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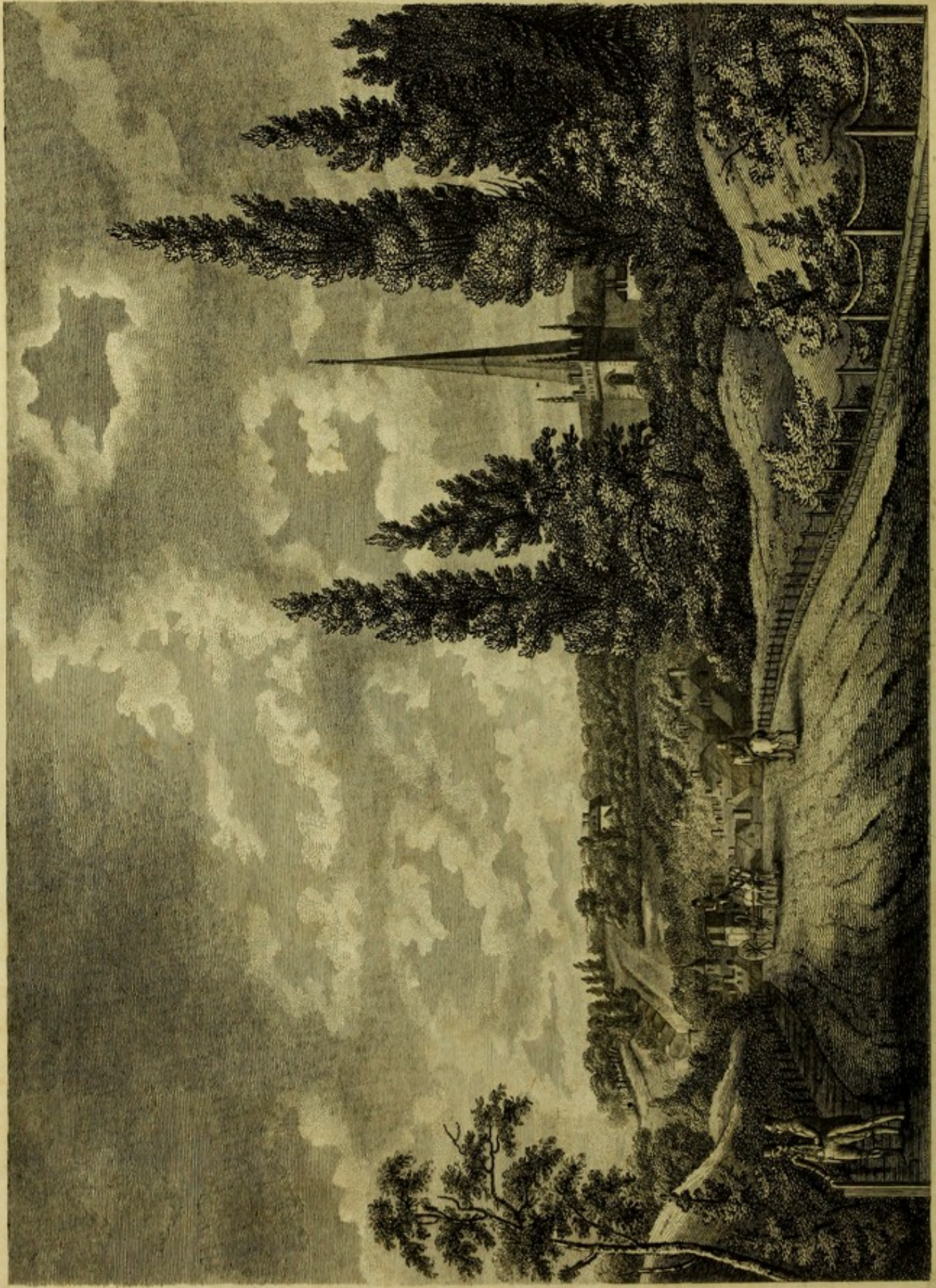
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History and Description

OF THE

PUBLIC CHARITIES

IN THE TOWN OF FROME,

CONTAINING

A COPY OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS, APPOINTED BY
ACTS OF 58 G. III, CAP. 91, AND OF 59 G. III, CAP. 81, TO ENQUIRE CONCERNING
CHARITIES IN ENGLAND,
WHICH REPORT IS DATED 15 JANUARY, 1820;

TO WHICH ARE ADDED

NOTES

FROM CROCKER'S HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF THE SAME CHARITIES,

AND AN

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

OBSERVATIONS, CORRECTIONS, AND ADDITIONS,
TO FEBRUARY, 1833.

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Public Characters

By the Rev. J. G. ...

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PREFACE.



The present Trustees of some of the Frome Charities think it may conduce to the continuance of the proper management of those Charities, and perhaps prevent their being lost, forgotten, or confused, (as has formerly happened) if an Account of them be recorded in Print.

They, therefore, have compiled this book, which contains a Copy of the Report of the Commissioners lately appointed by Government to enquire into the Charities in England,—and the Trustees have added such additional information as they think useful.

This Report of the Commissioners is contained in their general Report of the Charities throughout England, printed in several large folios. Mr. WICKHAM attended the Commissioners for several days when they were at Frome, in the year 1819, and is confident that the Report is *generally* accurate. A few errors he has corrected.

The late Mr. ABRAHAM CROCKER, in the year 1815, printed a small quarto book, entitled “An Historical Account of the Frome Charities,” and to this book reference is occasionally made in the present compilation, which also contains an Appendix, with an Addition to the Commissioners’ Report respecting the Charities mentioned by them, as well as some others which they had omitted, or which have been given since their Report.

For the sake of making this Account more complete, and useful to the Town of Frome in general, the Trustees have added a short Account of

all the Charities in Frome which have come to their knowledge, whether under their own care or that of other Trustees.

Such accounts as are not taken from the Commissioners Report, or Mr. CROCKER'S Book, are compiled from authentic Documents, in the possession of Mr. WICKHAM; which Documents are mentioned in the Account of the respective Charities.

The Frome Charities consist of—

- An Alms-House for Old Women.
- A School for Boys, called the Blue Coat School.
- A Hospital for Old Men.
- An Asylum for Girls.
- Also,
- A Free Grammar School.
- Jesser's Bequest.
- Wadman's Gift.
- Methuen's Gift.
- Part of Ann Lacy's Gift.
- Various Benefactions, mentioned in page 31.
- A Church, in Frome Woodlands.
- Christ Church, in the Town of Frome.
- And a Sunday and National School.

The Alms-House, Blue School, Hospital, and Asylum, are at present under the management of the following Twenty Trustees:

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| <p>JAMES ANTHONY WICKHAM, EDWARD NEWPORT, GEORGE SHEPPARD, WILLIAM BAYNTON, GEORGE GEORGE, EDWARD OLIVE, WILLIAM ROSSITER, The Rev. CHARLES PHILLOTT, WILLIAM HULBERT SHEPPARD, THOMAS CHARLES,</p> | <p>The Rev. JOSEPH ALGAR, THOMAS BUNN, WILLIAM GILES, EDWARD COCKEY, J. WHALLEY D. T. WICKHAM, THOMAS BYARD SHEPPARD, JOHN WHITE LITTLE, JOHN OLIVE, Rev. J. B. B. CLARKE, WILLIAM DAVIS;</p> |
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of these Trustees, the following Fifteen are the survivors of Twenty, appointed by Deed, according to the particulars in page 5, viz. :

JAMES ANTHONY WICKHAM,
EDWARD NEWPORT,
GEORGE SHEPPARD,
WILLIAM BAYNTON,
GEORGE GEORGE,
EDWARD OLIVE,
WILLIAM ROSSITER,
Rev. CHARLES PHILLOTT,

WILLIAM HULBERT SHEPPARD,
THOMAS CHARLES,
Rev. JOSEPH ALGAR,
THOMAS BUNN,
WILLIAM GILES,
EDWARD COCKEY,
and
J. WHALLEY D. T. WICKHAM :

and the following have been chosen, from time to time, as assistant Trustees, according to the particulars in page 5.

THOMAS BYARD SHEPPARD,
JOHN WHITE LITTLE,
JOHN OLIVE,
Rev. J. B. B. CLARKE,
WILLIAM DAVIS.

[It must be remembered that when the present fifteen Trustees (in the above List of Trustees appointed by Deed,) are reduced to six, they must, as is stated particularly in page 5, choose and convey the Lands in their Trust by Deed to fourteen new Trustees, in addition to themselves, so as to make the whole number Twenty.]

The twenty Trustees for the management of the Alms-House and Blue School meet in the Vestry Room, on the first Monday after Christmas, the first Monday after Lady-Day, the first Monday after Midsummer, and the first Monday after Michaelmas, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon,—and they settle the Year's Account of the Alms-House and Blue School Charities at the Meeting after Michaelmas; when a new Annual Treasurer is appointed; each Trustee, excepting the Clergy, taking this office in rotation.

For the management of the Asylum and Hospital the twenty Trustees

meet the second Monday after Christmas, Lady-Day, Midsummer, and Michaelmas; and they settle the Year's Account of these two Charities at the Meeting after Christmas.

The same Annual Treasurer is appointed for all four Charities, Mr. WICKHAM being perpetual Treasurer or Receiver as stated in page 103

There is a distinction as to the Trustees of the Charity called Stafford's Charity, of which particulars are given in pages 2 and 3.

Stafford's Will (besides a direction about a Conveyance) orders, that whenever any one vacancy occurs, the residue of the Trustees shall meet and choose one other on the next Sabbath. The following are now such Trustees, viz. :

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| JAMES ANTHONY WICKHAM, | WILLIAM BAYNTON, |
| GEORGE SHEPPARD, | EDWARD OLIVE, |
| GEORGE GEORGE, | WILLIAM ROSSITER. |

These Trustees of Stafford's Charities, and the other Trustees above-mentioned, dine together on the first Meeting after Michaelmas Day; when a Glover attends with gloves, and the Vicar and each of Stafford's Trustees is entitled to choose a pair of gloves, taking towards payment for the same their share of the ten shillings given by the will.

Also the sum of ten shillings, given by Stafford, is paid towards the dinner bill; the residue of the dinner bill being paid by the Trustees themselves.

The Treasurer of Coomb's Gift is also entitled to one shilling and sixpence for gloves, and to one shilling toward his dinner, and to two shillings for a quart of wine sack, to be drunk by the Trustees.

The proceedings of the Trustees of all these Charities at their Meetings are entered in books called Order Books.

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Copy of Commissioners Report.

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Alms-House and Charity-School of Frome.

William Leversedge, Esq. of Vallis, in the parish of Frome, in the reign of Edward the Fourth, (a) founded an almshouse in the town of Frome, with a chapel or hall, and twelve rooms or chambers belonging to the same, the exact site of which is now unknown. This establishment he appears to have endowed with about four acres and a half of land, but this is only known by the recitals in subsequent instruments, the original deed having been long lost. (A)

In a conveyance, dated 10th May, 1644, (b) by Robert Leversedge and others to new trustees, the premises are thus described, viz. all that messuage or house called the Almshouse, situate in Frome aforesaid, then containing a hall and twelve rooms or chambers, and a chapel and two gardens thereunto adjoining, one of them lying on the north part of the same almshouse, the other on the south part of the same almshouse; and one acre of meadow lying near Gaston Stile, within the parish of Frome, and whereon a dwelling-house had then been lately erected, abutting its north end to a close of Robert Smith, and its south end to the King's highway, and its east end to the stile called Gaston Stile, and its west end to a tenement late in the tenure of Henry Whitchurch; and one acre of meadow, more or less, lying at Sharp's House, within the parish of Nunney, in the said county, abutting its south end on a water-course there in a close of one John Pickfatt, and its north end to the other land of the said John Pickfatt, in the close aforesaid, and its east part to a close then

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—
Almshouse and
Charity School.
Leversedge's
Gift.

(a) Who began his Reign 1461.

(A) In Appendix A, is a further Account of this Establishment.

(b) About 180 years after the Founder, William Leversedge.

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 Charity School,
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in the tenure of William Lewis, and its west part to a mear stone there lying towards Nunney aforesaid; and one acre of arable land lying in the west field of Frome aforesaid, and then inclosed in a close of one John Wilkins, and lying near to the hedge of the same close, next the highway leading from Crutchell Bridge to Nunney aforesaid, and abutting on its south side to the hedge next aforesaid, and its north-west end to a close then in the tenure of one Grace Pointing, widow, and Ralph Pointing, her son, and its east end upon the same inclosed ground of the said John Wilkins; and one other acre of arable land lying in the north field of Frome aforesaid, above Long Mead, and abutting on an acre of arable land of John Champneis, and on the south-west part on an acre of land then of the inheritance of Sir James Thynne, knight, on the east part thereof abutting towards the highway leading from Beggars Bush towards Berkley: and also, one other half acre of arable land lying near the aforesaid acre of arable land in the said north field of Frome aforesaid, abutting or near adjoining on the south part to an acre of arable land then late the inheritance of Sir John Horton, knight, and on the north part to the aforesaid acre of arable land of John Champneis, Esq. and on the east part on the inheritance of the said John Champneis, and the west part to an acre of land then in the occupation of John Dyer. (B)

In 1720, the building, which was then about a century old, being in decay, was taken down, and a more commodious structure erected in its place, affording accommodation for the old women then upon the antient establishment, augmented by some subsequent bounties, and also for a charity school then in contemplation to be set up in the parish. The north wing of this edifice is the newest part, and is occupied by 17 old women, maintained under the legacies of William Sheppard, Ann Lacy, and William Baily; the south part is filled by 14 old women, under the ancient charities of William Leversedge, Alexander Stafford and Richard Coomb, and the centre is the school.

Alex. Stafford's
 Gift.

The earliest addition to the old alms-house charity, was made by Alexander Stafford, Esq. who, by his will dated 10th May, 1651, devised his houses, shops, tenements, and hereditaments in Bread-street and Basing-lane, to certain persons therein named, and their heirs, charging them to pay thereout an annuity of £30. to other trustees therein also named, upon trust that £28. by the year should be employed for the sole

(B) In Appendix B, is a further Account of this Establishment

benefit and towards the perpetual relief and sustentation for ever of 14 poor women, placed and to be placed by the parishioners of Frome Selwood, in the almshouse situate near the great bridge, viz. 40s. yearly to each of them, and the remaining 40s. to be disposed of as follows: 20s. thereof to the vicar of the parish of Frome Selwood for the time being, for two sermons to be preached yearly as therein mentioned, and 10s. more of the said 40s. to be bestowed upon gloves for the said vicar and his successors, and the other trustees, at the time of making their yearly accounts, and the other 10s. residue for a dinner for the same persons at their annual audit. (C)

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Charity School,
continued.

By an entry in an old book taken out of the parish chest, and produced to us, it appeared that an annual sum of 55s. 8d. was charged by a deed of Richard Coomb, in 1686, on two acres called Moushold, and three roods in West Overs upon King Hill, two acres of Meadow near Whatley Water, three roods of meadow in Long Mead, half an acre in Whatley, shooting upon Whatley Water, "for the use of a poor honest man, a native of Frome, living in the almshouse, if any such man can be found; if not, to an honest poor woman, native of Frome; if no such poor man or woman can be found, then to such other poor person there as shall be most indigent or qualified as aforesaid, paid yearly at the almshouse to the grantees, viz. 21s. 8d. at Michaelmas, 9s. more at the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord God, 9s. more on the 25th March; and the remainder on the 24th June, to be distributed, 9s. at Michaelmas, 9s. at Christmas, 9s. at Lady-day, and 9s. at Midsummer, to meet next Monday after Michaelmas; to pay to the minister 6s. 8d. to the clerk 1s. if there is a sermon preached at the almshouse that morning; and they the grantees shall pay to the treasurer, to be by them yearly chosen on that day, for gloves 1s. 6d. 1s. for a dinner, and 2s. for a quart of wine-sack, to be drank by the grantees on the next Monday after Michaelmas, yearly or every year, or so many of them as shall then meet; the remainder, 7s. 6d. to be laid out four days before Christmas in meat, and to be distributed among 15 poor there, as may be in the almshouse."

Richard Coomb's
Gift.

Mention is made in the same book, that Mr. Stafford's trustees were appointed to dispose of the said Mr. Richard Coomb's gift.

(C) In Appendix C, is an Extract from this Will of Alexander Stafford, so far as relates to his Gift to Frome.

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Wickham's and
 Hippie's Gift.

By an indenture of release, dated 2nd March, 1721, grounded on a lease for a year, between William A'Court, of Frome, of the one part, and James Wickham and Jane Hippie, widow, of the other part, in consideration of £445, (£6. whereof, according to the same deed, was a gift of Mrs. *Dorothy Smith*, deceased, £20. more whereof was a gift of Mrs. *Mary Langworth*, deceased, and the residue thereof was the proper money of the said *James Wickham* and *Jane Hippie*, given equally by them for the charity and use thereafter mentioned,) the said William A'Court conveyed to James Wickham and Jane Hippie, all that close or pasture ground, commonly called Pryor's Mead, and all that close of meadow or pasture, formerly woody ground, commonly called Hilling's Grove, which said closes were lying together in the several tythings of East and West Woodlands, in the said parish of Frome, containing by estimation 32 acres, more or less, to hold to the said James Wickham and Jane Hippie, their heirs and assigns, upon trust, that the yearly rents and profits of said closes and premises might be for ever thereafter received by the trustees, nominated and appointed for the time being, for receiving the gift of £30. a-year, given to the said almshouse, and other uses, by the will of *Alexander Stafford*, esq. deceased, to be by them distributed to and amongst the 14 poor women for the time being, that should be living in the said almshouse, equally for their relief, as the said trustees should think fit; and it was therein expressed to be thereby intended, by the said James Wickham and Jane Hippie, that the whole yearly rents and profits of the said closes and premises thereby conveyed, should go and be paid to the said 14 poor women for the time being; and also, that the whole yearly rents and profits of other lands conveyed or to be conveyed, for the use of the charity school in Frome aforesaid, should also go and be paid for and to the use of the said charity school, free and discharged of and from all taxes, rates, and payments, for ever thereafter, provided that in case the said parish and parishioners of Frome Selwood should not from time to time pay or discharge all the rates, taxes, repairs, and payments whatsoever, that should be assessed and imposed on the said premises, and also, on all other lands that were and should be settled for the use of the said charity school from the time of such settlement, so that the whole rent and profit thereof might come clear for the uses for which the same were and should be designed, that then and from thenceforth the said closes and premises thereby conveyed, should only stand charged for the raising of the aforesaid £6. 10s. and £20. to be

paid to the churchwardens of the Frome school aforesaid for the time being; and then one moiety of the aforesaid closes and premises should be and remain to and for the use of the said James Wickham, his heirs and assigns, for ever; and the other moiety should be and remain to and for the use of the said Jane Hippie, her heirs and assigns, for ever.

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By an indenture, dated 18th November, 1745, two closes of meadow or pasture ground, commonly called Cole Mixon, containing nine acres, more or less, situate in Nunney, were conveyed by Joan Pickfatt and Jane Hippie to the minister and churchwardens of Frome, for the remainder of a term of 1000 years, commencing the 19th April, 1731, upon trust, that all the rents and profits of the said premises should, after the death of the said Jane Hippie, be disposed of by them amongst the poor women belonging to the almshouse of Frome upon Whit Monday, yearly, by equal shares and proportions; and by a memorandum indorsed upon the last-mentioned instrument, confining the benefit of the above gift to the 14 poor women belonging to Frome almshouse.

In the year 1748, application was made to the court of Chancery, by the vicar and several of the parishioners of Frome, praying that the said charities might be established, and the lands belonging to them respectively secured, and that such rules and orders might be prescribed for the good order and government thereof, as the Court might think fit. By the final decree of the Lord Chancellor, dated in the year 1751, a scheme, approved of by the Master, for the better regulation of the charities, was confirmed, and the rules and orders for that purpose were settled, by which rules it was amongst other things ordered, that when the number of the trustees of the almshouse, and premises thereto belonging, should be reduced to six, the surviving trustees or feoffees should, within four months after reasonable request to them, made by two sufficient men of the said parish of Frome Selwood, make a new feoffment or conveyance of the said almshouse, almshouse lands and premises, to the use of themselves and a sufficient number of the most able and sufficient men of the said parish, and their heirs, making together with themselves the number of 20 in the whole; and that the present 20 trustees which had been approved, and to whom the said almshouse and lands were conveyed, and also all other trustees for the time being, and the survivors of them, should be called trustees and governors of the said almshouse, almshouse lands and premises, according to the rules and orders thereafter mentioned.

Application to
Chancery.

That the said twenty trustees and governors should from time to time

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permit and suffer, at least twelve poor people, men or women, born or to be born within the parish of Frome Selwood aforesaid, and to be nominated and appointed from time to time, as vacancies should happen, by the said trustees and governors, or the majority of them, present at any of such quarterly meetings, as thereafter appointed, to dwell and inhabit in the said messuage or almshouse in the twelve rooms, and to enjoy the rents and profits of the said almshouse lands in such shares and proportions as the trustees should think fit, and according to the order and direction of the said governors and trustees, and their survivors; and likewise to have use of the hall, chapel, and gardens thereunto belonging, for and during the natural lives of the said twelve poor people, so to be nominated and appointed as aforesaid, they demeaning themselves well, and subject nevertheless to such orders and directions and removal, as hereinafter mentioned.

That the said governors and trustees, or the majority of them, present at any such quarterly meetings as were thereafter mentioned, should from time to time, when and so often as they should think fit, elect and appoint a proper and sufficient person of their own body to be treasurer or receiver, to collect and receive the rents and profits of the said almshouse, lands and premises, and to distribute and divide the same amongst the said poor people for their relief and sustenance, and for the necessary reparations of the said almshouse and premises, according to and under the directions of the said governors and trustees, at any of their said quarterly meetings hereinafter appointed, or as the majority of them then present should direct and appoint; and that accounts be kept as therein mentioned; and that such majority should have power to make agreements for letting leases of the said almshouse lands to any tenant or tenants, for any term or terms of years not exceeding 21 years, at rack rent, without taking any thing in money or otherwise, by way of fine.

That the same twenty persons, who then were or thereafter should be the trustees and governors of the aforesaid almshouse lands and charity, should be likewise the trustees and governors of the aforesaid school-house lands and charity; and that the said school-house lands and premises should be from time to time, as occasion should require, conveyed to the same twenty persons, who should be the said almshouse trustees and their heirs, upon the following trust, (that is to say,) that the said trustees and governors, or the majority of them, present at such quarterly meeting, should elect and appoint a fit and proper person to be master of the said

charity school, and so from time to time, as often as any vacancy should happen, either by the death or removal of any such master, with a reasonable salary, not exceeding £20. a-year, payable quarterly out of the rents and revenues of the said school lands and premises, to be paid by the treasurer or receiver, to be chosen and appointed by the said governors and trustees, as are hereinafter mentioned.

That the said governors and trustees, or the majority of them, present at any of such quarterly meetings, should, when and so often as they should think fit, elect and appoint a treasurer or receiver of the rents and profits of the said charity school lands.

That the said treasurer or receiver so to be appointed, should apply the rents and profits of the said lands and premises belonging to the said charity school, to pay the yearly salary to the schoolmaster, by quarterly payments as before directed, and out of the residue of the said rents and profits, should apply such sums of money towards clothing the poor boys to be placed in the said charity school, and for pens, ink, paper, and books for them, as the said governors and trustees should direct and appoint.

That the governors and trustees should meet four times in every year, upon the business of the almshouse and charity school, (that is to say,) the first Monday after Christmas, the first Monday after Lady-day, the first Monday after Midsummer-day, and the first Monday after Michaelmas-day, in the vestry room of the parish church of Frome Selwood aforesaid, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

That the said governors and trustees should have power and authority to admit as many poor boys of the said parish into the said charity school, to be clothed, and taught to read and write, and to be educated in the knowledge and practice of the Christian religion, as professed and taught in the church of England, and such other things as should be most suitable to their age and condition, in such manner and for such time, as the said governors and trustees should think fit and appoint.

That the said governors and trustees should have power to remove both the poor people belonging to the said almshouse, and the poor boys belonging to the said charity school, who should be found to have committed any great offence, and to place others in their room, as also to fill up vacancies that might happen by deaths or otherwise in the said school and almshouse; and in case the said schoolmaster should appear to be unfit and become incapable, or otherwise misdemean himself in his life or conversation, that then the said governors and trustees should have

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power and authority to displace and remove him, and appoint another in his room, and so from time to time as there should be occasion. (D)

By indentures of lease and release, dated the 5th and 6th April, 1756, the release between Zachary Baily, heir at law of Susannah Lock, widow, deceased, and Sarah Baily, (which Zachary Baily and Sarah Baily were the surviving executors and devisees of the said Susannah Lock,) of the one part, and the Rev. Lionel Seaman, vicar of Frome, and the churchwardens of Frome, of the other part, reciting that *George Lock*, by his will dated the 22nd of November, 1735, had, after assigning a sum for the repair of his monument, given to the said vicar and churchwardens £60. in trust, as to £40. part thereof, to be put out at interest, and to be paid to the feoffees of the almshouses in Frome, for the benefit of the 14 poor women in the same, and as to £20. residue thereof, to place the same at interest, and apply the same to the use of the charity school in Frome; that the said testator had appointed his wife, Susannah Lock, his sole executrix, and that the said Susannah Lock, by her will dated the 12th February, 1750, had devised to the vicar and churchwardens of Frome, for the time being, all her estate called Abbots, her lands in Gaston, her acre of ground at Rodden Lake, her half acre at Little Innox, in the parish of Frome, the same to be in lieu and satisfaction of what was given and devised to them by the will of her late husband, deceased, and to be and go in his name, upon trust to receive the rents and profits, and apply the same to the uses following; *i. e.* 20s. a-year for keeping in repair the aisle of the parish church of Frome, called Lock's Aisle, and the remainder to the feoffees of the almshouse aforesaid, for the benefit of the poor of the said almshouse, at four equal quarterly payments, at the discretion of the said feoffees, and reciting, that the said minister and churchwardens, for themselves and the rest of the inhabitants, had agreed to accept the lands and premises so given by the said Susannah Lock, in full satisfaction of the pecuniary legacies of the said George Lock, and that they the said Zachary Baily and Sarah Baily, had agreed to confirm and assign the said lands and premises so given to the said vicar and churchwardens, by the said Susannah Lock, which said lands and premises (except the lands in Gaston, which were leasehold for years determinable with lives) were freehold of inheritance; the said parties, of the first part, released and confirmed to the said vicar and churchwardens,

(D) In Appendix D, is a Copy of these Orders, and some farther particulars.

and their successors, in fee, all the messuage, cottage or tenement, with a garden and backside, and two closes of arable or pasture ground thereto adjoining, containing by estimation five acres, more or less, in the North Field in Frome, theretofore in the tenure of Paul Abbott; also, that one acre of meadow or pasture ground, more or less, lying in the said north field, near a place called Rodden Lake, inclosed with two other acres, between the land of the Lord Weymouth on the east side, and the land of Mr. Smith on the west side thereof; and also, one half acre of arable or pasture land, lying in the same north field, abutting on one end thereof on Great Innox, and lying on the upper side of the ground called Little Innox, to hold to the said vicar and churchwardens, upon the trust mentioned in the will of the said Susannah Lock, and the said parties, of the first part, did also assign and confirm unto the said vicar and churchwardens, the said close or meadow or pasture ground, called Gastons, in the parish of Frome, containing by estimation two acres, more or less, to hold the same to them upon the same trusts, for the residue of the said term.

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By indentures of lease and release, dated 22nd and 23rd February, 1773, a close or piece of pasture ground, formerly arable, containing by estimation two acres, lying in the north field of Frome, adjoining on the south and west parts thereof to the vicarage of Frome, and on the north and east parts thereof to land of Lord Weymouth, was conveyed by Ann King and Sarah Birch, by the direction of *Edward Roach*, to the then trustees of the almshouse, for the consideration therein mentioned, for the charitable purposes mentioned in the indenture of feoffment of the 10th day of May, 1644, which has herein-before been referred to, and subject to the said rules and orders so settled by the court of Chancery, in the cause of the Attorney General v. Baily.

Edward Roach's
 Gift.

By indentures of lease and release, dated 7th and 8th July, 1816, between William Hilliar Baily, heir at law of William Baily, late of Frome, of the first part, Joseph Frowd, of Frome, of the second part, and James Anthony Wickham and others, trustees of the almshouse for poor women, in Frome, of the third part, reciting, that the said *William Baily*, by his will dated 30th March, 1811, had devised his freehold estate in Buckland Denham and Elm, to the feoffees of the almshouse, near Frome Bridge, for poor women, on the northern end or side of such almshouse, in order to augment the said charity, the said William Frowd, at the request of the said William Hillier Baily, bargained and sold the messuage

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 Gift.

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or dwelling-house, with the bake-house, stable, garden and appurtenances, then in the occupation of John Weaver; and also, the tenement or dwelling-house in the occupation of Thomas Greenland, and one other tenement or dwelling-house in the occupation of William Matthews, which said tenements were near to or adjoining the said first mentioned messuage; and also, a close of orchard land, called the Home Close, or the Orchard, containing by estimation two acres, a close of orchard land called Rowmoor, containing by estimation two acres; three closes of meadow and pasture ground, called the Chalgroves, containing by estimation six acres, lying together; a close of pasture land, called Bulham, or Egypt-ground, containing by estimation three acres; a close of meadow ground, called Pit Acre, or Piddiker, containing by estimation four acres; a close of meadow, called Quarry Close, lying at a place called Burgesses, containing by estimation one acre; a close of pasture land, called Frodoms, or Frothams, containing by estimation four acres; all which said premises, bounded as therein mentioned, were described to be in the parish of Buckland Denham; also, the close of pasture land, called Frodhams, or Little Frotham, containing by estimation two acres, separated from the other Frothams by a stream of water; also, the close of pasture, called the Lake, containing by estimation two acres, lying on the west side of a lane leading from Lower Buckland to Elm; all which last mentioned premises, bounded as therein mentioned, were described to be in the parish of Elm, to hold to the said trustees, their heirs and assigns, in trust for the benefit of the said charity, pursuant to the said will of the said William Baily, subject to the rules and orders settled by the court of Chancery.

John A'Court's
 Gift.

By an extract from the tables of benefactions in the church of Frome, it appears that *John A'Court*, of Rodden, gave to the poor of the almshouse 20s. a-year for ever, and to the free-school for teaching a boy, (to be elected by his heirs,) 20s. a-year for ever, both to be paid on the 27th of December, out of a tenement in Nunney, called Railes. (E)

Smith,
 Whitechurch,
 Wickham and
 others Gifts.

