

An account of the rise and progress of the Lying-in Hospital for Married Women, in Brownlow-Street, Long-Acre : from its first institution in November 1749, to December the 25th, 1757.

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N. B. Any Person having a Patient to recommend to the Hospital whose Reckoning is out, on sending a Subscription of Three Guineas, or upwards, such Patient will receive an immediate Order to be admitted into the House; and the same Regard will be paid to any Subscriber's first recommended Patient.

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The Introduction, shewing the Reasons for instituting a Lying-in Hospital for Married Women.

AMIDST the Variety of Charities, which are the Distinction and Glory of this Age and Nation, perhaps not one has been proposed to the Public more truly beneficial, or more extensive in its Benefits, than an Hospital for Lying-in Women. It would be invidious to compare this with the many noble Institutions, which in different Parts of the Town are growing Evidences of the Public Spirit and Humanity of the Times : But thus much it is natural and just to observe, that all the Arguments for establishing any Hospital, are at least as strong, when applied to this. Poverty is an Object of Pity; Sicknefs and Poverty united, seem to comprehend all the natural Evils of Life : But, as it is not the Case of every sick Person to be distressed in Circumstances, so there are not many Persons, thus distressed, whose Calamity it is to be frequently or periodically afflicted with Sicknefs ; whereas, most Women that marry bear Children, and those who work for their Subsistence, are, for a considerable Part of their Lives, annually disqualified for Labour ; at other Times their Labour is but a bare Support. During the latter Part

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of their Pregnancy, and the Time of their Lying-in, the needy Family is wholly taken up in Attendance upon them; and the Joys, natural at such a Season, are suppressed by the Wants which surround them. Or if they be destitute of this Attendance, how great is the Hazard that the helpless Mother, or the Child, or perhaps both, may, by their Deaths, become melancholy Instances of the Evils of real Poverty. If, besides, it be considered, that the Public is interested in the Life of both, as the Poor are the necessary Instruments of Ease and Happiness to the Community, this Charity will be so far from needing a Recommendation, that it is rather Matter of Surprise, a Design so full of the mutual Love enjoined by Religion, and of the Sympathy excited by Nature, has not been hitherto executed. However it takes Place at last, and must by Degrees flourish, whilst a Spirit of Charity and Benevolence prevails.—But there are some Persons whom it more particularly addresses for Encouragement: Ladies who have experienced the Pains of Child-Birth, this Hospital calls upon them to remember, their own Fears and Sufferings, their Expence in providing against all the possible Accidents of their Situation, how much they felt for themselves, how much for their Infants! what Care and Attendance they thought absolutely necessary for their own Preservation, and what Grief they underwent at the Loss, or even the Indisposition of a Child. When they recollect all this, they cannot but sympathize with

with the Poor in the same Situation, who undergo all their Fears and Sufferings, without their Comforts and Conveniences. Other Ladies who have not experienced, may yet imagine the Distresses of this Condition, and will be naturally prompted by the Tenderneſs and Compaſſion of the Sex, to contribute to its Relief. Gentlemen too, whether Fathers of Families or not, are by Motions of Humanity in general, and Affection for the Sex in particular, powerfully excited to commiſerate the Caſe of Women ſo circumſtanced.

By the Plan of this Hoſpital, every Convenience theſe diſtreſſed Objects can require, is amply provided: Commodious Apartments and Beds, good Nurſing, plain ſuitable Diet, proper Medicines, the charitable Aſſiſtance of Gentlemen of Skill and Experience in Midwifery, and on due Occaſions, the ſpiritual Comfort of a ſober and pious Divine. Theſe ſeveral Benefits they will enjoy without the leaſt Expence to themſelves, and at a Time when their Condition renders them uſeleſs, or rather a Burden to their Families at home, to which, from the Care taken of them in this Hoſpital, they will, probably, in a few Weeks, be able to return ſtrong and healthy.

The first Institution of this Hospital in 1749—its Progress—and its additional Name of British Lying-in Hospital in 1756.

THIS Charity was instituted in November 1749, by the Name of THE LYING-IN HOSPITAL FOR MARRIED WOMEN, and the first General Meeting of the Subscribers was held on the 17th of that Month ; at which Time, honoured with the Protection of his Grace the Duke of PORTLAND as President, and encouraged by the Benefactions of many worthy Subscribers ; a Plan for the Establishment and Regulation of the Charity was approved, Officers appointed, Servants retained, and the House, then already taken, ordered to be furnished, and Patients received.

