic yard. (For particulars of Contract see page 9.)

In February, 1888, the Vestry resolved to adopt the Pail system for the collection of the Dust, &c. from the dwellings of the inhabitants twice-a-week in a section of the parish, such section not to contain more than 1,000 houses; it was also resolved that the block north of Union-road, commencing at Mill-pond Bridge and extending eastward, with Albion-street as the southern boundary, so as to include 1000 houses, be set apart as a District within which the Pail system for collecting the dust be so carried out.

The Vestry obtained the 1000 Dust Pails required under a contract with Messrs. Jukes, Coulson, Stokes & Co., of 13 Clements-lane, E.C., at a cost of £77 5s. 0d.

The Vestry employ a Man in the district where the Pail system is adopted, at a salary of 21/- per week, whose duty it is under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector to assist in the collection of the dust, &c by carrying the pails from the houses to the front or side door, and by removing any surplus refuse which may have accumulated beyond the contents of the pail.

Removal of Nuisances, &c.

Inspectors Report for the Year ending 25th March, 1888.

Houses and premises inspected	...	...	1523	Dust complaints received	...	...	1025
Complaints received	...	...	1187	Summonses issued	...	...	15
Notices served	...	...	517	Magistrates orders obtained	...	...	3
Infectious cases removed to Hospital	...	...	76	Bodies removed to Mortury	..	...	3
Houses, &c., disinfected	...	...	66	Bake-houses	} regularly inspected.		
Bedding and clothes purified	...	...	22	Slaughter-houses			
Bedding destroyed and compensation allowed	...	...	9	Cow-sheds			

J. EDWARDS, *Inspector.*

Slaughter Houses.

Four Notices were received in September, 1887, from Butchers, of their intention to apply to the Special Sessions for Licenses for Slaughter-houses, and they having been severally inspected by the Medical Officer of Health, were all duly licensed by the Magistrates in October, 1887.

Cow Houses.

Six Cow Houses were licensed by the Magistrates in October, 1887, they having been previously inspected by the Medical Officer of Health.

Sanitary.

Several communications having been received from the Secretary to the Mansion House Council on the Dwellings of the People, with reference to alleged defects in Sanitary appliances at various houses in the parish, the Vestry on the 15th November, 1887, passed a resolution as follows, viz.:

“Resolved, that it be referred to the Sanitary Committee to inspect the houses “in the streets, courts and alleys in the parish where considered necessary, with the “view of having the same put in proper sanitary condition, and report thereon.”

The Sanitary Committee thereupon inspected 892 houses in various streets and places in the parish, and upon the report of the Committee, the Vestry caused notices to be served upon the Owners of houses where Sanitary defects were found to exist, requiring the carrying out of the necessary works to remedy the same, which were attended to.

A letter dated 6th January, 1888, having been received from the Assistant Secretary of the Local Government Board, forwarding a copy of the letter which had

been addressed to that Board by the Mansion House Council on the dwellings of the People, respecting the Sanitary condition of certain portions of the parish, and requesting that the Board might be furnished with the observations of the Vestry upon the subject of the communication, the Vestry caused a reply to the said letter to be forwarded as follows:—

The Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, Surrey.

Offices—Public Baths,

Lower Road, Rotherhithe,

21st *January*, 1888.

SIR,

I am directed by the Vestry to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, inclosing copy of a letter dated December 28th, 1887, addressed to the Secretary of the Local Government Board by the Hon. Secretary of the Mansion House Council on the Dwellings of the People and requesting that the Board may be furnished with the observations of the Vestry on the subject of this communication. In answer, I am directed to state for the information of the Board that the various communications received from the Mansion House Council, have, as they came to hand, been immediately referred to this Vestry to the Sanitary Committee, who have since made a house-to-house visitation in about half the number of cases referred to, and they are proceeding with an inspection of the remainder with as much despatch as possible. In all cases where nuisances were found to exist which the Vestry could deal with notices have been served, many of which have already been attended to, and in all cases where default is made, the Vestry will take proceedings to enforce compliance with the Acts of Parliament.

The Vestry desire me to point out that some months ago they made a similar visitation of courts and alleys, and they are quite alive to the necessity of enforcing the proper sanitary regulations, but owing to the very poor class of people who chiefly

inhabit the district visited by the Mansion House Council, it is a matter of great difficulty, as so much depends upon the occupiers themselves, and the experience of the Vestry is, that dust bins, water closets and cistern covers go for firewood directly they are provided. The Vestry further desire me to state that they have done and will continue to do all that lies in their power to ensure that the dwellings of the inhabitants of this parish are kept in a proper sanitary condition.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) JAMES J. STOKES,

Clerk to the Vestry.

Alfred D. Adrian, Esq.,

Assistant Secretary,

The Local Government Board, Whitehall.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1875.

The following are copies of Dr. John Muter's (the Analyst) Reports:

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the Parish of Rotherhithe, Surrey, upon the Articles analysed by him under the above Act during the quarter ending 31st December, 1887.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	By whom submitted.	Result of Analysis.	The sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	Observations.
Milk	Local Authority	Genuine	10/6	
Milk	ditto	ditto	10/6	
Milk	ditto	ditto	10/6	
Milk	ditto	ditto	10/6	
Milk	ditto	ditto	10/6	
Milk	ditto	ditto	10/6	
Milk	ditto	24 per cent. added water	10/6	
Milk	ditto	ditto	10/6	

Total number of Samples Analysed during the quarter, Eight.

Date, 9th January, 1888.

(Signed) JOHN MUTER, F.R.S.E., Public Analyst.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the Parish of Rotherhithe, Surrey, upon the Articles Analysed by him under the above Act, during the quarter ending 31st March, 1888.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	By whom submitted.	Result of Analysis.	The sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	Observations.
Milk	Rotherhithe Vestry	Mixture of Milk & Cream	10/6	
Milk	ditto	5 per cent. of water	10/6	
Milk	ditto	ditto	10/6	
Milk	ditto	Genuine	10/6	
Milk	ditto	Mixture of Milk & Cream	10/6	

Total number of Samples Analysed during the quarter, Five.

Date, 31st March, 1888. (Signed) JOHN MUTER, F.R.S.E., Public Analyst.

Canal Boats Act, 1877.

Under the provisions of the "Canal Boats Act, 1877," the following Boats have been registered by the Vestry during the past year, after inspection and report by their Examining officer, viz.:

The "Audax,"	Owners,—Messrs. A. and P. Keen, of Cole's Upper Wharf, 21 Shad Thames, S.E.
The "Daphne,"	Owners,—Messrs. A. and P. Keen, of Cole's Upper Wharf, 21 Shad Thames, S.E.
The "Presto,"	Owners,—Messrs. A. and P. Keen, Shad Thames, S.E.
The "James,"	Owners,—Messrs. White and Flaxwell, 3, Croft Street, S.E.

