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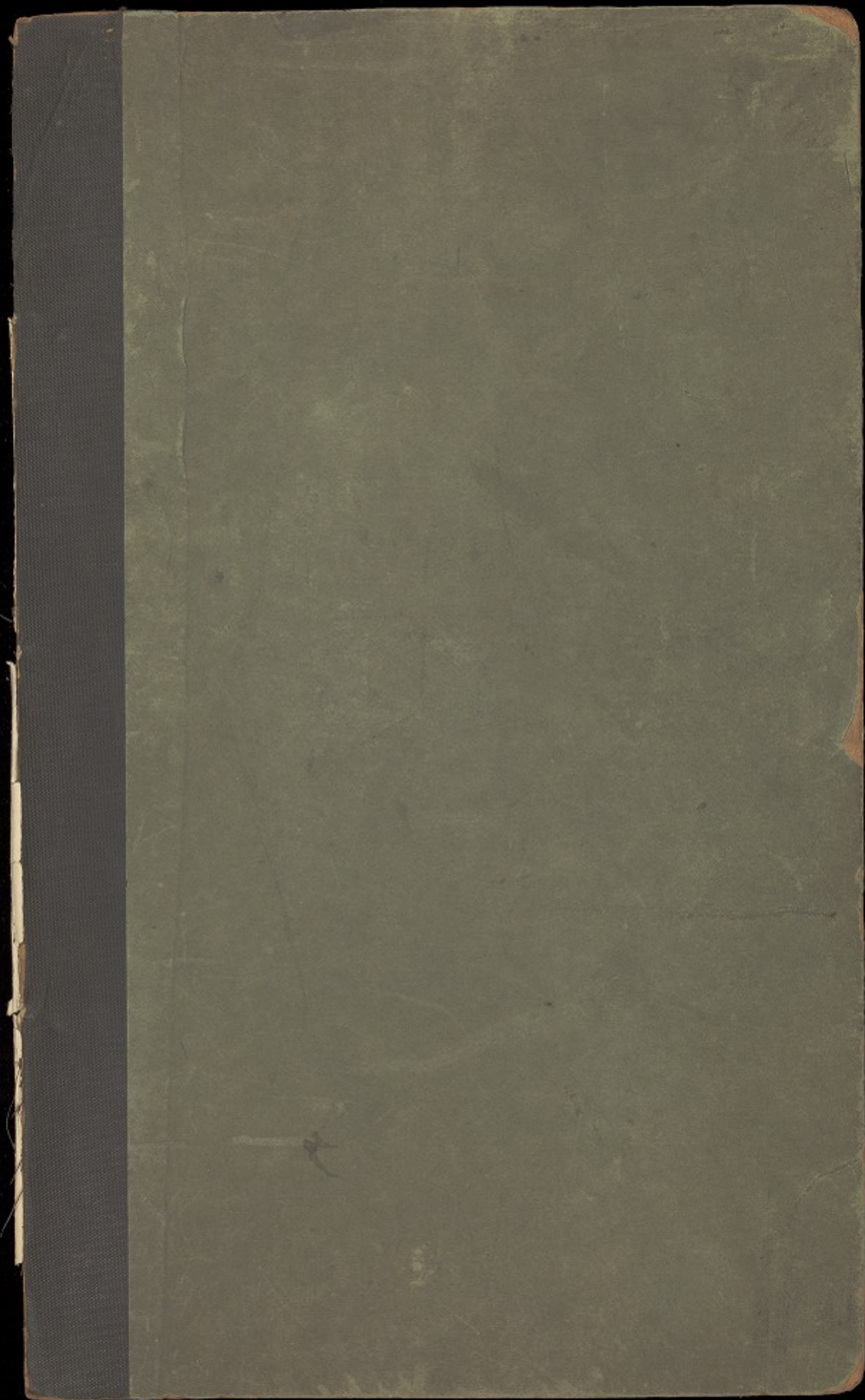
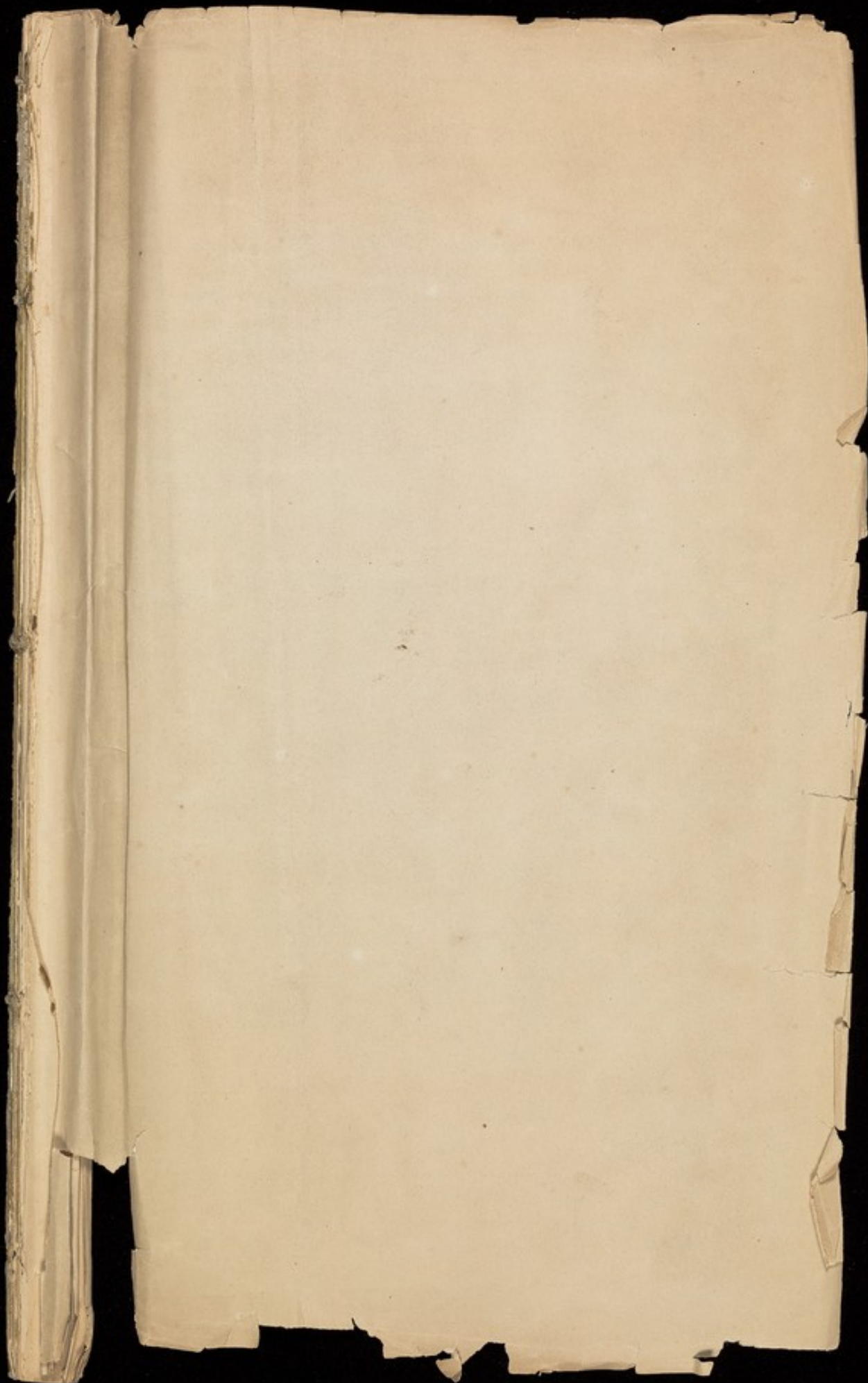