THE Number of Patients recommended greatly increasing, and the House being too small to contain them, it was thought absolutely necessary to enlarge the Hospital ; and four small Houses contiguous to the Back of the Hospital, being offered and found to be convenient for the Charity, a Lease was taken of the said four Houses, at the yearly Rent of 50 *l.* and the Houses were repaired and laid together, agreeable to the Plan approved by the Committee.

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THIS Hospital retained its original Name, above-mentioned, till the Day of the Date of the following Resolution, when the Title BRITISH was added, *viz.*

General Court of the Governors of the Lying-in Hospital for Married Women in Brownlow-Street, Long-Acre, April 28, 1756.

THE COMMITTEE of the Governors of this Charity, having represented to the GENERAL COURT this Day held at the Hospital, That, when this Hospital was first established, it was the only ONE in Great Britain SOLELY employed for the Reception of LYING-IN WOMEN, and that it was then thought sufficient to call it by the Name of, THE LYING-IN HOSPITAL FOR MARRIED WOMEN.—But, other Hospitals, of the Kind, having been since instituted, a Title of fuller Distinction becomes, in their Opinion, necessary, on several Accounts, and particularly, that Legacies may be the better ascertained: And, the Committee apprehending that the following Title, which might with great Propriety have been taken on the first Establishment of the Charity, may be as justly assumed in its present flourishing State, beg Leave to recommend to this GENERAL COURT, That, this Hospital be, for the future, called and distinguished by the Name of, THE BRITISH LYING-IN HOSPITAL FOR MARRIED WOMEN.

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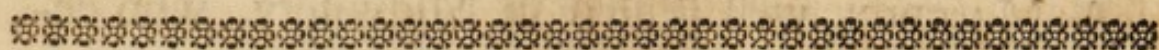
THIS GENERAL COURT, having duly considered the said Representation, have unanimously resolved,

THAT from this Time, the TITLE and DISTINCTION of this Hospital be, THE BRITISH LYING-IN HOSPITAL FOR MARRIED WOMEN: And that the said Resolution of this GENERAL COURT, with the Preamble, be forthwith advertised in the public Papers.

By Order of the Court,

THOMAS YEWD, Secretary.

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The General Plan of the Hospital.

A PRESIDENT, perpetual.

FOUR VICE-PRESIDENTS, chosen annually.

A TREASURER, chosen annually.

TWO PHYSICIANS and two SURGEONS, practising Midwifery, who visit occasionally, and deliver the Women in difficult Cases.

A CHAPLAIN, who performs divine Service in the Hospital, baptizes the Children, Churches the Women, and does the necessary Duties belonging to his Function.

AN APOTHECARY, who prepares such Medicines as are prescribed, for the Women or Children.

A SECRETARY, who keeps the Accounts of the Hospital, attends at General Meetings and Weekly Boards, and does all such other Business as is commonly done by Secretaries, Clerks or Registers, at other Hospitals.

A MATRON well skilled in Midwifery, who delivers the Women in easy, natural Labours, takes care of the Linnen, superintends the Nurfses, and fees that every Thing, necessary for the Women and Children, be provided, according to the Direction of the Phyficians and Surgeons. She also takes care of the Provision and Furniture.—She has under her an ASSISTANT-MATRON.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Governors of this Charity is held every Quarter, and the sole Power of making Laws and Rules for the Government of the Hospital, is lodged in the said General Court.

A COMMITTEE of fifteen Governors are chosen at each Quarterly General Court, the Treasurer for the Time being, always to be one, any Number of which may transact Business. They meet at the Hospital every Friday in the Forenoon to receive the Women recommended, and to direct the ordinary Affairs of the House. Temporary Orders for the Service of the Hospital may be made by this Committee. But a Report of these, and all their other Proceedings, to be made to the Quarterly General Court. Any Governor of the Charity may be present at this Weekly Committee, but none have a Right of voting there, except those who are Members

bers of the Committee, and the PRESIDENT, or VICE-PRESIDENTS, if present. The same Rule to extend to all other Committees.

A SPECIAL GENERAL COURT may, on a Fortnight's Notice, be called at any Time between the Quarterly Courts, either by Order of a General Court, or of the Weekly Committee, or at the Demand of the Treasurer, or of any five of the Governors, the said Demand being delivered in Writing at the Weekly Board, and signed with their respective Names. The Business of such special General Court to be expressed in the said Writing and in the Summons to the Governors.