Financial.

£8,988 18s. has been paid off the Loan of £9,462 borrowed in 1868, of Mr. Robert Lawrence, (afterwards transferred to the London Life Association), for paving the Carriageway in Union Road and part of Deptford Lower Road, leaving £473 2s. to be paid within a period of one year, with interest at the rate of £5 per cent. per annum.

£7,500 has been paid off the Loan of £10,000 borrowed in the year 1872, of the Eagle Insurance Company for paving the Carriageway in Deptford Lower Road, from the Surrey Commercial Dock entrance to the "Red Lion" public house, leaving £2,500 to be repaid by equal annual instalments, within a period of five years, with interest at £5 per cent. per annum.

£4020 has been paid of the Loan of £6,700 borrowed in the year 1875, of the Atlas Assurance Company, for paving the Carriageways of Plough Road and Rotherhithe Street, from Lavender Bridge eastwards, leaving £2,680 to be repaid by eight annual instalments, with interest at £4 5s. per cent. per annum.

£1,210 has been paid off the further Loan of £2,200 borrowed in the year 1876 of the Atlas Assurance Company for paving the Carriageway at Broadway, Paradise Street, also the Carriageway, Church Street, from Paradise Street to Elephant Lane, leaving £990 to be repaid by nine annual instalments of £110, with interest at the rate of £4 5s. per cent. per annum.

£336 has been paid off the Load of £2,100, borrowed in August, 1880, of the Metropolitan Board of Works towards repaying the expenses of the purchase of the ground for the improvement of Rotherhithe Street at the Gas Works and at Carolina Wharf, leaving £1,764 to be repaid by 42 consecutive annual instalments of £42 each with interest at the rate of £3 15s. per cent. per annum.

The Loan of £2,700 borrowed in the year 1880, of Mr. Reuben Henry Williams, for defraying the cost of paving-work executed in Union Road, Deptford Lower Road, Rotherhithe New Road, Plough Road and Commercial Dock Road, was paid off in February, 1888.

£600 has been paid off the Loan of £2,000 borrowed in November, 1881, of the Metropolitan Board of Works, towards defraying the expenses of paving Carriageway and footways in Rotherhithe Street, at the Gas Works and Carolina Wharf, leaving £1,400 to be paid off by 14 consecutive annual instalments of £100 each, on the 31st day of October in each year, with interest at the rate of £3 15s. per cent. per annum.

£360 has been paid off the Loan of £1,800 borrowed in November, 1883, of the Metropolitan Board of Works towards defraying the expenses of paving Commercial Dock Road, from the Engineer's Office, Surrey Commercial Docks, to the east corner of Elgar Street, leaving £1,440 to be repaid by 16 consecutive annual instalments of £90 each, on the 1st day of October in each year, with interest at the rate of £3 10s. per cent. per annum.

£18 has been paid off the Loan of £250 borrowed in July, 1885, towards defraying a portion of the expense of the purchase of a house No. 69, Abbeyfield Road, for the formation on the site thereof of a passage-way from the said Abbeyfield Road, to the wicket-gate entrance to Southwark Park, in Dilston Grove, leaving £232 to be repaid by 28 consecutive annual instalments, on the 1st day of April in each year, with interest at the rate of £3 10s. per cent. per annum.

£200 has been paid off the Loan of £4,000 borrowed in October, 1886, towards defraying the expense of Paving the Carriageway, Rotherhithe New Road, from Bush Road westward, to the Viaduct of the South Eastern Railway; also the carriageway of Raymouth Road, leaving £3,800 to be repaid by 19 con-

secutive annual instalments of £200 each on the 31st July, in each year, and interest at the rate of £3 10s. per cent. per annum, by equal quarterly payments on 31st January, 30th April, 31st July and 31st October in each year.

Charity Estates.

The Accounts of Messrs. Edmund Rumney Smith and Francis Thomas Talbot, Churchwardens of the Parish of St. Mary, Rotherhithe, for the year 1887-8, have been audited, and the following is a copy of the Charities' Account.

CHARITIES' ACCOUNT, 1887-8.

									£	s.	d.
To balance received from late Churchwardens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	8	9
Plaistow Estate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	6	11
Stratford Estate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	13	7
Smith's Charity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	0	0
Sprunt's Gift	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	7	8
Churchwardens, to make up gift to £1 each	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	12	4
Bennet's Charity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	0	0
Coat and Cloak Charity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	0	0
Embleton and Horncastle's Charity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	10
Hill and Bell's Charity paid by the Vestry of Rotherhithe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	0	0

£240 10 1

CHARITIES' ACCOUNT, 1887-8.—*Continued.*

						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By paid for Bread—											
E. Menold	...	...	...	...	...	10	16	0			
J. A. Johnson	...	...	...	...	...	10	16	0			
G. Wood	...	...	...	...	...	10	16	0			
Matthews, Bros.	...	...	...	...	...	10	16	0			
W. Herwig	...	...	...	...	...	10	16	0			
G. F. Muller	...	...	...	...	...	10	16	0			
E. Menold	...	...	...	...	...	10	16	0			
Schlarb	...	...	...	...	...	10	16	0			
Garner	...	...	...	...	...	10	16	0			
Garner	...	...	...	...	...	10	16	0			
J. Down	...	...	...	...	...	10	16	0			
G. F. Muller	...	...	...	...	...	10	16	0			
Arnold	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	3			
E. Menold	...	...	...	...	...	5	8	0			
									137	7	3
New Scales	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		1	5	0
Printing, Stationery, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		4	2	0
Sprunt's Charity distributed to Six Widows	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		6	0	0
Bennett's Charity distributed in 1/- tickets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		9	0	0
Coat and Cloak Charity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		6	0	0
Embleton and Horncastle's Charity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		5	0	10
Repayment to Vestry of Rotherhithe on a/c of monies advanced <i>re</i>											
Charity Estates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		70	0	0
Balance	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		1	15	0
									£240	10	1

The Vestry having, on 3rd May, 1887, received a Report from the Plaistow Charity Estate Committee, dated 28th April, 1887, to the effect that they had inspected the houses built and in course of erection upon the Plaistow Charity Estate, and found 13 houses and shops finished and mostly occupied, fronting the Plaistow Road. In the Redriff Road, on the North side seven houses roofed in, two built up to the roof, but unroofed and the building operations proceeding. In the Stratford Road, on the north block, two houses completed ready for occupation: it was

“Resolved, that the Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Stotesbury, calling his attention to the Building Agreement, and requesting him to carry out the terms of the same as expeditiously as possible.”