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YORK LUNATIC ASYLUM.

THE Charity which bears the name of the YORK LUNATIC ASYLUM, was established in the year 1777, by general subscription; and had for its object the decent maintenance and relief of such Insane Persons as were in low circumstances. How well it has answered the intended purpose, is sufficiently known in the extensive county in which it stands. This institution, disclaiming all locality, acts with the true spirit of benevolence, and extends its arms to receive afflicted Lunatics from every part of His Majesty's dominions. Being an establishment without a fund, the friends of the patients pay a weekly sum suitable to their abilities; by which means the indigent are relieved at the expence of the affluent. In the management of the family the strictest œconomy is observed; and the utmost attention is paid to decency and cleanliness. As nothing is demanded beyond what the patients can afford to pay, the accumulation of money is not the object in view: The unhappy patients consequently reap the full benefits arising from their own money. — At the request of several of the Governors, Dr Hunter presented, at the last Annual General Court, a plan for the future management of the Asylum. This plan, founded upon the experience of ten years, among other alterations, recommended a *salary* in the room of *fees* now given by the friends of the affluent patients to the attending physician; at the same time he recommended, that the salary should be so discreetly fixed, that the Charity should be a gainer by the alteration. But as the Governors had no *data* to reason upon, it was judged expedient to make an experiment for one year, in order to ascertain the benefit that would arise to the Charity from this alteration: It was therefore ordered, That all fees received from the friends of those patients who are in affluent circumstances should be paid, for the space of one year, into the hands of the Treasurer, to be incorporated with the general fund of the Asylum. By means of this experiment the Governors will be in possession of every thing requisite to direct their resolutions, in case they should think proper, at a future period, to adopt the proposed plan, which is calculated to unite the interest of the Physician with that of the Charity: he, consequently, will have no inducement to establish a house of private confinement, to the detriment of the Asylum. The following Orders, made at a General Court of Governors, held on the 28th day of August 1786, will convey to the Public the best idea of the present constitution of this Charity.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED, That this Charity shall receive all persons labouring under an unsound mind, whether curable or not.