ALL OFFICERS and SERVANTS of the Hospital, above the Rank of Assistant-Matron, Messenger or Nurses, to be elected by Ballot, at a General Court of the Governors: And, on any Vacancy, the Day of Election for filling it up to be appointed, at least one Month, and not more than Three Months, from the Day such Vacancy happens, unless directed otherwise by express Order of a General Court: But the inferior Servants to be appointed by the Weekly Committee.

THE QUALIFICATION of an ANNUAL GOVERNOR of this Charity is a Subscription of THREE GUINEAS or upwards per Annum, and of a PERPETUAL GOVERNOR,

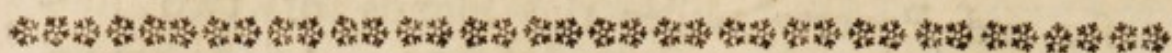
VERNOR, a Payment at once of THIRTY GUINEAS, which intitles the Subscriber to recommend, and have in the House, one Woman at a Time. A Subscription of SIX GUINEAS per Annum, or a Payment at once of SIXTY, intitles the Subscriber to have in the House two Women at a Time, and so in Proportion for larger Sums.—LADIES subscribing the like Sums have the Privilege of recommending Women in the same Manner as Governors; and by an Order of the Quarterly General Court of the 6th of July, 1750, they have a Right of voting in all Elections at General Courts, for Officers and Servants, by Proxy, provided that such Proxy be a Governor of this Charity; or they may send a Letter to the Board without a Proxy, naming the Person they vote for, which will be regarded as their Vote. No Governor to be Proxy for more than one Lady at a Time.—Benefactions and Subscriptions of smaller Sums, than those above-mentioned, will be thankfully received, and properly applied to the Use of the Charity.

WOMEN are received into this Hospital, on producing a Letter of Recommendation from a Governor, and making an Affidavit of their Marriage and their Husband's Settlement; and where the Husband cohabits with the Wife, it is required that he join in such Affidavit, unless prevented by Sicknefs or some other reasonable Impediment; and it is also required
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that the Women produce a Testimonial of their Honesty and Poverty under the Hands of two substantial Housekeepers in the Neighbourhood, where they lodge or reside, in Case the Weekly Board shall, on Examination, doubt of their being Objects of the Charity. During their Continuance in the Hospital, all Necessaries are provided for them and their Children, at the sole Charge of the Hospital. No Money or other Gratuity is to be taken of them by the Nurses, or by any of the Officers or Servants of the House, on any Pretence whatsoever.

FRIDAY being the Day appointed for the Admission of Women, they are required to be at the Hospital by ten of the Clock in the Forenoon; no Letters of Recommendation being received after that Hour, it being necessary for the Dispatch of the Business of the Hospital, that such Letters should be examined and entered by the Secretary, before the Weekly Board sits, who enter upon Business at Eleven.

N. B. Printed Forms of the Recommendatory Letter are to be had at the Hospital, and Affidavits are prepared at the Hospital by the Secretary, *Gratis*.



Female Pupils, the Qualifications necessary to their Admittance, and the Methods of instructing them in Midwifery.

THAT this Charity might be rendered more extensively useful to the Public, and that not only this great Metropolis, but the remotest Parts of the Kingdom, might be supplied with well-instructed and experienced Midwives, on the 25th of *June*, 1752, it was proposed, that Female Pupils should be permitted to attend Labours, under the immediate Inspection of the Matron, and the occasional Directions of the Gentlemen of the Faculty, who have undertaken to instruct them in all Matters relating to the Business of Midwifery. Which Proposal being maturely considered, and the Committee having formed a Plan for regulating such Pupils, the same was presented to the Quarterly General Court, held the 20th of October 1752, and was then approved, and which is in Substance as follows, *viz.*

“ THAT four Female Pupils at a Time be permitted to attend this Hospital, in order to their being instructed in Midwifery, and that they have a Right to stay in the Hospital six Months.

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“ THAT such Pupils be Widows, or married
“ Women, not less than 25 Years of Age, of sober
“ Character, and to be approved of by the Com-
“ mittee.