Mr. W. Stotesbury having on the 5th July, 1887, applied for a Lease of the house No. 7, Redriff Terrace, Plaistow Road, at a ground rent of £5 per annum, it was

“Resolved. that Mr. Stotesbury's application be granted, subject to the angle in the Boundary wall abutting upon the Redriff Road, being set back.”

A letter having been received from the Treasurer of the Amicable School as follows, viz.:—

20th March, 1888.

To the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe.

Gentlemen,

In pursuance of a Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Trustees and Managers of the Amicable School. I beg to apply to you with reference to the yearly rent charge of £6, bequeathed by Hill and Bell in the year 1613. As it appears that the only security for the payment of this rent charge is upon land forming part of the existing Churchyard, in which the parishioners have had and still enjoy a benefit, there is, I venture to think a very strong moral obligation on the part of the Vestry

to pay this yearly sum of £6. I appeal to you, taking into consideration the whole of the circumstances, of which I believe you are fully aware, to favourably consider the matter.

I am, Gentlemen,

(Signed)

Yours faithfully,

EDWARD JOSSELYN BECK,

Treasurer of the Amicable School.

The Vestry referred the said letter to the General Purposes Committee for consideration.

The General Purposes Committee having on the 3rd April, 1888, reported they had considered the letter dated 20th March, 1888, received from the Treasurer of the Amicable School, with reference to the yearly rent charge of £6 bequeathed by Hill and Bell in 1613, which cannot now be recovered from the property originally charged with the payment thereof, the site of which now forms portion of the Churchyard and the public way Church Street, and evidence having been produced to the Committee that the parish is receiving the benefit of the site of the said property which was thrown into the public way Church Street for the improvement thereof, it was

“Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that the said sum of £6 per annum be paid by the Vestry.”

BATHS AND WASH-HOUSES.

At a Meeting of the Vestry held on the 1st of November, 1887, Messrs. John Bulmer, Edward James Talbot, and Lawrence Stevens were re-elected Commissioners for Public Baths and Wash-houses, to carry out the provisions of the Baths and Wash-houses Acts in this parish, in conjunction with Messrs. Francis John Bisley, Samuel Brownfield, Ralph Westall Walker and Thomas William Clarke.

At the same meeting of the Vestry, Messrs. Henry Lovel Bartlett and George Mabbs were re-elected Auditors of the Accounts of the Commissioners for Public Baths and Wash-houses for the ensuing year.

The following is a copy of the Balance Sheet for the year ending 25th of March, 1888 :—

The Commissioners in account with the Parish, from March 25, 1887, to March 25, 1888.

LOANS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Cash received from Overseers, viz. :—						
Precept April, 1887 ...	700	0	0			
Precept Oct., 1887 ...	600	0	0			
				1300	0	0
Transferred from Working Account (profit) ...				504	4	1
				<u>£1804</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Instalments of						
Loans ...	970	13	4			
„ Interest on Loans...	833	10	9			
				<u>1804</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
				<u>£1804</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

WORKING ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance on March 25, 1887 ...				347	19	2
Receipts to Lady-day, 1887—						
Baths ...	1178	5	4			
Wash-houses ...	556	16	10			
Sale of Soap, &c. ...	34	11	2			
Hire of Concert Bath	8	19	2			
Rent of Offices ...	100	0	0			
				<u>1888</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Wages ...	825	10	2			
„ Clerk's Salary ...	40	0	0			
„ Water ...	154	11	7			
„ Coal and Coke ...	297	15	6			
„ Gas ...	18	18	1			
„ Soap and Soda ...	31	14	6			
„ Rent ...	57	6	8			
„ Insurance ...	25	0	0			
„ Rates and Taxes ...	31	0	0			
„ Printing and Stationery ...	19	8	1			
„ Boiler Fluid ...	17	17	0			
„ Oilman's Goods ...	42	18	5			
„ Removing Ashes ...	6	10	6			
„ Mangle Parts, &c. ...	9	6	9			
„ Linoleum ...	4	0	6			
„ Carpenter's Work and Wood ...	5	11	11			
„ Leather Bands, Hose, &c. ...	4	13	8			
„ Ironmongery ...	12	8	6			
„ Cement, Fire Bricks, &c. ...	5	3	6			
„ Painting Front of Building ...	29	0	0			
„ Iron Safe ...	10	7	0			
„ Cleaning Boilers, Flues, &c. ...	10	18	0			
„ Repairs to Engine, Furnace, &c..	18	1	1			
„ Building new Furnace Cockle, &c.	45	5	0			
„ Relacquering Chandeliers ...	4	13	0			
„ Engine Oil ...	5	17	0			
Sundry small accounts	22	5	1			
Clerk's disbursements ...	0	11	6			
Superintendent's petty expenses ...	6	19	10			
				<u>29</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>

£2236 11 8

Balance ... 1763 12 10

£2236 11 8

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought down ...	472	18	10	Transferred to Loan			
Balance (overdrawn) ...	31	5	3	Account ...	504	4	1
	<u>£504</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£504</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

Audited and found correct 18th April, 1888.

(Signed), GEORGE MABBS, }
H. L. BARTLETT, } *Auditors.*

NOTE.—In the year 1884-5 the Commissioners transferred to the Loans Account out of profits the sum of £500, in the year 1886-7 the sum of £463 14s. 11d., and they have during the past year transferred the further sum of £504 4s. 1d. to the same Account, making together £1467 19s. 0d., which has been applied towards re-payment of the monies borrowed from the Metropolitan Board of Works and the interest thereon and in aid of the Poor Rate.

	£	s.	d.
Total Amount of Loans borrowed from			
Metropolitan Board of Works ...	29000	0	0
Amount paid off ...	7453	6	8
	<u>21,546</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>

At a Meeting of the Vestry held 5th July, 1887, the Chairman (the Rev. Edward Joselyn Beck, the Rector), announced that it was his pleasing duty to read a letter which he had received from Mr. Carr Gomm, intimating Mr. and Mrs. Carr Gomm's generous intention to Commemorate the Queen's Jubilee, by Enfranchising the land

on which the Public Baths and Wash-houses are erected and bestowing it as a gift to the Parish of Rotherhithe, as follows, viz.:—

Redriff,
Boyn Hill,
Maidenhead,
June 23rd, 1887.