ORDERED, That all the patients in the house, and such as may hereafter be received, shall be classed by the *Visitors* according to their respective circumstances:

CLASS 1. Six shillings per week.	CLASS 5. Fourteen shillings per week.
— 1. Eight shillings.	— 6. Sixteen shillings.
— 2. Ten shillings.	— 7. Eighteen shillings.
— 3. Twelve shillings.	— 8. Twenty shillings and upwards.

N. B. The above payments discharge board, lodging, tea, washing, and medicines.

ORDERED, That a separate table be kept for such patients as are rated above eight shillings per week; with the privilege of being admitted without certificates.

RESOLVED, That patients of the higher classes may be waited on by their own servants, paying six shillings per week for their board and washing.

RESOLVED, That women with child, labouring under an unsound mind, sh^d be received, upon security being given that the child shall not become burthenome to the parish in which the Asylum stands.

ORDERED, That, in cases of sudden lunacy, patients will be received into the house without previous notice, if presented before sun-set: But, in all other cases, it is expected, that notice be sent to the apothecary at the Asylum a few days before the arrival of the patient, that every thing may be properly prepared for his, or her, reception.

RESOLVED, That lunatics, coming recommended as parish poor, shall be placed in the second class, except upon extraordinary occasions; it being the intention of this institution to give the greatest relief to such persons as are in low and distressed circumstances, and who do not receive relief from their respective parishes.

RESOLVED, That it would be *convenient* to the Public, as well as *advantageous* to the Asylum, if patients in affluent circumstances were admitted.

ORDERED, That patients of the above description shall in future be admitted, on their paying a suitable pension to the Asylum; but it is understood that such patients shall pay reasonable fees to the Physician for his attendance.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED, That a donation of twenty pounds, or upwards, shall constitute a Governor, with the privilege of recommending as many patients as he may think proper.

ORDERED, That the weekly payments of the first class of patients be lowered one shilling, or more, at the discretion of the Visitors.

ORDERED, That the following be the forms of admission for all patients whose payments do not exceed eight shillings per week.

PETITION.

To the Governors of the Lunatic Asylum.

The Petition of - - on the behalf of - - of the parish of - - in the county of - -

Sheweth,

That in regard the said - - is a Lunatic, as appears by the annexed certificate, your petitioner prays that the said - - may be admitted a patient into the Asylum.

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[The Petitioner's name.]

I desire the said Lunatic may be admitted a patient into the Asylum, if a fit object.

[A Governor's name.]

CERTIFICATE OF THE MINISTER AND CHURCHWARDENS.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, the Minister and Churchwardens of the parish of - - in the county of - - do certify to the best of our knowledge and belief, that - - is now a Lunatic: That - - is aged about - - years, and became disordered in - - senses some time in the month of - - 17 : That - - legal settlement is in the parish of - -

Witness our hands the - day of - 17

Minister.

} Churchwardens.

CERTIFICATE OF A PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, OR APOTHECARY, if any has attended the PATIENT.

To the Governors of the Lunatic Asylum.

I the underwritten - - of the parish of - - in the county of - - do certify, that - - of the parish of - - in the county of - - is a Lunatic: That - present state of mind is *

Witness my hand the - day of - 17

* Here express the condition of the patient, whether furious, flighty, or melancholy.

ORDERED, That one guinea be deposited in the hands of the apothecary, upon the admission of all patients whose weekly payments do not exceed eight shillings per week, in order to defray the expences of the funeral in case of death; but to be returned on the patient's leaving the Asylum: At the same time, three weeks board must be paid in advance.

RESOLVED, That the following form be recommended for bequeathing a legacy.