By indentures of lease and release, dated 14th and 15th May 1728, the release between John Wickham, of Sherborn, devisee under the will of James Wickham the elder, of Frome, of the one part, and the vicar and churchwardens of Frome, and others, of the other part, reciting that a charity school for teaching and clothing poor boys had been lately erected,

(E) In Appendix E, is a Note on this.

and that, for the better support of the said school, the several persons thereafter named (E2) had subscribed the several sums of money thereafter mentioned, to remain as a stock for ever, and that it had been agreed at a vestry of the said parish, that £22. 13s. part of the gift of £150., given by Mr. Christopher Morgan, deceased, £10. the gift of Solomon Debnam, deceased, and £5. the gift of John Downton, deceased, to the use of the poor, should be also applied to the support of the said school, in all amounting to £1,087. 3s. in consideration of the said sum of £1,087. 3s. paid to the said John Wickham, he did thereby grant release and confirm to the said vicar and others, the tenement or dwelling-house, with the barn, garden and closes of arable, meadow, pasture and woody ground thereto adjoining, called Shearmarsh, containing by estimation 35 acres; and also another tenement or dwelling-house, with the barn, orchard, garden, and eight closes or parrocks of land, meadow and pasture ground thereto adjoining or belonging, containing by estimation 28 acres, to hold to the said vicar and others, and their heirs, to the intent that the rents and profits thereof might be received by the treasurer and trustees of the said charity school, for the clothing and teaching 20, or as many more poor boys of the said parish, as the trustees, their heirs and assigns, should think fit, to read, write and be educated in the knowledge and practice of the Christian religion, as professed and taught in the church of England, and such other things as should be most suitable to their condition, and to and for the use of the said school and boys therein for the time being, as aforesaid, and for paying the master for the time being, as the treasurer and trustees should think fit.

In a printed book of the charities of Frome, dated 1815, it is stated, that in or about the year 1742, Mr. *William Whitchurch*, of Nunney, having given £100. and the late Mr. *George Lock*, of Frome, by his will £20. more, to the charity school; with these and some stock money, a house, garden and close of land, consisting of four acres, called Sheppard's near Feltham, were purchased of Thomas Brown, at the price of £140. for the use of the charity school.

In the same book it is further stated, that the late Mr. *Daniel Rossiter*, of Keyford, who died in the year 1787, gave by will to the trustees of the charity school a dwelling-house, with the out-houses and garden, where John Adlam then lived, and which he directed to be sold, and the produce

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(E2) The names of these persons is given in Appendix E2.

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to be laid out in stock, the dividends of which stock were directed to be applied, with that of Mrs. Hippie's, in placing boys of the charity school out apprentices; and that, to supersede the statute of mortmain, Mr. William Rossiter, nephew and heir at law of the testator, made a voluntary confirmation of such bequest, on being permitted to nominate a boy of the school annually to be bound apprentice. A copy of which instrument of confirmation, bearing date the 30th June, 1787, and reciting the will of Daniel Rossiter to the effect above stated, has since been produced to us.

Elizabeth Ash's
 Gift.

In the year 1670, according to the same printed book, a Mrs. *Elizabeth Ash*, and *John* her son, granted to William Iveleaf, for a term of 1,000 years, a messuage or tenement, with a garden, in Goose-Street, in Beckington; and the said William Iveleaf, by an indenture bearing date the 18th November, 1674, (a copy of which has since been produced to us,) granted and assigned the same premises for the remainder of the term to trustees therein named, who were to pay one moiety of the rents and profits thereof, to be employed in providing gowns once in every three years for the 14 poor widows in the almshouses at Frome; and the other moiety of the said rents and profits thereof, to be paid to the schoolmaster or other person, who should read prayers to the said poor women in the chapel twice every week; in which lease or deed of gift there was a proviso, that if the rents and profits of the tenement should be applied to any other purpose or purposes than the foregoing, the property thereof should revert to Joseph, son of the said William Iveleaf, his executors, &c. for the remainder of the said term.

John Ash and
 Mr. Iveleaf's
 Gifts.

It is stated in the church tablet, that Mr. *John Ash* gave *three* tenements at Beckington to the charity school and almshouse, and that Mr. *Iveleaf* gave £100., to be laid out in a house in Beckington, for the use of the almshouse; and it is observable, that in the printed book above referred to, it is said that Mrs. Elizabeth Ash, and John her son, gave a messuage or tenement, with a garden, in Goose-Street, in Beckington, for 1,000 years to the almshouse, so that it would appear, that *three* tenements in Beckington belonging to this charity were not accounted for. But in the rental at the end of the said printed book, Thomas West is stated to be the tenant (at that time) of Mrs. Ash's tenements at Beckington; and upon inquiry it appeared, that the present tenant, Mr. Thomas West, actually holds what did consist of four tenements at Beckington, but one of the four has been thrown into one of the others, so that at present he

holds only three. Neither the conveyance of Iveleaf's tenement, nor of Mrs. Ash's three tenements, could be found.

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According to a plan made in 1762, of the lands belonging to Frome charity school and almshouse, the lands which came originally to the almshouse from William Leversedge, as they are described in the ancient deeds, appear to be answered by—

One acre of meadow near Gaston, with four tenements upon it, let to Thomas West.

Half an acre of meadow in Sharpshaw farm, in the parish of Nunney.

One acre of arable, being part of 14 acres in the possession of Mr. Joseph Cook, for which acre he pays rent to the trustees.

One acre of pasture, at Old Ford Hill.

One acre of arable, lying between land of the Marquis of Bath, and land of the Vicar of Frome.

By the book kept by Mr. Wickham, as receiver of the rents, it appears that the acre in Gaston is let to Thomas West, for the term of 21 years from Lady-day 1809, at the net rent of £21. per annum; the rent reserved on the lease immediately preceding, and which was for 10 years, having been £9.

£. s. d.

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The half-acre at Sharpshaw is let for £1. 1s. per annum, and in the opinion of the witness, the above premises are respectively let at their full value

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With respect to the acre of land let to Mr. Joseph Cook, it appears that the trustees, not being able to ascertain exactly the identity of this land amongst the 14 acres of which it forms a part, and disputes having arisen respecting it, it was agreed between the trustees and a Mr. Bradley, who was then the owner of the remainder of the 14 acres, that a perpetual quit-rent of 9s. should be paid for it to the trustees

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The acre of pasture at Old Ford Hill, is let to David Williams, by lease in 1808, for 14 years, from the 25th March 1809, at the yearly rent of.....

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The acre of land, between the land of the Marquis of Bath and the Vicar of Frome, is let to Stephen Moody, as tenant from year to year, at the rent of.... —which has been paid for 14 years.

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The last two acres are stated to have been let according to a valuation of them by two land surveyors named to us.

The annual sum of £30., left by the will of Alexander Stafford, is regularly paid

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Thomas West, the tenant of the premises which came from Mrs Ash and her son, holds the same from year to year, at a net rent of

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—the same being stated to us to be the full rent in the judgment of the witness, the surveyor, by whom it was valued. The former letting was for £6. 10s. Instead of the rent-charge of 55s. 8d. under the deed of gift of Richard Coombs, the present occupier of the land, Mr. Edmund Ashby, pays £3. 10s. per annum to the trustees, by agreement

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According to an old book found in the parish chest, the lands originally bound to the payment of this annuity were two acres, called Moushold; three roods at Westovers, upon King Hill; two acres of meadow near Whatley Water; three roods of meadow in Long Meadow, and one-half an acre in Whatley, shooting upon Whatley Water; but the only land of which there is now any knowledge, as

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being subject to this rent, is the two acres of meadow land near Whatley Water, the other parts of the property being no longer traceable.

The property purchased from William A'Court, by James Wickham and Jane Hippie, and settled by them upon the almshouse, is stated now to consist of three closes of meadow or pasture ground; one of 11 A. & 18 P. another of 8 A. 2 R. 7 P. and a third of 7 A. & 24 P. in all 26 A. 3 R. 9 P. lying together, being less by four acres than the quantity mentioned in the conveyance, which was 32; but as the old description was by estimation, and the new by statute measure, the difference may in this way be accounted for; they were let to James Butler, for seven years, by their old description of Phelps Priors Mead and Hillings Grove, at the rent of £45., and in the lease to him they were called 32 acres, according to the old nominal measure. That lease is now just expired, and they are under agreement to be let to Joseph Pope, according to their real measurement for seven years, from Lady-day 1818, at the advanced rent of £70., which, in the judgment of the witness, a surveyor, is the full rent

£. s. d.

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The trustees of the almshouses are in possession of a parcel of pasture land, at Colemixon, in the parish of Nunney, which amounts to about nine acres, and appears to answer to the nine acres of land assigned to the vicar and churchwardens by Mrs. Hippie. This land is in the occupation of William Horton, as yearly tenant, at the net rent of £14. per annum. This land has not been valued, but, according to the evidence, it is not rich land, and £14. is an adequate rent, clear of taxes

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The premises substituted by the will of Susannah Lock, for the legacies given by George Lock, her husband, consist of a tenement and garden, and two closes of pasture land in the north field, now called Frome Field, containing not quite four acres, but very little less. This is called Abbotts, and is on lease to Henry Sheppard, and in the occupation of Thomas Harmer Sheppard. The lease is dated 29th September, 1808, and is for fourteen years, from the 25th March, 1808, at a rent of £13.

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Also, an acre of pasture land, near Rodden lake, now in the occupation of John Olive, as yearly tenant, at the rent of £1. 5s.; this is only a nominal acre, being really only 3 R. 5 P.

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Also, half an acre of pasture land, at Little Innox, in the occupation of Elizabeth Vincent and Captain O'Connor, as yearly tenants, at the rent of £2. 2s.

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These rents are paid by the tenants to the churchwardens, and by them to the trustees of the Almshouse Charity.

There is a slight difference between the present quantity and the quantity mentioned in the deed of 1756, which is explained by the difference between estimated and statute measure; the two acres lying in the north field of Frome, purchased in 1773 of Ann King and Sarah Birch, are now in the occupation of Abraham Croker, as yearly tenant, at the rent of £3. 10s. per annum

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The twenty shillings charged on a tenement in Nunney, called Railes, and given by John A'Court, of Rodden, is paid by the owner of the land to the old women in the almshouse

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The freehold estate of Buckland and Elm, which came to the trustees under the will of William Bailey, was measured three or four years ago, and the survey was produced, by which it appears, that though the property has varied in names and descriptions, it is the same in quantity. This land is let to one John Weaver, of Buckland, as yearly tenant, at the rent of £34. per ann.

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— and a cottage, part of the estate, is let to Thomas Greenland, as yearly tenant, at the rent of £3.

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The land about this place is stated to be poor; and, according to the evidence of a surveyor, who was examined to the point, it is a fair rent.

The actual extent of the estate called Shear Marsh, which was purchased in 1728 out of the school fund, from James Wickham, is 28½ acres; and that of Joel's, purchased out of the same fund at the same time, 29¾ acres. The difference between this quantity and that of 63 acres, which is mentioned in the purchase deed, is explained by referring it to the different modes of admeasurement, by estimation and by statute. This estate was let by lease, dated 31st March 1794, for a term of 13 years, at a rent of £71.; that lease expired in 1808, when a new lease, dated 29th September 1808, was made to William Allard, the same tenant, for 14 years, at a rent of £110. per annum, which last letting was upon a valuation by a surveyor. It is arable and pasture, and three or four miles from Frome

The house, garden and close of land, called Sheppards, near Feltham, described as consisting of four acres, and to have been purchased by Thomas Brown, for the use of the charity school, consist only, according to the plan, of 3 A. 3 R. 3 P.; but it lies within an old boundary, and no alteration appears to have taken place. According to the almshouse book, it was let in 1775 for £6., and so it continued till Lady-day 1802, when it was raised to £8., which continued to 1808, and then a lease was granted to George King, dated 29th September 1808, for 21 years, from the preceding Lady-day, at the rent of £15.; the present occupier is George Jones

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| | 15 — — |
| | £ 333 18 — (F) |

The whole cost of re-erecting the almshouse building in 1720, by the voluntary subscription of the parishioners, was £1,401. 8s. 9d. as appears from the almshouse book of 1728, where there is a bill of the particulars. In 1728, the centre part of this building came to be used as a charity school, which in that year was established by a school fund raised by the contributions of the inhabitants. The south wing is now used for the old women upon Stafford's foundation (properly Leversedge's); and it may be observed, that after Stafford's donation, 14 old women, instead of the original 12, were maintained on that side. The north side, until of late years, was occupied by some parish paupers; but since the gifts of Sheppard, Lacy and Bailey, the same poor women who were maintained there before, with some addition to their number, have been supported by these donations.

The total amount of the rent and produce of the land belonging to the almshouse, is £205. 8s. composed as follows:—

| | | £. s. d. |
|----------------------------|--|----------|
| From William Leversedge | Gastons | 21 — — |
| | ½ acre of pasture at Sharpshaw | 1 1 — |
| | ½ acre at Westover | — 9 — |
| | 1 acre at Old Ford Hill | 1 19 — |
| | 1 acre between the land of Lord Bath and the Vicar of Frome | 1 10 — |

(F) In Appendix F, is a new Rental of the Almshouse and Charity School Lands, present Tenants, and Rents.

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| | | £. s. d. | |
|----------------|---|--|--------|
| | Stafford's | 30 — — | |
| | Ash's tenements at Beckington | 7 12 — | |
| | Coomb's..... | 3 10 — | |
| | Wickham's and Hippie's..... | 70 — — | |
| | Land at Colemixon, given by Mrs. Hippie | 14 — — | |
| From Mrs. Lock | } | Land called Abbots | 13 — — |
| | | 1 acre near Rodden Lake | 1 5 — |
| | | ½ an acre at Little Innox | 2 2 — |
| | | Close of two acres in the North field | 3 10 — |
| | | Charged on tenement in Nunney, called Railes | 1 — — |
| | Estate at Buckland and Elm | 37 — — | |
| | | £ 208 18 — | |

The property of the almshouse, of a personal nature, is as follows:—

| | £. s. d. |
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| There is one-third of an hundred pounds, and one-sixth of £200. three per cent. consols, producing £2. per annum, purchased out of surplus money in the hands of the trustees, and which is the share of the almshouse in such surplus stock. It stands in the names of Joseph Frowd, James Anthony Wickham, and George Sheppard. (G) | 2 — — |
| £200. was bequeathed to the almshouse charity by Mr. George Whitchurch, a trustee, who died in 1803. It was laid out in the purchase of £200. navy five per cents, the dividend on which is | 10 — — |
| This stands in the names of James Anthony Wickham, Thomas Napper, and George Sheppard. (G) | |
| Mr. William Barton, a trustee, bequeathed in 1804, the sum of £5,000. three per cent consols, to his executors upon trust, to pay and transfer £3,400. to the trustees of the almshouse, for the support and maintenance of the 14 Blue women of the said almshouse, and to apply the interest of the residue for the benefit of the charity school. The interest of the almshouse share, is | 102 — — |
| It stands in the names of Joseph Frowd, James Anthony Wickham, and George Sheppard. (G) | |
| Mr. William Sheppard, by his will in 1803, bequeathed £500.(a) three per cent consols to the almshouse charities of Frome, which donation he afterwards confined to the poor women of the north side; the dividend is | 9 — — |
| The trustees are James Anthony Wickham, Timothy Lacy, and George Sheppard. (G) | |
| Mrs. Ann Lacey, by her will dated the 14th July 1807, gave to the trustees of the almshouse, £2,000. three per cent consols, upon trust, to pay and apply the interest as they should see fit, for the support of the poor women of the north side of the almshouse. This stock produces a dividend of | 60 — — |
| | £ 183 — —(H) |

—and stands in the names of James Anthony Wickham, George Sheppard, and Joseph Frowd. (G)

(G) In Appendix G, is a particular Account of the Names of the present Trustees of this Stock.

(a) This is a Mis-print, the Stock is £300.

(H) In Appendix H, is an Account of the present personal Property of the Almshouse.

This is all the funded property belonging to the almshouse, making the income of the funded property altogether, amount to £183. And the total income of both real and personal property of the almshouse charities, £391. 8s.

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It is proper to be noticed, that in addition to the benefactions above mentioned, there is a small donation of 5s. to each of the 14 poor women of the south side of the almshouse, on every St. Thomas's day, which is part of a sum of £16., received from the executors of John Hooper, the lessee of land belonging to the parish of Frome, the remainder of which is paid to the poor of the parish. The property out of which this is derived, appears to have been a gift of Thomas Smith, by his deed dated 21st of May 1678, and to be now vested in the minister and churchwardens. The land consists of 14 A. 3 R. 6 P. and is situated at Critchills, in the parish of Frome.

The surviving trustees, regularly constituted under the decree, in the year 1811, being of opinion that it would be for the advantage of the charities to increase the number of trustees, but not thinking themselves empowered so to do under the decree or the wills of the donors, by way of effecting their object as far as they safely could, elected 10 gentlemen of the town, of the established church, to act with them, who are called assistant trustees; six out of the number of the regular trustees, are appointed trustees and treasurers of Stafford's charity and Coomb's gift.

This income of £391. 8s. is thus expended on the almshouse part of the charity. And first, as to the south side of the almshouse.

South Side of the Almshouse:

| | £. | s. | d. |
|---|-----|----|----|
| To each of the 14 Blue women is paid 5s. weekly, making an annual sum of £182.; but if the account is stated according to the last year's expenditure, that amount must be reduced to £175. 15s.; some of the women having died during the year, and when such an event happens, the allowance of the persons deceased for that year sinks into the residue | 175 | 15 | — |
| The women have also a quarterly payment of 2s. 6d. each, amounting to, per annum | 7 | — | — |
| A blue gown to each woman once in two years, amounting to £12. 11s. 5d. | 6 | 5 | 8½ |
| Insurance | 1 | 5 | — |
| Apothecary's bill | 4 | 15 | 4 |
| Repairs (rather less than an average) | 3 | — | 8 |
| Salary to secretary | 2 | — | — |
| Sundries; as measuring, valuing, and letting estates | 5 | 7 | 6 |
| A quit-rent, payable for the four houses at Beckington | — | 4 | — |
| Banker's commission for receiving dividends | — | 5 | 6 |
| Stafford's charity of £30. per annum, is disposed of in weekly bread to the 14 old women; each poor woman receiving a three-penny and six-penny loaf weekly, making an amount per annum, of, | 28 | — | — |
| For two sermons preached in the parish church annually | 1 | — | — |
| For dinner and gloves to the trustees | 1 | — | — |

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| | £. | s. | d. |
|---|----|-----|-------|
| Paid to the almswomen for Hippie's bequest | 14 | — | — |
| To the same for A'Courts benefaction | 1 | — | — |
| From land in Northfield | 3 | 10 | — |
| Coomb's charity, paid to women in meat | £2 | 3 | 6 |
| A sermon in the chapel, including clerk | — | 13 | — |
| Dinners, wine and gloves to the treasurer | — | 4 | 6 |
| Singers at the chapel | — | 9 | — |
| | | 3 | 10 |
| Receipt stamps for rent | — | 6 | 3 |
| Annual payment towards the repair of Lock's aisle in the church | 1 | — | — |
| | £. | 259 | 4 11½ |

North side of the Almshouse :

| | £. | s. | d. |
|--|----|----|------|
| Weekly pay to the almshouse, per annum | 77 | 8 | — |
| For gowns once in two years | 6 | 14 | 7½ |
| Repairs | 1 | 9 | 8 |
| Receipt stamps | — | 1 | — |
| Banker's commission | — | 3 | 3 |
| Quit-rent for Buckland estate | — | 6 | — |
| | £. | 86 | 2 6½ |

Making the total expenditure on both sides, £345. 7s. 6d. and leaving a balance between the receipt and expenditure, of £46. 0s. 6d.

The above statement was confirmed by the general treasurer's book, except as to Stafford's and Coomb's gifts, and the sums received personally by the almswomen. The book kept by the trustees of Stafford's gift, and the book of Mr. John Olive, the present annual treasurer of Coomb's gift, verified the expenditure as to those funds respectively. There is no balance substantially in the hands of the general treasurer, as at Michaelmas 1817, there was a balance due to him of £131. 16s. 4d. as appears by the accounts of that year. The items that turned the accounts against the charity, were several bills for work done upon the premises, amounting together to £95. 3s. 11d. There were also some extra disbursements in 1816, as appear by the accounts of that year.

The monies payable immediately to the almswomen themselves, were satisfactorily proved to be regularly paid, viz. 20s. rent of land in Nunney; £14. from lands near Whatley Water; £3. 10s. from lands in the North field.

Charity School.

THE CHARITY SCHOOL.

The income of the charity school arising from land, is as follows:—

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|---------------------------------------|------|---|---|
| Shearmarsh and Jowell's | £110 | — | — |
| House and four acres at Feltham | 15 | — | — |
| | £125 | — | — |

By an indenture dated 30th September 1776, between Samuel Whitchurch, of the one part, and John Ross, D.D. vicar of Frome, and 18 other trustees of the charity school at Frome, of the other part; reciting, that by indenture, dated 25th March 1752, *Jane Hippie* granted £200. to be invested in the purchase of lands of inheritance in the parish of Frome, to be conveyed to the trustees of the charity school, for them to apply the rents and profits towards placing out and apprenticing one of the most deserving boys of the said charity school, unto such trade as they should think proper, and in the mean time until such purchase, to be placed out in good securities, the interest thereof to be paid as above directed; and that by the same indenture, the said *Jane Hippie*, granted to the said Samuel Whitchurch, another £200. upon trust, within three months after a new church should be begun to be built in Frome, to pay the said last-mentioned sum and the interest to the vicar and churchwardens, to the intent, that they should apply the same towards the building of such new church, provided, that if such new church should not be begun within seven years after her decease, then that such sum and interest should be applied to such charitable purposes for the benefit of the parish of Frome, as the said Samuel Whitchurch and vicar of Frome should think proper; and reciting, that the first-mentioned sum of £200. had not been laid out in the purchase of any lands, but that the same, together with the said last-mentioned sum of £200., and also £42. 10s. part of the interest of such last-mentioned sum, had been invested in the purchase of £500. three per cent consols by the said Samuel Whitchurch; and that the said Samuel Whitchurch had, from time to time, applied the interest of the said first-mentioned £200., in placing out and apprenticing the most worthy boys of the said charity school; and no such church having begun to be erected within seven years after the decease of the said *Jane Hippie*, he had also paid great part of the interest of the said last-mentioned £200. in apprenticing such boys as aforesaid; and that the said Samuel Whitchurch, being desirous of being eased of the trust, had proposed to pay to the said trustees the balance in his hands, and also to transfer to them the sum of £500. consols; and that he was also desirous, that as no such church had begun to be erected, the said last-mentioned sum of £200. and interest, should be paid and applied towards such apprenticing as aforesaid, as had been directed by the said deed, touching the said sum of £200., which the said trustees had approved of; and that the said trustees did thereby acknowledge the receipt of the said balance,

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and that they had received from the said Thomas Whitchurch, a power of attorney for the transfer of the said £500., which it was intended should be assigned to John Stevens, one of the trustees in trust for the purposes aforesaid; the said trustees did thereby declare and agree, that the said last-mentioned sum of £200., which had been intended to be applied towards the building of such new church, as well as the said first-mentioned £200., should be laid out and invested in the purchase of lands of inheritance within the parish of Frome, to be conveyed to the use of the said trustees upon trust, that they and their heirs should yearly pay and apply the clear rents and profits of the said lands towards apprenticing two of the most deserving boys of the said charity school, and that until such purchase should be paid, it should be lawful for the said trustees to continue the said last-mentioned £200. upon land or other good securities; and it was thereby declared and agreed, that in case any poor boy of the said parish, whether belonging to the said school or not, or any poor girl of the said parish related to the said Jane Hippie, should at any time apply for the said benefaction, such boy or girl should have the preference.

£15 — —

This sum of £500. consols has remained unaltered. It appears by the treasurer's book of accounts, that there was a general settlement between the trustees and Mr. Whitchurch, in October 1777, from which period £15. per annum, the dividend of the said £500., has been regularly received and brought to account. That stock is now standing in the names of Joseph Frowd, James Anthony Wickham, and George Sheppard. (G)

£5 — —

Stephen Symes's
Gift.

It appears from the said book, that the trustees having in their hands in the year 1763 £100. surplus money, purchased therewith a deed poll in the Frome turnpike trust, now bearing an interest of £5. per cent. The deed poll was produced, dated 1777. The interest has been regularly paid, being a varying amount of £4. and £5. per cent. (G)

In March 1766, *Stephen Symes*, who was then master of the charity school, gave the sum £100. for the benefit of that charity, for which sum the trustees made themselves accountable by adding the same to the common stock. This benefaction is also stated upon the church tablet.

The charity school is also entitled to two-thirds of £100. in the three per cent consols, and 5-6ths of £200. in the same stock, as its share of what has at different times been purchased by the trustees out of the

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surplus monies in hand, who have proportioned the dividends among the several charities to the amount contributed by each respective stock.

It appears by the same book, that the first dividend received by the charity school for its share of such stock was in 1766, and it is regularly accounted for from that period; the annual produce is £7. (G) £7 — —

By the same treasurer's book, it also appears, that in March 1789, the premises devised by the will of *Daniel Rossiter*, as aforesaid, were sold for £140.; and that in April, in that year, £200. three per cent consols were purchased with that money, and £10. 10s. added to it from the general stock, producing a dividend of £6. per annum. (G) £6 — —

Richard Stevens, by his will dated 9th October 1790, (I) for the more frequent performance of divine service, according to the liturgy of the church of England, as by law established in the several churches and chapels of this kingdom, gave to the trustees and treasurer for the time being of the charity school at Frome, £2,400. three per cent reduced annuities, part of a larger sum standing in his name, and he directed his executor to transfer the said £2,400. into the names of the trustees and treasurer for the time being of the said charity school, in trust, to receive the interest and dividends thereof, and pay and apply the same in manner following, viz. That they should yearly, during the life of the vicar for the time being, out of such dividends, pay to him and his successor, the clear sum of £52. for his and their own use and benefit, upon condition, that he should between the hours of six and nine in the evening of every Sunday throughout the year, read the evening service in the said church, and afterwards preach a lecture to the congregation, and that on his neglect so to do, he should forfeit 20s. and for four successive omissions all benefit of the salary from the preceding half yearly payment; which forfeitures were to be applied for the benefit of the said charity, and another lecturer to be appointed in his place. And after providing for an annual payment of £10. to the clerk, with a condition, that in case of his neglect of duty, the trustees might deduct 2s. 6d. for the benefit of the said charity, for every such neglect, he further directed, that the trustees and treasurer of the said charity school, should pay the remainder of the yearly interest and dividends, being the sum of £10. to the organist for the time being of

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(I) In Appendix I, is an Extract from a copy of the Will of Richard Stevens.

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Evening Lecture.

Choir.

the parish church, and upon his neglect, or if there should be no organ, such £10. to be applied to the benefit of the school; and it was provided, that if any doubt should arise between the vicar and the trustees and treasurer for the time being, relative to his suspension for neglect of duty, such differences should be submitted to the Bishop of Bath and Wells, whose directions in the matter should be conclusive to the parties: And reciting, that there was not in the parish church of Frome any regular choir, or any foundation for singing the psalms and hymns, set forth and allowed to be sung in all the churches and chapels before and after morning and evening prayer, and also before and after sermons, but that several of the parishioners and others residing in the said parish had associated together, and had hitherto, as in the nature of a choir, united in singing in the said parish church, at the time of divine service, the hymns and psalms so allowed and appointed to be sung; but that if some fund or establishment were made for the use of the parishioners and inhabitants of the said parish, who had so associated and united, and a recompence given to a master to instruct them therein, it might be the means of a regular choir being formed and continued for the praise and glory of God, he gave and bequeathed to the vicar and two churchwardens of the parish of Frome, for the time being, the sum of £500. three per cent reduced annuities, part of a larger sum standing in his name, and desired that his executor might transfer the same into their names, upon trust, that they should nominate such singing-master, who should attend every week, on such day as should be most convenient to the major part of such choir in the said parish church, to instruct them in singing such tunes as the psalms and hymns so appointed to be sung in churches and chapels have been, or may be set to; and as a reward for such instruction, and an encouragement to the choir to perfect themselves in vocal church music, upon trust, every year to pay and apply the whole of such interest and dividends, in manner following; £5. or such greater part as the said trustees or the majority should think proper, to the master, and the remainder to the said choir, in such shares as said trustees, or the majority, should think proper.

A provision was then added for the removal of such singing-master for his non-attendance, incapacity or incompetency, by the trustees, and for another to be appointed in his place.

It was further provided, that on the death of any trustee the vacancy should be filled up, if of the vicar, by the next succeeding vicar; and if of any other trustee, by one of the churchwardens for the time being, so that

there should always be five trustees of the said stock to whom the same should be transferred.

The testator also gave and bequeathed to the vicar and to the trustees and treasurer for the time being of the charity-school, £300. three per cent reduced annuities, part of a much larger sum, standing in his name, in trust, that they should every year pay and apply the interest and dividends thereof as follows, viz. that the trustees, or the major part of them present, at their first quarterly meeting, should elect two boys not under the age of eight years, the children of the inhabitants of Frome aforesaid, to be added to the number of boys on the present or any future establishment of the said school, such two boys to be clothed and dressed in the like uniform as the other boys; and he directed, that out of the dividends and interest of the said £300. reduced annuities, the yearly sum of £1. 3s. 6d. should be paid for the clothing of each of the said two boys, and the yearly sum of 20s. to the head master of the said school, for teaching and instructing and finding books and stationery for them; and if the boys should misbehave, or not conform to the rules of the school, that the trustees, or the majority, should remove both or either of them, and elect another or others in their place; and his will was, that the said two boys should continue in the school for the term of five years, to be then put out and bound apprentice to tradesmen of good character not being the parents of such boys; and he directed his trustees out of the said dividends and interest, to pay to each of the masters of the said boys on their being so bound, £7. 10s. and to find and provide for each of the said boys on their being so put out, a good and plain suit of clothes, of such colour as they should think proper, not exceeding the value of £2. 10s. each, as a reward for their good behaviour; and that the places of the boys so put out should be filled up by other two boys; to be chosen, clothed, and educated, subject to such rules as aforesaid; and that the said trustees should cause a distinct account to be kept in the books of the said charity, as well of the names and ages of the two boys so to be elected, and of their parents' business and residence, as of the interest, dividends and proceeds of the said annuities, and of the application thereof; which account was to be open for the inspection of any of the trustees or inhabitants of the said parish who should desire the same, and should be examined and audited at the next quarterly meeting after Michaelmas in every year. A provision was added, that if the trustees should neglect to cause such account to be kept, examined and audited as aforesaid, or

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should omit to elect and continue two boys under the description aforesaid to be added to and rated upon the present or any future establishment of the said school, that upon every such neglect or omission, the yearly payments before directed for the clothing of the boys and to the master, should be paid to the resident vicar of the parish of Frome for the time being: And the testator then directed, that a sterling silver pen, not less in value than 10s. 6d. or more than 13s. should be given by the trustees at their first meeting after St. Thomas's day, to the boy that should write the best plain round hand, and the year following a pen of like value to the boy who should appear to be the best arithmetician and accountant; which gift was to be continued alternately to such boys every year.