My Dear Mr. Beck,

Mrs. Carr-Gomm and myself have been wishing to do something to commemorate this year in a way which will best benefit the whole of Rotherhithe. Being only a tennant for life, she is not able as we might wish to deal with any of the freehold property ; but we are arranging with the Trustees to purchase the freehold of the Baths and Wash-houses, and if this could be effected as I have every reason to believe, we propose to enfranchise the Baths and Wash-houses, which will, not only save the Rate-payers the present annual rent of £80 a year ; but will obviate the rack rent of the same at the expiration of the present Lease. We trust that the Building may always be maintained in its present good condition, and continue to be what I believe it now is, a real benefit to the neighbourhood, and a credit to the Parish.

Will you as Chairman, kindly communicate this to the Vestry, at your next meeting.

I am, Yours very sincerely,
Rev.* E. J. Beck. F. C. CARR-GOMM.

It was therefore unanimously

“ *Resolved*, that the best thanks of this Vestry be given to Mr. and Mrs. Carr-Gomm, for the very munificent gift they have signified their intention of bestowing upon this Parish, in commemoration of Her Majesty’s Jubilee ; and this Vestry further desire to express to Mr. and Mrs. Carr-Gomm their sense of the kindly feeling which has prompted them in making such Gift as shewing the lively interest they take in the welfare of the Parish, and also to assure them that nothing could have given more universal satisfaction to the Vestry and Ratepayers at large.”

It was also

“*Resolved*, that Mr. Carr-Gomm’s letter be entered on the Minutes of the “Vestry.”

The Commissioners of the Baths and Wash-houses have caused a Tablet to be erected on the main front of the Baths, Lower-road, recording the before-mentioned Jubilee Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Carr-Gomm, with an inscription thereon, as follows, viz. :—

On the 24th day of June, 1887,

In commemoration of the Jubilee of the Reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty
QUEEN VICTORIA.

Emily Blanche Carr-Gomm, the wife of Francis Culling Carr-Gomm, Esquire,
presented the freehold site of these Public Baths and Wash-houses to the
Commissioners, for the Benefit of the Parish of Rotherhithe.

Commissioners :

JOHN BULMER, *Chairman*.

FRANCIS JOHN BISLEY, *Vice-Chairman*.

EDWARD JAMES TALBOT,

LAWRENCE STEVENS,

THOMAS WILLIAM CLARKE,

RALPH WESTALL WALKER,

SAMUEL BROWNFIELD.

JAMES J. STOKES, *Clerk*.

Public Libraries’ (England) Acts, 1855 to 1887.

At a Meeting of the Vestry, held on the 15th November, 1887, a letter from the Vestry Clerk, on behalf of the Overseers of the Poor of this Parish was read as follows :—

St. Mary, Rotherhithe,

Parochial Offices,

15th November, 1887.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Overseers of the Poor of this Parish, to inform you that in pursuance of a requisition to that effect signed by upwards of ten ratepayers,

they proceeded to ascertain the opinions of the ratepayers as to whether or not the Public Libraries' Acts should be adopted in this parish, by the issue of a voting paper to each ratepayer and the subsequent collection and scrutiny thereof as directed by the 40th and 41st Vic., cap. 54, sec. 1. The number of voting papers issued by the Overseers was 5384 of which 922 could not be delivered and 550 could not be collected. 1361 were returned in blank and 133 were rejected for informality, leaving 2418 as the number of ratepayers voting on the question, of this number 1589 voted in favour of the adoption of the Acts and 829 against, leaving a majority in favour 760. The Overseers beg to submit their accounts of the expenses incurred by them in taking the Poll, and request that the Vestry will sanction the payment thereof as provided by Sec. 83 of the Public Libraries' Act, 1855.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed)

JAMES J. STOKES,

To the Vestry of Rotherhithe.

Vestry Clerk.

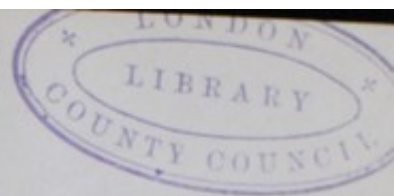
The Vestry gave their sanction to the payment by the Overseers of the sum of £36 10s. being the expenses incurred by them in taking the Poll, under the Public Libraries' Acts.

On the 6th March, 1888, the Vestry elected the following Gentlemen Commissioners for carrying into execution in the Parish of Rotherhithe, the "Public Libraries' (England) Acts, 1855 to 1887, viz. The Rev. Edward Josselyn Beck and Messrs. John Bulmer, Robert Leishman Stuart, Edmund Rumney Smith, John Reeson, Henry Lovel Bartlett, Henry Hayward, Lawrence Stevens, and George Mabbs.

The Queen's Jubilee, 1887.

On the 8th February, 1887, at a Special Meeting, called for the purpose of considering as follows, viz.:—A letter received from Sir A. Abel, the Organizing Secretary of the Imperial Institutes of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India, with copy letter addressed to the Lords' Lieutenants of the United Kingdom, on the subject of the National Memorial of the Jubilee of Queen Victoria's Reign, it was unanimously

"*Resolved*, that an humble address be sent from this Vestry to Her Majesty the Queen, congratulating Her on having attained the 50th year of Her Reign."



In June, 1887, the Vestry appointed a Committee, consisting of the Rector and Churchwardens, to prepare the congratulatory address to Her Majesty the Queen, in pursuance of the foregoing resolution. The Committee prepared such address accordingly and submitted the same with a report thereon to the Vestry, at a meeting held on the 5th July, 1887, and it was

“*Resolved* that the report of the Committee be received and adopted, that the Address be approved, the seal of the Vestry affixed thereto, and that it be forwarded to the Home Secretary for presentation to Her Majesty.”

The following is a copy of the Address—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

We, the Rector, Churchwardens and Members of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey, representing the Inhabitants of the said Parish, venture to approach your Majesty with the expression of our loyal and hearty congratulations upon the completion of the 50th year of your reign.

We feel deeply sensible of the general prosperity enjoyed by all classes of your Majesty's subjects, coupled with the great and unprecedented expansion of the Empire since your Majesty's accession to the throne.

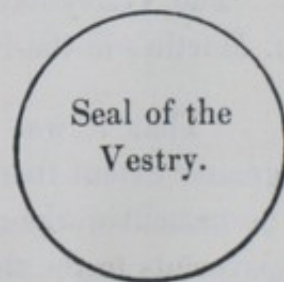
We are further mindful of the many beneficent measures which have been passed with your Majesty's hearty concurrence and approbation, especially for the amelioration and benefit of the working classes and for the advancement of Education among the young.

It is our earnest prayer that you may long be spared to rule over your loyal subjects, and that Almighty God may still vouchsafe a continuance of those Heavenly blessings which have so long and abundantly been granted to Your Majesty.

In token whereof the Common Seal of the Vestry of Rotherhithe, was hereto affixed by Order, datad 5th day of July, 1887, in the presence of

EDWD. JOSSELYN BECK,

Rector of Rotherhithe, *Chairman*.