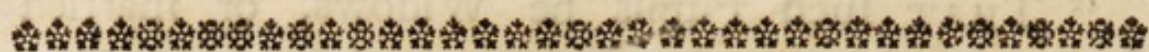
“ THAT they board in the Hospital, and dine at
“ the Steward and Matron's Table.

“ THAT the Gentlemen of the Faculty attending
“ the Hospital, do at stated Times give them Lec-
“ tures in Midwifery, and instruct them how to act
“ in all natural and difficult Births.

“ AND when they are thoroughly instructed and
“ sufficiently experienced, they are to receive from
“ the said Gentlemen, on their leaving the Hospital,
“ Certificates of their Qualifications.”

THE Expences of their Instruction and of their
Board in the Hospital have been settled by the said
General Court, the Particulars of which, any Persons,
desirous of becoming Pupils, may be informed of, by
applying to the Matron of the Hospital.

N. B. No Pupils of the Male Sex are permitted to
attend this Hospital.



The Method of admitting Patients by Ballot, when more are recommended by the Governors than there are Vacancies for.

THE Annual Subscriptions and Benefactions to this Charity being insufficient to support a general Admission of all Patients recommended by the Governors, the weekly Committee were under a Difficulty in what Manner to execute the Trust reposed in them, with regard to the Admission of Patients, so as not to disoblige Governors by postponing their Recommendations, or to afford Suspicion of undue Preference. And it being found on a Calculation, that the present Fund, consistent with other necessary general Expences, could not relieve more than twenty Patients in a Month; the Committee on the 4th of *January* 1754 came to a Resolution, which had the Approbation and Sanction of a General Court, held on the 16th of *January* following, THAT there should be no more than forty Patients in the House, and on the List for Admission, at the same Time; and that as Patients were discharged from the Hospital, the Vacancies should be supplied in the following Manner by other Patients recommended, that every Governor might have an equal Chance for the Admission of his or her Patient.

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First, the respective Time of each Patient's Reckoning is taken by some of the Gentlemen of the Faculty, or by the Matron, and subscribed at the Bottom of their respective Letters of Recommendation, *viz.* Those who reckon between the 1st and 10th Days of the Month, inclusive, are set down as reckoning the Beginning of the Month; those between the 11th and 20th inclusive, as reckoning the Middle of the Month; and those between the 21st and last Day of the Month inclusive, as reckoning the End of the Month.

Secondly, The Secretary accordingly prepares a Monthly List in three Classes, *viz.*

The Beginning.		Middle.		End.	
A.	B.	I.	K.	R.	S.
C.	D.	L.	M.	T.	V.
E.	F.	N.	O.	W.	X.
G.	H.	P.	Q.	Y.	Z.

Thirdly, On each Board-Day the Number of Vacancies are declared, which are filled up by Patients standing in the first Class. If more Patients stand in the first Class than there are Vacancies for, the whole Number of Patients in that Class ballot for the Preference, by drawing black and white Balls; for which Purpose as many white Balls are put into a Bag as there are Vacancies; and as many black Balls as, with
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the white Balls, make up the Number of Patients balloting.—Those drawing the white Balls receive immediate Orders for Admiffion.—Those drawing the black Balls are taken in the next fucceeding Board-Day, without balloting, if there are fufficient Vacancies. If not, they again ballot among themfelves for the Preference, without being joined with any new recommended Patient: And fuch of them as then draw black Balls, are in the fame Manner referred to the next fucceeding Board-Day; when, if not delivered at home before, they are expected to attend, or they will of courfe lofe their Turn of Admiffion.

By this Method, there can be no Favour or Partiality fhewn to the Recommendation of any Governor; for each Patient, with the Restrictions above-mentioned, ballots agreeable to her Time of Reckoning, and has an equal Chance of Admiffion with the Patients who reckon at the fame Time, whether ſhe has or has not attended former Board Days.

A METHOD has been ufed by ſome Governors, to give Letters of Recommendation to Patients, two Months, or more, before the Time of their Reckoning, which has not only created great Trouble and Loſs of Time to the Patients, but diſobliged ſuch Governors, when their Recommendations have been poſtponed. To remedy which, the Governors for the future are deſired not to recommend any Patient
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till she shall be in the last Month of her Pregnancy. And to prevent, as much as possible, such Patients from imposing on the Governor by giving a false Reckoning, the Governor is desired to inform her that she will be questioned by the Gentlemen of the Faculty, or Matron, as abovementioned; and that if any designed Imposition should be discovered, her Recommendation will be forfeited.