The testator, by a fourth codicil, dated 13th November 1792, directed his executor, that in lieu of the said sum of £2,400. three per cent reduced annuities, he should transfer to the said trustees, £1,800. four per cent bank annuities on the like trusts, and that in lieu of the said £500. three per cent reduced annuities, he should transfer to the trustees £375. four per cent bank annuities, and in like manner, instead of such sum of £300. three per cent reduced annuities, he should transfer to the trustees of such stock the sum of £225. four per cent bank annuities, upon the like terms and trusts as were created by the said will respecting such sum. The testator, by a sixth codicil, dated 14th July 1794, directed that the singers stock of £375. four per cents should be reduced to £250. four per cents, and that the said charity school stock should be transferred in three months after his decease, instead of four. (G)

£9 — — This stock of £225. four per cents is now standing in the name of Mr. James Anthony Wickham, as the surviving trustee, the annual dividend of which is £9. It has been regularly received and applied since the testator's death, which happened in May 1796. (G)

£48 — — Under the will of Mr. William Barton, as above stated, the sum of £1,600., applicable to the charity school, now stands in the names of trustees, producing an annual dividend of £48. The first receipt of a dividend upon this stock was in 1805, and it has been ever since regularly received and applied. (G)

John Stevens's
Charity School.

The sum of £1,500. in the four per cents was bequeathed by *John Stevens*, by his will dated 5th April 1809, to the trustees of the charity school, for the clothing and educating 10 boys, born of parishioners, and

(G) In Appendix G, is a particular Account of the Names of the present Trustees of this Stock.

baptized in the parish church, not under the age of seven, nor exceeding the age of nine years, to be added to the number already on the foundation of the said school, which 10 boys were to be clothed in the same way as the boys on the public foundation, except that the tassels and bands of the caps were to be white: And the testator directed, that after being five years at the school, such boys should be placed out apprentices to industrious tradesmen for the term of seven years, to such trades as the trustees should think fit, the apprentice fees to be £7., and for each of these 10 boys the master was to be paid out of the interest of the said stock the yearly sum of £1. 4s. as his recompence for instructing them in the same manner as the other boys, and providing them with books and stationery; and the testator gave full powers to the trustees of removing the boys for misbehaviour, and of supplying their places, as also of filling up vacancies in their own body by a fresh election by the surviving or continuing trustees, and added special directions as to the keeping, entering and auditing of the accounts, as also the entering of the names of the boys admitted, removed and placed out, and of the masters of the several apprentices. If by deaths or removals, or defect of applications for admissions, there should at any time be a surplus above what was sufficient to answer the specific purposes of this charity, as above stated, the trustees were to be at liberty to dispose thereof for the general purposes of the charity school, or such part or parts of the same, as they should think proper. (K)

The said sum of £1,500. stands in the names of John Olive, James Anthony Wickham, Joseph Frowd, and Timothy Lacy, and produces an annual dividend of £60. (G)

The different sums which have been above enumerated, make together a total of £150., which, added to the produce of the real estate, makes the whole income, real and personal, applicable to the charity school, £275. (L)

The whole number of boys in the charity school is 37, out of which 10 are to be considered as on the foundation of John Stevens, and two on that of Richard Stevens; originally there were 20 only, five were added about 20 years ago, when the rents were increased. All the boys are fully clothed once a-year in a suit of blue cloth, and are furnished with shirts,

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£60 — —

£150 — —

£125 — —

£275 — —

(K) In Appendix K, is an Extract from a Copy of the Will of John Stevens.

(G) In Appendix G, is a particular Account of the Names of the present Trustees of this Stock.

(L) In Appendix L, is a Statement of all the present personal Property of the Charity School.

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bands, caps, shoes and stockings. They are neither lodged nor boarded. The charity supplies books and stationery, and a silver pen is given, as directed by the will of Richard Stevens.

For the last year, ending on the 5th October, when the accounts were audited, the expenditure on the school establishment was as follows :

| | £. | s. | d. |
|---|----|-----|------|
| Master's salary for 25 boys, including stationery | 48 | — | — |
| Prayer books, bibles and spelling books, for the whole 37 boys | 9 | 9 | 4 |
| Clothing the 25 boys | 67 | 15 | 11 |
| Clothing three boys on leaving school, in lieu of apprentice fee, the master not requiring any | 9 | 10 | — |
| Schoolmaster's salary for reading prayers in the chapel; the moiety of the Beckington houses, as directed by Mrs. Ash's Grant | 3 | 16 | — |
| Master's salary, for teaching the two boys under Richard Stevens's will | 5 | 8 | — |
| Clothing last-mentioned boys | 3 | 12 | — |
| Master's salary for teaching the 10 boy's under John Stevens's will, including stationery | 27 | — | — |
| Clothing last-mentioned boys | 18 | — | — |
| First moieties of apprentice fees to five apprentices | 55 | — | — |
| Second moieties of such fees to seven apprentices | 38 | 10 | — |
| Repairs | 6 | 9 | 3 |
| Salary for keeping the clock in repair | 1 | 18 | 6 |
| Secretary's salary | 2 | — | — |
| Sundries, as for notices of meeting, &c. | 1 | 17 | 5 |
| Stamps | — | 3 | 6 |
| Bankers commission on receiving dividends. | — | 7 | 6 |
| | £. | 298 | 17 5 |

The above sum of £298. 17s. 5d. exceeds the income of the school by £23. 17s. 5d.; but it is observable that for several years preceding the last, the balances had been increasing in favour of the charity; upon the strength of which the trustees increased the amount of the apprentice fees, and they have lately invested the sum of £130. upon a mortgage of three houses in Frome, by a deed dated 8th February 1819, whereby John Curtis, the mortgagee and his trustee, conveyed the premises to James Anthony Wickham for a term of 500 years, Mr. Wickham by a deed of the same date declaring the trust of the same for the charity school. Notwithstanding the excess in the expenditure of the last year, there is still a balance in the hands of the trustees of £184. 15s. 6½d.

The £130. so laid out on mortgage will of course, while that security remains, be brought to account as a part of the permanent income of the charity, the income on which is £6. 10s.

The books of accounts were produced, affording a satisfactory exposition of the receipts and disbursements relating both to the almshouse and

charity-school. The almshouse women and the charity boys are appointed by the trustees at their quarterly meetings, previously to which public notice is given in the parish church of the day of election, as well of the women as of the boys, in which it is expressly declared, that the parents of the children must be of the parish, and of the established religion, and that the boys must have been baptized in the church of England. The women are also required to be members of the established church. It nevertheless appears, from the statement of the present master, that this rule of exclusion has not been invariably enforced against the dissenters from our national church ; but that when the sons of dissenters have been admitted, (and there appear to be some such at present in the school,) they have attended the service of the church of England during their stay at the school. Prayers are read in the school twice a week by the master, at which the women and the boys are alike expected to attend.

The boys are taught reading, writing and arithmetic. They are examined by the vicar on admission, and are expected to have made a beginning in reading before they come.

The master receives some verbal instructions from the trustees on his appointment, but there are no written rules or orders for the government of the school. In apprenticing the boys, the preference is given to the masters who are members of the church of England, and the form of the indenture of apprenticeship, contains in all cases a stipulation, that the master shall see that his apprentice attends divine service according to the church of England twice every Sunday during the term of his apprenticeship, unless prevented by sickness, though the wills of neither of the Stevens's contain any directions to this effect. The trustees appear to consider, that as the children are supposed to have been educated according to the worship of the church of England, they should continue in that communion while receiving the benefit of the charity as apprentices. The funds of the Stevens's have been barely sufficient for the clothing and educating of the boys upon those respective foundations. The expense of apprenticing has been defrayed out of the apprentice stock, arising from Hippie's, Rossiter's and Barton's charities, and the apprenticing has been general out of the whole 37 boys. All whose parents have been desirous of their being apprenticed have been put out, if deserving, and opportunities have occurred ; but the balances in favour of the charity have arisen principally out of the apprentice stock, there not being always opportunities of apprenticing out the boys to proper masters.

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The vicar of the parish entitles himself to the annual sum of £52. out of the dividends of the £2,400. three per cents, under the will of Richard Stevens, by performing or causing to be performed the stipulated duty, and he duly receives the yearly stipend accordingly. The clerk also, and the organist, are paid the respective sums of £10. yearly under the same will. It appears also, satisfactorily, that the objects of the same testator are answered with respect to the choir in the church, and the money consigned to that purpose is duly applied.

THE FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL. (M)

Free Grammar
School.

Of this school there exists no foundation deed, or other ancient documents, the only written evidences concerning it being the minutes of vestry orders for furniture, as desks for the boys, shelves for the library, benches and other conveniences, and for occasional appointments of new masters. The school, according to the tradition of the place, was founded in the reign of Edward the 6th. The annual sum of £6. has been immemorially paid out of the treasury, and seems to have been a part of the endowment of the school, coeval with its foundation.

It is the general understanding of the old people of the parish, that certain estates in the neighbourhood were charged with annual payments towards the support of this charity, in respect of which the owners of such lands were entitled to send each a boy to be educated at the school; but of this we could discover no distinct or certain traces.

From a part of the evidence before us, there is ground for supposing some lands called Flintford Farm, at Roddon, the property of the Rev. J. M. Rogers, rector of Berkley, and a farm at Truddoxhill, in the possession of — King, a farmer, to be two of the estates so charged. There is also some memory in the parish, of a payment made to the school from Bollow Farm, in the East Woodlands of Frome, but the charity has had no benefit from any of these supposed charges for many years.

The school premises, consisting of one large room and an anti room, formerly a court, first covered in 1798, are situate in Vicarage-street, in Frome. There is no house belonging to the school. It is properly a grammar school, but for many years there does not appear to have been any scholar on the foundation. The master has private scholars, and declares himself ready to take the children of those who are legally authorised to send them, when his obligations in this respect shall be

(M) The 20 Trustees have never been concerned or acquainted with this Free Grammar School.

ascertained; but in the oblivion into which every particular respecting this school has fallen, there seems but little hope of replacing it on its original foundation.

Mr. King, of Truddoxhill, has admitted that he has made payments to the former master; and the parish officers have declared to us their intention, to make every possible inquiry to discover the lands liable to contribute any thing for the benefit of this school, and to make the best arrangements in their power for restoring the establishment.

There are many respectable persons yet living, who have received their education at this school; and according to the testimony of some of the inhabitants, there was, within their memory, a library attached to it, containing some valuable old books. Neither these books, nor two eighteen-inch globes, formerly there, are now upon the spot, nor is it clearly known what is become of them, except that it is surmised, that some part of the books, if not all, were sold at the auction of one Pocock (Z) (a former master,) after his death, together with his general property. It does not seem to be certainly known, whether the globes were the private property of the master, or belonged to the school.

THOMAS JESSER'S BEQUEST.

Thomas Jesser, by his will dated 7th December 1728, gave to the poor of Frome Selwood £100., to be laid out in a piece of land, as opportunity permitted, and directed the profits thereof to be disposed of every St. Thomas's day, for ever, among such poor people as had no relief from the parish, at the discretion of the minister and churchwardens.

It does not appear distinctly when this money was received, nor in what manner it was laid out; but there is a sum of £129. 18s. three per cent consolidated bank annuities, part of a larger sum of stock, standing in the names of Joseph Froud, James Anthony Wickham, and George Sheppard, as trustees; which is understood to arise from the above legacy of Thomas Jesser.

Mr. Wickham receives the dividends on this sum of £129. 18s. stock, and pays them to the churchwardens of the parish, who regularly distribute the whole amount on St. Thomas's day yearly, in small sums, among such poor people as have no relief from the parish. (G)

JOHN WADMAN'S GIFT.

John Wadman, of Imber, gave £2. 10s. per annum, payable out of his

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Thomas Jesser's
Bequest.

John Wadman's
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(G) In Appendix G, is a particular Account of the Names of the present Trustees of this Stock.

(Z) In Appendix Z, is a Note on this.

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lands at Flintford, to the poor of the parish of Frome, for ever. The land is now called Freeze Farm, adjoining Flintford, in the parish of Frome, and now belonging to William Sheppard, esq. of Frome.

The £2. 10s. is regularly paid by the owner of the land to the churchwardens, and distributed in small sums among the poor, at the discretion of the vicar and parish officers.

No document could be produced to shew when or how this rent-charge was created.

JANE METHWIN'S GIFT.

Jane Methwin's
Gift.

Mrs. *Jane Methwin*, by deed dated 18th January 1640, granted to Francis Methwin and Anthony Methwin, their heirs and assigns, a messuage or tenement, garden and garden ground, with their appurtenances, situate in Radcliffe-street, Bristol, which are now the property of Mr. Bird Thomas, of Bristol, to certain uses therein mentioned, charged with the payment of 10s. yearly, to a preacher, for preaching a sermon in the forenoon of every Good Friday, in Frome church, and with 10s. for buying 20 sixpenny loaves, to be distributed to 10 poor men and 10 poor widows, of Frome parish, every Good Friday, after the sermon.

These sums continue to be received from the owner of the premises or his tenant, by the churchwardens of Frome, not regularly, but as opportunities occur, to save the expense of the journey, and are applied according to the directions of the deed of gift.

ANN LACY'S BEQUEST.

Ann Lacy's
Bequest.

Mrs. *Ann Lacy*, by her will dated the 14th of July 1807, gave to the churchwardens of Frome Selwood £200., three per cent consols, upon trust, to apply the interest in such manner as the churchwardens in their discretion should think proper, for the use and benefit of the poor inhabitants parishioners of the town of Frome Selwood, and directed that the same should be applied for that purpose, on St. Thomas's day, for ever.

The £200. stock was transferred by the executors of Mrs. Lacy, into the names of John West and Thomas Chester, the then churchwardens of Frome, and is now standing in their names. (G)

The dividends are regularly received by the churchwardens, and distributed by them according to the directions of the testatrix's will.

(G) In Appendix G, is a particular Account of the Names of the present Trustees of this Stock.

VARIOUS BENEFACTIONS.

It appears, from the table of benefactions in the church, that the following sums have been given to the poor of this parish, viz. :—

| | |
|--|------------------------------|
| Mrs. Dorothy Smith..... | £50. |
| Edward Whitechurch | 50. |
| Solomon Debuane | 10. |
| Christopher Morgan | 150. |
| Thomas Smith | 100, to be laid out in land. |
| Richard Jenkins | 10. |
| Anthony Methwin | 20 marks. |
| William Gilbert | £20. |
| Robert Haysum | 5. |
| And a person whose name is not mentioned | 20. |

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No account could be collected from the parish officers, or the books of the parish, of the receipt or application of any of the above sums, except that it appears, that the parish are in possession of two closes, or pieces of land, situate near Sharpshaw, containing together 14 acres, which are let upon lease for 21 years, to John Hooper, and are now in the occupation of Charles Hiscox, at a rent of £16. per annum. This rent is received yearly, and distributed by the churchwardens among the poor of the parish. It is believed (and appears very probable) that all, or the greater part of the above gifts, were laid out in the purchase of these lands; but when this purchase was made, or what was the consideration money given, cannot be traced.

MR. RICHARD STEVENS'S ASYLUM FOR FORTY GIRLS, AND HOSPITAL FOR TWENTY OLD MEN.

Mr. *Richard Stevens*, by a codicil to his will, dated 20th December 1790, (I) reciting that there was not in the parish of Frome any charity school, formed or established for the education and instruction of poor female children born in the said parish, or any asylum or receptacle for their maintenance and support, did, therefore, in order to found, and for ever establish, an asylum, as well for the education and instruction, from time to time, of forty of such female children born and to be born, of poor parents, inhabitants of the said parish, and such greater number as might, by and on the occasions thereafter mentioned, be elected on the foundation of the said asylum, as for their maintenance and clothing, give and bequeath to the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, and to the rector, for the time being, of the said parish of Frome, and to the treasurer, and such of the trustees of the boys charity school at Frome, aforesaid, who should be

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(I) In Appendix I, is an Extract or Copy of Richard Stevens's Will.

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members of the church of England, the principal sum of £12,000, 4 per cent bank annuities, part of a larger sum then standing in his name, in the books of the governor and company of the Bank of England, upon trust, that they should lay out and expend a sum, not exceeding £1,500., of the principal sum of £12,000, trust stock, as well in the purchase of an estate of inheritance in fee simple, of and in one or more messuages, adjoining each other, to be situate within the said parish of Frome, with proper and convenient apartments, offices and ground thereto belonging, extensive enough, and capable of being enlarged and made convenient for lodging forty at least of such poor female children, and of such greater number as might, by and on the occasions thereafter mentioned, be elected on the foundation of the intended charity, and of lodging a matron or governess, and a sufficient number of servants to conduct, manage, superintend, direct, take care of, wait upon, and attend such poor female children; but if the said trustees should not be able to purchase such house or houses and premises, situate as aforesaid, then the said testator directed such trustees to buy and purchase, in fee simple, a proper and convenient piece of ground, to be situate in the said parish, the scite whereof should be of sufficient extent to answer the purposes hereinafter mentioned: And that his said trustees should cause a good and substantial brick building, with proper apartments and offices, to be erected on such part of the ground as his said trustees should approve of, large and extensive enough to receive and lodge such number and increased number of children, a matron or governess, and servants, as before-mentioned; and that his said trustees should lay out and expend a sum not exceeding £1,500. of the said principal sum of £12,000., in purchasing such ground, and building such house, apartments and offices, as aforesaid; and, immediately after such house should be finished, he directed his said trustees to lay out and expend a further sum, not exceeding £500. of the said principal sum of £12,000. in the purchase of furniture, suitable for such an establishment and charity; but if the said two several sums of £1,500. and £500. should not be found sufficient to answer the purposes aforesaid, then he directed his said trustees to apply so much of the interest of such trust stock, as aforesaid, as should be sufficient to make up such two sums of £1,500 and £500., so that the sum of £10,000 stock, the remainder of the said principal sum of £12,000., should never be diminished; and he further directed, that as soon as the necessary rules, orders and regulations, should be framed by his trustees, that the same should be submitted to the Bishop of Bath and

Wells, for the time being, for his alteration, correction and approbation; and so from time to time, when any new rules or alterations should be thought necessary: And the said testator ordered and directed, that the said rector, treasurer and trustees, should have four quarterly meetings in every year, on the business of the intended charity, at the several times to be fixed by themselves; and that at the next quarterly meeting to be had after the house was finished, they the said trustees, should proceed to the election of forty poor female children from, at, or about the age of 7 years, to, at, or about the age of 10 years, born of poor inhabitants of the said parish of Frome; and should also proceed to the election of a proper matron or governess, being an inhabitant of the said parish, and a widow or single woman, at such yearly wages or salary as his said trustees should think proper, and that public notice should be given and published three successive Sundays previous to such elections, in the parish church of Frome, immediately after morning service, and printed notices thereof be pasted or fixed up on the most conspicuous places in the said parish; and the said testator directed his said trustees, to cause a plain uniform to be made for such children so to be elected, of such quality and colour as his said trustees should think proper: And the testator directed, that immediately after the death of any bishop, to whom, with the before-described trustees, such stock should be transferred as aforesaid, the surviving trustees should transfer such stock into the name of the succeeding bishop, and into the names of such surviving trustees if the transfer books of such stock should then be open, and if not, so soon as they should be open: And the said testator directed, that the children to be elected should continue on the establishment until they attained the respective ages of 14 years, or such longer term as his trustees should think proper, unless they should be previously put out apprentices to any trades or businesses, they might be found and deemed capable of, or placed out as servants in tradesmen's or other families; and in the former case, he directed a sum not exceeding £5. to be given as an apprentice fee with each of such children who might be so put out apprentices; and in the latter case, that each of such children to be so placed out, should, on their quitting the asylum, be provided with a gown and necessaries to the amount of, but not to exceed, 40s.; and that the clothes and articles worn by the children in the asylum, should be given them on their leaving the same: And he directed, that at the next quarterly meeting to be had of the said trustees, next after any such child or children should be

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so put out or placed out apprentice or apprentices, servant or servants, or should happen to die or be removed from the establishment, the said trustees should proceed to elect and choose one or more child or children of such description as aforesaid, to fill up the vacancy or vacancies which, in such events as aforesaid, might happen, and that notice of such election, and the number of such children to be elected, should be given in the parish church of Frome, immediately after the morning service, on every Sunday, between the times of the events happening and the time of the election, and that the like printed notices be pasted or fixed up at the most conspicuous places in the parish, so that the poor inhabitants thereof might be fully apprized of the time of election, and then have an opportunity of presenting their children, and that this mode of election should be continued as such events should happen, from time to time, for ever: And the said testator directed, that if it should happen, that any of the said children should, at any time during their continuance upon the foundation, of the said charity, be afflicted with any illness or distemper, that they should receive and be furnished with proper advice, medicine and attendance, [at the expense of the said charity; and if any child or children should happen to die during the time before-mentioned, that such child or children should be properly and decently buried, at the expense of the said charity, in the church-yard of the said parish of Frome: And the said testator directed, that the treasurer for the time being should, by or before the 20th day of December, in every year, for ever thereafter, make out an account, and lay the same before the said trustees, at their then next quarterly meeting to be had at or before Christmas, as aforesaid, who should then examine and audit the same, and that, when so examined and audited, and the balance in the treasurer's hands ascertained and struck, he should sign such account, and the same should be countersigned by all the trustees who should then be present, as a testimonial of their approbation thereof, and that such balance as might then appear to be in such treasurer's hands, should be carried to the next succeeding yearly account, to be made out by him as aforesaid, or that the same be paid over to his successor, if he should either resign his office as treasurer, or that the trustees should appoint another in his place and stead; and that, if at any time thereafter on examining and auditing such account, a balance should appear in the treasurer's hands more than sufficient to answer every immediate purpose of the charity, the said testator directed, that within one month next after, the excess should be laid out in the purchase of four

per cent bank annuities, in the names of all the then trustees, and become part of the trust capital stock of the charity, and never be lessened or diminished; and that, if it should appear that the dividends and interest to arise on such additional trust stock, should be sufficient to provide for one or more child or children, beyond the number of forty therein-before directed to be elected on the foundation of the charity, that the trustees should at their next quarterly meeting to be had after auditing such account, elect and chuse such one or more child or children of such description as aforesaid, as the interest and dividends of such additional trust stock should be sufficient to answer and pay for, and continue such child or children on the foundation of the charity, for the like time as aforesaid.

The said testator, by another codicil to his will, dated 23rd August 1792, gave and bequeathed to the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, and to the rector of the said parish of Frome, for the time being, and to the treasurer and such of the trustees of the boys charity school at Frome aforesaid, who should be members of the church of England, the principal sum of £7,000., four per cent bank annuities, upon trust, that they should lay out and expend a sum not exceeding £1,000., of the principal sum of £7,000. trust stock, in the purchase of an estate of inheritance, in fee simple, of and in one or more messuages adjoining each other, to be situate within the said parish of Frome, extensive enough and capable of being converted into an hospital for the habitation, lodging and accommodation of 20 poor aged men, born in the said parish, who, from age or bodily infirmities, might be incapable of following any trade, calling, business or employment to maintain and provide for themselves, to be elected and chosen at the time and in the manner thereinafter mentioned: And in case it should happen, that the said trustees should not be able to purchase such house or houses and premises, situate as aforesaid, then he directed such trustees to buy and purchase, in fee simple, a proper and convenient piece of ground, and to cause a good and substantial stone building to be erected and built as an hospital, containing proper apartments and suitable conveniences, with necessary out-offices, for the habitation, lodging and accommodation of such a number of old men, and such steward, superintendent, servants and assistants, as might be retained and employed therein; and he directed that the like public notices should be given of such intended building, and that all, each and every of the directions he had given in and by his last mentioned codicil, respecting an asylum for the maintenance and education of female children, and all each and every

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of the trusts he had created thereby, should, as to such of them to which the establishment of the aforesaid hospital could be applied, be the basis of the trusts of the said £7,000., four per cent bank annuities, directed to be transferred to the said trustees, according to the true spirit of such trusts, and that all the rules orders and regulations he had directed by his said codicil, respecting the said asylum, should, so far as they could possibly be applied or made consonant to, be followed, and for ever continued, as the rules orders and regulations of the establishment of the said hospital.

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Hospital.

The testator died sometime in the year 1797, (a) and in the month of March 1798, the trustees purchased of John Stevens, a piece of land, situate in the parish of Frome, and began the building of the asylum and hospital, which form one building, and were finished in the year 1803, at an expense of £6,439. 18s. as appears from the books kept by the trustees; the whole of this expenditure was paid out of the dividends which accrued between the commencement and conclusion of the building, without applying any part of the £12,000. or £7,000. stock given by the testator, which remained in the names of the trustees until about the month of October 1818, when £500. stock was sold by them out of each of the said two sums of £12,000. and £7,000., to purchase a field in front of the said asylum and hospital, to prevent any building being erected thereon, which might be prejudicial to the said charities.

The two sums of £500. stock, when sold, produced the sum of £838. 12s. 6d.; of which £701. 4s. 7d. was paid for the purchase money and expenses of the field or land so purchased, and the remainder, together with a small sum in the treasurer's hands, lent upon mortgage to Mr. William Creese, producing an interest of £8. 10s. per annum, payable in equal moieties to the two charities. (N)

The field, except a small part of it which is kept for the use of the hospital, and in which the old men work, is let in small garden plots, to different people, at rents producing in the whole £33. per annum, a moiety of which belongs to each of the two charities

In July 1804, 10 girls were admitted into the asylum, and the number has been gradually increased to 27, which is the present number, the income of the charity not being sufficient to maintain a larger number.

The children are provided with clothes, board and lodging, and are taught reading, writing, needle-work, household-work, and washing.

(a) He died the 2nd. of May, 1796.

(N) The Commissioners have mistaken this—All Creese's Mortgage belongs to the Asylum.

They attend prayers every morning and evening in the chapel, except Sundays, when they go to church with the matron.

The annual income of the asylum is £480. 15s. arising from the dividends of £11,500., £4. per cents, now standing in the names of the trustees, and a moiety (N) of the interest of the sum of £170., lent upon mortgage as before mentioned, and of the rent of the field so purchased as aforesaid.

The expenditure last year was £510. 7s. 8½d. the particulars whereof are hereinafter stated, and the difference between the receipt and expenditure of last year, was paid out of the balance of £334. 15s. 5¾d. in the hands of the trustees upon the accounts of former years.

The balance now in the hands of the treasurer is £92. 0s. 6½d. exclusive of a moiety (N) of the sum of £170., lent upon mortgage as aforesaid.

When the children are put out apprentice, a fee of £5. is paid with them, and they take their clothes with them.

When they are put out as servants, they take their old clothes, and receive 40s. to purchase others, according to the direction of the testator's codicil.

The trustees, being of opinion that many parts of their duty which had relation to the girls would be better performed by females, have prevailed upon some of the most respectable ladies in the parish to assist them. These ladies, who are principally the relations of the trustees, attend the asylum, taking it by turns each to visit for a week, and once in six weeks they have a general meeting.

They add their superintendence to that of the matron, in teaching the children their catechism and religious duties, needle and other work.

They assist also in finding proper situations for the children when placed out of the asylum.

HOSPITAL.

There are at present only 13 old men in the hospital, and it appears that the income of the hospital is insufficient to support a greater number.

The revenue of the hospital arises from the dividends of £6,500., 4 per cent, standing in the names of the trustees—

| | | | |
|---|------|----|---|
| Amounting to, per annum,..... | £260 | — | — |
| Moiety of the rent of field..... | 16 | 10 | 0 |
| Moiety of interest on £170., lent on mortgage (N) | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| Making together, per annum ... | £280 | 15 | 0 |

(N) The Commissioners have mistaken this—All Creese's Mortgage belongs to the Asylum.

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The expenditure last year was £338. 14s. 2d. as appears from the account set forth in the Appendix, leaving a balance of £57. 19s. 2d. against the charity; but it is to be observed, that there is in the account of last year, a charge of £81. 18s. 10d. for clothing, which charge will not occur next year, as the men are clothed but once in two years.

The deficiency of last year was paid out of a small balance, in the hands of the treasurer, upon the accounts of the year 1817, which balance has been since expended; and there is now due to the treasurer the sum of £20. 6s. 4d. as appears by his books of account, which were produced and examined.

The old men live in the house, and have separate sleeping rooms, and are wholly clothed every two years, have shoes every year, and are supplied with linen and other necessaries when wanted. They each of them receive 4s. a-week to purchase food, and are supplied with vegetables from the garden; they are also supplied with firing, and are allowed washing, and every thing necessary for their lodging.

Whenever a vacancy occurs, either in the asylum or the hospital, public notice is given in the parish church, of the time when the trustees will meet to elect one or more girls or men (who must have been born in the parish) into the asylum or hospital, as the vacancies may happen.

It is not required that the men should be of the church of England at the time of their election, or that the girls should be children of members of the church of England; but it is expected that the men and girls should, after they are elected, attend the service of the church of England, as directed by the testator.

An annual meeting of the trustees is held on the second Monday after Christmas, when the accounts of the asylum and hospital are inspected by the trustees, and audited. The accounts are afterwards signed by the treasurer, and countersigned by the trustees then present.

An account of the expenditure of the asylum, for 1818, amounting to £510. 7s. 8½d. viz. :—

| | £. | s. | d. |
|---|-----|----|----|
| Butcher's bills | 103 | 8 | 2 |
| Bread | 91 | 10 | 5 |
| Cheese | 21 | 17 | 9 |
| Beer | 5 | — | 9 |
| Groceries | 27 | 16 | 10 |
| Coals | 21 | 15 | 2½ |
| Matron and servants wages, including fees to children on going out to service | 47 | — | — |
| Household expenses paid by matron | 35 | — | — |

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|---|------------|--|
| Linen-drapery bills, including clothing, &c. | 52 2 9 | Stevens's Asylum and Hospital, <i>continued.</i> |
| Insurance | 5 — — | |
| Medicine | 5 9 9 | |
| Painter's bill | 10 17 8 | |
| Salary for keeping the roof in repair | 14 — — | |
| Carpenter's bill | 7 14 1 | |
| Casks | 4 18 6 | |
| Glazier's bill | 6 15 — | |
| Ironmongery | 7 11 10 | |
| Stationery | 3 18 — | |
| Secretary's salary | 3 — — | |
| Other household expences | 35 11 — | |
| | £ 510 7 8½ | |

An account of the expenditure of the hospital, for 1818, amounts to £338. 14s. 2d. viz. :—

| | £. s. d. |
|--|------------|
| Bread | 29 6 3 |
| Groceries | 8 7 11 |
| Coals | 17 2 2½ |
| Clothing, &c. | 81 18 10 |
| Weekly payments to the old men and housekeeper | 161 4 — |
| Household expences | 7 12 10½ |
| Medicine | 3 19 — |
| Carpenter | 5 8 4 |
| Glazing | 3 6 10 |
| Secretary's salary | 3 — — |
| Shaving the old men, &c. | 6 16 6 |
| Other household expences | 10 11 5 |
| | £ 338 14 2 |

Church in the Frome East Woodlands.