A letter was subsequently received from the Home Secretary, as follows:—

Whitehall,

23rd July, 1887.

Sir,

I have had the Honour to lay before The Queen the loyal and dutiful Address of the Rector, Churchwardens and Members of the Vestry of Rotherhithe, on the occasion of Her Majesty attaining the Fiftieth Year of Her Reign. And I have to inform you that Her Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

I have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed)

HENRY MATTHEWS.

Rev. E. J. Beck, M.A.,

Rotherhithe, Surrey.

Miscellaneous.

On the 19th April, 1887, the Vestry passed the following resolution, viz.:—

“*Resolved*, that the Vestry having learned that the London School Board has passed a resolution increasing the Salary of the Clerk from £1,200 to £1,400 per annum, desires to record its earnest protest against any increase of an already large salary, at a time when the burden of the rates presses very heavily upon the ratepayers, and trusts that the resolution in question may be rescinded.”

“*Resolved*, that a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to the School Board for London, and also to each of the Members of the said Board representing this District, and that they be requested to support it.”

The Vestry having had under consideration a resolution passed by the Vestry of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, as follows, viz.:—

“That it was equitable that succeeding generations be made chargeable to a greater extent than at present with the cost of freeholds, school buildings and other permanent works of the School Board for London, and in order to that end the payments to the sinking fund of the Board be extended from 50 to 100 years; by this

“means a relief of from £60,000 to £70,000 of the annual precept will be effected
 “(being at the rate of about $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the pound). Also that it is desirable that the
 “Board be authorised to obtain Parliamentary powers to issue 3 per cent. Stock on the
 “Security of their freehold land, buildings, and rates, or as an alternative that the
 “Metropolitan Board of Works be requested to advance Loans to the School Board for
 “London on the same terms at which the said Loans plus expenses are taken up by the
 “public,” it was

“*Resolved*, that this Vestry support the said resolution, and that the Clerk be
 instructed to write to the representatives of the School Board for London for this
 Division of Southwark requesting them to support the same.”

The Vestry having had under consideration the Water Companies (Regulation of
 Powers) Bill before the House of Commons, on the 3rd May, 1887, they passed a
 resolution as follows:—

“*Resolved*, that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Members of Parliament for
 “this Division Southwark requesting them to support the Water Companies (Regula-
 “tion of Powers) Bill in the House of Commons, the object of which is to prevent
 “Water Companies discontinuing the supply of Water to dwelling houses for non-pay-
 “ment of water rate, in cases where the Owner and not the Occupier is liable for the
 “same.”

On the 3rd May, 1887, the Vestry received a report from a Committee appointed
 by them to confer with other Vestries and District Boards interested, upon the subject
 of “Thames Communications,” as follows, viz.:—

30th April, 1887.

Report of the Committee appointed by the Vestry of Rotherhithe to
 confer with the other Vestries and District Boards interested upon the
 subject of

Thames Communications.

Your Committee beg to report as follows, viz.:

That on the 8th October, 1886 they held a preliminary meeting at which Mr.
 Tolhurst was present, who stated that the Metropolitan Board of Works had obtained

estimates from Sir Joseph Bazalgette of the cost respectively of a Subway and a Bridge the former being estimated at £2,200,000 and the latter at £625,000 without the approaches. It was *Resolved* to invite the Vestries of Shadwell, St. George's-in-the-East, Whitechapel, Hackney, Bethnal Green, and Bermondsey to send Delegates to meet your Committee in Conference, and subsequently the District Boards of Greenwich and Lewisham, and the Vestries of Camberwell, Shoreditch, and Mile End Old Town were also included.

In response to your Committee's invitation the Vestries of Bermondsey, Bethnal Green, Hackney, St. George's-in-the-East, Whitechapel, Mile End Old Town and Camberwell appointed representatives to attend the Conference, but Hackney subsequently withdrew.

Meetings were accordingly held in this Vestries' Board-room and adjourned from time to time at which the opinions of the several representatives have been obtained, the general opinion being that a means of communication is urgently needed, and that such communication should be by way of a Bridge in preference to a Subway.

The last meeting of your Committee and the aforesaid representatives was held on the 25th April, 1887, when the following resolution was moved by Mr. Bulmer of Rotherhithe, seconded by Mr. Bonallack, of St. Georges-in-the-East, was unanimously passed, viz.:—

That this meeting being of opinion that a Bridge across the Thames between Rotherhithe and Wapping will be the best means of communication, and more conducive to the general convenience of the Public, a Deputation from the Boards of Works and Vestries now present, and others interested in the matter wait upon the Metropolitan Board of Works and present a joint Memorial urging that Board to proceed at the earliest possible date to obtain power for the erection of a low level Bridge across the Thames from Rotherhithe to Wapping.

It was at the same meeting further *Resolved* to invite the landowners and ratepayers of the parishes interested, the Members of Parliament, and the Members of the Metropolitan Board of Works for the several districts to a meeting to be held at this Vestry's Board-room, on Monday, the 23rd day of May, 1887, for the purpose of

determining as to carrying into effect the above resolution, and to appoint as influential a deputation as possible.

(Signed),

E. RUMNEY SMITH, *Chairman*.

On the 10th June, 1887, a Joint Deputation from the Vestries of Rotherhithe, St. George-in-the-East, and other Vestries, &c., introduced by Mr. John Tolhurst, and consisting of Col. C. E. Hamilton, M.P., Mr. Lafone, M.P., Revd. E. J. Beck, Mr. E. R. Smith, Mr. J. Bulmer, Mr. R. Footitt, Mr. S. Chafen, Mr. T. Aldridge, Mr. F. J. Bisley, Mr. S. W. Copping, Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. H. L. Bartlett, Mr. W. J. Bonallack, and other gentlemen waited upon the Metropolitan Board of Works and presented Memorials from Parishes and District Boards, viz.:—The Vestries of Rotherhithe, St. George-in-the-East, St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, and the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District, the following being a copy of the Memorial presented on behalf of the Vestry of Rotherhithe, viz.:—

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Vestry of the Parish of
Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey,
under their Common Seal.

SHEWETH—

That your Memorialists desire to impress upon your Honourable Board the existing necessity for improved means of communication between the South Eastern and North Eastern districts of the Metropolis, by reason of the large increase of traffic during recent years, and the loss of time and money now experienced, in consequence of the difficulty of obtaining access from one side of the River to the other, east of London Bridge.

That in the unanimous opinion of your Memorialists any such communication should be by means of a low-level free bridge to be constructed across the Thames, between Rotherhithe and Wapping, with approaches on either side, starting respectively from points to be determined upon, in the Deptford Lower Road, in the Parish of Rotherhithe, and in Old Gravel Lane, in the Parish of Wapping, or in such other positions within the said Parishes as your Honourable Board may deem advisable.