IF any Governor shall think of any Method of improving the present Plan of admitting Patients, the Committee would take it as a Favour, if they would transmit to them their Thoughts in Writing on the Subject, as their whole Views are to promote and regulate, in the best Manner they are able, this most useful and excellent Charity.

N. B. As the Annual Subscriptions and Benefactions increase, the Number of Patients in the House and on the List will be augmented.

✎ It will be esteemed a great Benefit to the Charity, if Ladies would be pleased occasionally to visit the Hospital, to inspect the Management of the Women and Children. And in case they shall please to signify their Observations by Letter to the Weekly Board, they will be duly regarded.

*An Account of the Women who have been delivered in the
Hospital from the 25th of December 1756 to the
25th of December 1757.*

Delivered and discharged	—	—	—	—	470
Died in the Hospital after Delivery	—	—	—	—	7
					477

Of this Number 99 were the Wives of Soldiers and Sailors, the Rest the Wives of reduced Tradesmen, poor Mechanics, Labourers, &c. &c.

☞ There are at present in the Hospital thirty one Patients, of whom twenty nine are delivered.

A General Account of the Women who have been delivered in this Hospital, from its first Institution in November 1749, to the 25th of December 1757.

Delivered and discharged	—	—	—	2722
Died in the Hospital after Delivery	—	—	—	62
				2784

Of the 62 Women who have died in the Hospital, most of them came in, not only under Circumstances of Distress and Poverty, in common with the Rest of the Patients, but also afflicted with dangerous Disorders, exclusive of their State of Pregnancy.

☞ The Children born in the Hospital (twenty six Women having had Twins) are in Number 2810, of which 99 were still born.

*An Account of the RECEIPTS of this Hospital, from the
25th of December 1756 to the 25th of December
1757.*

R E C E I P T S.

		£	s.	d.
1756.	Ballance in the Treasurer's Hand at <i>Christmas</i> 1756	114	9	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Dec. 30,	Of a Lady unknown, a Benefaction — —	1	1	0
1757.				
Feb. 18.	Of Mrs. Wright, Ditto	1	1	0
	Of Mrs. Child, Ditto	1	1	0
March 12,	Of the Game Affociation by the Hands of Sir Jos. Hankey, Ditto —	2	10	0
April 3,	Of Lady Betty Germain, D ^o .	10	10	0
11,	Of a Person unknown by the Hands of John Jackson, Esq; Ditto	21	0	0
26,	Of Charles Savage, Esq; to be a perpetual Go- vernor — — —	63	0	0
	Of Miss Anne Brooke for D ^o .	31	10	0
		246	2	11 $\frac{3}{4}$

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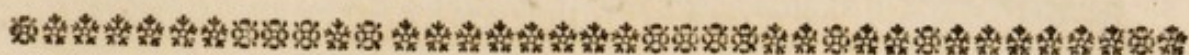
1757.		£.	s.	d.
	Brought over — —	246	2	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
May 22,	Of Mrs. Reynardson an Addition to her annual Subscription to make her a perpetual Gover- nor — — —	28	7	0
	Of a Person unknown, by the Hands of Mrs. Oakes	5	5	0
July 13,	Of a Lady unknown by the Hands of John Benet, Esq; a Benefac- tion — — —	5	5	0
Aug. 25,	Of Francis Geary, Esq; a Legacy left by the Will of Leonard Bartho- lomew, Esq; —	100	0	0
Sept. 16,	Of a Person unknown, a Benefaction —	2	2	0
Nov. 25,	George Wroughton, Esq; D ^o .	20	0	0
Dec. 17,	Of the Rev. Mr. S. White, Rector of Holton in Suffolk — —	10	6	
25,	Of a Person unknown by the Hands of John Jackson, Esq;	105	0	0
		512	12	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
		By		

RECEIPTS CONTINUED.

1757.	£.	s.	d.
Brought over	512	12	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
By the Charity Box	13	18	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	526	11	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
By Annual Subscriptions	676	4	0
	1202	15	1 $\frac{1}{4}$

Benefactions paid into the Hands of Sir Joseph Hankey and Partners, to qualify the respective Benefactors perpetual Governors of this Charity.