Henry Frederick Thynne, esq. by his will dated 21st December 1703, bequeathed £3,000., to be disposed of in charitable uses, in such manner as his brother, *Thomas Lord Viscount Weymouth*, and others his executors, should appoint.

Frome
East Woodlands
Church.

By indentures of lease and release, dated 3rd and 4th July 1713, the said executors of the said *Henry Frederick Thynne*, after reciting that they had purchased certain lands in the parishes of *East Pennard*, *West Pennard* and *Ditcheat*, in the county of *Somerset*, for the sum of £3,170., which was the principal and interest of the said sum of £3,000., given by the said *Henry Frederick Thynne*; and also reciting that the said *Thomas Lord Viscount Weymouth* had erected a church or chapel in the parish of

Frome.
 East Woodlands
 Church,
continued.

Frome, at his own expense, conveyed the said lands and premises to nine trustees and their heirs, upon trust, out of the rents and profits to pay a stipend of £60. to the minister for the time being of the said church, and an annuity of £15. to the vicar of Old Windsor, in the county of Berks, and their successors, for ever: And upon further trust, to pay the sum of £10. yearly, by equal half-yearly payments at Lady-day and Michaelmas, for and towards the education of 25 poor children in reading and writing, of which said 25 children, 15 were to be of the parish of Frome aforesaid, and 10 of the parish of Corsley, in the county of Wilts, and such children to be from time to time nominated and placed, displaced or removed, by the said nine trustees, and the survivors of them, or the major part of them, or by the trustees for the time being, or the major part of them; and the said testator gave the residue of the rents of the said estates to the said trustees, for keeping the said premises in repair; and he directed, that whenever the said trustees should be reduced to four, such four surviving trustees should convey the said trust estates to the use of themselves and five other proper persons, living near the capital messuage of Longleat, and their heirs, to be allowed and approved of by the said Lord Viscount Weymouth, or the owners of Longleat, for the time being.

The said trust estates have from time to time been conveyed to new trustees, according to the directions of the above deed, and are now, by virtue of indentures of lease and release, dated the 8th and 9th days of June 1797, vested in his Grace the Duke of Somerset, the right honourable the Earl of Cork and Orrery, Sir Richard Colt Hoare, bart. Sir Aylmer Bourke Lambert, bart. the right honourable Lord George Thynne, the right honourable Lord John Thynne, and James Anthony Wickham, gentleman, as surviving trustees.

The trustees have regularly paid the said two annual sums of £60. and £15., to the minister of the church of Frome Woodlands, and the vicar of Old Windsor, respectively, and applied the sum of £10. per annum, in the education of 25 poor children, as directed by the original deed.

The present trustees, in the year 1816, appointed William Woodlands schoolmaster, at a salary of £10. per annum. There are now 12 girls and 9 boys, who are taught reading and writing in the school, and it was intended by [the trustees to fill up the number of 25 children, at or before Christmas last.

End of Commissioners Report.

APPENDIX.

THIS APPENDIX CONTAINS SUCH

PARTS OF AN HISTORICAL ACCOUNT,

PRINTED BY THE LATE MR. ABRAHAM CROCKER, OF FROME,

AS HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN THE COMMISSIONERS REPORT,

AND ARE THOUGHT WORTH PRESERVING.

ALSO

COPIES OF WILLS, AND OF OTHER DOCUMENTS,

Of which the above Commissioners have given only Abstracts.

TOGETHER WITH

NEW RENTALS OF LANDS,

THE NAMES OF PRESENT OCCUPIERS,

*A New Statement of the present Amount of the Stock of the several Charities in the Public Funds,
and the List of the present Trustees in whose Names the Stock now stands:*

WITH SOME FURTHER PARTICULARS OF

OTHER CHARITIES,

GIVEN SINCE THE COMMISSIONERS REPORT;

AND ALSO OF

SOME CHARITIES NOT UNDER THE CARE OF THE TWENTY TRUSTEES.

APPENDIX

PARTS OF AN HISTORICAL ACCOUNT

AS HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN THE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

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NEW RENTALS OF LANDS

OTHER CHARITIES

APPENDIX.

Appendix A, page 1.

In CROCKER's Historical Account is the following Entry :

“In the 19th of JAMES the First (1621) EDMUND LEVERSEDGE and ROBERT his eldest Son did, by Deed of Feoffment, convey all the before-mentioned premises unto ROBERT SMYTH and others, upon trust that they should permit twelve poor people, men and women, born or to be born in the said Parish of Frome, to dwell and be resident in the then late erected almshouse, and enjoy the same and the said Gardens, and have the whole profits thereof, and the said four acres of land, and all rents and fines to be made or raised on the said premises, for their better relief and sustenance, and for the maintenance of the said Almshouse, under the direction of the said Trustees; in like manner as it had been enjoyed for upwards of one hundred and sixty years.”

Appendix B, page 2.

Mr. CROCKER states “that the building by EDMUND LEVERSEDGE seems to have been the second building, and that it stood alone by the road side, near where the guard-house now stands.”

Appendix C, page 3.

“In the year 1651, Mr. ALEXANDER STAFFORD, a native of *Frome*, (baptized 1562 and dying 1652,) but many years a resident in *London*, made his last Will and Testament;—piously bequeathing his soul to his Creator and to Jesus Christ his Saviour and Redeemer, by the merits of whose bitter death and painful passion he faithfully trusted and steadfastly believed he should become a partaker of the glorious kingdom of Heaven:—he resigned his body to the earth, to be buried in an aisle or chapel of the parish church of Harloe, in the county of Essex, by the body of his wife, who lay buried there, and where their monument was erected.—He then devises and bequeaths to certain Trustees, (all of the parish of

St. Andrews in Holborne, in the county of Middlesex,) their heirs and assigns for ever, a certain Tenement or Almshouse which he had newly erected near Gray's Inn Lane, for the habitation of four unmarried men and six unmarried women, to be elected out of the inhabitants of that part of the parish of St. Andrews, which lieth without the Bars there, with a comfortable allowance to the same; laying down suitable rules for the conduct of the objects of his beneficence.*—He then proceeds to a bequest of an annuity of *thirty pounds* a year, to the Almshouse &c. at Frome, in the words following †

“ITEM; Whereas I am seized to mee and my heires for ever of and in divers houses Shoppes Tenements and hereditaments in Bread-Streete and Basing Lane in the parish of St. Mildred in Bread streete within the City of London now in the severall tennures or occupacons* of John Pettit Roger Sares Thomas Hicks and Thomas Graues or their Assignes being at this present at the yearly Rent of Threescore and Seaventeene pounds payable yearly at the fower most usuall feastes Dayes of the yeare (that is to saye) att the feaste of the Birth of our Lord God the Annvnciacon of the blesed virgin Mary The Nativitie of St John Baptist and St Michall the Archangell or within One and Twentie Dayes after eyther of the said feastes by equall porcions I devis will and Bequeath vnto my louinge Kinsman James Cottington gent Robert Smyth Clothier William Witchurch Yeoman James Hayes Clothier Richard Bailey and Henry Merchant all of the parish of Froome Sellwood in the countie of Somersett where I was borne and to their heires and assignes for ever one annvitie or Yearly Rent of Thirtie poundes of lawfull money of England by the yeare to yssuinge and goeing out of all my said houses shoopes Tenements and hereditaments in Bread streate and Bassing Lane aforesaid to be paid quarterly at the said fower most vsuall feasts by even and equall proporcions in trust and vppon Confidence neverthelesse that eight and Twentie poundes by the yeare thereof shall be employed for the sole and only benefitt and towards the perpetuall reliefe and sustentacon for euer of fowrteene poore woeman placed and to be placed by the parrishioners of Froome Sellwood aforesaid in the Almshouse scituate

* “The full particulars of which, and indeed his whole will, is fairly copied in the front of the book of accounts of Mr. STAFFORD'S Charity at Frome, of the date of 1652.”

† “The ancient orthography of this bequest and its neglected punctuation are here preserved.”

* “Note. In ancient orthography ‘cons’ is a common abbreviation of ‘tions’.”

neere the greate Bridge in the Towne of Froome Sellwood aforesaid and to be Dwelling thare (that is to say) Forty shillings yearely to each of them and to be quarterly paid as aforesaid the first payment Thereof to be gine at such of the said feastes as shall first And next happen after my decease or within thirtie Dayes after the said feast and the other fortie shillings by yeare Residue of the said Thirtie poundes to be disposed as fowleth (vizt) Twenty shillings thereof to the Vicar of the parish of Froome Sellwood aforesaid and his successores vicars there fore the time beinge for ever for two Sermons to be preached yearly in the Church of Froome Sellwood aforesaid in the after Noone the one vpon the next Sunday after Michaelmas day beinge the first Sunday in the yeare after my Birth day and the other vpon that Sunday in the yeare which shall be next after the tyme of my death and tenne shillings more of the said Forty shillings to be bestowed vpon gloues for the said vicar and his successors and the partes before named trusted with the disposing of the said Thirty poundes by yeare their heires and assignes for ever when they shall make their yearly accompts as hereafter is menconed each of them a paire and the other tenne Shillinges residue for a dinner for them the same Day of their accompt yearely for ever Provided neuerthelesse and vpon Condicon That if the said Almeshouse shall be converted to any other vse then to and for the habitacon and dwellinge of fourteene poore woeman therein accordinge to the intencion of the building thereof or if there shall not be fourteene poore woeman Ordinarily placed inhabitant and Resident there, or if the said Gight and Twenty pounds herein before giuen and intended to for and Towards the Reliefe of such poore woeman soe to be placed resident and Dwelling there or any parte thereof shall be converted or imployed to for or Towards any other vse Be it concerning reparacon of the said Church of Frome Sellwood or other Benefitt of the Parish there or any other good vse publique or private how good soever other then is herein before by me lymitted & appointed The said Rent of Thirtie poundes by yeare shall vtterly cease and be no longer paid My will and Desire beinge to incourage and further those whom in that behalfe it Doth or may concerne to see soe charitable a worke and good intention as the builder of that Almeshouse had may be maintayned and kept on foote, which if shall nott doe the fault will be theirs my mynd and meaninge beinge to be my selfe the disposer of that poore mite I am able and not to leaue it to the will of others who changeing the first institucon and intention vpon fayre pretences at the first may afterwards turne it by

degrees in tyme cleane another way for their owne private ends and benefitte For prevencon whereof my will and meaning is, That the Annuitie be vpon the Condicon aforesaid and noe longer paid, but vtterly to cease when the said Condicon shall be Brocken And as for my said Houses Tenements Shoops and hereditaments charged with the said yearely Rent of Thirty poundes by the yeare as aforesaide to my louing friends Henry Capcot John Shawe George Shawe Francis Palmer John Wright Thomas Powell Edward Neale John Morton Humphry Wigton and Thomas Bradshawe and to their heires and assignes for ever Willing and chargeing them to pay the said Rent of Thirtie poundes by yeare quarterly as aforesaid to the said James Cottington Robert Smith William Whitchurch James Hayes Henry Smith and Richard Bailie their heires and Assignes for ever Twenty eight poundes thereof to the vse and for the benefitt of the sayd Fourteene poore woeman and the other Fortie shillings residue thereof to the vses herein before particularly expressed at my great House or Tenement in Bread street and Basinge Lane commonly called or knowne by the signes of the Beare in Basinge Lane and White heart in Bread streete, out of the Rents of all my before menconed Tenements houses Shoppes and Hereditaments in Bread streete and Basinge Lane aforesaid They the said James Cottington Robert Smith William Witchurch James Hayes Henry Smith and Richard Bailie their heires and Assignes giuinge Accquittance for the receipt thereof vnder the hands and seales of two of them at the least testified by the vicar of Froome Sellwood aforesaid for the tyme being And out of the rest and residue of the Rents yssues and profits of the said Messuages Tenements Shoppes and hereditaments in Bread streete and Basing Lane charged with the said Thirty poundes by yeare as aforesaide.

“And further my will is that at all times for ever hereafter when and as often as soe many of the six persons now Trusted or of any other six persons hereafter to be Trusted with the disposeinge of the said Annuitie of Thirtie poundes per ann shall remoue theyre Dwellinge out the said parish of Froome Sellwood aforesaid, or departe this life that there be but Three of them left alive inhabitinge vithin the sayd parish That then and soe often the said Three soe left alive inhabitinge within the said Parrish together with such others interressed in the said Thirtie poundes by yeare reioined out of the sayd Parish (if any such shall be) shall with all conuenient speed lawfully conuey and assure the sayd Rent of Thirtie poundes by yeare to some other able and sufficient persons and theyre heyres who

shall forthwith or with all convenient speed reconvey the same backe againe to those of the former Trustees soe survivinge and remayninge Inhabitants within The said parish and soe many more of the ablest and descreetest sorte of the inhabitants of and within the said parish as shall make vpp the full number of Six and to their heires and Assigns for ever The persons soe to be added to be alwaies Chosen by those surviving and inhabiting within the parish as aforesayd or the more parte of them and soe to be Done from tyme to tyme for ever as often as the Case shall soe require.

“And my Will is that the parties by mee trusted and for ever hereafter to be trusted for and Concerning the poor of the said parish of Froome Sellwood shall accompt yearely before the minister of the parish and the Church Wardens of the said parish for the tyme being on the morrow after the respectiue Dayes wherein the Michaelmas Sermon is appoynted to be preached as aforesaid the said Accompts to be sett Downe in writing vnder their hands and to contayne the particulars of all and every the receipts and Disbursements of and for the next and last precedent yeare and the names of the Parties of and to whome and for what they received and Disbursed the same And the same Accompts to remayne in the vestrie in the Custody of the Church wardens for the tyme being in some Chest Locked and to be kept there for that purpose and neither the said Accompts nor the said evidences to be removed out of the said Chest vnles it be to produce and shew them forth vpon speciall reason and in such case to be returned agayne with as much convenient speed as may be And for the better satisfaccon of the parties Trusted and to be trusted with and concerneing the said Almshouse in the Parish of St. Andrewes aforesaid that the sayd Sume of Thirtie poundes per ann. before menconed and expressed to be paid to those of Froome Sellwood aforesayd hath beene Disposed of according as is ordered and lymitted by mee in this my last will and Testament My desyer and will is that the parties whoe are to receive the same shall yearley once in the yeare procure and bring vnto them the sayd parties Trusted for my sayd Almshouse in St. Andrewes a Certificat from the Vicar of Froome Sellwood aforesaid for the tyme beinge and of some Justice of the peace neere adionyng to the sayd parish of Froome Sellwood aforesayd certifying and testifieing that the sayd Thirtie poundes by yeare hath beene Disposed according to my Will and trve meaning herein before expressed And in default of such certificate the sayd Annuitie shall cease and Determine for such time after vntill

such certificate shall be procured and brought And further my will is that notwithstanding there shall be noe alteracon of estats till the parsons Trusted in Frome come to the nvmber of three as aforesayd yett that soe soone and as often as any One or more of the parties soe trusted and to be trusted as aforesaid shall Depart this life or remove out of the parish of Froome Sellwood the residue of them that shall be leveing and resident as aforesayd shall méete together the next Saboth Day after evning prayar and make coich of some one or more other that shall be honest and religious men inhabiting in the said Parishe (That is to say) of One or more in Frome Sellwood instead of him or them that shall Dye of the sayd partiee Trusted there or depart thence—And for those to be so elected to haue equall authoritie with the rest concerning the Thirtie poundes by year given the poore of that parish as aforesaid.”*

Appendix D, page 8.

“The Rules and Orders of the Lord Chancellor for establishing the said Almshouse and School Charities, are as follow, viz. :

“ ‘FIRST. That when the number of Trustees or Feoffees, to whom the Almshouse and the Lands and Premises thereto belonging, given by *William Leversedge*, in the Reign of King Edward the fourth, are conveyed, shall, by Death or otherwise, be reduced to the number of six, that then the surviving Trustees or Feoffees shall within four months after reasonable request to them, made by any two sufficient men of the said parish of Frome Selwood, make a new Feoffment or Conveyance of the said Almshouse, Almshouse-lands and Premises, to the use of themselves and a sufficient number of the most able and sufficient men of the

* “The Trustees of these Charities have prudently directed this bequest of Mr. Stafford’s to be paid to the fourteen poor women in the Almshouse, in weekly bread; each poor woman having a *six-penny* and a *three-penny* loaf delivered to her weekly. The Baker who supplies the poor women with their weekly bread, is paid in this manner:—at the end of a quarter he deposits a receipt for £7. 10s. (signed by three Trustees,) with some tradesman or other person of Frome who has cash-connexion in London; by whom it is tendered to the Treasurer of Mr. Stafford’s Charity in Bread Street, London; who thereupon pays the cash to the person tendering the receipt. At the Michaelmas meeting, the Annual Account is made out, in form as stated in the book of Mr. Stafford’s accounts, which is transmitted to the London Trustees in manner as aforesaid.” The above Sum of four times £7. 10s. being £30.—and Stafford’s Gift for the poor women, given in bread, being £28—the odd £2. is paid by the Baker at the Michaelmas Quarter to the annual Treasurer, who applies it for the Sermon, &c. as directed by the Donor. Besides the six-penny and three-penny loaf, given weekly to each of the fourteen poor women, the Baker gives to each of them, at Christmas, a shilling’s worth of flour.

said Parish, and their heirs, making together with themselves the number of twenty in the whole; to the end that they may stand seized thereof, for the Charitable uses and purposes hereinafter expressed. And that the present twenty Trustees which have been approved and to whom the said Almshouse and Lands are conveyed, and also all other Trustees for the time being, and the survivors of them be, and be deemed, called, and taken to be Trustees and Governors of the said Almshouse, Almshouse-lands, and Premises, according to the Rules and Orders hereinafter mentioned.

“ ‘ITEM SECOND. That the said twenty Trustees and Governors shall, from time to time, permit and suffer at least twelve poor people, men or women, born or to be born within the parish of Frome Selwood aforesaid, to be nominated and appointed from time to time as vacancies shall happen, by the said Trustees and Governors, or the majority of them present at any of such quarterly meetings as are hereafter appointed, to inhabit and dwell in the said Messuage or Almshouse in twelve rooms or chambers therein, and to enjoy the rents and profits of the said Almshouse lands, in such shares and proportions and according to the order and discretion of the said Governors and Trustees and the survivors of them. And likewise to have the use of the Hall, Chapel, and Gardens (W) thereunto belonging for and during the natural lives of the said twelve poor people, so to be nominated and appointed as aforesaid; they demeaning themselves well, and subject nevertheless to such orders and directions and removal as hereinafter mentioned.

“ ‘ITEM THIRD. That the said Governors and Trustees, or the majority of them present at any such quarterly meetings as are hereinafter mentioned, do, from time to time when and so often as they shall think fit, elect and appoint a proper and sufficient person of their own body to be Treasurer or Receiver, to collect and receive the rents and profits of the said Almshouse-lands and premises, and to distribute and divide the same amongst the said poor people for and towards their relief and sustenance, and for and towards the necessary reparations of the said Almshouse and premises, according to and under the directions of the said Governors and Trustees at any of their said quarterly meetings hereinafter appointed or as the majority of them then present shall direct and appoint. And that accounts be kept of the rents and profits so from time to time to be received, and that such accounts be entered in a proper

(W) See Note W, in Page

book or books, and be once in every year settled and adjusted by the said **Governors and Trustees** at their annual meeting upon the first Monday after Michaelmas, or by any two or more of the said **Governors and Trustees** to be nominated for that purpose by the majority of those who shall be then present. And that such majority shall have power to make agreements for letting or leases of the said Almshouse-lands, to any tenant or tenants for any term or terms of years, not exceeding twenty-one years, at rack rent, without taking any thing in money or otherwise by way of fine, and minutes or memorandums of such agreements are to be fairly entered in proper books to be kept for that purpose.

“**ITEM FOURTH.** That the said **Treasurer or Receiver** to be nominated and appointed as aforesaid, shall yearly and every year at the time of meeting at Michaelmas, bring in and deliver, at such meeting, his account in writing of all such rents and profits of the lands or premises of or belonging to the said Almshouse which have been received by him, as likewise of the distribution and application thereof; to the end the same may be recorded in some ledger book, to remain to posterity, to be kept and preserved together with other the deeds, evidences, and writings relating to the said Almshouse and premises in a chest to be provided for that purpose, with two locks and keys; one of which keys shall be kept by the **Treasurer or Receiver** and the other to remain with one of the said other **Governors and Trustees** to be appointed for that purpose, and the aforesaid ledger-book, chest, and other necessary charges for repairs or otherwise to be paid for and borne out of the rents and profits of the said Almshouse lands and premises, in the first place.

“**ITEM FIFTH.** With respect to the **School-house Charity** and the lands thereto belonging, it is proposed that the same twenty persons who at present are or hereafter shall be the **Trustees and Governors** of the aforesaid Almshouse lands and Charity be likewise the **Trustees and Governors** of the said **Schoolhouse lands and Charity**. And to that end and the better to enable them so to be, that the said **School-house lands and premises** be from time to time as occasion shall require, conveyed to the same twenty persons who are the said Almshouse **Trustees**, and their heirs, upon the following trust (that is to say) that the said **Trustees and Governors**, or the majority of them present at any such quarterly meetings as are hereinafter mentioned, do elect and appoint a fit and proper person to be master of the said **Charity School**, and so from time to time as often as any vacancy shall happen, either by the death or removal of any such

master, with a reasonable salary not exceeding twenty pounds a year, payable quarterly out of the rents and revenues of the said School lands and premises, to be paid by the Treasurer or Receiver to be chosen and appointed by the said Governors and Trustees, as are hereinafter mentioned.

“‘ITEM SIXTH. That the said Governors and Trustees, or the majority of them who shall be present at any of such quarterly meetings as are hereinafter mentioned, do when and so often as they shall think fit elect and appoint a Treasurer or Receiver of the rents and profits of the said Charity School lands in the same manner with the like power authority and provision for the said Treasurer or Receiver’s delivering annually his account in writing and for settling and adjusting the accounts of such Treasurer or Receiver, and for entering and recording such accounts in a proper ledger-book to be kept for that purpose, in the manner before mentioned, and also for making agreements for letting or leases of the said Charity School lands, to or with any tenant or tenants as are hereinbefore mentioned and proposed touching the said Almshouse lands and the accounts relating thereto.

“‘ITEM SEVENTH. That the said Treasurer or Receiver, so to be appointed, do and shall apply the rents and profits of the said lands and premises belonging to the said Charity School to pay the yearly salary to the Schoolmaster by quarterly payments as before directed; and out of the residue of the said rents and profits shall and do pay and apply such sum and sums of money for and towards clothing the poor boys to be placed in the said Charity School, and for pens, ink, paper, and books for them, as the said Governors and Trustees or the majority of them present at any such quarterly meetings as are hereinafter mentioned shall direct and appoint.

“‘ITEM EIGHTH. That whenever and so often as a new Treasurer or Receiver shall be appointed of the rents and profits either of the said Almshouse or School lands, and the accounts of the former Treasurer or Receiver shall be audited, the several and respective balances of money (if any such) which shall be found to be and remain in the hands of such former Treasurer and Receiver upon either of those accounts, shall, within fourteen days after such audit, be paid to the succeeding Treasurer or Receiver so to be chosen and appointed; to be applied for the use and benefit of the aforesaid several Charities respectively.

“‘ITEM NINTH. That the Governors and Trustees shall meet four times in every year, as well upon the business of the said Almshouse as the said Charity school, (that is to say) the first Monday after Christmas, the first Monday after Lady-Day, the first Monday after Midsummer day, and the first Monday after Michaelmas day, in the Vestry room of the parish Church of Frome Selwood aforesaid, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

“‘ITEM TENTH. That the said Governors and Trustees, or the majority of them then present at any of such quarterly meetings, shall have power and authority to admit as many poor boys of the said parish into the said Charity School, to be clothed and taught to read and write, and to be educated in the knowledge and practice of the Christian Religion as professed and taught in the Church of England, and such other things as shall be most suitable to their age and condition, in such manner and for such time as the said Governors and Trustees, or the major part of them present at such quarterly meetings, shall think fit and appoint.

“‘ITEM ELEVENTH. That the said Governors and Trustees at any such of their said quarterly meetings, or the majority of them then present, shall have power to remove as well such of the poor people belonging to the said Almshouse, as the said poor boys belonging to the said Charity School, who shall be found to have committed or been guilty of any great offence or misbehaviour, and to place others in their room, as also to fill up vacancies that may happen by deaths or otherwise in the said School and Almshouse. And in case the said Schoolmaster to be appointed as aforesaid shall appear to be unfit and become incapable or otherwise misdemean or misbehave himself in his life and conversation, that then the said Governors and Trustees or the majority of them present at any such of their quarterly meetings as aforesaid shall have power and authority to displace and remove the said Schoolmaster, and to appoint another in his room, and so from time to time as there shall be occasion.’”

Appendix E, page 10.

This is paid by the owner himself, Thomas King, to the women, so that it does not appear in the Account of the twenty Trustees.

Appendix E2, page 11.

These persons subscribing were Robert Smith, Esq., William Whitchurch, Esq., Mr. Edward Whitchurch, Mr. John Hippie,

Mr. Samuel Whitchurch, Mrs. Ann Giles, Mr. James Wickham, Mr. George Langworth, gave £100. each; Mr. William Whitchurch, of Keyford, gave £50.; Richard Prater, Esq., Mr. John Jenkins, Mr. Richard Bull, Mr. Stephen Keeping, Mr. William Baily, Mrs. Jane Morgan, Mr. Abraham Clavey, Mr. John Fowles, Mrs. Martha Gibbons, gave £20. each; Mr. Joseph Jesser, Mr. Francis Weaver, Mr. George Whitchurch, gave £10. each; Mr. John Morgan, Chandler, Mr. John Downton, gave £5. each.

Appendix F, page 15.

Combined Rental and Particular of Almshouse and School Lands and other Property.

| Tenants' Names, &c. | Particular Description of Property. | Yearly Rents and Dividends. | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|----|----|
| | | £. | s. | d. |
| William Edwards | One of Leversedge's four Tenements, at <i>Garston</i> | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| John Sage | One other ditto | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Davis | One other ditto | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| George Wheeler | One other ditto | 4 | 11 | 0 |
| William Wilkins and others | { Part of the Acre of Garden Ground behind the } { above Tenements, formerly Meadow | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| | N. B. <i>Part of this Garden is unoccupied.</i> | | | |
| William Butt | Half an Acre of Meadow, at <i>Sharpshaw</i> | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Joseph Cooke | One Acre of Arable, at <i>Westover</i> | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Joseph Chapman | One Acre of Meadow, at <i>Old-ford Hill</i> | 2 | 10 | 0† |
| John Olive | Half an Acre, above <i>Long-Mead</i> | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| John Ames | One of Mrs. Ash's Tenements, at <i>Beckintgon</i> | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| James Newman | One other ditto | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Late Jones | The other ditto (unoccupied) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| James Pope | { Mr. Wickham's and Mrs. Hippie's Estate, in the } { <i>Woodlands</i> | 65 | 0 | 0 |
| George Sheppard | Abbott's Estate, at <i>Fromefield</i> | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| John Backhouse | Acre of Meadow, near <i>Rodden Lake</i> | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Miss Vincent and Mrs. O'Connor | { Half an Acre of Meadow, in <i>Little Ennox</i> | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| William Horton | { Mrs. Hippie's two pieces of Land, called <i>Coalmixon</i> } { near <i>Trudoxhill</i> | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Benjamin Carpenter | Two Acres, near <i>Clink Crossways</i> called <i>King's Paddock</i> | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| John Weaver | William Baily's Estate, at <i>Buckland</i> | 34 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Greenland | Baily's Cottage, at <i>Buckland</i> | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Messrs. Allard & Rossiter | Shearmarsh and Joel's Estate | 130 | 0 | 0 |
| Uriah Jones | House and Land, called <i>Sheppard's</i> , at <i>Feltham</i> | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| James Payne | Mr. A'Court's Benefaction, paid out of <i>Railes'</i> | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Ashby | Mr. Coombs' Gift to the poor Women | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| | Mr. Stafford's Annuity for the poor women, &c. | 30 | 0 | 0 |

* This is the same Property described in the Commissioners Report as being Rented by Thomas West, at £21. per ann.

† This is the same Property described by the Commissioners as being Rented by David Williams, at £1. 19s.

‡ This is the same Property described in the Commissioners Report as being Rented by Thomas West, at £7. 12s. per ann.

*Appendix G, pages 16, 20, 21, 24, 25, 29, and 30.***NAMES OF THE PRESENT TRUSTEES OF STOCK OR MONEY IN THE FUNDS,
BELONGING TO ALL THE CHARITIES.**

This stock (of one third of £100 and one sixth of £200.) was sold out in July, 1825, in order to liquidate a balance then due, from the trustees to the general treasurer. (See page 16.)

This stock (of £200. five per cents,) has since been reduced to £210. four per cents, and it is now (1833,) further reduced to £210. three and a half per cents, producing an annual dividend of £7. 7s. The stock stands in the names of James Anthony Wickham and George Sheppard. (See page 16.)

Of this stock (of £5,000. three per cents, £3,400. the Alms-house share,) now stands in the names of James Anthony Wickham, George Sheppard, and James Whalley Dawe Thomas Wickham. (See page 16.)

This stock (of William Sheppard's,) now stands in the names of James Anthony Wickham and George Sheppard. (See page 16.)

This stock (of £2,000. three per cents,) now stands in the names of James Anthony Wickham, George Sheppard, and James Whalley Dawe Thomas Wickham. (See page 16.)

This stock (Jane Hippie's £500.) now stands in the names of James Anthony Wickham, George Sheppard, and James Whalley Dawe Thomas Wickham. (See page 20.)

The interest now payable on this deed poll is £4. 10s. (See page 20.)

In July, 1825, the two thirds of £100. stock was sold, and part of the produce thereof placed to the account of the Trustees, and the other part of the produce applied in the purchase of one sixteenth of £200. consols, so that the stock now remaining, is £200. consols, producing an annual dividend of £6.; which Stock now stands in the names of James Anthony Wickham, George Sheppard, and James Whalley Dawe Thomas Wickham. (See page 21.)

This stock (Daniel Rossiter's,) now stands in the names of James Anthony Wickham, George Sheppard, and James Whalley Dawe Thomas Wickham. (See page 21.)

This stock (of Richard Stevens's, viz. £1,800. and £225.) is now three and a half per cents, and stands in names of said James Anthony Wickham, George Sheppard, and James Whalley Dawe Thomas Wickham; and the £250., (also now three and a half per cents,) is standing in the names of the Rev. Charles Phillott, William Curtis Brand, and Lawrence Hagley. (See page 24.)

This stock (£1,600.) now stands in the names of the said James Anthony Wickham, George Sheppard, and James Whalley Dawe Thomas Wickham. (See page 24.)

This stock (£1,500.) is now three and a half per cents, and stands in the names of said James Anthony Wickham, George Sheppard, and James Whalley Dawe Thomas Wickham. (See page 25.)