That although the Tower Bridge, now in construction by the Corporation of the City of London, may in some degree relieve the existing want, it will not do so to any

great extent, being too near London Bridge, and too far from the principal stream of traffic which would be taken by a Bridge in the locality suggested by your Memorialists as herein mentioned.

That the erection of a Bridge commends itself to your Memorialists both on the ground of its being most conducive to the general convenience of the public as well as on the question of expense, the estimate of the cost of a Bridge being considerably less than the estimated cost of a Subway, as to which fact your Memorialists believe your Honourable Board has already satisfied itself.

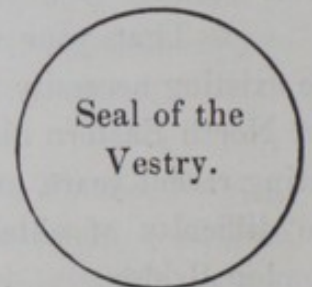
Your Memorialists thereof humbly pray

That your Honourable Board will proceed, at the earliest possible date, to obtain powers from Parliament for the erection of a low-level free Bridge across the Thames, from Rotherhithe to Wapping, either in the locality suggested by your Memorialists or at such other places within the Parishes aforesaid, as your Honourable Board may deem most advisable.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

The Common Seal of the Vestry
of Rotherhithe, was affixed hereto by
order, this 9th day of June, 1887.

(Signed) JAMES J. STOKES,
Clerk to the Vestry.



when the Board referred the said Memorials to their Works and General Purposes Committee for consideration.

On the 31st October, 1887, the Vestry received a communication from the Clerk to the Metropolitan Board of Works, with reference to the Memorials presented to the Board on the 10th June, 1887, on behalf of the Vestry of Rotherhithe and other Vestries and District Boards on both sides of the River at the east end of London, asking the Board to obtain powers for the erection of a low-level Bridge across the Thames from Rotherhithe to Wapping, and

stating, the Board on the 14th October, 1887, having considered several requests which were before it for improvements in various parts of London, came to the conclusion that it would not apply to Parliament next Session for power to carry out any improvements in respect of which the Vestries or District Boards of the Districts interested were not prepared to contribute part of the cost, the Board therefore could not submit to Parliament next Session any proposal for the construction of a Bridge across the Thames from Rotherhithe to Wapping.

On the 4th October, 1887, the Vestry received a Deputation, who submitted a memorial, it was proposed to present to the Chairman and Directors of the South Eastern Railway, and urged the Vestry to support their views before the Chairman and Directors of the Railway Company.

The following is a copy of the Memorial:—

To the Chairman and Directors of the South Eastern Railway Company.

Gentlemen,

“We, the undersigned residents in the neighbourhood of the Boundaries of the Parishes of St. Mary, Rotherhithe, St. Paul’s, Deptford, and St. Giles’, Camberwell, in close juxtaposition to your line of Railway, humbly call your attention to the great inconvenience arising on account of the want of access to the various Stations on your line, and pray that as the population in this immediate neighbourhood has increased so enormously, and that over 2,000 houses have been erected during the last four years within a radius of half-a-mile, we humbly ask that your honourable Board will take into consideration the advisability of constructing a Station at or near the site of the Old Commercial Dock Station,”

It was

“*Resolved*, that a Deputation consisting of nine members of the Vestry be appointed to wait upon the Directors of the South Eastern Railway in support of the Memorial of the inhabitants of this parish for increased Station accommodation on the said Railway.

On the 27th October, 1887, the Deputation appointed by the Vestry, viz.:—Messrs. John Bulmer, Francis John Bisley, Samuel Ward Copping, Henry Lovel

Bartlett, Robert Leishman, Stewart, Lawrence Stevens, Edward James Talbot, and Messrs. E. Rumney Smith and Francis Thomas Talbot, *Churchwardens*, accompanied by John Tolhurst, Esq., member of the Metropolitan Board of Works attended by appointment, at the Offices of the South Eastern Railway Company, and presented a Memorial as follows, viz.:—

To the Directors of the South Eastern Railway Company.

The Memorial of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, Surrey,
under their Common Seal:

Sheweth,

That a Deputation from this Vestry waited upon the Directors of your Company, in the year 1878, and urged upon them the necessity which then existed for an additional Station between Deptford and Spa-road, a large new neighbourhood having there sprung up in this Parish adjacent to the South Eastern Railway Company's line which was pointed out by the Vestry to Sir Edward Watkin and the late Mr. John Shaw, who subsequently visited the locality.

That since the period referred to, the following Estates have been opened out and built upon in the neighbourhood of Rotherhithe New-road, adjacent to the South Eastern Railway, whereby a large increase in the population has taken place, namely: Abbett-street, Ilderton, Cranswick, Bramcote, Delaford, Creedon, Barkworth, Verney and Varcoe Roads, Millidge and Egan Streets, Alice Terrace and Catlin Street, Bermondsey New-road, Rolls-road, Bonamy-street and part of St. James'-street, Bolina, Lampa and Senegal Roads, and the St Helena Estate containing the following Roads, namely: Bracton, Eugenia, Alpine, Fawcett, Reculver, Goodson, Cornbury, Rudford, and Oldfield-road, the increase in the number of houses in Rotherhithe alone since 1878, being 515.

That since 1878 the increase in the population of Rotherhithe is 6,339; most of the houses in the new streets above referred to being built for and occupied by two families, the class of people occupying the same being clerks and mechanics, many of whom work in the City and West-end who have to walk to Spa-road which is upwards of a mile distant, the South Bermondsey Station of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company being of little or no service, not taking them beyond London Bridge.

That the want of an additional Station between Deptford and Spa-road is most urgently needed for the better accommodation of this large population, and in order to relieve the congested traffic at Spa-road, which is attended with so much risk and inconvenience to the public.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that your Honourable Board of Directors will take the above facts into your favourable consideration, and provide the requisite Station accommodation between Deptford and Spa-road as desired.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.



Seal.

Mr. Kelly, M.P., for Camberwell, attended on behalf of that parish, and there were also present many of the inhabitants of the Destrict. That the Deputation was received by Mr. Beattie, one of the Directors (in the absence of Sir Edward Watkin), and having heard the several memorials read, and Mr. Kelly, M.P. Mr. John Bulmer, and other gentlemen having spoken in support thereof urging the Directors to provide the requisite accommodation. Mr. Beattie stated he would place the matter before the Directors at their next meeting.

The matter is still under the consideration of the Directors of the South Eastern Railway.

