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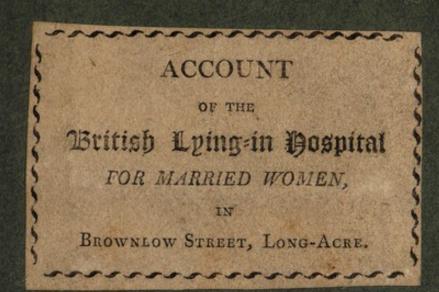
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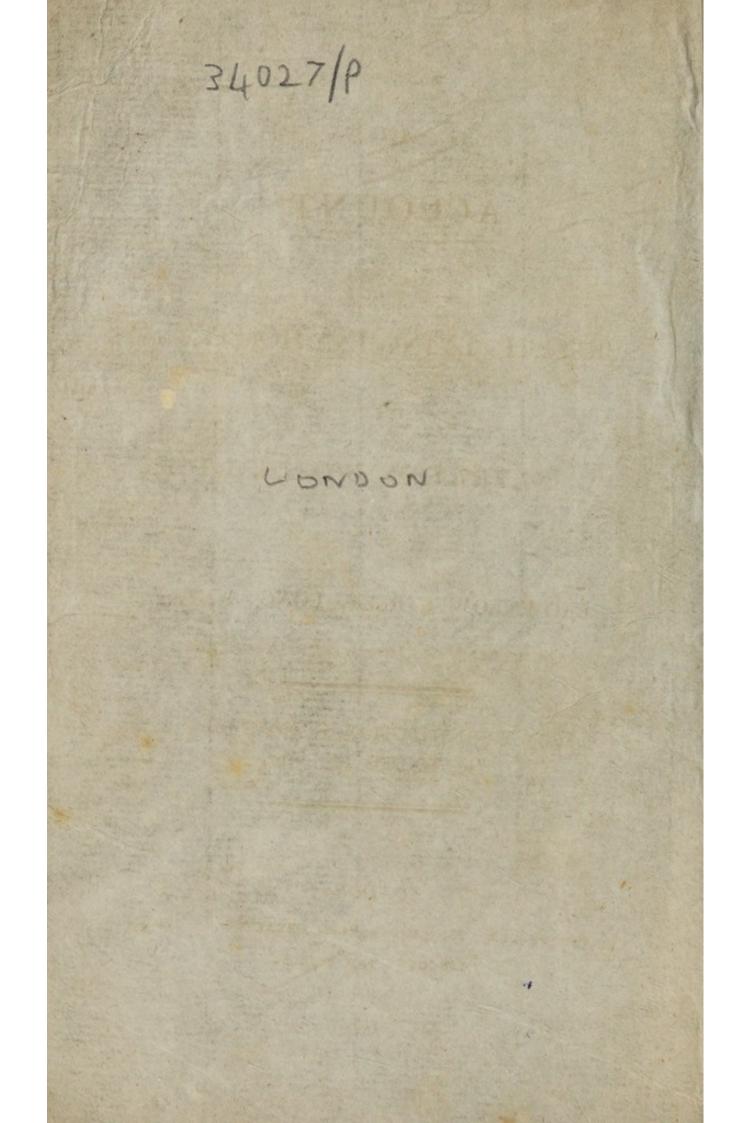
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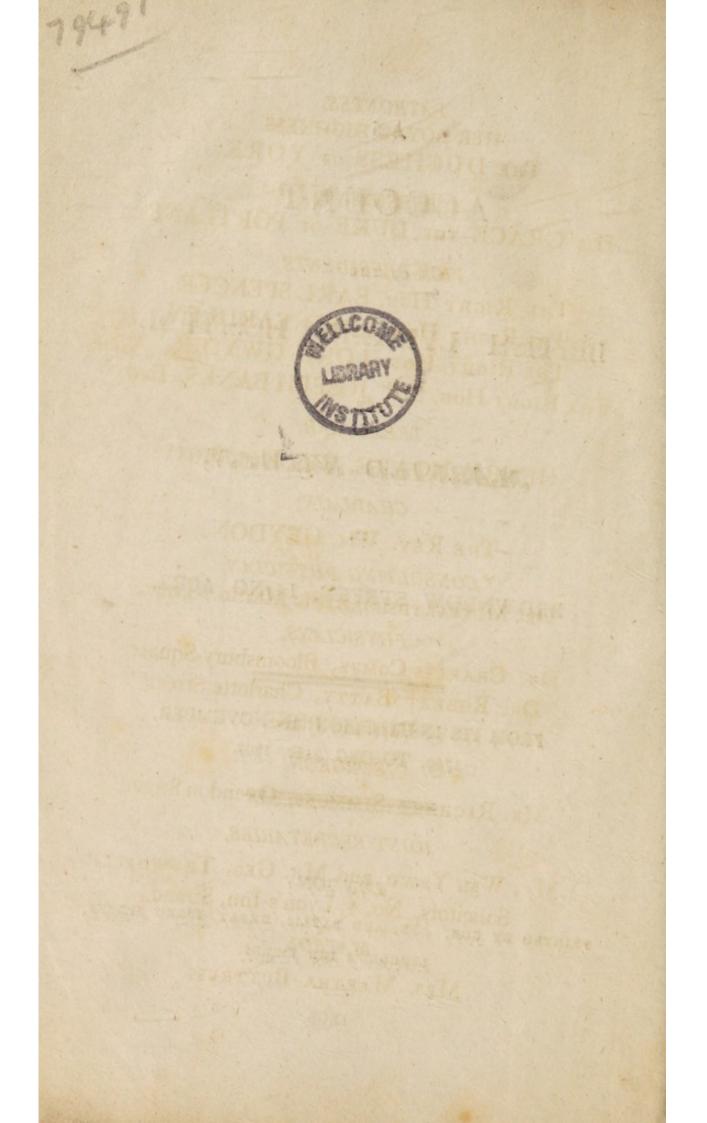
BROWNLOW STREET, LONG ACRE.