I give and bequeath unto A. B. and C. D. the sum of - - upon trust, and to the intent that they do pay the same to the Treasurer, for the time being, of a society, who call themselves The Governors of the Lunatic Asylum at York; which said sum of - - I desire may be paid out of my personal estate, and be applied towards carrying on the charitable designs of the said society.

STATE OF THE ASYLUM.

ON the first day of January, 1777, the house was opened for the reception of patients, since which time, to the first day of January, 1788, 466 insane persons have been admitted.

Admitted since the beginning	466
Cured	213
Relieved	116
Incurable, and removed by desire of their friends	43
Died	34
Remain in the house, viz. 27 men and 33 women	60

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WILLIAM PRESTON, Treasurer.

A. HUNTER, Physician.

MICHAEL EASTBURN, Apothecary.

*. The Governors wish to have it understood, that this Charity is intended to lessen the number of private mad-houses, by affording a comfortable retreat to a numerous body of unhappy sufferers, at a price proportioned to their abilities; and as twenty additional rooms, with suitable offices, are ordered to be built in the Spring, donations for the purpose of defraying that expence will be received by Messrs Garforth and Co. Messrs Crompton and Co. bankers in York; and by Messrs Martin and Co. Messrs Boldero, Kendal, and Co. bankers in London.

B E N E F A C T I O N S.

HIS Grace the late Archbishop of York	£. 53 10 0	William Danby, Esq.	£. 53 10 0	Mrs. Hannah Marston	£. 10 10 0
HIS Grace the present Archbishop of York	53 10 0	John Daulry, M. D.	53 10 0	Merchants' Company in York	105 0 0
HIS Grace the Duke of Devonshire	100 0 0	Denscher (Corporation of)	50 0 0	Garnall Milner, Esq.	10 10 0
Baron of Rockingham	105 0 0	Robert Drummond, Esq.	50 0 0	Mrs. Milner	5 5 0
Marquess of Rockingham	15 10 0	Thomas Drummond, Esq.	50 0 0	S. Miles, Esq.	5 5 0
Marquess of Carmarthen	15 10 0	Charles Slingby Drummond, Esq.	50 0 0	Timothy Mortimer, Esq.	31 0 0
Countess Dowager Gower	500 0 0	Rev. Mr. Driffield	5 3 0	Rev. Mr. Mosley	10 10 0
Countess Conyngham	20 0 0			Rev. Mr. Maryatroyd	10 10 0
Baron of Carlisle	105 0 0	Sir John Eden, Bart.	16 5 0	Thomas Mayer, Esq.	10 10 0
Late Earl of Scarborough	53 10 0	Sir Henry Eberington, Bart.	50 0 0	Henry Myers, Esq.	10 10 0
Earl of Scarborough	21 0 0	Giles Earle, Esq.	53 10 0	S. Moody, Esq.	20 0 0
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Earl Fauconberg	53 10 0	Mr. George Ewbank	10 10 0		
Earl of Aylesbury	50 0 0	Mr. Mr. Eyre	20 0 0	Sir James Norcliffe, Bart.	53 10 0
Lord Viscount Iwerley	53 10 0	Mr. Erard	16 5 0	Thomas Norfick, Esq.	10 10 0
Lord Viscount Galloway	53 10 0	Mr. Michael Eastburn and Son	50 0 0	Rev. A. T. Newman	5 3 0
The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester	10 10 0				
The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Clogher	11 0 0	Sir Thomas Frankland, Bart.	53 10 0	Mr. Joshua Oldfield	10 10 0
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		Benjamin Ferrand, Esq.	21 0 0	William Paul, Esq.	10 10 0
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Sir George Armistead, Bart.	53 10 0	Messrs. W. and T. Fenton	16 5 0	John Pratt, Esq.	16 5 0
Anonymous, by Joseph Banks, Esq.	50 0 0	Mr. Folames	20 0 0	William Preston, Esq.	21 0 0
Anonymous, by the Rev. Mr. Rockett	50 0 0	Mrs. Foster	20 0 0	Mercall Proctor, Esq.	50 0 0
Anonymous, by Mr. John Dodsworth	10 0 0	Bacon Frank, Esq.	21 0 0	Robert Packer, Esq.	21 0 0
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Anonymous, by Martin & Co. Bankers in London	50 0 0	Mrs. Feder	10 10 0		
Anonymous, by the Dean of York	5 5 0			Lady Robinson	21 0 0
Anonymous, by Mr. Bishopric	5 5 0	Sir Thomas Gascoigne, Bart.	53 10 0	Hugh Robinson, Esq.	10 10 0
Anonymous, by the Rev. Mr. Rockett	5 5 0	Messrs. Garland and Braint	10 10 0	Rudolf Calverley Rudolph, Esq.	16 5 0
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Anonymous, by Mr. Gurencius	5 5 0	Post Groot, Esq.	10 10 0		
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Anonymous, by Mr. T. Taylor	10 0 0	Robert Grimshaw, Esq.	53 10 0	Sir Frank Stridgh, Bart.	21 0 0
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Anonymous, by the Rev. Mr. Beckwith	31 0 0			Sir Christopher Sykes, Bart.	53 10 0
Anonymous, by Mr. Rhodes	10 10 0			Sir John Sylvester Sygth, Bart.	21 0 0
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Mrs. Bouchier	25 0 0	John Harrison, Esq.	30 0 0	William Sotheron, Esq.	16 5 0
Henry Bailes, Esq.	6 6 0	Adam Hay, Esq.	10 10 0	Mr. Marmaduke Spendlove	5 5 0
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William Berchell, Esq.	10 10 0	Rev. Mr. Holmes	10 10 0	William Strickland, Esq.	10 10 0
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Hans Bulk, Esq.	50 0 0	Sir Ibbet	10 0 0	Thomas Thornhill, Esq.	53 10 0
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84, John Proctor, late Servant in the Army	5	0	0	86, James Woodhouse, Esq.	50	0	0	87, The Rev. Mr. Thomas Kay	100	0	0
				87, Mrs. Tabatha Boyer	100	0	0	87, William Dawson, M. D.	50	0	0