In February, 1888, an Agreement was entered into between the Vestry of the Parish of Bermondsey, and the Vestry of Rotherhithe, that the Vestry of Bermondsey should at their own expense repair, maintain, cleanse and water the whole of that portion of the carriageway of Rotherhithe New-road, which lies west of No. 271, Rotherhithe New-road, and also the whole of the carriageway of Southwark Park-road from Galleywall-road to Jamaica-road; and that the Vestry of Rotherhithe should at their own expense repair, maintain, cleanse and water the carriageway of the whole of that portion of the Rotherhithe New-road which lies opposite to and east of 271

Rotherhithe New-road, and also the whole of the carriageway of Galleywall-road, from Southwark Park-road to Rotherhithe New-road such agreement to be determinable after six calendar months notice by either Vestry to the other of them.

The Vestry having had under consideration a letter received from the Clerk to the Vestry of Lambeth with copy resolutions passed by that Vestry as follows, viz. :—

“That the amount of Poor-rate is very unequal in the several London Parishes, and this Vestry is of opinion that there should be one uniform Poor-rate over all the Metropolitan area.

“That this Vestry is of opinion that it is a great injustice to the rate-payers of the Metropolis that all the improvements effected in London should be paid by the householders, and the Vestry recommend that the ground rents and improved values of Land should be rated to the Metropolitan rates in future, the land to be rateable and chargeable upon and from the same persons and with the same right of deduction as property tax, under Schedule ‘A.’”

It was

Resolved, that the Vestry approves of the foregoing resolutions of the Vestry of the Parish of Lambeth and will co-operate with that Vestry in support of the suggestions therein contained.

The Valuation (Metropolis) Act, 1869.

Under the provisions of the above Act, the totals of the Gross and Rateable Values of properties in the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the Supplemental Valuation List coming in force, on the 6th day of April, 1888, are as follows, viz.:—

GROSS VALUE.

£259,661

RATEABLE VALUE.

£209,395

APPENDIX NO. 1.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

From March 25th, 1887, to March 25th, 1888.

To the Chairman and Members of the Vestry of Rotherhithe:—

GENTLEMEN,

I herewith present to your notice the following matters pertaining to the Sanitation of the parish, being a summarised account of the various reports which have been regularly read to you at your meetings.

At the risk of appearing somewhat prolix: I take the following words from my report for the year ending March, 1886. "The bases upon which the calculations embodied in the following report are founded, are first, the number of inhabitants in my last report, and secondly, the *natural* increase which has been registered from week to week."

"I speak of natural increase, for it is not in my power to ascertain the increase due to the greater accommodation from the building that has been going on during the period of this report. This could only be got at by a fresh census. As I have not that basis to work upon, and as I would rather not make a guess as to what it might be, it will be more reasonable, though perhaps it may not be absolutely correct, to proceed upon the first method of calculation. Of course, this mode of procedure is open to one serious objection, that is, it is not a mathematically correct basis, but only shows an approximation to the total number of persons living in the parish."

This apology I am happy to say, is now no longer needful. I have been able to ascertain the number of houses built since the last census; and what is of importance, have at the suggestion of Shirley Murphy, Esq., and with your sanction, obtained from Somerset House, a list of the number of parishioners who have died

in institutions outside the parish. By these means an almost mathematically correct basis is formed upon which my calculations are founded. And as the reports from Somerset House are to be forwarded annually, a calculable source of error will be thus rectified.

No. of Births registered:—

		Males.	Females.	Totals.
In the first quarter	...	165	189	354
In the second quarter	...	186	181	367
In the third quarter	...	183	161	344
In the fourth quarter	...	192	174	366
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No. of Deaths registered:—

		Males.	Females.	Totals.
In the first quarter	...	108	94	202
In the second quarter	...	128	116	244
In the third quarter	...	115	108	223
In the fourth quarter	...	141	125	266
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		492	443	935
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The actual increase:—

		Males.	Females.	Totals.
In the first quarter	...	57	95	152
In the second quarter	...	58	65	123
In the third quarter	...	68	53	121
In the fourth quarter	...	51	49	100
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		234	262	496
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Of parishioners who have died in outlying institutions, there have been registered:

Males.	Females.	Total.
57	32	89

Of persons (non-parishioners) whose deaths have been registered in this parish, the following is the number: One hundred and eleven from the Infirmary; twenty

drowned in the docks; five deaths from falls in ships, and one killed on railway; giving a total of 137. So that the entire number of deaths is: $937 + 89 - 137 = 889$. And upon this number I have estimated the death-rate.

Birth-rate.

The birth-rate per thousand per annum is 32.5.

Death-rate.

The death-rate per thousand per annum is 20.

Uncertified Deaths.

During the twelve months all the causes of death have been legally certified.

Inquests.

Fifty-nine inquests have been held. The Coroner's Verdicts being as follow:—
Drowned 20; natural causes 11; infantile convulsions 11; falls in various parts of ships 5; overlying 3; heart disease 3; sudden effusion of blood from lungs 1; diarrhœa 1; wilfully murdered 1 (by an Italian); accidental 1; killed on railway 1.

Zymotic Diseases.

The deaths due to these diseases are: diarrhœa 37; scarlet fever 14; measles 7; typhoid fever 6; diphtheria 6; whooping cough 3; Typhus fever none; small pox none. Total 73, giving a death-rate of 1.65 per thousand per annum. (The number in previous twelve months was 81). Of the deaths from diarrhœa, 35 were of infants, and were due in a great majority of cases to complication with marasmus and convulsions. The deaths from measles were entirely amongst children. In these the real causes of death were pneumonia and acute bronchitis.

1887-8.			1886-5.		1885-6.	
Typhus fever	none		none		none	
Typhoid fever	6	·14	5	·12	7	·175
Scarlet fever	14	·3	6	·142	8	·198
Small-pox	none		none		7	·175
Measles	7	·15	24	·54	15	·37
Diphtheria	6	·14	2	·047	1	·025
Whooping Cough	3	·07	.....		.....
Diarrhœa	37	·84	44	1·04	22	·69

Diseases of the Respiratory Organs.

The number of deaths due to these diseases is 316 as compared with 323 of the previous year: giving a death-rate from these complaints of 7·18 per thousand per annum.

	1887-8.		1886-7.	
Phthisis ...	90	2·	114	2·7
Bronchitis ...	114	2·59	149	3·54
Pneumonia ...	71	1·6	36	·85
Broncho-Pneumonia	34	·77	23	·55
Pleurisy ...	3	·07	none	
Pleuro-Pneumonia	4	·09	1	·024

Bake-Houses.

These houses, of which there are twenty-six, have been periodically inspected. Notices were obliged to be served on some of the owners, who were judged not to keep their places in so sanitary a condition as was desirable and possible.