FROM ITS INSTITUTION, IN NOVEMBER, 1749, TO DEC. 31st, 1807.

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THIS Charity was instituted in November, 1749, under the name of *The Lying-in Hospital for Married Women*; and the first General Meeting of the Subscribers was, under the patronage of the late DUKE OF PORTLAND, held on the 17th of that month.

In April, 1756, by a Resolution of a General Court, it obtained the name of The British Lying in Hospital for Married Women.

When we consider that the Public is interested in the lives of both mother and child, as the poor are the indispensable instruments of ease and happiness to the rich ; and reflect upon the satisfaction that must arise in the breast of every individual subscriber, from the consciousness of having contributed to the comforts of a fellow creature, this charity cannot stand in need of any farther recommendation ; but if to this we also add, that by such institutions the Gentlemen of the Faculty are enabled, from the number of patients under their care, in almost all possible cases, to derive considerable improvements to their profession, it must be allowed that the affluent receive their full share in the benefits arising to society from such establishments. This is a circumstance of so much importance to the community at large, that the following Table is subjoined, which not only shews the great accuracy with which the concerns of this charity are managed, but exhibits, at one view, every thing that either the politician, the physician, or the humane Christian can desire in such an institution.

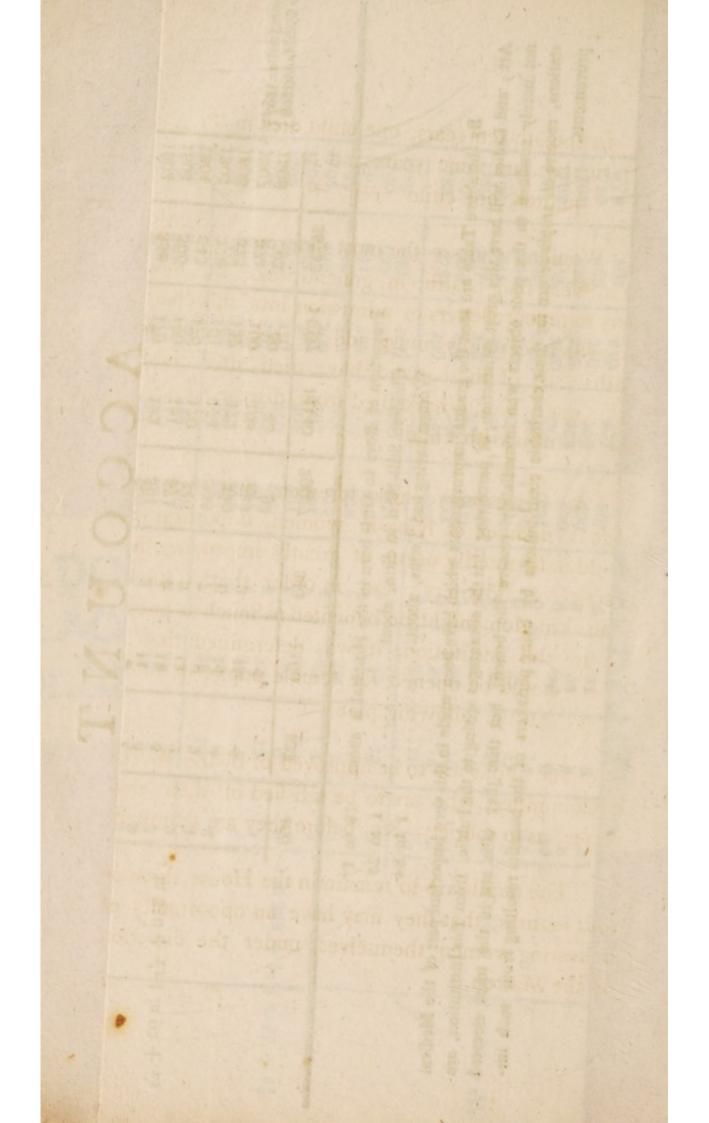
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Women who are the most deformed, or who are in very bad health, in general take the most pains to procure letters of admission into this charity, which certainly must add to the number of deaths; as of those, who have died after childbirth, many would have died from disease, if they had not been with child.

As it was very early forescen, that, from so large a number of lying-in women, opportunities would undoubtedly occur of greatly improving the practice of midwifery; and, in order that all parts of the kingdom might be benefited as much as possible by this institution, it was determined that a school should be opened for female pupils in midwifery, on the following plan :

The pupils are to be approved of by the Weekly Committee, who are to be satisfied of their character, as to sobriety, &c. before they are admitted.