This stock is £129. 9s. and not £129. 18s.; it stands in the same names as the last mentioned stock. (See page 29.)

This stock (of Miss Lacy's £200.) now stands in the names of John White Little and John Olive, the present churchwardens. (See page 30.)

Appendix H, page 16.

The Personal Property of the Almshouse is as follows :

| Particulars of Stock. | Annual Dividends. | | |
|--|-------------------|----|----|
| | £. | s. | d. |
| £210. New 3½ per Cents. reduced, late 4 per Cents, and formerly 200 Navy 5 per Cents,—the Legacy of Mr. George Whitchurch | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| £3400. 3 per Cent. Consols—the Legacy of Mr. Barton | 102 | 0 | 0 |
| £2000. 3 per Cent. Consols—the Legacy of Miss Ann Lacy | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| £300. 3 per Cent. Consols—the Legacy of Mr. William Sheppard | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| £1094. 4, 5, and 3 per Cent Consols—being the amount of Stock purchased with Mr. Timothy Lacy's Legacy of £1000., after deducting therefrom £100. to pay Legacy Duty | 32 | 16 | 6 |

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF RICHARD STEVENS.

“ Whereas the more frequent performance of divine Service according to the Liturgy of the Church of England as by law established in the several Churches and Chapels in this Kingdom and duties might be the means of bringing many to a proper sense of those duties and the true doctrine of the Protestant Religion which is incumbent on each individual to promote I do therefore Give and bequeath to the Trustees and Treasurer for the time being of the Charity School at Froome in the County of Somerset and to their successors for ever *two thousand four hundred pounds* three per Cent reduced Bank Annuities* part of a larger Sum of Money standing in my name in the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England and to be transferred And I hereby direct my

Testator gives to Trustees of Frome Charity School £2,400. Three per cent Bank Annuities.

* By a Codicil hereto, this sum appears to have been transferred in the life time of the Testator, to the *Four per cent* Bank Annuities.

Executor named in my said Will to transfer immediately after the fifth day of April or the tenth day of October which shall first happen next after my decease the said two thousand four hundred Pounds reduced Annuities into the Names of the Trustees and Treasurer for the time being of the said Charity School **IN TRUST** that the Trustees and Treasurer for the time being and their Successors do and shall Yearly and every Year receive the Interest and dividends of the said two Thousand four hundred pounds reduced Annuities and pay and apply the same for the several purposes and in the manner following that is to say That the said Trustees and Treasurer for the time being and their successors do and shall Yearly and every Year during the life of the Vicar for the time being of the said parish of Froome from and out of the Interest and dividends of the said two Thousand four hundred pounds reduced Annuities pay or cause to be paid to the said Vicar for the time being and his successors for ever the clear Yearly Sum of *Fifty two pounds* for his and their own proper use and benefit and behoof for an augmentation and for the better livelihood provision and maintenance of the Vicar for the time being and his successors Vicars of the said Parish of Froome for ever payable and to be paid to him and them half Yearly on the fifth day of April and tenth day of October in every Year the first payment thereof to begin and be made on the first of those days which shall happen next after the transfer of the said Stock **UPON** this special condition that the Vicar of the Parish of Froome for the time being and his successors do and shall between the hours of six and nine in the evening of every Sunday throughout the Year read or cause to be read in the Parish Church of Froome aforesaid the evening service appointed to be read according to the Liturgy of the Church of England and do and shall immediately after such service preach or cause to be preached from the pulpit in the said Church a proper and suitable Lecture Sermon to the congregation attending on such occasions such service to commence and such Sermon to be preached the second Sunday after the transfer of the said Stock But if the Vicar of the said Parish for the time being or his successors future Vicars of the said Parish do not or shall not constantly and regularly read and preach or cause to be read and preached in the said Parish Church the evening Service and Lecture Sermon as aforesaid within the hours aforesaid in each successive Sunday after such commencement as aforesaid Then my mind and will is that the Vicar for the time beng and his successors future Vicars of the said Parish shall forfeit for each and every time he or they

Out of the dividends to pay the Vicar £52. per ann.

For reading evening service and preaching a Lecture sermon, every Sunday evening

On neglect of duty, Vicar to forfeit 20s.

shall omit or neglect to read and preach or cause to be read and preached the evening Service and lecture Sermon as aforesaid on the days and within the hours aforesaid the Sum of *twenty Shillings* which forfeitures I hereby direct and order the Trustees and Treasurer for the time being of the said Charity School to retain and deduct out of the half yearly payment of the said Sum of Fifty two pounds directed to be made to the Vicar for the time being on such condition as aforesaid next after such forfeitures shall be incurred and apply the same to and for the use and benefit of the said Charity And if the Vicar for the time being or his successors future Vicars of the said Parish shall for four successive Sundays omit or neglect to read and preach or cause to be read and preached the evening Service and Lecture Sermon in the said Parish Church within the hours aforesaid Then my will and mind is that the Vicar who shall so omit or neglect the duty hereby required and imposed shall not only wholly be suspended from officiating in such duty in future and lose all future benefit of such yearly Sum of Fifty two pounds but shall not be intitled to receive any satisfaction or payment whatever for or on account of the duty he may have performed from the last half-yearly payment to the time of such omissions or neglect of reading divine service and preaching such lecture Sermon for four successive Sundays as aforesaid but that the growing half yearly payment in which half Year such omissions or neglect shall or may happen shall go to and be applied by the Trustees and Treasurer of the said Charity School for the time being in manner following (that is to say) a proportionable part thereof from the preceding half yearly payment to the time of such suspension to and for the use and benefit of the said Charity and the remainder thereof to and for the use and benefit of such Clergyman to be appointed in manner hereafter mentioned And immediately on such suspension being declared by the Trustees and Treasurer of the said Charity School it is my mind and will that the Trustees and Treasurer of the said Charity School for the time being or the major part of them do and shall with all convenient speed proceed to the nomination and appointment of a Clergyman of the Church of England in full orders to perform the duty hereby required and imposed on the Vicar of the said Parish of Froome And I do hereby order and direct the Trustees and Treasurer for the time being on such Clergyman taking upon him and performing such duty to pay or cause to be paid to such Clergyman on the fifth day of April or tenth day of October which shall first happen next after such nomination and appointment a proportionable part of the

For Four successive omissions, Vicar to lose all future benefit and forfeit the salary from the preceding half yearly payment.

The Forfeitures to be applied to the School.

Trustees to appoint another Lecturer.

preceding half yearly payment from the time of such suspension and there-after the like yearly Sum of Fifty two pounds out of the Interest and dividends of such Trust Stock half yearly at such times as aforesaid to commence from such fifth day of April or tenth day of October which shall first happen after such suspension as aforesaid and to be continued to such Clergyman during the Term of his Natural life But subject to and under the like condition of forfeiture and suspension on neglect of duty as herein-before limited with respect to the Vicar with full power and authority to the Trustees and Treasurer for the time being or the Major part of them and I do hereby order and direct them from time to time to proceed to a new nomination and appointment of another Clergyman in like manner and on the like conditions of forfeitures and suspension in case of the suspension of such appointed Clergyman for neglect of duty and to make the like appointment of the half yearly payment of the said Sum of fifty two pounds in which half year such suspension shall be declared Provided always that in case of the suspension of any such Clergyman so to be nominated and appointed as aforesaid in the life time of a Vicar not suspended for neglect of duty that immediately on the suspension of such Clergyman that such apportionment of such half yearly payment as aforesaid shall be made to such Vicar and thereafter and to his Successors during their respective lives on his taking upon himself and their respectively and successively taking upon themselves and performing such duty aforesaid and to commence as aforesaid on the like terms of forfeitures and conditions aforesaid **AND PROVIDED ALWAYS** that on the death of any Vicar of the said Parish for the time being not being suspended but in the performance of the aforesaid duty or on the death of any Clergyman so as aforesaid to be appointed and not being suspended that the Representatives of such Vicar or Clergyman so dying shall be entitled and I hereby order and direct the Trustees and Treasurer of the said Charity School for the time being to pay such Representatives a proportionable part of the then growing halfyearly payment of the said Sum of Fifty two Pounds from the then next half yearly payment preceding to the time of such death and the remainder of such half yearly payment I hereby order and direct shall be paid to the next succeeding Vicar or next appointed Clergyman immediately on such succession or appointment taking upon himself and performing such duty as aforesaid any thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithstanding **AND UPON FURTHER TRUST AND I DO** hereby further order and

If Lecturer dies, a proportionable part of the half-yearly Salary to be paid his representatives.

direct that the Trustees and Treasurer for the time being of the said Charity School and their Successors DO and shall out of the Yearly interest and dividends of the said two thousand four hundred Pounds reduced Annuities pay or cause to be paid to the Clerk of the said Parish of Froome for the time being and to his successors for ever for the better Provision and maintenance of the Clerk of the said Parish the yearly sum of *ten pounds* payable and to be paid to the said Clerk for the time being and his successors half yearly on every fifth day of April and tenth day of October in every Year the first payment thereof to begin and be made on the fifth day of April or tenth day of October which shall first happen next after the transfer of the said Stock expecting that the Clerk for the time being and his successors will regularly and constantly attend the Service before directed hereby giving discretionary power to the Trustees and Treasurer for the time being of the said Charity School in case of wilful neglect or omission of duty in such Clerk (if they shall think fit) to deduct and retain *two shillings* and *six-pence* for the benefit of the said Charity out of such half yearly payments for every such neglect or omission AND UPON FURTHER TRUST AND I DO further order and direct that the Trustees and Treasurer for the time being of the said Charity School and their Successors do and shall pay or cause to be paid the remainder of the yearly Interest and dividends to arise and be made by and out of the said trust Stock being the yearly Sum of *ten pounds* to such person and his Successors who is or shall be appointed by the said Parish of Froome Organist or Organists of the said Parish Church of Froome for his or their better maintenance and support and who shall officiate as such and play the Organ at the several times of the performing of divine Service at the times and within the Hours aforesaid in the said Parish Church of Froome payable and to be paid to such Organist and his successors for life half yearly at the several times aforesaid the first payment thereof to begin and be made on the fifth day of April or on the tenth day of October which shall first happen next after the transfer of the said Trust Stock UPON this condition nevertheless that if such Organist for the time being shall not duly and regularly attend the performance of divine service and perform his duty as Organist but shall omit or neglect the same (except rendered incapable by sickness or unavoidable accidents) or if there shall not be an Organ in the Church at the time of the first performance of divine service in pursuance of this my Will and intention or there being

Annual payment of
£10. to the Clerk.

In case of neglect
of duty, Trustees
may deduct 2s. 6d.
and apply the same
to the benefit of the
School.

To pay the remain-
ing £10. to the
Organist.

If Organist neglects
to attend, or there
be no Organ,

the £10. to be
applied to the bene-
fit of the School.

If any dispute
should arise, the
same to be referred
to the Bishop of
Bath and Wells.

such and it should thereafter be removed or the Playing thereof discontinued by order of the Parish then and in either of those cases UPON trust and I hereby order and direct that the Trustees and Treasurer of the said Charity School for the time being do and shall from time to time and for ever thereafter pay and apply the whole of the said annual Sum of ten pounds being the remainder of the yearly Interest and dividends of the said Trust Stock to and for the use and benefit of the said Charity School hoping and expecting that as my intent and meaning is that the duty I have directed shall be duly and regularly attended to and constantly performed so far as circumstances and occasions will permit that such my intent and meaning may not be misconstrued but taken according to the literal sense and meaning thereof but if any doubts should arise between the Vicar for the time being and the Trustees and Treasurer for the time being of the said Charity relative to his suspension for neglect of duty and appointment of a Clergyman to officiate in his room or suspension of such or any other future Vicar or Clergyman to be appointed or on any other Ground or Grounds whatsoever then I do order and direct that such differences shall be submitted to the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells for the time being and that such directions and order as his Grace shall make therein shall be conclusive to the Parties and be as equally binding as if a decree of the Court of Chancery had been made relative to such differences AND WHEREAS there is not in the Parish Church of Froome aforesaid any regular choir established or any foundation for singing the Psalms and Hymns set forth and allowed to be sung in all Churches and Chappels before and after Morning and Evening prayer and also before and after Sermons but several of the parishioners and other Persons residing in the said Parish have associated together and have hitherto as in the nature of a Choir united in singing in the said Parish Church at the time of divine service the Hymns and Psalms so allowed and appointed to be sung But if some Fund or establishment was made for the use of the Parishioners and Inhabitants of the said Parish who have so associated together and united in the nature of a Choir in singing Hymns and Psalms and a recompence given to a Master a Person competent to teach and instruct them therein it might be the means of a regular Society or Choir being formed and for ever continued for the praise and glory of God and being commenced many religious persons might hereafter be disposed to contribute to a fund set apart for such good purposes I DO therefore in order to promote and lay a foun-

dation for an establishment of such Society or Choir give and bequeath to the Vicar and two Churchwardens of the Parish of Froome aforesaid for the time being and the two immediate preceding Churchwardens* the sum of *Five hundred pounds* three per Cent† reduced Bank Annuities part of a larger Sum standing in my name in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England and do desire that my Executor hereinafter named may transfer the same into their names within three Months next after my decease UPON TRUST that they the said Vicar and Churchwardens for the time being and the immediate preceding Churchwardens and their successors DO and shall between the twenty fifth day of December and the second day of January following which shall happen next after my decease proceed to the choice and nomination of and do choose and appoint a Master or fit and competent person to teach and instruct such of the Parishioners and Inhabitants of Froome aforesaid as have formed or may form themselves into a Society or Choir in singing Psalms and Hymns such Person not being the Organist or Clerk for the time being and that such Master or Person so appointed shall from time to time Weekly and every Week on such a day and time of day as may be most convenient to the Major part of the said Society or Choir attend in the said Parish Church with and instruct them in singing such tunes as the Psalms and Hymns so set forth allowed and appointed to be sung in Churches and Chappels have been or shall or may be set to and as a reward or recompense for such attendance and instruction and as an Encouragement to the Society or Choir to perfect themselves or to be perfected in vocal Church Music UPON TRUST that the said Vicar and Churchwardens of the Parish of Froome for the time being and the two immediate preceding Churchwardens to whom such capital Stock or sum of Five hundred pounds shall be so transferred as aforesaid and their successors DO and shall yearly and every Year when and as often as the Interest and dividends thereof shall be received pay and apply the whole amount of such Interest and dividends in manner following that is to say *Five pounds* or such greater part as the said Trustees for the time being or the Major part of them shall think proper to the Master or competent person so to be appointed as aforesaid and the remainder and amongst the said Society or Choir in such Shares and proportions

To lay a foundation for a Choir, Testator [gives to Vicar and four Churchwardens, £500. three per cents.

Who are to choose a singing Master.

and out of the dividends to pay him a Salary

and to pay the remainder to the Choir

* By the 6th Codicil, this Trust is restricted to the Vicar and two Churchwardens for the time being.

† This sum was also transferred to the *four per cents*, and reduced to £250.

manner and form as the said Trustees or the Major part of them shall think proper AND it is my will and mind and I hereby direct that if such Master or person so to be chosen shall not attend to instruct the said Society or Choir at the times to be appointed for that purpose or shall be found incapable or not sufficiently competent and that such Non-attendance Incapacity or Incompetency shall manifestly appear to the Trustees for the time being or the major part of them Then such person shall be removed from his Office and that the Trustees for the time being or the major part of them shall within one Month next after such removal or after the death of such Master or person proceed to nominate and choose another Master a fit and competent person to discharge such Office and make him such allowance out of the dividends and Interest to be received for such Trust Stock as before mentioned and so from time to time for ever after to proceed to the Nomination and choice of a New Master or competent person to instruct the said Society or choir in manner aforesaid on the removal resignation or death of any Master or person so to be appointed And my mind and will is and I hereby order and direct that on the death of either of the aforesaid Trustees to whom I have directed the said Stock to be transferred the Name or place of the person dying shall be filled up, if the Vicar, by the next succeeding Vicar, and if any of the other Persons by one of the Churchwardens for the time being of the said Parish and so from time to time the Vacancies to be filled up as deaths may happen by the next succeeding Vicar and by the Churchwardens for the time being so that there shall always be five Trustees of the said Stock for the purposes aforesaid and I do direct that within one Month next after a death shall happen the Survivors shall transfer the said Stock into their own Names and the Name of the Person who shall succeed to the said Trust I ALSO Give and bequeath to the Vicar and to the Trustees and Treasurer for the time being of the Charity School of Froome aforesaid and to their Successors for ever *Three hundred pounds* three per Cent* reduced Bank Annuities part of a much larger Sum standing in my name to be transferred and I hereby direct my Executor named in my said Will to transfer the same within four Months next after my decease into the names of the Vicar of Froome aforesaid and the Trustees and Treasurer for the time being of the said Charity School IN TRUST nevertheless that the said Vicar Trustees and Treasurer for the

Singing master to be removed for non-attendance, &c. and another appointed

On the death of a Trustee another to be appointed

and a fresh transfer of the Stock to be made

To the Vicar and Trustees of Froome Charity School £300. three per cent

* Transferred to four per cent.

time being and their Successors do and shall yearly and every Year receive the Interest and dividends of the said three hundred pounds reduced Annuities and pay and apply the same for the purpose and in the manner following that is to say That the Trustees of the said Charity or the major part of them present at their first quarterly Meeting of the said Charity which shall first happen next after my decease do and shall elect and choose two boys not under the Age of eight Years the Children of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Froome aforesaid to be added to the number of boys on the present or any future establishment of the said School such two boys to be cloathed and dressed in like uniform as the other boys are cloathed in the said School AND I hereby order and direct that out of the dividends and Interest arising and to be received on the said three hundred pounds reduced Annuities the Yearly sum of *One Pound three Shillings and six pence* be paid for the Cloathing of each of the said two boys and the Yearly Sum of *twenty Shillings* be paid to the Head Master for the time being of the said School for each of the said boys for teaching and instructing and finding and providing Books and Stationary for them and my mind and will is that if both or either of the said Boys so to be chosen should misbehave or not regularly conform to the Rules and orders of the said School that the said Trustees or the Major part of them shall and may be at liberty to remove from the said School both or either of them as the case may be and elect one other Boy or two other Boys in his or their Room to be cloathed and such Yearly payments made on account of him or them as before mentioned And my mind and will is that the said two boys shall continue on the present or any future establishment of the said School for the term of five Years to be then put out and bound Apprentice to industrious Tradesmen of good Character not being the Parents of such boys to learn such trades as they shall appear fit for or desirous of and I direct my said Trustees out of the dividends and Interest to arise and be received on the said three hundred pounds reduced Annuities to pay to each of the Masters of the said Boys on their being so bound Apprentices the sum of *seven Pounds ten Shillings* and to find and provide for each of the said Boys at the times of their being so put out apprentice a good and plain Suit of Cloaths of such Colour as the said Trustees or the Major part of them shall think proper not exceeding the value or price of *two pounds ten Shillings* each as a reward for their good behaviour in the said School and an encouragement for their continuance of it during their Apprenticeship And my mind and will is that at the

To be applied to the cloathing instructing and apprenticing two boys added to the Charity School

Boys to be dismissed for misbehaviour.

next quarterly Meeting of the said Trustees and Treasurer for the time being of the said Charity which shall happen next after the said two boys shall be so placed out apprentices that the said Trustees and Treasurer or the Major part of them present at such meeting do and shall elect and choose two other boys Children of the Inhabitants of the said Parish to be added to the establishment of the said School and cloathed and educated continued in or removed from the same and others chosen in manner as aforesaid and such Yearly Sums paid and such Apprentice fees and rewards given as are before mentioned and that such Elections and Payments shall continue at such times as aforesaid for ever and my will is that the said Trustees do and shall from time to time cause a distinct account to be made and kept in the Books of the said Charity as well of the Names and ages of the two Boys in manner aforesaid to be elected and of their Parents business and residence as of the Interest dividends and proceeds of the said three hundred pounds reduced annuities and of the application thereof for or on Account of such boys and that such Account shall be open for the inspection of any of the Trustees or Inhabitants of the said Parish who shall desire the same and shall be examined and audited at the next quarterly meeting after Michaelmas in every Year **PROVIDED ALWAYS** that if the Trustees for the time being shall neglect to cause such account to be kept in the books of the said Charity and examined and audited Yearly at the time aforesaid or shall omit or neglect to elect and continue two boys under the description aforesaid to be added to and rated upon the present or any future establishment of the said School that then and upon every such neglect or omission and as often as it shall so happen and continue I hereby order and direct the Yearly payments before directed to be paid for the cloathing of the said two boys and to the Master of the said School to be paid to the resident Vicar of the Parish of Froome for the time being And my mind and will is that the Treasurer of the said Charity for the time being by and out of the Interest and dividends of the said reduced annuities do and shall provide and purchase a Silver pen of Sterling Silver not less in value than *ten Shillings and six pence* or more than *thirteen Shillings* which pen I hereby order and direct shall be given to any boy belonging to the said School who shall appear to the Major part of the Trustees present at the first Quarterly meeting to be held after Saint Thomas's day which shall happen next after my decease to write the best plain round hand and that the Year following a pen of like value shall be provided and

Distinct accounts
to be kept of this
Charity.

To be open to the
inspection of the
Trustees, &c.

If the Trustees neglect
such charity, the Masters salary,
&c. to go to the
resident Vicar.

A silver pen annually
to the best
scholar.

given to such boy who shall appear to be the best Arithmetician and accountant and that such a pen shall be provided and given Yearly for ever alternately the one Year to the best writer and the following to the best accountant provided that no one boy having had two Prizes shall be a candidate for a third.

IN WITNESS whereof, &c.

[Dated October 9th, 1790.]

☞ Mr. JOHN STEVENS, of *Keyford*, (Brother of the Testator) is appointed Sole Executor of this Will.

CODICIL I.

WHEREAS, &c.—There not being in the said Parish any Charity School formed or established for the education and instruction of poor female Children born in the said Parish or any Asylum or receptacle for their maintenance and support I DO therefore, in order to found and for ever establish an Assylum as well for the education and instruction from time to time of forty of such female Children born and to be born of poor Parents Inhabitants of the said Parish and such greater number as may by and on the occasions hereafter mentioned be elected on the foundation of the said Assylum as for their maintenance and Cloathing GIVE and BEQUEATH to his Grace the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells and to the Rector for the time being of the said Parish of Frome and to the Treasurer and such of the Trustees of the boys Charity School at Frome aforesaid who shall be Members of the Church of England the Principal Sum of *Twelve thousand pounds* Four per Cent Bank Annuities part of a larger Sum now standing in my name in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England and which I order and direct my Executor named in my said Will to transfer into the Names of the said Lord Bishop Rector Treasurer and such Trustees being Members of the Church of England as aforesaid at the end of three Months next after my decease Upon the several Trusts and to and for the several uses ends intents and purposes and subject to the several orders and directions hereinafter mentioned and declared and hereafter to be made of and concerning the same UPON TRUST that they the said Rector Treasurer and such Trustees to whom with the said Lord Bishop such Stock shall be so transferred as aforesaid DO and shall with all convenient speed next after such transfer lay out and expend a Sum not exceeding *One thousand five hundred pounds* of the principal Sum of twelve thousand pounds trust Stock as well in the purchase of a good sure perfect and

To establish an Asylum for *Forty* poor female Children born of poor Inhabitants of Frome

Testator gives to the Bishop of Bath and Wells, Rector of Frome, Trustees and Treasurer of the School, £12000. four per cent. bank annuities

Trustees (with all convenient speed after the transfer) to lay out £1500. in purchase of Messuages, &c. for lodging the said 40 girls.

indefeazible Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple of and in one or more Messuage or Messuages adjoining each other to be situate within the said Parish of Frome with proper and convenient apartments Offices and Ground thereto belonging extensive enough and capable of being enlarged and made convenient for lodging Forty at least of such poor female Children born and to be born in the said Parish and to be elected and chosen at the times and in manner hereinafter mentioned and of such greater number as may by and on the occasions hereafter mentioned be elected on the foundation of the intended Charity and of Lodging a Matron or Governess and a sufficient number of Servants to conduct manage superintend direct take care of wait upon and attend such poor female Children as from time to time may or shall be the objects of the intended establishment as in the fitting up converting repairing and rendering such House or Houses and the Offices thereto belonging proper and capable of conveniently receiving such number and increased number of Children a Matron or Governess and such Servants as aforesaid and that when and so soon as such House or Houses Offices and premises shall be so purchased I do order and direct that the same shall be released and conveyed to the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells the said Rector and Treasurer and such Trustees to whom such Stock shall be so transferred as aforesaid and to their Heirs and successors for ever by such Deeds conveyances Instruments and Writings as Council learned in the Law shall advise and direct and to contain such Covenants Provisoes and agreements and either expressly containing all or any of the several Trusts created and intended to be created by this Codicil to my said Will or otherwise referring to the same as may be advised and thought proper and that thereafter the future succeeding Lords Bishops of Bath and Wells Rectors of the said Parish of Frome Treasurers and such future Trustees of the present Charity School at Frome who shall be Members of the Church of England shall stand seized and enfeoffed of the said House or Houses and Premises for ever upon the several Trusts hereinafter mentioned But if the before described Trustees of this my Codicil should not within three Months next after such transfer shall be made as aforesaid be able to purchase such House or Houses and Premises situate as aforesaid Then it is my mind and will and I hereby order and direct such Trustees to buy and purchase in Fee Simple a proper and convenient piece or parcel of Ground to be situate in the said Parish the scite whereof shall be of sufficient extent to answer the purposes hereinafter

The premises to be released and conveyed to the said Bishop, Rector, Treasurer, &c. and their Successors.

If such house cannot be purchased, the Trustees then to purchase, in Fee a convenient piece of ground.

mentioned and that when such Purchase shall be made I order and direct that the same shall be released and conveyed to such described Trustees of this my Codicil in such manner as before mentioned respecting such house or houses and that they and their successors shall in like manner stand seized and enfeoffed of such piece or parcel of Ground and the Houses and Offices hereinafter directed to be erected and built thereon for ever AND I do Order and Direct that my said Trustees do and shall immediately or so soon as conveniently can be after such purchase shall be so made of such piece or parcel of Ground as aforesaid Cause a good and substantial Brick Building with proper Apartments and Offices to be made and erected compleated and finished on such part of the Ground as my said Trustees shall approve of large and extensive enough to receive and lodge such Number and increased number of Children a Matron or Governess and servants as aforesaid and to be on such a principal as to admit of any Additions by wings or otherwise that may hereafter be thought necessary and that my said Trustees do and shall transfer lay out and expend a Sum not exceeding *One thousand five hundred pounds* of the said principal Sum of Twelve thousand pounds in purchasing such Ground and Building such House Apartments and Offices as aforesaid And I do order and direct that my said Trustees shall cause public Notice to be given in the Bath and Bristol Newspapers and such other public papers as are circulated in the County of Somerset of such intended building and describing the Nature extent and principle upon which it shall be so built and directing any person or persons who may be desirous to undertake the Work to send Plans Elevations and Estimates of the whole Charges of such intended buildings and intirely compleating the same to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Charity which Notice I direct shall be inserted at least Six times in each of such public papers as aforesaid and I order and Direct that such Plans Elevations and Estimates as may be sent to the said Treasurer in pursuance of such Notices shall be laid before my said Trustees and if they should approve of any one of them That they shall and may enter into a contract with the Drawer of such Plan and elevation and making such Estimate to erect and build such house apartments and Offices and compleating the same as aforesaid taking proper Security from him to perform the Works to be contracted for and to be Subject to the Superintendance and Approbation of a proper Surveyor to be appointed by my said Trustees but if there should not any Plans Elevations and Estimates be sent or

And to erect a good and substantial Building, so constructed as to admit of additions (by Wings, &c.); the expence of such building not to exceed £1500.

Notice in Public Papers, to obtain plans, elevations, and estimates.

Trustees may contract for erecting such Building.

A Surveyor to superintend the Work.

Or Trustees may contract for erecting such Building by measure or day work.

Inscription in the centre of the Asylum.

produced in pursuance of such Notices as aforesaid or being such and none of them should be approved of by my said Trustees then it is my Mind and Will that they shall either enter into a private Contract with any person or persons whom they shall approve of to make such Erections subject as aforesaid or to do the same by measured and day work as my said Trustees shall think proper And it is my will and mind and I hereby order and direct that in the Centre of the House or Houses so to be purchased converted and fitted up as aforesaid or of the house so to be built as aforesaid the following Inscription shall be painted or indented or cut in Stone or Wood in large or legible Characters

THE ASSYLUM FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND EDUCATION OF POOR FEMALE CHILDREN BORN OF POOR INHABITANTS OF THIS PARISH ESTABLISHED BY RICHARD STEVENS OF PRINCES STREET DRURY LANE IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX CURRIER AND LEATHER CUTTER A NATIVE OF THIS PARISH.

£500. to be laid out in furnishing the Asylum.

If the before mentioned sums should not be sufficient, part of the Dividends may be applied to these purposes, but £10000. to remain as a fund for the benefit of the said Charity.

To which shall be added the date of the Year in which such Inscription shall be painted indented or cut out as aforesaid And immediately after such House or Houses shall be so fitted up and converted or such House built and finished as aforesaid I hereby order and Direct my said Trustees to transfer lay out and expend a further Sum not exceeding *Five hundred Pounds* of the said principal Sum of Twelve thousand pounds in the purchase of proper and convenient Household Goods Furniture Table and other Linnen Beds Bedding Kitchen and other Utensils suitable for and adapted to such an establishment and Charity But if the said two several Sums of One thousand five hundred pounds and five hundred pounds should not be found sufficient to Answer the purposes aforesaid then it is my mind and will and I hereby Order and direct my said Trustees to apply so much and such parts of the Interest Dividends and produce to be received of such Trust Stock so to be transferred as aforesaid as shall be sufficient to make up such two Sums of One thousand five hundred pounds and five hundred pounds to the full amount of the purchases to be made as before directed Nevertheless that the Sum of Ten thousand pounds the remainder of the said principal Sum of Twelve thousand pounds shall never be diminished or lessened but for ever remain a Fund in such Stock as aforesaid (except as after mentioned) and the Interest thereof applied for the benefit of the intended Charity And I hereby

order and direct my Executor named in my said Will to convene within two Months next after my decease a Meeting of the then Rector of the said Parish of Frome the Treasurer and the other Trustees herein-before described to carry the Trust hereby reposed in them and herein created into Execution who shall at such Meeting disclose and make known to them the purport hereof and the intended establishment and that at such meeting they frame a letter to be signed by the Treasurer for and on their behalfs addressed to the then Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells advising him of such intended establishment that he is the first named in the Trust and requesting his Patronage of the Charity (which is my earnest wish and desire) at the same time acquainting him that the executive parts of the Trusts are consigned to them and their successors as after mentioned and that he will not have any further or other Trouble therein than their submitting for his alteration correction and approbation such rules and orders as they and their Successors shall from time to time make for managing conducting and carrying on the business of the Charity and the Trusts hereof into Execution and I hereby order and direct that the said Rector Treasurer and Trustees shall have four quarterly Meetings in every year on the business of the intended Charity at the several times hereafter mentioned that is to say at or about Lady day Midsummer day Michaelmas day and Christmas day but that the precise days be settled and fixed by them at the Meeting so to be convened as aforesaid and that at the quarterly Meeting to be had of my said Trustees previous to the time the House or Houses so to be fitted up and converted or erected and built as aforesaid shall be reported by the Surveyor or person appointed to Superintend the Works to be habitable and that the objects of the intended Charity and the Persons to be employed may be safely taken in and received that they the said Rector Treasurer and Trustees do proceed to the Election of forty poor female Children from at or about the age of seven Years to at or about the age of ten years born of poor Inhabitants of the said Parish of Frome and do also proceed to the Election of a proper Matron or Governess being an Inhabitant of the said Parish and a Widow or single Woman at such Yearly Wages or Salary as my said Trustees shall think proper and that public Notice be given and published three successive Sundays previous to such Elections in the Parish Church of Frome immediately after Morning Service and printed Notices thereof be pasted or fixed up on the most conspicuous places in the said Parish and that my said Trustees do hire and retain such a Number of Servants

Business of the first meeting.

