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AND THE

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OF THE

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MATTHEW Chap. vi. Part of the 19th and  
20th Verses.

*Lay not up for yourselves Treasures upon Earth---  
But lay up for yourselves Treasures in Heaven.*

**T**HERE is hardly a Doctrine in Religion that is more unfuitable to the general Taste and Inclination of the World, than this of our Saviour, which I have read to you. Practice and Prejudice bear so strong against it, and the Treasures of the Earth have such a prodigious Interest in the Hearts and Affections of Men, that were it not for the Authority and Wisdom of its Author (who never spake any thing in vain), one might be discouraged from attempting to explain and enforce a Precept, where there is so little Hopes of being heard with any Attention or Regard---or, if perhaps Custom and Curiosity will afford us an Hearing, yet, when that is over, so is all good Effect of it, and Men settle again into the same wrong Notions, which they brought with them; and it is thought by some, an Answer sufficient to all that



can be said in Discouragement of an avaricious Temper, from the Instructions of the Gospel--- That such Doctrine is not suited to the present State of Things---That it is old-fashion'd and out of Date---That Times are much changed, since it was uttered, and Christians are now in a Condition not of denying themselves the good Things of Life, but of accumulating and enjoying as much of them as they can---As if the Authority and Wisdom of our Saviour's Precepts were to be answered by Ridicule, and as if he had uttered what he had not thoroughly weighed and considered, and his Words, which were to last when Heaven and Earth were pass'd away, were suited only to the Observance of Men in that Time and Age in which he lived---Whereas every thing he spake, was, from the largest Comprehension of Mind, and by the Authority of GOD himself, from having seen the Hearts, and considered all the Ways of Men; and therefore his Doctrine is to last for ever, untouch'd by Time, and unalter'd by Custom.

And, with Regard to the particular Precepts of the Text, though Riches are become the principal Objects of our Desires and Attainments, and are called in the Phrase of Commendation, the Life of Trade and Ingenuity---the Vigor of the Laws---the Bulwark of the State---the Supports of Learning and Philosophy---the Ornaments of  
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Civil Life---the Blessings of Heaven, and the only things which keep this busy World in Motion ---Notwithstanding this, and admitting the Panegyrick in some sense to be true, our Saviour's Words, if rightly understood, as grounded on Matters of Fact and affecting Individuals, will contain very just, and prudent, and good Advice to us; for they were not intended to kill the Spirit of Industry, to confound Society, to introduce a wild uncultivated Life, or to create an Indolence and Insensibility in Men, as to the Prosperities, and Comforts, and Ornaments of human Nature---The Reason of Things, the Methods of Providence, the Order of the World, the Scriptures themselves, are against this sour and surly Stoicism; but then they prescribe to us a Temper and Moderation in the Acquirement and Use of Riches; and nothing can be more kind and friendly to us, than our Saviour's Doctrine, that we take care, that they do not engross our Hearts and Affections, or carry us to commit Actions, which are inconsistent with the Religion and Hopes of Christians, *Lay not up for yourselves Treasures upon Earth*; i. e. be not so intent upon these perishing Things, as to neglect and forget those of infinitely greater Moment, but let your principal Care and your most hearty Endeavours, attend and provide for Eternity---*Lay up for yourselves Treasures in Heaven.* This



is our Saviour's Advice ; and I will observe to you, the Prudence, and Wisdom, and Goodness of it to us.

*First*, From the Nature of those Things, an inordinate Desire of which he discourages and forbids.

*Secondly*, From the vast Importance of that future Happiness, which he instructs us to make our main Care, and to give our principal Attention to, *lay not up for yourselves Treasures upon Earth, &c.*

And, first, I say, and I hope to prove it, That there is the utmost Wisdom and Kindness in our Saviour's Advice to us, because Riches in themselves, and consider'd as affecting Individuals, are not of that Importance to us, which we imagine---Sure I am, they are far from being essential to human Happiness ; or, properly speaking, of themselves, the Materials of it---They are, indeed, things of great and splendid Expectation ; and, while we have them not, we fancy that every thing that is happy, goes along with them---But, alas ! Possession is a very different thing from Expectation, and the Rich ones would own this Truth, if they had Ingenuity enough to speak their Minds upon the Experiment---Riches, like all other human things, pall in the Possession, and when once a Man has gratified