C O L L E C T I O N S.

Collected at a Sermon preached at the Church of Kirkcaldy, by the Rev. Mr. Nelson, 1775	-	75	15	6	Collected at a Sermon preached at the Church of St. Michael-le-Belfrey, by the Rev. Dr. Macklen, 1783	-	115	6	3
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Collected at a Sermon preached at the Church of St. Michael-le-Belfrey, by the Rev. Mr. Tilted, 1781	-	95	10	0	Collected at a Sermon preached at the Church of St. Michael-le-Belfrey, by the Rev. Robert Pearson, 1785	-	150	5	6
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					Collected at a Sermon preached at duno, by the Rev. Mr. Wallowghy, 1787	-	75	8	0

A REMARKABLE CASE.

YORK, March 12. 1783.

ON the 25th of October, 1778, a sea-faring person, about forty years of age, was recommended to the Lunatic Asylum for cure. About two years before that time he had sustained a considerable loss by sea, which operated so violently upon his mind as to deprive him, almost instantly, of all his reasoning faculties. In that state of insensibility he was received into the Asylum. During his abode there, he was never observed to express any desire for nourishment; and so great was his inattention to this particular, that for the first six weeks he was obliged to be fed in the manner of an infant. Food and medicines were equally indifferent to him. A servant undressed him at night, and dressed him in the morning; after which he was conducted to his seat in the common parlour, where he remained all day with his body bent and his eyes fixed upon the ground. From all the circumstances of his behaviour, he did not appear to be in possession of any ideas of reflection. Every thing was indifferent to him; and from the fairest judgment that could be formed, he was considered by all about him as an animal converted nearly into a vegetable. In this state of insensibility he remained till the morning of Tuesday the 14th of May last, (a period of five years and six months) when, upon entering the parlour, he saluted the recovering patients with a "Good morrow to you all." He then thanked the servants of the house, in the most affectionate manner, for their tenderness to him; of which, he said, he began to be

sensible some weeks before, but had not till then the resolution to express his gratitude. A few days after this unexpected return to reason, he was permitted to write a letter to his wife, in which he expressed himself with becoming propriety. At this time he seemed to have a peculiar pleasure in the enjoyment of the open air, and in his walks conversed with freedom and serenity. Talking with him on what he felt during the suspension of reason, he said that his mind was *totally* lost; but that about two months before his return to himself, he began to have thoughts and sensations. These, however, only served to convey to him fears and apprehensions, especially in the night-time.—With regard to his medical treatment, I shall only observe, that the medicines usually prescribed for melancholic persons, were, in his case, studiously avoided, and instead of evacuates, cordials and a generous diet were constantly recommended. Had the natural powers been weakened, I am confident that the mind never would have regained her empire.—During the remainder of his stay in the Asylum he continued to behave himself with steadiness and propriety. He eat and drank moderately, and upon all occasions shewed a gentle and benevolent disposition. Finding his mind sufficiently strong, he returned to his family on the 28th of May. Soon after this he was appointed to the command of a ship employed in the Baltic trade, in which service he is at this time engaged.

A. HUNTER.