The Bishop appointed Patron.

Trustees to hold quarterly meetings.

Trustees to elect 40 poor girls, born of poor Inhabitants of Frome between 7 and 10 years of age.

Trustees to elect a Matron, an Inhabitant of Frome, and appoint her a Salary.

Previous notice of such election to be published in Church and printed notices published and posted.

Male and female Male and Female as they may think proper to attend upon the objects of
 Servants to be the Charity and to do the necessary household Works of the Assylum
 hired. And I do order and direct my said Trustees to cause a plain uniform to
 Girls to wear an uniform Dress. be made for such Children so to be elected of such quality and colour as
 my said Trustees shall think proper which may or not be continued as the
 Uniform of the Assylum or altered or varied as my said Trustees or their
 Successors shall deem expedient And it is my will and mind and I hereby
 Treasurer's room order and direct that in the fitting up and converting any such House or
 in the Building, Houses as aforesaid into an Assylum or erecting a new one a convenient
 Room be appointed and set apart for the Treasurer for the time being of
 the said Charity to be named the TREASURER'S ROOM which name
 shall be painted over the Door of the said Room which Room I direct to
 be fitted up and furnished with Shelves a Desk and proper Conveniences
 and therein deposited all and every the Deeds Evidences Books of Account
 Papers and Writings whatsoever of and belonging to the said Assylum
 and the future concerns thereof and which or any of them shall not be
 removed or taken from thence except when produced before the Trustees
 at their General or Special Meetings to be had under the Trusts hereof or
 except by their Orders and directions and that no person or persons shall
 have access to such Room in the absence of the Treasurer AND I do
 order and direct that one other convenient Room shall be appointed and
 set apart for the use of the Trustees to be named THE TRUSTEES'
 ROOM which name I direct to be painted over the Door thereof and that
 it may in like manner be fitted up and furnished with proper conveniences
 and furniture in which Room I order and direct all and every the Meetings
 General and Special of the Trustees shall be had and held and at no other
 place on any Account or pretext whatever except casual or accidental
 Fire or otherwise should render it impracticable or impossible And it is
 my will and mind and I hereby order and Direct that at the first quarterly
 meeting to be had of the said Trustees next after the Assylum shall be
 finished and compleated the Matron or Governess and Children in manner
 aforesaid elected and received therein and the Household of the said
 intended Assylum established the said Trustees shall proceed to form and
 frame in Writing such Rules Orders and Regulations for the internal
 Policy Government and Management of the said Assylum the Objects
 thereof and persons to be employed therein as the said Trustees shall
 think proper necessary and expedient such Rules Orders and Regulations
 being framed and formed according to and consistent with the Spirit

wherein Deeds,
 BooksofAccounts,
 &c. are to be kept.

Trustees room—
 in which all meet-
 ings are to be
 held.

At the first quar-
 terly meeting,
 rules, and re-
 gulations for the
 internal manage-
 ment of the Asy-
 lum to be drawn
 up,

and intention of this my Codicil and when so framed and formed I order and direct the same to be fairly transcribed and transmitted by the Treasurer to the said Lord Bishop with a fair and examined Copy of this my Codicil requesting his Lordship to make such additions to and alterations in such Rules Orders and Regulations as to his Lordship shall seem meet and when returned by his Lordship I do order and direct that in a Book to be provided by the Treasurer an exact Copy of the whole of this my Codicil be entered verbatim in Words at length in the first Pages of the said Book with Marginal references to the distinct Trusts Orders and directions herein and I order and direct that immediately following the entry of this my Codicil the before mentioned Rules orders and Regulations so to be made with such Alterations and additions as his Grace shall please to make be entered in the said Book and signed by all the Trustees who first framed and formed the same and I direct that whatever words or terms of approbation of such Rules orders and regulations as his Grace shall make use of in respect of the same be underwrote such Signatures and countersigned by the Treasurer as a Memorial or Record of such Approbation and it is my will and mind that all future and other Rules orders and Regulations as shall thereafter be made for the purposes aforesaid be in like manner transcribed and sent to the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells with the like request as aforesaid and when returned that the same be entered in the same Book immediately after such beforementioned Entries and be signed and countersigned as aforesaid And it is my will and mind that the rules orders and regulations which shall at any time or times be so made or any of them shall not be rescinded or altered unless resolved by the Trustees at a quarterly Meeting and each having had ten days previous notice given by the Trustee who shall conceive it necessary to rescind or alter any of the said Rules Orders or Regulations specifying in such Notice the particulars of what may be conceived necessary to be rescinded or altered And unless such Resolutions shall be approved of by the said Lord Bishop to whom I direct a Copy to be transmitted in like manner as aforesaid and when returned if approved of be entered immediately after the former entries in such Book as aforesaid and signed and countersigned in like manner as aforesaid **AND I ORDER** and direct that immediately after the death of any Bishop to whom with the before described Trustees such Stock shall be transferred as aforesaid the surviving Trustees shall transfer such Stock into the name of the succeeding Bishop and into the Names of such

and to be transmitted to the Bishop (with a copy of this Codicil) for his Lordship's additions or alterations.

A book to be provided, and a copy of the rules and regulations entered to be signed by the Trustees with an underwriting of the Bishops approbation, to be countersigned by the Treasurer.

Subsequent regulations to be transmitted to the Bishop.

Rules not to be rescinded but at a quarterly meeting

On the death of the Bishop, Trustees to transfer the Stock anew.

surviving Trustees if the transfer books of such Stock should then be open and if not so soon as they shall be open And I also order and direct that a fair Copy of this my Codicil with such marginal references and all such Rules orders and regulations as may as aforesaid from time to time be made rescinded or altered and entered in such Book as aforesaid or any other book or books to be hereafter kept for that purpose shall be sent by the Treasurer to the Bishop who shall succeed to the See of Bath and Wells within one Month next after his Translation in order that he may be fully informed of the Trusts hereof and of the establishment of the said Assylum And it is my mind and will that the Children so to be elected in manner aforesaid and hereafter from time to time to be elected shall continue on the Establishment until they attain the respective Ages of fourteen Years or such longer Term as my Trustees shall think proper unless they should be previously put out Apprentices to any trades or businesses they may be found and deemed capable of or placed out as Servants in Tradesmens or other Families and in the former Case I direct a Sum not exceeding Five pounds to be given as an apprentice Fee with each of such Children who may be so put out Apprentices And in the latter case that each of such Children to be so placed out be on their quitting the Assylum provided with a Gown and necessaries to the Amount of but not to exceed Forty Shillings and that the Cloaths and Articles worn by the Children in the Assylum be given them on their leaving the same And I do order and direct that at the next quarterly Meeting to be had of the said Trustees next after any such Child or Children shall be so put or placed out Apprentice or Apprentices Servant or Servants or shall happen to die or be removed from the Establishment the said Trustees shall proceed to elect and choose one or more Child or Children of such description as aforesaid to fill up the Vacancy or Vacancies which in such events as aforesaid may happen and that notice of such Election and the number of such Children to be elected be given in the Parish Church of Frome immediately after Morning Service on every Sunday between the times of the Events happening and the time of the Election and that the like printed Notices be pasted or fixed up at the most conspicuous places in the Parish so that the poor Inhabitants thereof may be fully apprised of the time of Election and then have an opportunity of presenting their Children and that this mode of election be continued as such events happen from time to time for ever hereafter AND I do also order and direct my said Trustees to retain a Writing

Copy of this Codicil, &c. to be sent to the succeeding Bishop.

Children to remain in the Assylum until 14 years old.

then to be apprenticed or be placed out as Servants.

Trustees to elect other children.

Notice of such election to be given in the church, &c.

A writing master and accomptant to be retained

Master and Accomptant at such Yearly stipend or Salary as they shall think proper to teach and instruct the several Children to be received from time to time on the foundation of the intended Charity in Writing and Accompts AND that the Matron or Governess so as aforesaid to be elected and all future Matrons or Governesses to be elected shall be competent to teach the Children to read and to direct them in such Works as they may be capable of and that the Matron or Governess for the time being regularly and uniformly from time to time without any excuse or pretext to the contrary (unless prevented by sickness or unavoidable Accidents) convene all the Children to Prayers at an hour to be appointed before their Breakfast in the Morning and that such Matron or Governess then read to such Children the Prayers and Psalms appointed by Law for the Morning Service and in like manner at an hour to be appointed before their Suppers or after as may be thought proper the Prayers and Psalms appointed for the Evening Service and that this duty and devotion be continued for ever on every day throughout the Year except Sundays and the particular festivals on which days I order and direct such Matron or Governess (unless prevented as aforesaid) to attend the Children to the Morning and Evening service in the Parish Church of Frome and I do direct my Trustees to procure a proper place in the said Church where the Matron or Governess and Children may sit together and join in such Services And it is my Will and Mind that if at any time hereafter any Matron or Governess so to be chosen as aforesaid should purloin or embezzle any Article or Articles committed to her care or any of the Property of the Assylum or not attend to the aforesaid Orders and directions and to such Rules and Orders hereafter to be made by my Trustees as to her Office and department in the Assylum or should be found incompetent to such Office or department or should exercise any Act or Acts of Cruelty or with too great Severity to the Children to be committed to her care or to any of them or should otherwise Act in any manner unbecoming and contrary to her Office that the Treasurer or any of the Trustees to whom any such matters may be reported do immediately convene a Special Meeting of the Trustees to be had in the Room in the Assylum and if any such Report should then appear to be well founded that such Matron or Governess be forthwith discharged from the Assylum and another appointed to officiate in her stead until the next general quarterly Meeting to be had of the said Trustees when they are to proceed to the Election of a Matron or Governess in the Room of the one dismissed

Matron to teach the Children to read and work, and to convene them to prayers twice every day,

except Sundays and Festivals,

when they are to attend the services at the Church.

Causes for dismissal of Matron.

Another Matron to be appointed.

Children may be dismissed for misconduct

and others to be elected in their stead.

The executive parts of the Trust to be wholly conducted by the Rector, Treasurer, and Trustees

Resolutions at the Meetings to be decided by a majority of the Trustees present.

No Stranger to be present at the Meetings, except the Treasurer's assistant.

In case a difference of opinion should arise, the Rector, Treasurer, or first named Trustee to have a casting vote.

Asylum and premises to be insured from loss or damage by fire.

sed causing such Notices as aforesaid to be given previous to such Election and I order and direct that the cause of every such dismissal be communicated to the Candidates who may appear previous to their being put in Nomination for the Election that in like manner my Trustees dismiss from the Assylum any of the Children to be elected thereto who shall not duly conform to the Rules orders and regulations prescribed for them or whose Conduct and behaviour shall appear upon Investigation not worthy to be continued on the foundation of the Charity and proceed to the Election at the time and in manner aforesaid of any other Child or other Children in the room or rooms of her or them to be so dismissed And it is my will and mind that the Executive parts of the Trusts hereby created and vested and orders and directions given shall be done and all the business of the Charity wholly conducted and managed by the Rector and Treasurer for the time being and such Trustees Members as aforesaid without the personal attendance or intervention of the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells for the time being save and except his approbation in the cases hereinbefore and hereinafter mentioned and that all and every such rules orders regulations resolutions or other Matters which may be proposed moved agitated or discussed by the Trustees at their several Meetings any way relative to the Charity the Objects thereof or the persons to be employed therein shall be decided by the Majority of the Trustees present at such meetings and that no vote on any such occasions shall be given by Proxy or received from any Trustee who shall not be personally present and it is my will and desire that no inhabitant or Stranger be permitted to be present at any such Meetings or any other person not immediately transacting some business with the Trustees respecting the Charity except such Assistant as may be employed by the Treasurer as after mentioned and in Case on any such Occasions there should be a difference in Opinion of the Trustees then present and there should be an Equality of Votes I order and direct that the Rector for the time being if present if not the Treasurer and if he should not be present then the Trustee present whose name shall stand the foremost on the list of the Trustees shall have a second or casting Vote to decide the point or Matter points or Matters on which there shall be such difference of Opinion and that such decision shall be conclusive and considered as the Act of all the Trustees who on such occasions shall be present And I order and direct that the Assylum and the Premises thereto belonging when completed and the Household Goods Furniture particulars and things so to

be purchased as aforesaid be insured in some or one of the Public Offices in London or Westminster for Insuring Houses and other Buildings Household Goods and Furniture and other property from loss or damage by Fire at and for the several Sums which such respective Premises shall cost and that an Insurance for such Sums shall constantly be kept up and in order to avoid any Alterations to be made in the policy or policies to be opened for the aforesaid purposes which deaths might occasion if the Insurances were made in the particular Names of the Trustees or any of them I direct that the Insurances shall be made and the Policies opened in the Names of

“THE TRUSTEES OF THE ASSYLUM FOR FEMALE
“CHILDREN BORN OF POOR INHABITANTS OF THE
“PARISH OF FROME IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET”

And it is my will and mind and I hereby order and direct that if at any time or times hereafter the Assylum or the Household Goods furniture particulars and things so to be purchased as aforesaid should be damaged or destroyed by casual or accidental Fire or by any other accident that the several Sums to be received in respect thereof be with all expedition laid out in the repairing reinstating rebuilding and making good the premises which may be so damaged or destroyed and that the Children upon the Establishment at the times of any such Accidents be put to board and lodge with the Parents or Friends of the respective Children or with such other persons within the said Parish as the said Trustees or the Major part of them shall think proper until the Assylum shall be repaired or rebuilt as the Case may be and fit to be Inhabited and such Children return thereto and that the said Trustees shall pay the parents friends or such other persons for the Board washing and Lodging of such respective Children so much as they shall deem right and reasonable and find and provide for such Children the like articles of Wearing Apparel and necessaries as they would have been provided with in the Assylum had not any such Accident have happened And I do also order that all the Servants retained or employed in the said Assylum at the times of any such Accidents be discharged except the Matron or Governess whose Salary or Wages I direct shall be continued and she shall be allowed and paid weekly Board Wages not less than seven Shillings a week provided she shall board and lodge within the said Parish and regularly if not prevented by sickness visit the Children at the Habitations where they shall be boarded each Child at least twice a Week and direct them in the

If the premises should be destroyed by fire the money received from the Insurance Office to be laid out in rebuilding.

The children to be put to board and lodge.

All servants, except the Matron, to be discharged.

Matron to visit children at their lodging houses.

Children to attend the Matron twice on Sundays, and proceed with her to the Church.

No vacancies to be filled up till after the Asylum be rebuilt.

Children to be furnished with Medicine, &c. in sickness.

Children dying to be buried in the church yard.

An annual Sermon to be preached by the Rector or whom he shall appoint

Notice of such Sermon to be given in the public papers.

like Works as they had been employed in when in the Assylum and that she constantly and regularly convene all the Children to attend her at her Lodgings twice on each Sunday during such time as aforesaid and proceed from thence to the Morning and Evening Service at the Parish Church aforesaid AND it is also my mind and will and I hereby order and direct that if during the time of such repair or rebuilding any of the Children so to be boarded and lodged should be put or placed out Apprentice or Apprentices Servant or Servants to any person or persons or should happen to die or the time for their continuing on the establishment should expire that any Vacancy or Vacancies to be occasioned thereby shall not be filled up until the General Quarterly meeting to be had of the Trustees next after the Assylum shall be reinstated and again Inhabited of which I direct such Notices as first before mentioned to be given And it is my mind and will that if it shall happen that any of the said Children shall at any time or times during their continuance upon the foundation of the said Charity be afflicted with any illness or distemper that they receive and be furnished with proper advice Medicine and attendance at the expence of the said Charity and if any Child or Children shall happen to die during the time before mentioned it is my desire that such Child or Children shall be properly and decently buried at the expence of the said Charity in the Church Yard of the said Parish of Frome And it is my will and mind and earnest request and I make no doubt but it will be complied with that the Rector of the said Parish for the time being do preach or cause to be preached in the said parish Church a Sermon for the benefit of the intended Charity on such a Sunday after Morning or Evening Service as he shall think proper and that such a Sermon be annually preached for ever by the Rector for the time being or by such Clergyman as he shall appoint And I order and direct that from time to time Notice of such Sermon shall be published in the Bath and Bristol papers and in such other papers as shall be circulated in the County of Somerset at least one Month before the day on which such Sermon shall be appointed to be preached and be inserted as often in such Papers as my said Trustees shall think proper to which Notices shall be subjoined the State of the Charity at the times of their being published That is to say the Number of Children elected and received upon the foundation of the Charity from its institution the number whose time for continuing on the Charity expired the number put and placed out Apprentices and Servants distinguishing each number the number dismissed for bad behaviour or

crimes the number who may have died and the number at such respective times in the Assylum and on the foundation of the Charity so that the utility of the Institution may be known and the Parishioners and Public at large have an opportunity of contributing thereto And my mind and will is that if at any time hereafter it should appear to the Trustees or the Major part of them that it would be more for the advantage of the Charity to lay out and invest the Trust Stock hereby directed to be transferred and invested as aforesaid in the purchase of Lands Tenements and Hereditaments than continuing it on Government Security and an eligible and advantageous purchase can be had of Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in the County of Somerset then I do order and direct that a Statement thereof be committed to writing and a fair Copy transmitted by the Treasurer to the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells for the time being and if he should approve thereof and a good Title to the Premises proposed to be purchased should appear to the Satisfaction of Council that then the said Lord Bishop and the other Trustees in whose Names the trust Stock of the intended Charity shall stand and remain, shall and may transfer sell and dispose of the whole or so much thereof as the purchase of such Lands shall amount to and that the same be released and conveyed in such manner as aforesaid and that the then and all future Trustees of this my Codicil shall stand seized and enfeoffed of such premises upon and for the trusts hereof and that such Lands Tenements and Hereditaments so to be purchased shall for ever remain as the Lands Tenements and Hereditaments of and belonging to the intended Assylum and shall never be alienated sold or exchanged And it is my will and mind and I hereby order and direct that all and every the dividends Interest and produce of the aforesaid trust Stock as they shall arise and be received and of all such other Stock as may be purchased and become the trust Stock of the intended Charity and all such monies as may be collected or received in consequence of such Charity Sermons or by any contributions to the Charity or by any donations gifts or legacies thereto and all rents and profits to be made or received in respect of any such Lands Tenements and Hereditaments as may be purchased as aforesaid shall from time to time be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer for the time being and whom I also appoint Secretary to the intended Charity and I do order and direct the said Treasurer to provide a proper Book and proper Books to make such entries therein as hereinbefore directed and also true Copies of all such Deeds and conveyances as may be made

Trust stock may be laid out in the purchase of lands, &c. in the county of Somerset.

Lands, &c. so purchased never to be alienated.

All monies received or collected to be paid to the Treasurer who is appointed Secretary to the Charity

Treasurer to provide books to make entries in, enter copies of deeds,

contracts with
Workmen, &c.

To enter contracts
for provisions, &c.

Names of the Ma-
tron, &c. to be
entered; also of
Masters and Mis-
tresses to whom
Children are
bound.

Minutes of all pro-
ceedings to be en-
tered (which are
to be signed by
Trustees)

All monies paid
or received to be
entered.

Treasurer to make
out his accounts
before 20th. De-
cember, and lay
them before Trus-
tees.

Balance carried to
next year's ac-
count.

and executed of any house or houses so to be fitted up and converted into an Assylum or of the Ground whereon one is to be erected and built as aforesaid as all and every contract and contracts to be made and entered into with any workman or Workmen for converting such House or Houses into an Assylum or erecting a new one and all and every deed and deeds Conveyance and Conveyances which may be made of any Lands Tenements and Hereditaments which may be so purchased as aforesaid as all and every Contract and Contracts to be from time to time made and entered into with any Person or persons for furnishing Provisions or other Articles to be used and expended in the Assylum And also the Christian and Sir-Names of the several Matrons or Governesses and the several Children who shall from time to time be elected in manner aforesaid the respective Ages of such Children at the times of such elections the Names of the Parents Guardians Relations or Friends who may present such Children for election the Names Occupations and businesses of the several Masters and Mistresses to whom any of such Children shall be put and placed out Apprentices and Servants And also minutes of all and every the several Meetings general and special to be had of the Trustees and of all such Regulations Rules orders and resolutions as they shall from time to time form make conclude or agree on which Minutes I direct shall be signed by all the Trustees to be present thereat or by the Major part of them And also all and every the Sum and Sums of Money which shall from time to time be paid for or on Account of the Assylum or to which the same or the Trusts hereby created may be chargeable with or liable to as also all and every the dividends and Interest to be from time time received in respect of such trust Stock or by any Collections Contributions Legacies or donations so that a full clear perfect and distinct account of all and every the trust Monies to be received and the application thereof may at all times appear And I order and direct that the Treasurer for the time being do by or before the twentieth day of December in every year for ever hereafter make out such account as before directed and lay same before the said Trustees at their then next quarterly meeting to be had at or about Christmas as aforesaid who shall then examine and audit the same and when so examined and audited and the balance in the Treasurers hands as ascertained and struck that he shall sign such Account and the same shall be countersigned by all the Trustees who shall then be present as a Testimonial of their Approbation thereof and that such balance as may then appear to be in such Treasurers hands shall be carried to the

next succeeding yearly account to be made out by him as aforesaid or that the same be paid over to his Successor if he should either resign his Office as Treasurer or that the Trustees should appoint another in his place and stead And if at any time hereafter on examining and auditing such Account a balance should appear in the Treasurers hands more than sufficient to answer every immediate purpose of the Charity I order and direct that within one Month next after the excess be laid out as far as it will go in the purchase of four per Cent Bank Annuities in the Names of all the then Trustees and become part of the Trust capital Stock of the Charity and never be lessened or diminished and if it should appear that the dividends and Interest to arise on such additional trust Stock should be sufficient to provide for one or more Child or Children beyond the number of forty herein-before directed to be elected on the foundation of the Charity that the Trustees do at their next quarterly meeting to be had after auditing such Account elect and choose such one or more Child or Children of such description as aforesaid as the Interest and dividends of such additional trust Stock shall be sufficient to answer and pay for and continue such Child or Children on the foundation of the Charity for the like time as aforesaid and that at all times for ever hereafter such a number of Children shall be elected on the foundation of the Charity as the dividends and Interest of the Trust Stock and the revenues of the Assylum shall be sufficient to answer and pay for in stating and making such Account as hereinbefore directed it is my will and mind that the Treasurer distinguish the Profits of any Works or manufactures of the Children which may be sold or disposed of from the prime Cost of the raw Articles or materials thereof which profits or such part or parts thereof as my Trustees or the Major part of them shall think proper It is my will shall be distributed in such proportions amongst such of the Children who may from their good behaviour industry or attention to reading writing and Accounts appear to be most deserving which distribution I direct to be made openly and publicly in the presence of the Matron or Governess and all the Children on the first day of January in every year except it should happen on a Sunday and in such case the day after And as the making the several entries hereinbefore directed and keeping the Accounts of the Assylum and other Matters relative thereto will take up a great deal of the time of and be attended with much trouble to the Treasurer without any reward or recompense it is my will that if any Treasurer for the time being shall see occasion he may employ such a person as he shall

Surplus of balance to be laid out in Bank Stock.

When dividends of such additional stock be sufficient more children to be admitted.

Treasurer's account to state profits of the Childrens work, such profits to be distributed among them.

Distribution to be made on new year's day.

Treasurer may employ a secretary; who is to be paid an annual Salary.

Directions for making the first transfer, under a particular circumstance.

Under a particular circumstance, the Curate to be a Trustee.

think proper to assist him in making such entries keeping such Accounts and in all other Acts in the Office of Secretary that such person attend the several Meetings to be had of the Trustees enter all their minutes and proceedings and be paid such an annual Stipend or allowance for his trouble and attendances as the Trustees or the Major part of them shall think proper or from time to time for the specific trouble and attendances he may have **AND WHEREAS** according to the constitution and deed of Settlement of the present Boys Charity School at Frome the whole number of Trustees thereof when compleat are to consist of twenty and that when by deaths that number is reduced to six then and then only such surviving six may appoint fourteen other Trustees and compleat the original number of twenty it may therefore happen that at the time of my death the number of Trustees of such Charity School may be reduced by deaths that amongst the survivors though more in number than six there may not be except the Treasurer one member of the Church of England and in such case the Trust Stock of the intended institution according to the construction of the orders and directions hereinbefore mentioned must be transferred to the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells the Rector of the said Parish and the Treasurer for the time being and the whole of the Executive parts of the Trusts hereby created and orders and directions given would fall on such Rector and Treasurer And if there should be a difference in Opinion of such Rector and Treasurer on any points matters rules orders or directions relative to the Charity or the conducting and managing the same or respecting any Matron or Governess or the Children to be elected as aforesaid the execution of the Trusts hereof and the orders and directions given might be impeded or delayed If therefore such event or case should happen I order and direct the Executor named in my said Will to transfer such trust Stock as aforesaid at the time aforesaid into the Names of the then Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells the Rector and officiating Curate of the said Parish and the then Treasurer of the said Boys Charity School upon the several Trusts and to do perform and execute the same and the several orders and directions aforesaid and that their respective Successors shall succeed to the several Trusts and be seized of the said trust Premises as aforesaid until the prescribed number of Trustees of the said Boys Charity School shall be filled up and completed and then it is my will and mind and I do hereby order and direct that the then Lord Bishop Rector officiating Curate and Treasurer in whose names such trust Stock may stand shall transfer the same into their own Names

and into the names of such of the said twenty Trustees who shall be Members of the Church of England as aforesaid and that they shall be enfeoffed and seized of the whole trust Premises and be invested with all the Trust Powers and Authorities hereby created reposed and given and that this shall be the mode and direction for adding the officiating Curate for the time being as a Trustee of and conducting and managing this Charity at all any and every time and times hereafter when such an event or case events or cases may happen but nevertheless that when the Trust is to be managed and directed only by the Rector Treasurer and officiating Curate for the time being it is my will and mind that neither shall have a second or casting vote at any meeting or on any business respecting the intended Establishment And it is my mind and will that if any doubt or doubts difficulty or difficulties should arise at any time or times hereafter with my Trustees or the Major part of them or any Event or Events should happen not herein noticed or provided against or that might contrast any of the Trusts herein or orders or directions given or on which any question or questions should arise And that the Trustees or the Major part of them cannot decide on amongst themselves then that such doubt or doubts difficulty or difficulties or a statement of any such event or events shall as they may arise or happen be committed to writing and fairly transcribed and transmitted by the Treasurer to the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells for the time being for his Opinion advice and directions thereon and that whatever opinion his Lordship may be of shall be conclusive to my Trustees and all orders and directions he shall give followed and executed by them the same in every respect as if a Suit in the High Court of Chancery had been instituted and a decree of that Court made thereon But I hope and trust that none of my Trustees will trouble the Bishop with any frivolous or groundless doubts or difficulties but that they will all act together with Cordiality and unanimity In confidence whereof and IN WITNESS hereof &c. &c.

If any doubt arise with the Trustees which they cannot determine

a statement to be made and transmitted to the Bishop.

[Dated 20th. December, 1790.]

CODICIL II.

WHEREAS, &c.—In order to provide and for ever establish a comfortable habitation and receptacle for the Lodging maintenance cloathing and support of a continual number of Twenty Poor aged Men born in the Parish of Frome in the County of Somerset who from Age or Infirmities

Testator bequeaths to the Bishop of Bath and Wells, Rector of Frome, and Treasurer and Trustees aforesaid £7000. Four per Cents.

Trustees to lay out £1000. in the purchase of Messuages, &c. to be converted into an Hospital.

Premises to be released and conveyed to Trustees.

may be rendered incapable of carrying on or exercising any Trade Business or employment so as to provide for and support themselves I GIVE and BEQUEATH to his Grace the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, and to the Rector of the said Parish of Frome for the time being and to the Treasurer and such of the Trustees of the Boys Charity School at Frome aforesaid who shall be Members of the Church of England the Principal Sum of *Seven thousand Pounds* Four per Cent Bank Annuities part of a larger Sum now standing in my Name in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England and which I order and direct my Executor named in my said Will to transfer into the Names of the said Lord Bishop, Rector Treasurer and such Trustees being Members of the Church of England as aforesaid at the end of three Months next after my Decease, Upon the several Trusts and to and for the several Uses ends, Intents, and purposes and subject to the several orders and directions hereinafter mentioned expressed referred to declared and hereinafter made of and concerning the same that is to say UPON TRUST that they the said Rector Treasurer and such Trustees to whom with the said Lord Bishop such Stock shall be transferred as aforesaid DO and shall with all convenient speed next after such Transfer lay out and expend a sum not exceeding *One thousand Pounds* of the principal sum of Seven thousand Pounds Trust Stock as well in the purchase of a good sure perfect and indefeazible Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple or other good and permanent Estate of and in one or more Messuage or Messuages adjoining each other to be situate within the said Parish of Frome extensive enough and capable of being converted into an Hospital for the habitation lodging and accommodation of twenty poor aged Men born in the said Parish who from Age or Bodily Infirmities may be incapable of following any Trade Calling, Business or employment to maintain and provide for themselves to be elected and chosen at the time and in the manner hereinafter mentioned directed or referred to as in the furnishing and providing such house or houses when so converted into an Hospital with proper and convenient Household Goods, Furniture Beds, Bedding, and all other necessaries suitable for and adapted to such a description of Men and such an Hospital and I do order and direct that such House or Houses when so purchased shall be Released and conveyed to the said Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells the said Rector and Treasurer and such Trustees to whom such Stock shall be so transferred as aforesaid and to their Heirs and Successors for ever by such Deeds Conveyances Instruments and Writings and in such

manner as Council learned in the Law shall advise and direct And in case it shall happen that the before described Trustees should not within three Months next after such Transfer shall be made as aforesaid be able to purchase such house or houses and premises situate as aforesaid Then it is my mind and will and I hereby direct such Trustees to buy and purchase in fee simple a proper and convenient piece or parcel of ground to be conveyed as beforementioned to such Trustees and that they do and shall immediately or so soon as conveniently can be after such purchase shall be so made] cause a good and substantial Stone building to be erected and built as an Hospital containing proper apartments and suitable conveniences with necessary out Offices for the habitation Lodging and accommodation of such a number of old Men and such Steward, Superintendant, Servants and Assistants as may be retained and employed therein And it is my Will and desire and I hereby order and direct that the like public Notices shall be given of such intended building and that all each and every of the directions I have given in and by my aforesaid Codicil respecting an Assylum for the maintenance and education of Female Children born of poor Inhabitants of the said Parish of Frome and all each and every of the Trusts I have created thereby shall be as to such of them to which the establishment of the aforesaid Hospital by this my Codicil intended to be made can be applied be the Basis of the Trusts of the said Seven thousand Pounds Four per cent Bank Annuities directed to be transferred to the said Trustees according to the true spirit of such trusts in my said Codicil, and my intent and meaning and that all each and every the Rules Orders and Regulations I have directed by my said Codicil respecting the said Assylum as to my Executor convening a meeting of the Trustees to disclose the purport of the Codicil, the Letter to the Bishop the times of the meeting of the Trustees the mode of Election of the objects of the Charity and their Uniform the opening and keeping books for the purposes of the Charity the making Rules, Orders and Regulations of the Charity transmitting them to the Bishop the entry of them and of this my Codicil in such Books the dismissal of any of the objects and choice of others, the Charity Sermon to be preached, the continuing the Trust Money in the Funds or laying it out in the purchase of Lands the electing and receiving a greater number of objects on the foundation of the Charity if the Trust Fund should admit of it and all other rules, orders and directions I have given respecting the said Assylum it is my mind and Will and I hereby order and direct shall so far as they can possibly be applied or

If Trustees can not purchase such Messuages, &c. they are to purchase a convenient piece of Ground,

and to erect a good and substantial building as an Hospital.