1757.	£.	s.	d.
7, By Joseph Martin, Esq;	31	10	0
Oct. 25. By Mr. Daniel Pilon	31	10	0
28, By Edward Lewis, Esq;	31	10	0
Dec. 23, By Samuel Lloyd, Esq;	31	10	0
	126	0	0
Total	1328	15	1 $\frac{1}{4}$



*An Account of the PAYMENTS of this Hospital, from
the 25th of December 1756 to the 25th of December
1757.*

P A Y M E N T S.

	£	s.	d.
For Rent and Taxes — — — —	108	1	1
For Salaries, Wages, and Gratuities to Of- ficers and Servants, &c. — — — —	193	3	8
For Housekeeping, including Baker, Brewer, Butcher, Cheesemonger, Coal-Merchant, Grocer, Soap-boiler, Tallowchandler, &c. }	667	2	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
For Household Furniture, Linnen, &c. — — — —	107	9	4
For Stationary Wares and Printing — — — —	36	9	4
For Medicines — — — — — — — —	28	12	0
For Burials — — — — — — — —	6	14	0
For Repairs and Alterations — — — —	42	8	11
	1190	1	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Balance in the Treasurer's Hands — — — —	12	13	10
	1202	15	1 $\frac{1}{4}$

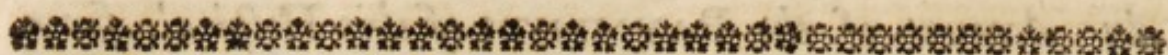
1757.

Nov. 11, Paid by Sir Joseph Hankey
for 100*l.* 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. consolidated
Bank Annuities now remaining
with Sir Joseph Hankey, and stand-
ing in his Name and in the Name
of Mr. John Arthur the Treasurer,
in Trust for this Charity, in pur-
suance of an Order made the 4th of
November 1757 for that Purpose,
and that all Sums thereafter recei-
ved for perpetual Governorships
should be vested in 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
consolidated Bank Annuities. } 90 2 6

Paid for Letter of Attorney to ac-
cept the same and receive the Di-
vidends — — — — — — — — } 0 4 0

Ballance in the Hands of Sir Joseph
Hankey and Partners — — — — } 35 13 6

	126	0	0
	1328	15	1 $\frac{1}{4}$



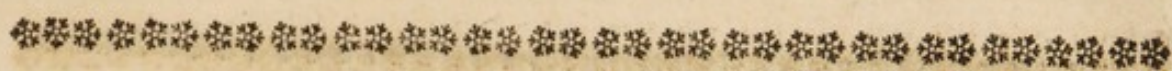
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R E C E I P T S.

	£	s.	d.
From the first Institution to the 25th of December 1756 — —	7433	16	10

From the 25th of December 1756 to the 25th of December 1757	1214	5	1½
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Total	8648	1	11½
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*A General Abstract of the PAYMENTS of this Hospital
from its First Institution in November 1749, to the
25th of December 1757.*

P A Y M E N T S.

	£	s.	d.
From the first Institution to the 25th of March 1756 — — —	7319	6	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
From the 25th of December 1756 to the 25th of December 1757 —	1190	1	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Balance in the Treasurer's Hands —	8509	8	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	12	13	10
With Sir Jos. Hankey and Partners, as paid for Bank Annuities and Let- ter of Attorney —	90	6	6
By Cash — — —	35	13	6
	126	0	0
Total	8648	1	11 $\frac{1}{2}$

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For Ascertaining and Dispatching the Business of the Weekly Committee, and for Preserving an Uniformity in their Proceedings.

By an Order of the Committee of *July 23, 1756.*

I. **T**HAT no new Letters of Recommendation shall be received at the Board after Eleven o'Clock; but the Persons presenting such Letters after that Hour, shall be forthwith dismissed, and ordered to attend the next Board Day.

II. That, at Eleven o'Clock, the Secretary do examine the new Letters which have been presented, and likewise whether the Governors, who have signed them, have then any Patient, either in the House, or on the General or Reckoning Lists, and whether they have paid in their respective Subscriptions, in advance, within three Months after the same became due; and if he shall find any such recommending Governors to have a Patient in the House, or standing on the Lists, or to be three Months in Arrear in the Payment of their Subscription, he is then to send away the new recommended Patient with a Letter to such Governors, to inform them, that she cannot
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be received till the former Patient is discharged, or the said Subscription paid in.