The pupils are to remain in the House three or four months, that they may have an opportunity of delivering women themselves, under the direction of the Matron. Lectures are to be delivered to them by the gentlemen of the faculty; and, in order completely to illustrate the subjects of which the lectures treat, a large apparatus of preparations is provided.

When the pupils are properly qualified, they receive a certificate of their qualification and behaviour, signed by the physicians and surgeon.

At a General Court, held at the Hospital at the commencement of the present war, it was resolved, that, as an encouragement to soldiers and sailors, the wives of all such as were abroad, in the service of their country, should be admitted.

From the considerable increase in the price of all the articles of housekeeping, and in every thing used in the Hospital, and from the general good character acquired by this Hospital, more women applied weekly than could with propriety be received : the Governors, therefore, by their late regulations, abolished the mode of admitting women by ballot, and in lieu thereof allowed every Governor for Life, subscribing forty guineas, or Annual Subscriber of five guineas, a right of presentation of two women in the year.

During the continuance of the women in this Hospital, they are provided with good, wholesome, and sufficient provisions, besides proper medicines, and every care and attention necessary and proper both for themselves and children; also washing, and the use of proper clothes and linen for both.

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After delivery the women are churched, and the children are baptized by the Chaplain, and duly registered.

Ladies, whether Governesses or not, are earnestly invited to visit the Hospital, to inspect the management of the women and children, the quality of the provisions, and the general economy of the House.

Board of Pupills, & or

Account of Receipts and Payments from the 31st December, 1806,

The Treasurer, Dr.	£.	s.	d.
Balance due to the Hospital at Christmas 1806			
To Amount of Annual Subscriptions col-}	913	10	0
lected in the four Quarters	46	4	0
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of the British Lying in Hospital, to the 31st December, 1807.

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By Rent and Taxes	92	9	5
Repairs	47	2	71
Household Furniture, Linen, &c	30	6	9
Housekeeping, including Tradesmen's Bills .	694	5	71
Salaries to Officers, and Wages to Nurses and Servants	145	6	9
and Servants	110	Ĩ	-
Gratuities to Chaplain, Officers, Servants,	87	13	71
&c		10	17
Medicines, &c	13	0	3
Stationary and Printing	15	4	6
Burials	1	18	8
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to the 21st December, 1807.