Public Notices to be given of such intended building to obtain plans, &c. as in the Assylum before mentioned, and that the same directions which are given for the Assylum be observed for the Hospital.

made consonant to be followed and for ever continued as the Rules orders and Regulations of the establishment of the intended Hospital and as if they were herein particularly mentioned and expressed And it is my Will and mind that all and every meetings of the Trustees on the business of the said intended Hospital (being the same Trustees appointed of the Assylum) shall be had and held in the Trustees Room of the said Assylum (which Assylum I hereby direct shall be built of Stone instead of Brick as mentioned in my former Codicil) and that the Books respecting the Hospital shall be kept in the Treasurers Room in the said Assylum under the like restrictions as to the books of the Assylum And that the Salary or Stipend to be allowed to the assistant to the Treasurer who will be the Treasurer to both Charities shall be paid out of the respective Dividends of the respective Trust Monies and in proportion thereto, And it is my will and mind that the house or houses so to be purchased and converted into an Hospital be situate as near as possible to the said Assylum, And it is my wish and desire that if Ground should be purchased for the erection of each intended Building that the external inclosures of the one shall abut on or adjoin the external inclosures of the other and each Building be erected as far as can be on a similar Plan and elevation with similar out Offices and I do direct that in the Centre of the said house or houses so to be converted into an Hospital or such to be built as aforesaid the following Inscription shall be painted or indented, or cut in Wood or stone as such centre may happen to be in large legible Characters

Meetings to be held in the Trustees room in the Assylum.

Books respecting the Hospital to be kept in the Treasurers room in the Assylum.

Assistant's salary to be paid out of the Dividends of each Stock, in due proportion.

Both Buildings to be erected on similar plans.

Inscription.

THE HOSPITAL FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND CLOATHING OF POOR OLD MEN PAST THEIR LABOR BORN IN THIS PARISH ESTABLISHED BY RICHARD STEVENS OF PRINCES STREET DRURY LANE IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX CURRIER AND LEATHER CUTTER A NATIVE OF THIS PARISH.

Hospital to be insured.

to which shall be added the Date of the Year in which such Inscription shall be painted indented or cut And I do also order and direct that such Hospital and the Furniture therein shall be insured for the Values or Prime Costs thereof in such manner as directed as to the Assylum in the Names of

THE TRUSTEES OF THE HOSPITAL FOR POOR OLD MEN PAST THEIR LABOUR BORN IN THE PARISH OF FROME IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

And it is my Will and mind that if any of the objects of the intended

Charity to be received at any time or times into the said Assylum should be able or capable of doing any kind of work by which any advantages or Profits can arise that the Trustees for the time being furnish such objects with Tools and raw materials to do manufacture and compleat such works, and that the whole profits arising thereby be given to and divided amongst the objects who shall do manufacture and compleat the same or assist therein And it is my Will and mind that either in converting such house or houses into or building an Hospital one common room shall be set apart for the eating and sitting room of the objects of the Charity to be made as convenient comfortable and warm as can be and one other room in like manner for their devotion to which I hope proper attention be had and proper rules laid down for the same AND WHEREAS I have in and by my aforesaid Will and Codicil given and bequeathed the several Sums of Two thousand four hundred Pounds Five hundred Pounds Three hundred Pounds and three hundred Pounds three per Cent reduced Bank Annuities and the Sum of Twelve thousand Pounds Four per Cent Bank Annuities parts of larger Sums on such Securities now standing in my name in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England to and for several pious and charitable uses And have directed my Brother John Stevens whom I have appointed Sole Executor of my said Will to transfer such respective Sums at the respective times in my said Will and Codicil mentioned to the respective Trustees therein also mentioned to for and upon the several Uses Trusts Intents and purposes therein particularly mentioned expressed and declared of and concerning the same But it may happen that my said Brother may not live to transfer such several Sums and the aforesaid Sum of Seven thousand Pounds by this my second Codicil given and bequeathed for the purposes and upon the Trusts respecting the same at the several times directed for such transfers so that the trusts respecting the same may be carried into Execution or if he should live to such times he may by reason of Age or infirmities or by the Act of God be rendered unable or incapable to make such transfers And it might happen that the Persons who on his death may eventually be my representatives and entitled to such parts of my Personal Property as may not be specifically given or bequeathed by me or considered as not having been given or bequeathed might not carry my intentions into Execution as to such several Trust Stock or Annuities given and bequeathed by me for such Charitable purposes as aforesaid but might under or by Virtue of some or one of the Statutes

Trustees to furnish the working men with tools and raw materials

Profits to be divided.

Eating and sitting room.

Room for devotion

On death or incapacity of his Executor, which may prevent the transfer being made according to the directions given,

of Mortmain attempt to set aside the several gifts and bequests respecting such charitable Trust Stock or Annuities as being void or voidable by some or one of such Acts and claim the whole of such Trust Monies to be distributed amongst them whereby the institutions and commencements of such several Charities might be either delayed or my good intentions defeated or prevented from being ever carried into Execution If therefore my said Executor should not live to make such several Transfers of such several Charitable trust Stock or Annuities at the several times mentioned for that purpose so that the several Trusts respecting the same may be carried into Execution according to my meaning and intention or if by age or Infirmities or by the Act of God he should be rendered unable or incapable of transferring the same at such times as before mentioned or should happen to die in my life time in any or either of those cases happening

the Archbishop of
York, &c. to be
Trustees for ma-
king such Transfer

I do appoint his Grace the Lord Archbishop of York and their Graces the Lords Bishop of London and Durham for the time being Executors of my said Will as to such several Charitable Trust Stock or Annuities hoping and trusting and earnestly intreating that they will take upon themselves or one of them will take upon himself the Execution of my said Will in respect of such Charitable Trust Monies And instead of giving and bequeathing such several trust Stock or Annuities to such several Trustees as are mentioned in my said Will and former Codicil and in this my Second Codicil to be transferred to them by my Brother at the several times hereinbefore and in my said Will and former Codicil mentioned I GIVE AND BEQUEATH all, each and every of the said several Trust Sums of Two thousand four hundred Pounds, Five hundred Pounds, Three hundred Pounds, and Three hundred Pounds three per Cent Bank Annuities and Twelve thousand Pounds and Seven Thousand Four Per Cent Bank Annuities to their Graces the said Arch-bishop and Bishops or to which of them who may take upon himself the Execution of my Will in respect of such Trust Monies UPON TRUST that they or he shall sell transfer and dispose of such several Trust Stock or Annuities and lay out and Invest the whole produce of the said Two thousand four hundred Pounds, Five hundred Pounds and Three hundred Pounds three per Cent Bank Annuities given and Bequeathed by my said Will and Ten thousand Pounds and Six thousand Pounds parts of the said Twelve thousand Pounds and Seven thousand Pounds four per Cent Annuities given and bequeathed by my said former and this my present Codicil on good Securities in the names of the several Trustees or persons named in my

said Will and former Codicil and in this my Codicil to be by them the said Trustees applied for the several Trusts mentioned respecting the same And to pay the whole of the Monies arising by Sale or Transfer of the said Three hundred Pounds three Per Cent Bank Annuities given and bequeathed by my said former Codicil and the remainders of the said respective Sums of Twelve thousand Pounds and Seven thousand Pounds Four per Cent Bank Annuities to the respective Trustees mentioned in my said former and in this my present Codicil to whom I directed such Sums of Twelve thousand Pounds and Seven thousand Pounds to be transferred to and for the several Uses, Trusts, Intents and purposes mentioned and expressed concerning the same or otherwise upon TRUST that their Graces or his Grace Transfer such several Trust Stock or Annuities to such Trustees as aforesaid if such Transfers can be legally made without any avoidance or forfeiture by or under any Statute of Mortmain trusting that the greatest Expedition will be used in the commencement of the Charities and carrying my intentions into Execution after their Graces or his Grace shall have taken upon themselves or himself the burthen thereof And it is my Will and desire that all such Expences as their Graces or his Grace may be at in the Execution of my Will or in or about the Trust businesses may be deducted and paid out of the first Interest and Dividends to be received in respect of the trust Stock or Annuities and to be Apportioned according to the Amount of the respective trust Sums IN WITNESS whereof &c. &c.

Expences of the Archbishop and Bishops to be paid out of the first Dividends.

[Dated 23rd. August, 1792.]

CODICIL IV.

WHEREAS &c.—I do by this my fourth Codicil to my said last Will and Testament which I desire may be taken as and for part of my said Will order and direct my Executor named in my said Will that in lieu and instead of the said Sum of two thousand and Four hundred Pounds three per Cent Bank Annuities he transfer at the time mentioned in my said Will to the Persons and Trustees to whom such Stock was directed to be transferred One thousand Eight hundred Pounds Four per Cent Bank Annuities on the like Trusts, Terms, Order and directions as are created mentioned and given respecting such Two thousand Four hundred Pounds three Per Cent reduced Annuities, and that in lieu and instead of the said Five hundred Pounds three Per Cent reduced Annuities he Transfer to

£2400. three per cent Stock bequeathed by the Will changed to £1800. four per cent.

£500. three per cents. changed to £375. four per cent.

Two £300. three per cent. changed to £225. each, 4 per cent.

Trustees may invest and lay out certain parts of the above Trust Stock and of the £12000 and £7000. given by the first and second Codicil,

in the purchase of Land in Somerset or Wilts.

the Trustees to whom such last mentioned Stock was directed to be transferred Three hundred and Seventy Five Pounds four per Cent Bank Annuities and in like manner instead of such respective Sums of Three hundred Pounds each three per cent reduced Annuities he transfer to the respective Trustees of such Stock or Funds the respective Sums of Two hundred and twenty five Pounds each Four per Cent Bank Annuities upon the like terms and on the like trusts orders and directions as are limited, created and given by my said Will and first Codicil respecting such Sums of Five hundred Pounds, Three hundred Pounds and Three hundred Pounds* three Per Cent reduced Annuities And my Will and mind is that if the Trustees to whom such respective Sums of One thousand Eight hundred Pounds Three hundred and Seventy five Pounds and one of the said Sums of Two hundred and twenty five Pounds four per Cent Bank Annuities are to be transferred or the Trustees to whom by my first and Second Codicil I have directed the Several Sums of Twelve thousand Pounds and Seven thousand Pounds four per Cent Annuities to be transferred should at any time hereafter think it would be more for the benefit and Advantage of the respective Charities for whose use such several Sums have been given to lay out and invest the respective Trust Stock in the purchase of Lands and Tenements than continuing them on Government Securities and eligible purchases or an eligible purchase can be made of Lands and Tenements in Somersetshire or the County of Wilts then I direct that the respective Trustees of the said respective Stock that is to say the Trustees to whom such several Sums of One thousand eight hundred Pounds, three hundred and Seventy Five Pounds and two hundred and twenty Five Pounds four Per Cent Annuities are to be transferred may lay out and invest respectively the whole of such respective Sums or such part or parts thereof upon such purchase or purchases in both or either of the said Counties as they shall respectively think proper And that the Trustees to whom the said Twelve thousand Pounds four Per Cent Bank Annuities are to be transferred may in like manner lay out and invest Ten thousand Pounds part of the said twelve thousand Pounds or any part or parts of the said Ten thousand Pounds in any such purchase or purchases of Lands and Tenements in Wiltshire as well as Somersetshire as mentioned in my first Codicil And that the Trustees to whom such Seven thousand Pounds are to be transferred may lay out and

* This last-mentioned £300. is afterwards revoked.

Invest Six thousand Pounds part thereof in any purchase or purchases of Lands and Tenements in the County of Wilts as well as Somersetshire as mentioned in my Second Codicil the Lands and Tenements so to be respectively purchased to be conveyed to the respective Trustees under and subject to the several Trusts, orders and directions as have been created and mentioned respecting such Trust Monies by my said Will and First and Second Codicils But it is my mind and will that in any of the Cases mentioned in my third Codicil respecting the incapacity or Death of my Executor before making the several transfers that the whole of the Trust Monies shall be subject and liable to the directions I have given respecting the same in any of the Cases happening as mentioned in my said third Codicil IN WITNESS whereof

[Dated 13th November, 1792.]

CODICIL VI.

WHEREAS &c.—I have in and by my said Will given and bequeathed to the Vicar and two Churchwardens of the Parish of Frome in the County of Somerset for the time being the sum of five hundred pounds three per Cent reduced Bank Annuities for the Establishment of a regular Choir in the Parish Church of Frome aforesaid to be transferred by my Executor within three Months next after my decease and by my fourth Codicil I have directed my Executor instead of such Sum of Five hundred three per Cent reduced Annuities to transfer to the Trustees of such Stock or Funds the sum of Three hundred and seventy five pounds four per Cent Bank Annuities upon the like Terms and on the like Trusts orders and directions as were limited created and given by my said Will respecting such Sum of Five hundred pounds three per Cent reduced Annuities And I have also in and by my said Will given and bequeathed to the Vicar and to the Trustees and Treasurer for the time being of the Charity School of Frome aforesaid and their Successors for ever three hundred pounds three per Cent reduced Bank Annuities which I have directed my Executor named in my said Will to transfer within four Months after my decease upon the Trusts and for the purposes therein mentioned and by my said fourth Codicil I have directed my Executor instead of such sum of Three hundred pounds three per Cent reduced Annuities to transfer to the Trustees of such last mentioned Stock or funds the Sum of two hundred and twenty five pounds four per Cent Bank Annuities upon the

Singers Stock of
£500. or £375.
before mentioned.

Charity School
Stock of £300.
or £225.

Singers Stock reduced to £250.

Charity School Stock to be transferred in three Months.

like Terms and on the like Trusts orders and directions as were limited created and given by said Will respecting such sum of three hundred pounds three per Cent reduced Annuities **NOW I DO** by this my sixth Codicil in lieu and instead of the said Sum of Three hundred and seventy five pounds four per Cent Bank Annuities which I have by my said fourth Codicil ordered and directed my Executor to transfer instead of the Sum of Five hundred pounds given and bequeathed by my said Will to the Vicar and two Churchwardens for the time being of the Parish of Frome aforesaid for the establishment of a regular Choir in the Parish Church of Frome aforesaid hereby order and direct my Executor within three Months next after my decease to transfer to the said Vicar and two Churchwardens for the time being the Sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds four per Cent Annuities only upon the like Terms and on the like Trusts orders and directions as were limited created and given by my said Will respecting such Sum of Five hundred pounds three per Cent reduced Annuities And that the said Vicar and two Churchwardens for the time being do and shall from time to time pay apply and divide the whole of the Yearly Interest Dividends and proceeds of the said Sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds hereby given unto and amongst the Master and such Persons as may have formed themselves into a Society or Choir as mentioned in my said Will in such Parts Shares and Proportions as the said Vicar and two Churchwardens for time being shall think proper and so as may be most beneficial and advantageous for the Purposes of the Original bequest And I order and direct that the said Sum of Two hundred and twenty five pounds four per Cent Annuities which I have in and by my said fourth Codicil ordered and directed to be transferred to the said Vicar and to the Trustees and Treasurer for the time being of the Charity School aforesaid instead of the said Sum of Three hundred Pounds three per Cent reduced Annuities given and bequeathed to them by my said Will as before mentioned be transferred to them at the end of three Months next after my decease **IN TESTIMONY** whereof, &c. &c.

[Dated 14th July, 1794.]

This truly benevolent Man departed this Life the 2nd of May, 1796.

Appendix K, page 25.

EXTRACT FROM A COPY OF THE WILL OF JOHN STEVENS.

Mr. JOHN STEVENS, who died in 1809, gave by his will to the Trustees of the Charity School aforesaid, *one thousand five hundred pounds* four per cent bank annuities, for the cloathing and educating ten boys, additional to the number already in the School, under the regulations expressed in the following extract from his will.

“I give to the Trustees of the Charity School of Frome Selwood aforesaid and their successors for ever *one thousand five hundred pounds* of four per cent bank annuities part of a larger sum standing in my name in the books of the Governor and Company of the bank of England to be transferred by my executors at the end of six calendar months after my decease into the names of such five of the said Trustees as they the said Trustees shall fix and agree on amongst themselves at the next quarterly meeting after my decease but without the interest and dividends of such four per cent stock as may accrue due between the time of my decease and the time of such transfer which sum it is my intention shall remain as a perpetual fund and the interest and dividends from time to time to arise thereon be received paid and applied for the several uses and purposes and upon the several trusts hereinafter mentioned and declared of and concerning the same that is to say upon trust that the Trustees of the said Charity School do and shall at their quarterly meeting to be held at Michaelmas next after the transfer of such stock as aforesaid and at the four then next quarterly meetings elect and choose at the said meetings ten boys born of parishioners and industrious inhabitants of the said parish of Frome Selwood and baptized in the parish Church not under the age of seven nor exceeding the age of nine years making together in number ten boys to be added to the number of boys already on the foundation and establishment of such School, and that the said Trustees thereof do and shall by and out of the interest and dividends to be received of the said trust stock or fund immediately after such respective elections cause such several and respective boys to be cloathed in the like uniform and found and provided with the like caps tassels and bands of the like quality and texture as the boys on the public foundation of the said

Charity School are now cloathed found and provided with save and except and I hereby order and direct that the tassels and bands on the caps of such boys shall be white to distinguish them from the boys of the public foundation of the said school And I hereby order and direct that such boys so to be elected shall from the respective times of their election be educated in common with the other boys on the public foundation of the said School and respectively continue to receive such education and be yearly cloathed and provided with such uniform caps and white tassels and bands as aforesaid for the full term of five years each at the end of which time I hereby order that such boys shall be placed out apprentices to industrious tradesmen for the term of seven years to learn such art mystery or business as the said Trustees shall think or such boys shall appear capable and fit for and that immediately on such boys being bound apprentice I order and direct the said Trustees out of the interest and dividends to arise and be received in respect of such trust stock to pay to the respective masters to whom such boys shall be bound apprentice the full sum of seven pounds as apprentice fees therewith And I hereby order and direct that the quarterly meeting to be held of the said Trustees next after any or either of the said boys shall be so put out or bound apprentice or apprentices that the said Trustees do and shall proceed to the election and choice of a boy or boys under the description aforesaid to succeed the boy or boys so to be put out to be cloathed in the like uniform provided with the like caps tassels and bands taught and educated in like manner placed out apprentices at the like time and such apprentice fee paid as before mentioned respecting such ten boys so directed to be elected and chosen in manner aforesaid and so from time to time for ever hereafter to elect and choose in manner and at the times aforesaid boys of such descriptions as aforesaid to succeed such boys as may from time to time be put forth as apprentices as aforesaid so that the number of ten boys may be always as circumstances may admit be under the foundation and establishment meant and directed by me and the trusts of this my will and I hereby order and direct the Trustees of the said Charity School for the time being out of the interest and dividends to arise and be received in respect of such trust stock or fund to pay the head master for the time being of the said Charity School yearly and every year for each and every of the said ten boys so to be elected from time to time as aforesaid the sum of *one pound four shillings* as a recompence or satisfaction for his trouble in teaching instructing and educating them with the other boys on the

public foundation of the said School and for providing them with books and stationery and it is my will and mind and I hereby order and direct that on the death or deaths of any boy or boys so to be elected and placed on the foundation hereby meant and intended on and under the trusts hereof and before he or they shall be placed out apprentice or apprentices at the times aforesaid or if any such boy or boys so to be from time to time elected as aforesaid shall not strictly and uniformly comply with and follow the rules orders and regulations that have been or may be from time to time made formed or directed for the management and conducting the business of the said Charity School and the objects thereof and the existing trusts respecting the same and on which the establishment thereof has been founded and formed or if any such boy or boys shall so misbehave or conduct himself or themselves as may tend to corrupt the manners or morals of the other boys of and to be taught in the said School or shall otherwise misbehave himself or themselves to the dissatisfaction of the Trustees for the time being or the major part of them that they shall and may be at liberty in their discretion to remove and dismiss any such boy or boys from the said School who shall not afterwards be admitted therein under the trusts of this my will or the benefit thereof and that at the next quarterly meeting to be had of the said Trustees next after such death or deaths removal or dismissal that the Trustees at such meeting shall proceed to the election and choice of one or more boy or boys under such description as aforesaid to succeed and be put in the place or places of any such boy or boys who shall so happen to die or be removed and dismissed as aforesaid and that such boy or boys so to be elected and all future boy and boys hereafter in future to be elected on such occasions as aforesaid shall be cloathed and educated and put out apprentice and apprentices at the time aforesaid and the like sums paid as apprentice fees as before mentioned and under the like terms of removal and dismissal under the circumstances aforesaid And it is my will and mind that the parent or parents guardians relations or friends of such boys who may from time to time be presented for admission into the said School under the trusts of this my will shall have notice of the terms under which such boys may be elected and their removal and dismissal under the circumstances aforesaid And that the like notice shall accordingly be given to each of the said boys on their election and admission into the said School and I hereby order and direct that on the death or deaths of any of the said five Trustees to whom such trust stock shall be transferred as aforesaid the survivors

shall before the next quarterly meeting to be had of the Trustees at large of the said Charity School proceed to the election and choice of a Trustee or Trustees to be put in the place or places of such Trustee or Trustees to whom such stock shall have been so transferred as aforesaid and shall happen to die as aforesaid that the surviving Trustees shall afterwards and before the then next quarterly meeting transfer such stock into the names of such survivors and such new Trustee or Trustees as such surviving Trustees or the major part of them shall so elect and choose if the transfer books of such trust stock should then be open and if not that such Transfer shall be made before the then next subsequent quarterly meeting and so from time to time for ever on the death or deaths of any such Trustee or Trustees to proceed to the election and choice of a new Trustee or Trustees and a like transfer to be made at the times and in the manner aforesaid so that there shall at all times be five Trustees of the aforesaid trust stock on the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England And it is my will and mind and I hereby order and direct that the dividends and interest to be from time to time received in respect of the said trust stock shall be when and as the same shall be received paid into the hands of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Charity School and that such Treasurer shall before the first Michaelmas quarterly meeting to be had of the Trustees of such School after such stock shall be so transferred as aforesaid provide a proper book to be bound in vellum and therein fairly transcribe or cause to be transcribed in the first pages thereof either the whole of such part of this my said will as respects the aforesaid stock or fund and the several trusts relative thereto or a full abstract of the same and therein after transcribe or cause to be transcribed as well the Christian and Surnames of the several boys who shall from time to time be elected in manner aforesaid their respective ages and the times of such elections the names of the parents guardians relations or friends who may present such boys with their respective trades occupations or business the names trades occupations and business of the several masters to whom such boys shall be from time to time so bound and apprenticed the sums to be expended in cloathing educating and placing out such apprentices and also as well all and every the several other sum and sums of money to which the several trusts hereby created may be liable to or chargeable with as also all the dividends and interests to be from time to time received in respect of such trust stock so that a full clear distinct and perfect account of all and every the

application of such trust monies of the said Charity School after the foundation intended by me shall be established that the then Treasurer shall lay before them and they shall then audit the account so directed to be made by him and that when so audited and the balance in his hands ascertained and struck that he shall then sign such account and the same shall be counter-signed by at least three of the Trustees who shall then be present as a testimonial of their approbation thereof and that such balance as may then appear to be in the Treasurer's hands shall be carried to the next succeeding yearly account and be paid over to the next succeeding Treasurer who is to give credit for the same accordingly and that such succeeding Treasurer and all and every succeeding Treasurers shall in like manner provide when necessary such books make such entries and keep such accounts as aforesaid And that the same shall from time to time for ever hereafter be audited at the time and signed and counter-signed in manner as hereinbefore mentioned respecting the first entry and account to be made and settled respecting the trust foundation and establishment hereby intended to be formed which book and books I hereby order shall be open for the inspection of all and every the Trustees of the said Charity and all and every the Parishioners and Inhabitants of the said parish at all convenient times when they shall require the same And it is my will and desire and I hereby order and direct that if by the deaths removals or dismissions of such boys as aforesaid or if there should not be so many presented at the respective times of such election (which I desire previous public notice might be given in the said parish) as may complete the number of ten according to my intentions to come within the trusts hereof and from time to time to be continued there under and that by the means thereof the dividends and interests to arise and be received in respect of such trust stock shall be found to be more than sufficient yearly to answer every purpose of the trusts aforesaid that the Trustees of the said Charity School shall either apply the surplus in the cloathing educating and placing out apprentice or apprentices one or more boy or boys than as aforesaid to be elected in manner as aforesaid as such surplus shall be found sufficient to answer and bear or otherwise pay and apply such surplus to and for the general purposes of the Charity school on the public foundation and establishment as now formed or such part or parts of such surplus as they in their wisdom and discretion shall think proper."

*Appendix L, page 25.***THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CHARITY SCHOOL.**

| | <i>£.</i> | <i>s.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| From Turnpike Deed Poll | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| £200. 3 per Cent. Consols—purchased with Surplus Money in hand | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| £1600. 3 per Cent. Consols—Mr. Barton's Legacy | 48 | 0 | 0 |
| £500. ditto Mrs. Hippie's | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| £200. ditto Mr. Daniel Rossiter's | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| £130. on Mortgage to John Curtis | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| £225. reduced $3\frac{1}{2}$ per Cents., formerly 4 per Cents.—Mr. Richard Stevens's Legacy .. | 7 | 17 | 6 |
| £1500. reduced $3\frac{1}{2}$ per Cents., formerly 4 per Cents.—Mr. John Stevens's Legacy.. | 52 | 10 | 0 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| | £146 | 7 | 6 |
| | <hr/> | | |

Since the above Report of the Commissioners, the following Charities have been given to the Poor of Frome, viz.: Mr. Timothy Lacy, who died at Frome on the 16th of May, 1830, gave by his Will, dated 29th November, 1828, as follows:—

“I give unto the Trustees of the Frome Almshouse in Frome aforesaid the sum of One thousand pounds In trust to pay the Interest or the yearly produce thereof to the use of the poor Women on the North side thereof in such manner and proportions as the said Trustees shall from time to time think fit.”

Miss Sarah Baily, who died at Bristol on the 9th January, 1833, Niece of the late Mr. William Baily, Donor to these Charities, mentioned in page 9 gave by her Will, dated 27th September, 1832, as follows:—

“I give and bequeath to the persons who at my decease shall be the Trustees of the Charity at Frome Selwood aforesaid called Alexander Staffords Charity (which Trustees are now James Anthony Wickham, George Sheppard, George George, William Baynton, Edward Olive and William Rossiter) and to their successors as Trustees of the said Charity for ever the sum of Five hundred pounds to be paid within six months after my decease In trust to invest the same at interest either in or upon any of the Stocks or Funds of Great Britain or real securities in England And to alter and change such securities from time to time as they think fit And to pay from the dividends and interest thereof the sum of four shillings a week from the time of my decease to Elizabeth Butcher wife of John Butcher of Frome aforesaid during her life and subject thereto In trust to pay the said dividends and interest unto and amongst such poor persons being not less than four nor more than twenty in number Inhabitants of the Parish of Frome and in such shares and proportions manner and form as they the said Trustees or the majority of them at their meeting on the first Monday after Christmas-day in every year shall think most in want of and deserving the same.”