III. That the Secretary do mark, on the Side of the accepted Recommendatory Letters, the Date of the Day when the same were presented; and that they be then delivered to the Gentlemen of the Faculty attending the Hospital, who are to take, and subscribe at the Bottom of the Letter, the Time of the respective Patient's Reckoning. And in Case of their Absence the Matron is to do the same. When the Reckonings are taken, the Secretary is to enter in the Book the Names of the Patients recommended, and by whom, in Classes, according to their respective Times of Reckoning, and the printed Rules of the Hospital.

IV. That, at Twelve o'Clock, the Chairman of the Committee, or in his Absence, some other Member, do take the Chair, and proceed to Business—and first, the Minutes of the last weekly Board are to be read.

V. That the Patients, who are to return Thanks, be then called down, and introduced one by one for that Purpose, and questioned by the Chairman, How they have been used in the House?—Whether they have any Complaints to make against any of the Officers, Nurses or Servants?—or whether any Money

or other Things have been taken of, or demanded from them? If any Complaint is made, the Matter thereof is to be enquired into by the Committee before the Patient goes out of the Room.—If not, a Letter for the Governor, who recommended her, is to be given to the Patient, which she is to be directed to carry immediately after her Discharge, to acquaint such Governor thereof; a Paper is also to be given her, to be delivered up to the Desk, the first Time she goes to Church, to return God Thanks for her safe Delivery.

VI. When these Patients have returned Thanks, the Secretary is to sort the new Recommendatory Letters into their proper Classes, according to the printed Method of admitting Patients, and is to report to the Board the Number of Vacancies in the Hospital.

VII. That the Number of Vacancies be filled up by Patients standing in the first Class, as specified in our printed Book; and, if there are more Patients stand in that Class than there are Vacancies for, the whole Number of Patients, in that Class, are to ballot for the Preference of Admission, agreeably to the printed Method of Balloting. Those drawing the white Balls are to have immediate Orders of Admission; and the Letters of those, who draw black Balls, are to be marked with a (B); and the Secretary

tary is to underwrite a conditional Order for such Patients to be received, if taken in Labour before the next Board Day; at which Time, if not delivered at home before, they are to be order'd to attend, or they will lose their Turn of Admission. Those Patients, who have once ballotted, are to be taken in the next Board Day, if they attend, and there are sufficient Vacancies for them.—If not, they again ballot among themselves for the Preference, without being joined with any new recommended Patient. And, a Patient who has once balloted, and drawn a black Ball, shall always have the Preference of Admission, before any new recommended Patient, whenever she comes to the Board to claim that Favour.

VIII. No conditional Orders of Admission shall be given to any Patient whatsoever, but to such as have ballotted; and the rest of the Patients, who cannot be admitted for want of Vacancies, shall be immediately sent away, with Directions to attend the next Board Day.—And those Patients, who are to receive absolute or conditional Orders, are to stay to make their Affidavits of their Marriage and of the Husband's Settlement, which are to be filled up by the Secretary *gratis*.

IX. When the Business of Admission, Ballotting, and Discharging the Patients is over, the Committee may consider any general Business relating to the Charity.

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X. Two Gentlemen of the Committee are to visit the Wards, and, first directing the Nurses to withdraw, they are to enquire of the Patients whether they have any Complaints to make, either against the Officers, Nurses, or Servants; or concerning the Quantity or Quality of the Provisions, or any other Matter; and they are to report the Result of their Enquiry to the Board. And if there is any Complaint, the Committee are forthwith to examine into it, and make such Order therein, as they shall think fit.

XI. Before the Board breaks up, the Steward and Matron are to be called in, and asked whether any thing is wanting for the Service of the House or Patients, and whether they have any Complaints against the Nurses or other Servants; and the Committee are to take Cognizance of such Complaints, and make necessary Orders therein. And, if any Patient has been in the House above a Fortnight, and not delivered, the Matron is to report the same, and the Committee are to discharge or continue such Patient, as they shall judge proper.

XII. The Business of the Committee being over, the Chairman is to adjourn the Board.

* * In this Order, and by these Rules, the Business of the Weekly Board shall be carried on.—But
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any Person having a Patient to recommend to the Hospital, whose Reckoning is out, on sending a Subscription of Three Guineas or upwards, such Patient will receive an immediate Order to be admitted into the House; and the same Regard will be paid to any Subscribers first recommended Patient, notwithstanding the Rules abovementioned.

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