Slaughter-Houses and Cow-Sheds.

Upon the annual application for renewal of licenses, as well as at various other times, these premises have been examined, and reported upon as being in such a condition as to warrant a renewal of the licenses.

Acorn Place.

In March, 1887, my attention having been called to the state of Acorn Place, I visited and reported specially upon it to the following effect:—The complaint is almost entirely as to the state of the road from Nos. 5 to 10. The water had accumulated to a depth of six inches, over the gulley grating, gradually decreasing in depth in each direction. The road in this part was covered with mud. As the water seemed to be purely surface-water (not mixed with any house-refuse), and was more a matter of annoyance, than an injury to health, the suggestions I then made to the Vestry have since been carried out.

Quodling's Manufactory.

On several occasions, and by various persons, notices were given of an offensive effluvium emanating from these works. I visited them a few times alone, and once in the company of the Inspector from the Metropolitan Board of Works. The matter was taken to the Greenwich Police Court. Since then no serious complaints have been received.

Booth's Mineral Water Works.

In June, 1887, the Surveyor of Sewers requested that these premises should be inspected by me. The condition of the W.Cs., a trap near to them, the flooring, and roofing were the points demanding attention. The Clerk served notice upon the owner to provide sufficient and suitable W.C. accommodation, and also to provide a proper receptacle for the waste then being thrown into the drain and sewer, as this waste forms an incrustation and so blocks up the drains. Nothing of permanent good came of the notice. The place is now closed.

Credon Road.

In July, I received notice of offensive odours in the rear of Nos. 2, 4, and 6, Credon-road. I visited the houses, and also the premises—the latter consists of two leather dressing factories. The chief cause of nuisance was the keeping of pigs. They were got rid of, and there has been no further complaint.

Railway Arches.

During the year, my attention has several times been called to the great nuisance caused by the stowage of offensive matter, and the carrying on of obnoxious trades in the arches. As in the majority of cases the arches are sub-let. I beg to quote the words used in my report of September 20th, 1887. "I am surprised at the indifference and thoughtlessness with which persons sub-let such places for such purposes, utterly regardless of the comfort and health of their neighbours. It is high time that they who are so inclined, and are able to gratify their inclination should understand that the Vestry are firmly resolved not to allow such abuses of privilege, and are also determined to put a stop to such attempts."

Conveyance of Offensive Substances through the Streets.

The subjoined letter was in answer to a request from the Metropolitan Board of Works asking for information on this subject.

“The collection and carriage of offensive materials through the streets is chiefly by means of iron tanks and vans with tarpauling covers. The greatest part of the collection is done during the evening. The stowage lasts but for a few hours in places where the material is exposed to the open air. When however the material is emptied into premises under railway arches, it remains partially exposed and open (within the arch) for a considerable period of time. The premises for the storage of offensive materials are under the supervision of the Inspector of Nuisances, who has instruction from the Vestry to visit them regularly and report upon them. The complaints with respect to these offensive materials have not hitherto been so much as to the mode of collection and carriage through the streets, but rather as to the manner, duration, and the place of stowage. The Vestry has been using means during the last two years to induce the owners of premises used for the storage of these offensive materials to abate the nuisance—partial success only, has attended their efforts.

Mansion House Council.

On October 18th, 1887, I read a synopsis of complaints received from the Secretary of the Council. The matters were referred to the Sanitary Committee.

I am, Gentlemen,

Very truly yours,

JOSEPHUS SHAW,

Medical Officer of Health.

APPENDIX No. 2.

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

Under the Metropolis Local Management Act, 1855.

1888.

Vestrymen.

The Rev. E. JOSSELYN BECK, M.A., <i>Rector</i> , The Rectory, Church Street.									
Mr. E RUMNEY SMITH, Lime Tree Lodge, Lower-road,									
FRANCIS THOMAS TALBOT, 198, Rotherhithe Street.									
" LAWRENCE STEVENS, 191, Lower-road	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1889
" EDWARD JAMES TALBOT, 72, Union-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" STEPHEN RANSON, 39, Ainsty-street.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" JOSEPH DOWN, Durham House, Tyrwhitt-road, Lewisham, S.E.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" JOHN HENRY MORRIS, 56, Plough-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" ROBERT LEISHMAN STUART, 194, Lower-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" THOMAS WM. CLARKE, 90, Union-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" WILLIAM WILLIAMS, 4, Bush-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" JOHN BULMER, 34, Lower-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1890
" FRANCIS JOHN BISSEY, 68, Union-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" THOMAS ALDRIDGE, 34, Albion-street.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" RALPH WESTALL WALKER, 14 Rebecca-terrace, Gomm-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" SAMUEL WARD COPPING, 99, Lower-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" WALTER BEASLEY, 187, Lower Road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" GEORGE MABBS, 74, Lower-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" JAMES PAINTER, 25, Lower-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" WILLIAM GEORGE WELLS, 20 Rebecca-terrace, Gomm-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1891
" FRANCIS THOMAS TALBOT, 198, Rotherhithe-street.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
Dr. WILLIAM ASTLEY COOPER, 36, Rotherhithe New-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
Mr. WILLIAM HENRY WOOD, 130 Lower-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" WILLIAM BROWN, 204, Rotherhithe New-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" JOHN REESON, 249, Lower-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" CHARLES J. THOMPSON, Swedish Yard, Surrey Commercial Docks.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" THOMAS KIMBER, 98, Raymouth-road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"

Auditors of Accounts.

Mr. William John Stevens, Mr. Richard Painter, Mr. Joseph Daniel Rose,
Mr. William James Alley, Mr. William Greenwood.

Officers of the Vestry.

JAMES JOHN STOKES, Clerk, Vestry Offices, Lower-road.
WILLIAM BURLEY, Assistant Clerk, 72, Lower-road.
DR. JOSEPHUS SHAW, 151, Lower-road.
GEORGE LEGG, Surveyor of Sewers, 61, King William-street, E.C.
EDWARD THOMAS, Surveyor of Pavements, 159, Lower-road.
JOSEPH DAY, Collector of Paving, Lighting, and Sewer Rates, 48, Union-road.
JOSEPH EDWARDS, Inspector of Nuisances, Street Keeper, and Inspector under the "Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875," Vestry Offices, Lower-road.
JAMES EDWARD POOLE, Clerk of the Works for Sewers, Bush-road.

Representative of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

JOHN TOLHURST, Esq., Tooley-street, Southwark.



APPENDIX No. 2.

LIST OF THE NAMES OF THE VESSELS WHICH WERE CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH NAVY.

IN THE YEAR 1812.

By the Admiralty, London.

1812