PRESENT SEPARATE PARTICULAR OF THE RENTAL AND INCOME OF
EACH CHARITY, VIZ. :

Alms-House.

| <i>Tenants Names, &c.</i> | <i>Description of Property.</i> | <i>Annual Income.</i> |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| South Alms-House. | | |
| | | £. s. d. |
| William Edwards . . . | One of Leversedge's four Tenements, at <i>Garston</i> . . . | 5 0 0 |
| John Sage | One other ditto | 5 0 0 |
| Thomas Davis | One other ditto | 6 0 0 |
| George Wheeler | One other ditto | 4 11 0 |
| William Wilkins and others | { Part of the Acre of Garden Ground behind the } { above Tenements } N. B. Part of the Garden is unoccupied. | 3 5 0 |
| William Butt | Half an Acre of Meadow, at <i>Sharpshaw</i> | 1 1 0 |
| Joseph Cooke | One Acre of Arable, at <i>Westover</i> | 0 9 0 |
| Joseph Chapman | One Acre of Meadow, at <i>Oldford Hill</i> | 2 10 0 |
| John Olive | Half an Acre, above <i>Longmead</i> | 1 10 0 |
| John Ames | One of Mrs. Ash's Tenements, at <i>Beckington</i> | 4 0 0 |
| James Newman | One other ditto | 4 0 0 |
| Late Jones | The other ditto (unoccupied), lately let at £4. | 0 0 0 |
| James Pope | { Mr. Wickham's and Mrs. Hippie's Estate, in } { the <i>Woodlands</i> } { Tenement and two Closes at <i>Frome-field</i> , called } { Abbott's Estate } | 65 0 0 |
| George Sheppard | { Tenement and two Closes at <i>Frome-field</i> , called } { Abbott's Estate } | 13 0 0 |
| John Backhouse | One Acre, near <i>Rodden Lake</i> | 1 10 0 |
| Miss Vincent and } Mrs. O'Conner. } | Half an Acre, in <i>Little Innox</i> | 2 2 0 |
| William Horton | { Mrs. Hippie's two pieces of Land called Coal } { <i>Mixon</i> , near <i>Trudoxhill</i> } | 10 10 0 |
| Benjamin Carpenter . . | { Two Acres, near <i>Clink Crossways</i> , called } { King's Paddock } | 3 10 0 |
| James Payne | { Mr. A'Court's Benefaction, payable out of a } { Tenement at <i>Nuney</i> , called <i>Railes'</i> } | 1 0 0 |
| Messrs Hoare | { £3400. 3 per Cent Consols, being Mr. Barton's } { Legacy } | 102 6 0 |
| Ditto | { £210. new 3½ per Cents. reduced, late 4 per } { Cents., and originally £200. Navy 5 per } { Cents., being Mr. Whitchurch's Legacy . . . } | 7 7 0 |
| Thomas Ashby | Mr. R. Coombs' Gift, charged on Lands at <i>Critchill</i> | 3 3 0 |
| | Mr. Alexander Stafford's Annuity | 30 0 0 |
| | Total South Alms-House .. | 276 8 0 |
| North Alms-House. | | |
| John Weaver | Mr. Baily's Estate, at <i>Buckland</i> | 34 0 0 |
| Thomas Greenland . . . | Mr. Baily's Cottage, at <i>Ditto</i> | 3 0 0 |
| Messrs. Hoare | £300. 3 per Cent. Consols, Mr. Sheppard's Legacy | 9 0 0 |
| Ditto | £2000. ditto Miss Lacy's Legacy .. | 60 0 0 |
| Ditto | £1094. 4 5 ditto Mr. Timothy Lacy's Legacy | 32 16 6 |
| | Total North Alms-House .. | 138 16 6 |
| | Total Income of the whole of the Alms-House Charity | £415 4 6 |

School Charity.

| <i>Tenants Names, &c.</i> | <i>Description of Property.</i> | <i>Annual Income.</i> |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| <i>The Old Establishment.</i> | | |
| Messrs. Allard and Rossiter } | Shearmarsh and Joel's Estate | £. s. d. 130 0 0 |
| Uriah Jones | House and Land called Sheppard's, at <i>Feltham</i> . . . | 10 0 0 |
| Frome Turnpike | Furnpike Deed Poll | 4 10 0 |
| Messrs. Hoare. } | { £200. 3 per Cent. Consols, purchased with } Surplus Money in hand } | 6 0 0 |
| Total Income of the Old Establishment | | £. s. d. <u>150 10 0</u> |

Apprentice-Fee Charity.

| | | |
|---|---|----------------|
| Messrs. Hoare. | £1600. 3 per Cent. Consols, being Mr. Barton's Legacy. | 48 0 0 |
| Ditto | £500. ditto Mrs. Hippie's Legacy. . . | 15 0 0 |
| Ditto | £200. ditto Mr. D. Rossiter's Legacy | 6 0 0 |
| John Curtis | £130. on Mortgage, lent from a Balance in hand. . | 6 10 0 |
| Total Income of the Apprentice-Fee Charity. | | <u>75 10 0</u> |

Richard Stevens's Charity.

| | | |
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| Messrs. Hoare. | £225. new 3½ per Cents., late 4 per Cents. | — — — 7 17 6 |
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Mr. John Stevens's Charity.

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| Messrs. Hoare | £1500. new 3½ per Cents., late 4 per Cents. | — — — 52 10 0 |
| Total Income of the School Charity | | <u>£286 7 6</u> |

Asylum Charity.

| <i>Tenants Names, &c.</i> | <i>Description of Property.</i> | <i>Annual Income.</i> |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| Messrs. Hoare | £11,500. 3½ per Cent. late 4 per Cents. | £. s. d. 402 10 0 |
| Ditto | £400. 3 per Cent. Consols (a) | 12 0 0 |
| William Creese. | £170. on Mortgage | 8 10 0 |
| Jesse Bird, | Moiety of Rent for Field opposite the Asylum. | 6 0 0 |
| (a) This £400. Stock was purchased in October, 1826, from the surplus Balance at that time in the General Treasurer's hands. | | <u>£429 0 0</u> |

Hospital Charity.

| <i>Tenants Names, &c.</i> | <i>Description of Property.</i> | <i>Annual Income.</i> | | |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | <i>£.</i> | <i>s.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
| Messrs. Hoare | £6500. 3½ per Cents., late 4 per Cents. | 227 | 10 | 0 |
| Jesse Bird | Moiety of Rent for Field opposite the Asylum | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| | | <u>£233 10 0</u> | | |

**TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT OF ALL THE CHARITIES UNDER THE CARE OF
THE TWENTY TRUSTEES.**

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|------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| | <i>£.</i> | <i>s.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
| Alms-House Charity | 415 | 4 | 6 |
| School ditto | 286 | 7 | 6 |
| Asylum ditto | 429 | 0 | 0 |
| Hospital ditto | 233 | 10 | 0 |
| | <u>£1364</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>0</u> |

SUCCESSION OF TRUSTEES OF FROME CHARITIES.

The first Trustees whose names appear, were created by the Deed of 10 May, 1644.

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| <p>The property was conveyed by Robert Leversedge and Robert Smith, to James Cottington, Gentleman William A'Court, Gentleman Benjamin Avery, Gentleman Henry Merchant John Wilton Samuel Whitchurch William Cook Thomas Smith Henry Smith Richard Smith Samuel Cooke</p> | <p>John Stevens Edmund Bayly John Norfolk Richard Coombs, jun. John Coles William Cabell Thomas Clement Anthony Bayly Robert Smith (son of said Robert) John Bayly (son of said Richard).</p> |
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By Deed of March, 1676. Edmund Leversedge, Richard Bayly, Richard Coombe, John Stevens, Edmund Bayly, and John Bayly son of Richard, the then surviving Trustees, conveyed to George Langworth and John Coles, Churchwardens, and their successors.

No account appears of conveyance to Trustees, between the year 1676 and 1728. But in a book of accounts of Stafford's Charity, it appears that the following persons were in succession Trustees, six at a time, from the year 1651, to the year 1728.

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| <p>William Whitchurch, sen. John Coles Zachariah Baily Joseph Ivileafe Leonard Whitchurch George Langworth John Bull Benjamin Avery Edward Whitchurch Henry Bull William Baily James Wickham, first in 1709</p> | <p>Roger Leversedge, first in 1710 Edmund Seaman, first in 1711 John Hippie, first in 1714 Edward Halliday, first in 1728 James Cottington Robert Smith Henry Smith Henry Merchant Richard Bayly Richard Coombes William Whitchurch, jun.</p> |
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By Deed 1728, John Wickham of Sherborn, brother and devisee of James Wickham, conveyed to

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Rev. John Jenkyns | George Whitchurch, Drysalter |
| Henry Bull, Gentleman | Stephen Keeping, Mercer |
| Edward Halliday, Clothier | Thomas Jesser, Clothier |
| The Churchwardens | William Whitchurch, Gentleman |
| George Lock, Gentleman | James Bayley, Apothecary |
| Robert Hayward, Maltster | James Wickham, Gentleman |

By final decree of Lord Chancellor, 1751, the following Trustees were appointed. [Decree reciting that all the Trustees of 1728 were dead, except Halliday, Hayward, George Whitchurch, and William Whitchurch.]

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| Lionel Seaman, Vicar | William Rossiter |
| Thomas Davis | James Wickham |
| Joseph Jesser | George Lamb |
| George Whitchurch | William Phelps |
| William Bull | Joseph Ames |
| Joseph Gibbons | John Baily |
| William Barton | Thomas Brown |
| Richard Jesser | William Cockey |
| John Napper | Peter Chapman |
| Joseph Clavey | Zachary Baily. |

By Deed of 5th June, 1774, the number of Trustees of the Deed of 1750, and December, 1751, being reduced to the six following, viz.

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|----------------|---------------|
| William Bull | Joseph Clavey |
| Richard Jesser | James Wickham |
| John Napper | George Lamb |

they conveyed to themselves and the following :

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| John Ross, Vicar | John Stevens |
| Peter Mayson | James Hayes |
| Chaffin Edgell | Thomas Jesser |
| George Whitchurch | Daniel Rossiter |
| Benjamin Baily | William Barton |
| Zachary Baily | William Baily |
| Joseph Singer | Edward Newport. |

By Deed of 2nd September, 1803, the number of Trustees of the Deed of 1774, being reduced by death of Chaffin Edgell to the six following, viz.

George Whitchurch
Benjamin Baily
Zachary Baily

John Stevens
William Barton
William Baily,

they conveyed to themselves and the following :

William Ireland, Vicar
James Anthony Wickham
William Rossiter
Edward Newport
Timothy Lacy
Thomas Napper
James Ayres

George Sheppard
John Olive
Joseph Baily
John Huntley
James Humphreys
Joseph Frowd
John Pobjoy.

October, 1811, the following Order appears,—At a Meeting of the Trustees, held on the 23rd October, 1811, Mr. Wickham being particularly requested to become a perpetual Receiver of all dividends from the public funds, belonging to all the Charities, under the care of these Trustees, both of Mr. Stevens's and others, it was ordered that he receives the same accordingly, and do pay to the annual Treasurer such sums as such Treasurer shall lawfully and properly call for, as the same shall be wanted for the use of the Charities. And that the receipt of such annual Treasurer be a sufficient discharge to the said Mr. Wickham.

By Deed of October, 1824, the Trustees being reduced, by the death of John Pobjoy, to the six following, viz.

James Anthony Wickham
Edward Newport
Timothy Lacy

George Sheppard
John Olive
Joseph Baily, disclaiming

and Joseph Baily having never acted and disclaiming the Trust, the five conveyed to themselves and the following,

William Baynton
George George
Edward Olive
Job White
William Rossiter
Charles Phillott, Vicar
William H. Sheppard
Thomas Charles

Rev. Joseph Algar
Thomas Bunn
William Giles
Edward Cockey
Rev. John Harward
Richard Willoughby
James Whalley D. T. Wickham.

On the death of Messrs. Job White, in 1827,—John Olive, in 1827,—Timothy Lacy, in 1830,—the resignation of Richard Willoughby, in 1824,

—and the removal of John Harward in 1832, the following were chosen, according to the custom mentioned in page 17 of chusing Trustees, called assistant Trustees, viz.

Thomas Byard Sheppard
John White Little
Robert Meares

John Olive
Rev. J. B. B. Clarke,

and on the death of Mr. Meares, in 1832, Mr. William Davis was chosen,

It must be remembered that when the Trustees to whom the Lands were conveyed shall be reduced to six, these six must convey to fourteen new Trustees, among whom may of course be the already chosen, and to be chosen, assistant Trustees. And it must be remembered, that on the death of any of the six Trustees of Stafford's Charity, the five survivors ought, on the next Sabbath, to elect another; and to observe some other directions in Stafford's Will, mentioned in page

CHRIST CHURCH.

In the year 1814, there being only one Church in the *Town* of Frome, and one at a place called the Woodlands in the same parish, but about three miles from the *Town*, a subscription was made for the building and endowment of an additional church. This church, which is named Christ Church was built in the years 1817 and 1818, and was consecrated September 15, 1818. The expense of building it, including quarrying stones, carriage, and all incidentals, as particularized in the book in Mr. Wickham's possession, was about £3,900. The Rev. Joseph Algar, M. A. at that time Curate of Frome, was nominated Minister of the said Church by the Rev. Charles Phillott, M. A. Vicar of Frome, at the unanimous request of the Committee of Subscribers.

The endowment consists of forty acres of land at Grandon, in the parish of Frome, now in the occupation of Thomas Harding: nine acres of land and about half an acre of orchard, at Paulton, now in the occupation of John Flower. £93. 18s. 9d. three per cent reduced in the public funds. And the house at Keyford, in which the Rev. Mr. Algar now resides, with the garden and field adjoining.

Half an acre of ground, with the church then lately erected thereon, was conveyed by deed of 4th of September, 1818, now in the possession of the Registrar of the Bishop's Court at Wells, to the following persons.

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|---|--------------------------|
| The Marquess of Bath | Charles Knatchbull |
| The Earl of Cork | John Gale Everett |
| Richard Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells | William Dickenson |
| Charles Sandiford, Archdeacon of Wells | William Gore Langton |
| The Rev. John Methuen Rogers | Robert Moody |
| The Rev. Henry Sainsbury | George Sheppard |
| The Rev. Francis Skurray | John Olive |
| The Rev. Charles Phillott | George George |
| The Rev. John Bishop | Timothy Lacy |
| The Rev. Joseph Algar | Joseph Frowd |
| The Rev. Theophilus Prosser | Robert Blunt |
| Thomas Samuel Joliffe | William Hulbert Sheppard |
| Thomas Strangways Horner | Thomas Napper |
| | William Rossiter |
| | Thomas Bunn |

Thomas Charles
 Edward Cockey
 George Messiter
 Edward Olive
 John West

John Nicholls
 James Anthony Wickham
 James Fussell
 Thomas Davis

and they by deed of the same date, declared that the conveyance was upon the trusts following, viz.

Upon special trust and confidence to be devoted when consecrated to ecclesiastical purposes for ever according to the rules rites and ceremonies of the Church of England and pursuant to the purposes and subject to the regulations hereinafter expressed and declared or that may hereafter be found necessary or expedient to be made by the said trustees but subject always to the order and controul of the Lord Bishop of the diocese for the time being as well as to the existing rights of the vicar of the old church in Frome Selwood aforesaid (that is to say) that no interment shall be made nor any person buried in the inside or internal part of the said church nor shall any monument or monumental inscription be placed against the walls of the internal or external part of the said church without conforming to the rules that may be made in that respect by the minister and majority of the trustees for the time being and paying such a sum of money as may be thought reasonable and just by the said minister and trustees as an acknowledgement for the same And that half at least of the area or floor of the said church shall have proper convenient and suitable benches or seats for the free use and comfortable accommodation of all the humble and poor persons resorting to the said church for the purpose of attending divine worship therein and who may not be able to afford to pay for renting seats or sittings in the same church and that no pew rent payment gratuity or composition for any sitting or seat of any sort or kind whatever shall be ever had received or taken by any person or persons whosoever for or on account of any such seat or sitting or accommodation but that all the remaining part of the area or floor of the said church and also all the galleries of the same shall be let for such rents or payments as the minister of the said church for the time being and the major part of the said trustees for the time being shall think fair and reasonable provided that no greater sum than ten shillings per annum be taken for any one sitting in the area or floor of the said church nor a greater sum than one guinea per annum for any one sitting in the gallery without the express consent and approbation of a majority of the said

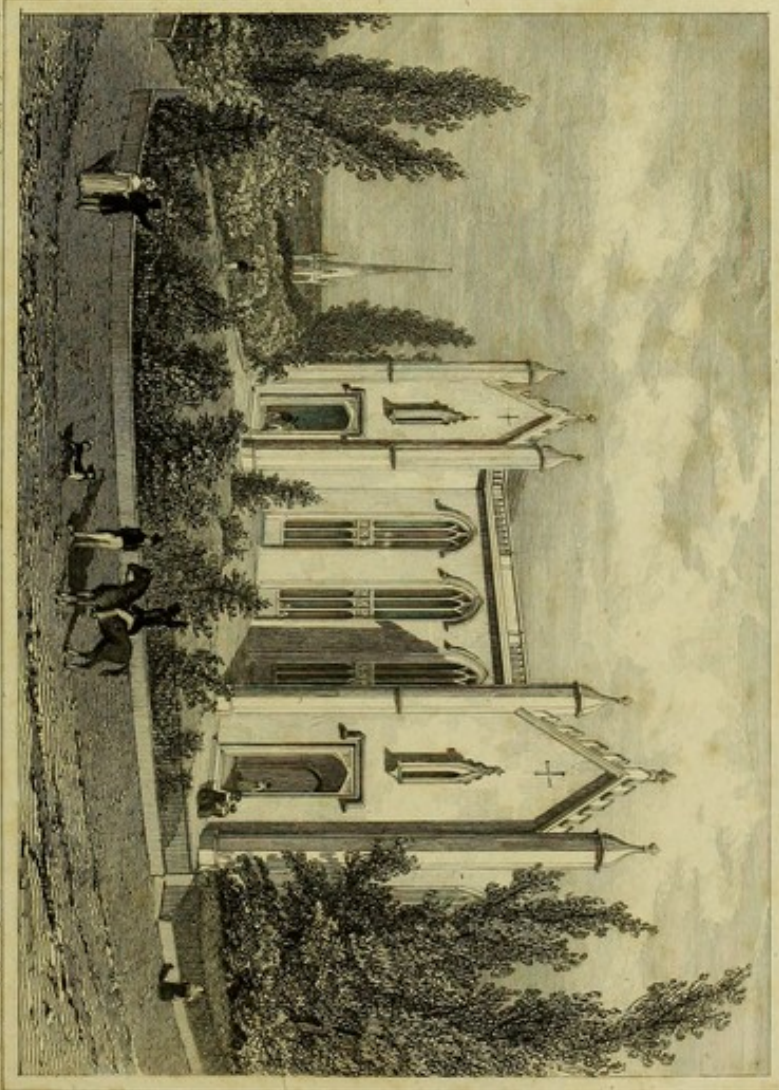
trustees for the time being first had and obtained at a public meeting held for that express purpose. And that the said Minister of the said church (for the time being) shall receive for his own use as part of his stipend for his performance of the duty of the same church all such rents he paying thereout the necessary expense of keeping the said church at all times clean and in every respect fit for the performance of divine worship therein and also providing at his own costs and expenses and at his own discretion a fit and proper person to officiate as the clerk of the said church and also another fit and proper person to keep order during the performance of divine service in the same church.

On vacancy of Trustees, another to be elected of the established church, residing in or within five miles of the parish of Frome. And if vacancies be not filled up when each happens, and the number be reduced to twenty-one, they are to elect enough to make up with themselves, the number of thirty-one, and to convey the church and land to them, and so from time to time.

Further particulars on the above subjects, and the progress of the undertaking—the Subscriptions, and Subscribers Names—the Building—Endowment—Consecration—Subscription for Organ—and other circumstances, are stated in the minute and order book of the proceedings; now in the possession of Mr. Wickham.

NATIONAL SCHOOL.

A *Sunday School* having been established in Frome for some years, by members of the established church; at a meeting of the subscribers on the 5th of February, 1819, it was resolved to erect a new and larger School Room: and, after many difficulties which are recorded in the Committee's book of proceedings, now in the possession of Mr. Bunn, the land on which the school was then erecting, was, on the 6th of April, 1824, conveyed by two deeds to trustees; and the trusts declared by a third, as follows: that is to say, "Upon special trust and confidence in the first place that the said school house or building now erecting and intended to be erected and built upon part of the said plots or pieces of ground and hereditaments and such other buildings and necessary appendages thereto as may be requisite for the same shall be finished as soon as conveniently may be, and when completed shall be used on the sabbath day as a school for the instruction in religious knowledge of the children of all denominations of Christians who may be sent to or attend such school at such times and subject to such rules as are hereinafter expressed or shall henceforth be made and provided by the persons and in manner hereinafter mentioned and particularly to the rules and regulations following that is to say that no person shall be admitted or appointed as a teacher master or mistress in the said Sunday School nor in the said National School whether gratuitous or otherwise who is not a strict member of the Episcopal Church by law established in this Kingdom of England also that all children who shall attend the school shall also attend public worship at the churches of the said establishment in Frome aforesaid or one of them and shall be instructed in the reading and knowledge of the Scriptures and the Church Liturgy and Catechism also that no person shall be admitted into the said school as a superintendant examiner or regulator or be permitted to order regulate or interfere with the teachers or children attending the said school except the trustees for the time being of the same or such person or persons as shall or may be from time to time by them appointed for those purposes respectively also that no book or books shall be admitted into or made use of in the said school but such as have received or may receive the sanction of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge or of the Diocesan Branch Society of Wells in and for the county of Somerset aforesaid and upon this further trust that the said



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building and appendages when erected and completed may be occupied during every six days between Sunday and Sunday as a school for the instruction of the children of all denominations of Christians as aforesaid (who may be sent to or attend such school) upon the system and according to the plan commonly used and approved in the schools called National Schools in connexion with the National School Society in London which plan or system is also sometimes called Dr. Bell's or the Madras system Provided always that the children attending such school do conform to the rules and regulations herein expressed and contained or henceforth to be made and provided in manner hereinafter mentioned so far as the same may be applicable to such daily school Provided also that all masters teachers and superintendants attending the said National School be members of the established church aforesaid and that all expenses arising from or attendant upon such National School be defrayed independently of the income of the Sunday School which income arising from annual subscriptions donations and an annual sermon is to be considered for ever exonerated from any demand on account of a daily National School AND upon this further trust and for the intent and purpose that the said parties hereto of the first and second parts and the survivors and survivor of them their heirs and assigns and the trustees for the time being of the said hereditaments and premises to be appointed under the provision hereinafter contained for that purpose together with the Vicar and resident officiating Clergy for the time being of both the churches in Frome aforesaid and the Churchwardens for the time being of the parish of Frome aforesaid shall be considered as trustees for the management of the said schools and shall have full power and lawful and absolute authority from time to time to appoint all teachers masters and superintendants in the said schools and to make such further rules orders and regulations for the better ordering and governance of the said schools or either of them as to the said trustees shall seem expedient and proper so as that no such fresh rules and regulations interfere with or oppose the rules and regulations hereinbefore specially provided and set forth AND furthermore to the intent and purpose that whensoever any one or more of them the said trustees Thomas Marquess of Bath Edmund Earl of Cork and Orrery Charles Phillott Joseph Algar John Harward John Kellow Goldney James Anthony Wickham William Rossiter Timothy Lacy George Sheppard John Olive Edward Newport Thomas Charles George George Job White Edward Olive William

Baynton William Hulbert Sheppard Thomas Bunn William Giles Edward Cockey Richard Willoughby and James Whalley Dawe Thomas Wickham shall die or be desirous to decline and be discharged of and from all or any of the trusts aforesaid Then the surviving or continuing Trustees together with the Vicar resident officiating Clergy and Churchwardens of the parish of Frome aforesaid for the time being shall with all convenient speed at a meeting of the said trustees to be held pursuant to notice in manner hereinafter provided and contained nominate and choose one or more other fit and proper person or persons who shall be a strict member of the established Church to be a trustee for the purposes aforesaid in the place of such one as shall die or be desirous to be discharged of and from the same trusts and so on from time to time when any vacancy shall happen and whenever it shall so happen that one half of the original trustees hereinbefore named or at any future time one half of the trustees in whose names the said trust premises were vested by the last conveyance or limitation thereof which shall be made pursuant to this present provision shall be dead then the said trust premises shall thereupon be conveyed in such manner as that the same shall be lawfully and effectually vested in the joint names of the surviving or continuing trustees and such persons as shall be so elected and chosen new trustees as aforesaid in the place or stead of those so dying as aforesaid and their heirs and so from time to time as often as occasion shall require to for and upon the same trusts ends intents and purposes and with and subject and liable to the same provisions limitations and appointments as are hereinbefore expressed and contained of and concerning the same premises and not otherwise And which said new trustees shall from thenceforth have the same authorities and powers and act in the management and execution of the several trusts aforesaid as fully and effectually as if they had been originally named and appointed trustees by these presents Provided always that when any difference of opinion or other controversy respecting any matter or thing to be done in pursuance of these presents or any business to be transacted relating to the affairs of the said schools or the election of a new trustee or new trustees shall arise or happen amongst the said trustees of the said trust hereditaments and premises for the time being a meeting of the said trustees shall and may be called by a notice signed by any two or more of the said trustees to be read in the parish church of Frome aforesaid on the Sunday next before the day on which such meeting is to be held and the

determination which shall be come to at such meeting respecting every such matter in difference by a majority of the said trustees attending such meeting shall be taken to be the determination of the whole of the said trustees and be binding and conclusive upon them accordingly Provided further that all such meetings be held in the said school house and that no meeting shall be appointed to be held until three days after the publication of notice thereof in the said church And in case the number of votes on each side of any question shall be equal the Vicar for the time being of the parish of Frome aforesaid if present or in his absence such of the said trustees as shall be appointed the chairman of any such meeting shall give the casting vote.

The names of subscribers and all further particulars respecting this school are recorded in the order book, in the possession of Mr. Bunn.

A lithographic plan of this building is at the end of this book.

THE PLANTED SLOPES IN FRONT OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL.

When the Trustees of the Frome Turnpike Roads improved *Bath-Street*, and the place called *Behind Town*, it became necessary to excavate, in some instances to the depth of fifteen feet: and they had a choice, either to raise walls more than fifteen feet high, or to make Slopes. Such high walls would have looked like the walls of a prison, and they believed would be quite as expensive, probably more so, than the purchase and formation of Slopes. The Slopes have been planted almost entirely at private expense, and have the advantage of keeping away stables, dunghills, and killing houses, which before appeared at the sides of the road. The repair of the Slopes is at present paid for at private expense; and the public have the benefit. The Slopes are vested in Trustees pursuant to the authority in the Frome Turnpike Act. The Deeds are at Mr. Wickham's. Four feet in breadth of the level ground at the top of the Slopes are conveyed to the Trustees in most cases. The Marquis of Bath gave five hundred pounds, and the Earl of Cork two hundred pounds, to be disposed of in the improvement at Frome, as the Trustees of the Road thought proper.

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FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Although the trustees of the other Frome Charities have never had any controul over or connection with this Free Grammar School, yet they have thought it a duty which, as inhabitants of Frome, they owed to the public, to make enquiries into the circumstances, which the commissioners have so very properly and attentively noticed in their report—And first as to Flintford Farm—The Charity Commissioners having stated that “from
 “ part of the evidence before them, there is ground for supposing some
 “ lands called Flintford Farm, at Rodden, the property of the Rev. J.
 “ M. Rogers, Rector of Berkley—and a farm at Trudoxhill, in the pos-
 “ session of King, a farmer, to be two of the estates so charged” (towards the support of the Free Grammar School,) due enquiry has been made; and it is ascertained that Flintford was not the name of any *one* particular Farm, but of a manor, and *many* farms or lands. It is not, as stated by the Commissioners, in Rodden; but in the parish of Frome. Miss Prowse, whom Mr. Rogers afterwards married, bought the manor of Flintford about 1780—and sold off various parts—A part was sold to Mr. King of Trudoxhill, in the parish of Nunney. Mr. Rogers, who has now possessed this estate for 50 years, has never paid any sum to this school—nor has any demand been ever made for it—and there seems to be nothing to shew or to make it probable, that this land is thus charged—Mr. Rogers has been a most munificent donor to the charities, and churches in this neighbourhood;—having given many hundred pounds to Frome—and no man is more unlikely to neglect paying any sum due from his estate to a charity. The 20s. per annum given by John A‘Court to the Free School, out of a tenement in Nunney as mentioned in page 10, may be the charge here alluded to.

As to the information respecting Mr. Pocock and the books and globes. It appears that Mr. Pocock died intestate. His administrators and nearest relations are gentlemen incapable of having designedly disposed of property not belonging to them—and Mr. Pocock was, as a very attentive and consciencious schoolmaster, a most unlikely person to be guilty of wilfully destroying or embezzling the globes or books in question.—It seems that the globes which the executors sold were a new pair,

bought by the late Mr. Pocock. There were once two old globes, but they had become worthless; and were not used during the time the Rev. Mr. Pocock was master of the school. However, there certainly were some books: of which, it is feared, due care was not taken by Mr. Pocock—the boys of the school having very improperly been allowed access to them after the library was added to the north end of the school room, in order to accommodate the increased number of his pupils.

The present master of the Grammar School, the Rev. W. M. H. Williams, A. M. (who was elected to the mastership in 1819) on his appointment to the school, found remaining, of the supposed former school library, only three old worm-eaten books, of very little value; but as about sixteen years elapsed between the death of the Rev. J. Pocock and the appointment of the Rev. W. M. H. Williams, during which period the school room was occupied by other persons, it is very possible that many of the books may have been lost or destroyed during the interval of so many years.

The annual sum paid out of the treasury is £5. 2s. 10½*d.* No payments have been made to the present master out of any of the estates, supposed to be chargeable with them.

It is hoped that this compilation will contribute to prevent similar inattention to the property and interests of the Frome Charities in future.

A Map of all the Lands belonging to the Blue School and Alms-house, in the parishes of Frome and Nunney, is now in the custody of Mr. Wickham.

Mr. John Stevens, in addition to his other gifts, gave in his life-time to the Vicar and Trustees of the Charity School the sum of four hundred pounds, four per Cent., for lighting the Church at the Evening Service. This sum is now in the three-and-half per Cents. in the names of James Anthony Wickham, George Sheppard, and James Whalley Dawe Thomas Wickham; and the annual Dividends are paid by them to the Churchwardens.

By the liberality of the Marquis of Bath, and the exertions of the Rev. Hill Wickham, the present Curate, a Building is now being erected in the Woodlands, near to the Church, for a School-Room for poor Boys and Girls; a Dwelling for the Mistress; and a Room for the officiating Clergyman. With the convenience of this building it is hoped that the School, endowed with ten pounds per annum by Henry Frederick Thynne, Esq., which sum is now become inadequate as a Master's Salary, may be re-established in a permanent and efficient manner.

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The Trustees feeling deeply anxious for the prosperity and efficiency of these excellent Establishments, wish to leave behind them some few hints, the result of much experience, for the benefit of those who may succeed them in office.

They trust that they shall not thus subject themselves to the charge of arrogance or presumption, because many of them have witnessed the origin and progress of some of the Institutions herein enumerated; have been parties to the various regulations which from time to time have been made; and, by remedying defects which experience alone could point out, have been enabled, under the Divine Blessing, to bring the various Establishments to their present state of respectability and practical efficiency.

They would therefore respectfully, but earnestly, beg all future Trustees to make the most rigid enquiry respecting the moral character and habits, and the religious opinions, of all Masters and Mistresses appointed by them; and to observe closely their conduct and deportment afterwards: they would recommend frequent visits to the Blue School, the Alms-house, the Asylum, and the Hospital.

They have found the inefficacy of mere formal recitation of the Catechism, or other elementary compendiums of Christian Doctrine, and they recommend a liberal supply of some of those excellent publications which have lately been put in the list of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge; from which the Masters and Mistresses should be requested, by means of *viva voce* explanations and questions, to ground the Children well in the principles of our Holy Religion, as maintained

and taught by the Established Church, to instruct them respecting the claims of the Church, the excellency of her Liturgy, and especially of the Morning and Evening Service in which they are required to join; Scripture reading and explanation, both to the old and the young, should also form a portion of every day's employment.

It may be thought that the propriety of these things is so obvious that they needed not to be mentioned. The fact however is, that they are seldom attended to as they ought to be; and yet, without constant attention, these Institutions cannot possibly accomplish those beneficent purposes for which they were intended.

May the Divine Blessing ever attend and prosper these excellent Establishments, so that, from generation to generation, they may promote the best interests of all connected with them; and may thus conduce to the glory of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Frome, May, 1834.

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