Such LADIES and GENTLEMEN, who are inclined to be BENEFACTORS by their LAST WILL, are earnestly entreated to adopt the following FORM and DESCRIPTION, there being several other CHARITIES of the same Kind :

ITEM, I give and bequeath unto A.B. and C. D. (my Executors) the sum of upon trust, and to the intent that they, or one of them, do pay the same out of my personal estate, to the Treasurer or Treasurers for the time being, of a Society who now call themselves the Governors of the British Lying-in Hospital for Married Women, in Brownlow-street, Long Acre, London ; which said sum of I desire may be applied towards carrying on the charitable designs of the said Society.

N. B. Bequests of land, money, or stocks with directions to be laid out in the purchase of land, are made void by the Mortmain Act, 9 Geo. II. c. 36.

Legacies bequeathed to this Charity not yet and of CATI solar received, viz.

S1st of December, 1807.

d.

£. S. By Mrs. Ann Hunter at the Death of Mary 200 0 0 Baker By Wm. Wright Esquire, one fifth of the. whole of his £5,750, 4 per Cent Bank, and £2,100, 3 per Cent South Sea Annuities, payable at the Death of Mrs. Ann Wright, which hath lately happened.

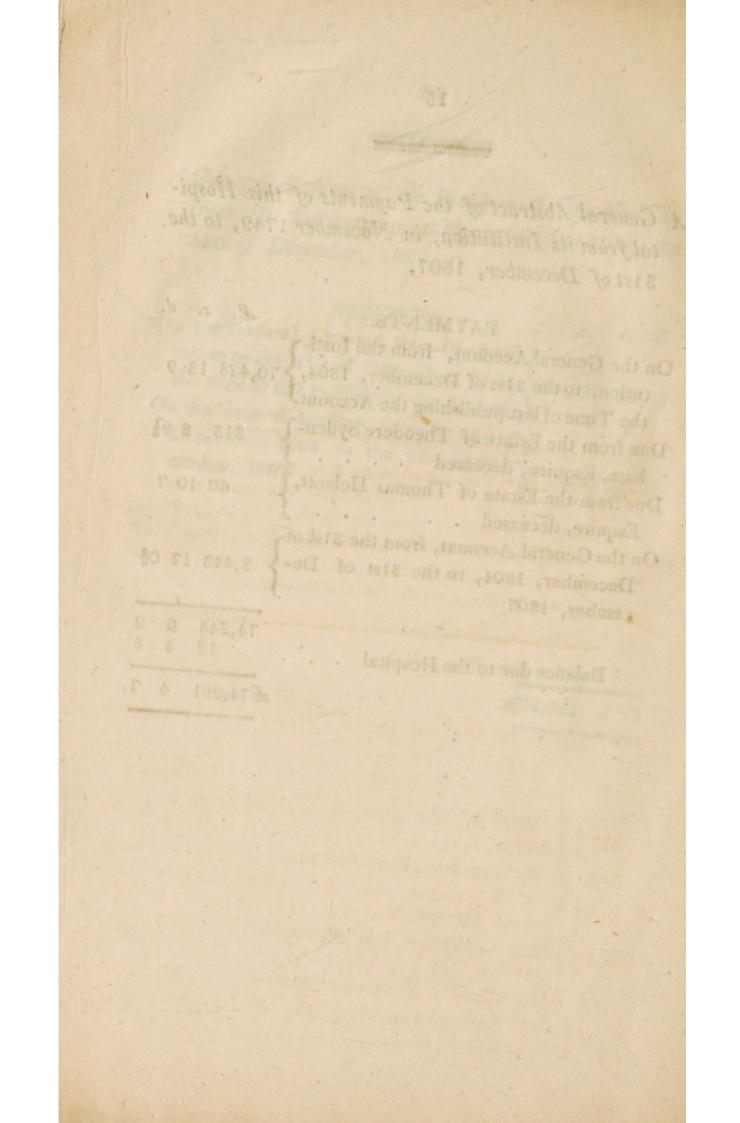
A General Abstract of the Receipts of this Hospital from its Institution, in November 1749, to the 31st of December, 1807.

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A General Abstract of the Payments of this Hospital from its Institution, in November 1749, to the 31st of December, 1807,

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On the General Account, from the Insti-			
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Balance due to the Hospital	13	4	5
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