gratified his vain Desires, and accumulated great Store of Wealth, he finds, to his Cost and Regret, that he can enjoy no more of it, than is sufficient to the few natural Wants of an human Creature, and all, beyond that, either loses its Relish or becomes troublesome and dangerous to its Owner. And this is the Reason, that People, in the most affluent Circumstances, are often so contemptible to others, and so irksome and uneasy to themselves, having obtained more Wealth than they can use with Decency and Credit, and pursued wrong Measures to Happiness: These are they who, in their own Examples, prove the Truth of the wise Man's Observation, " That there are Men, to  
 " whom GOD hath given Riches and Wealth, so  
 " that they want nothing for their Souls of all  
 " that they desire, yet GOD giveth them not  
 " Power to eat thereof, to relish and enjoy it---  
 " This is Vanity, and it is an evil Disease"---It is a Disease, but a Disease in the Understanding, and proves the Justness of the Philosopher's Observation; that many Men, by growing rich, don't cure, but only change their Uneasinesses; for the Fault was not, as they imagined, in their Circumstances, but their Understandings. It does not only betray a want of Religion and true Philosophy, but weak and childish Ignorance, not to see, that the Happiness of the Man is the Temper of his Mind, a vertuous and contented Spirit,  
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arising from an innocent Conscience and a constant Tenour of good Works; and our Saviour and his Apostles, by all the Contempt which they have thrown upon Riches, have only preached this unquestionable Doctrine, that the Happiness of human Life does not depend entirely upon the things without us. *Seneca* declaimed at his Ease, and it had come better from his Mouth, if he had been as poor as *Epicteetus*; but it was not one of the Rants of Stoicism, when he observes, “ That the poor Man (not speaking in Extreame) is oftner and more sincerely chearful, than the rich one, having a good Heart, and no Disquiet and Reproaches from within; whereas either the Chearfulness of the other is affected, or else he is directly sad and melancholy, which sets the heavier upon him too;” *Quia interdum non licet esse palam miserum, sed inter ærumnas cor ipsum exedentes, necesse est agere felicem.* ---Because, in some Circumstances, he is forced to deny himself the common Relief of the discontented Complaint; and with Troubles upon his Mind, which strike to the very Heart of him, must personate an easy and happy Character. Another Reflection, which is not the worse, or less true for being common, is, that Riches, take them at their best, are Things of most uncertain Duration. Now, if we would act, I don't say like Christians, but like Men, in the Calculation

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of our Happiness, we should always make Provision, that it be as certain and durable as possible. In the Matter of our Wealth, I am sure this is a main Article, and infinitely solicitous we are to give our Estates all possible Security to ourselves and our Posterity---But the Mischief is, all our Diligence upon this Point is confessedly vain and foolish ; for it is inconsistent with the Nature of the Things themselves, and the common Course of the World, that Riches should be of any long Duration---They may be taken from us by Violence, by Subtlety, or, if not so, in the common Change and Vicissitude of Affairs, they will make themselves Wings and fly away, for it is absolutely impossible to confine that, which, by its Nature and Use, is of a fluctuating and uncertain Continuance : *The rich Man's Wealth* (the Moralist observes) *is his strong City, and as an high Wall in his own Conceit*---But his Conceit is a very foolish one, for he sets his Eyes and his Heart upon that which is not----upon that which is not and cannot be of any long Duration ; for one of these Things must happen in a little Time : Either he will leave his Riches, or they will leave him ; so that nothing can more misbecome a Man, or be of more Danger to the Welfare of a Christian, of an immortal Soul, and born for Eternity, than to spend all his Care and Pains, and Time in heaping up Riches (not so much for himself, as those whom



whom he leaves behind him) when they are so incompetent to our Happiness---For, in truth, though a Man has never so much of them, he cannot properly be said to possess them ; for he must leave them to the Care and Fidelity of others-----He cannot have them always in his Hands, nor always in his Sight ; and this Consideration still encreases their Uncertainty, because, in spite of all our Care, Fraud, or Force, or Time, in many Respects, will steal them from us-----And this is a Reason, which our Saviour himself lays a Stress upon----*Lay not up for yourselves Treasures upon Earth, where the Rust and Moth doth corrupt the perishable Things, and Thieves break through and steal, those that are not so.* One Way indeed there is of disappointing even Time and Chance, of securing to ourselves the Possession of our Estates, and making them properly our own, and that is, by doing Good with them, by distributing to the Necessities of others, being rich towards God, and as our Saviour here expresses it, *Laying up for ourselves Treasures in Heaven.* Considering therefore the Nature of the things themselves, the fluctuating Course of the World, and the Changes, that Power, and Fraud, and Time is continually making in it, nothing can be wiser than *Solomon's* Instruction, *Labour not to be rich, cease from thine own Wisdom, thy worldly and short-sighted Wisdom :* And nothing more proper



per and emphatical, than the reason, which he gives for it ; *For why wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not ?* upon that which is of so uncertain and changing a Nature, that you can hardly name the Time in which it may be said to continue or endure at all---How mean and improper an Object therefore for the great and capacious Soul of Man, whom God designed for Immortality, and made him an Image of his own Eternity !

Another Consideration, which may serve to cure or moderate our fondness for an Excess of Wealth, arises from the Difficulties and Dangers which attend it ; I mean, Dangers to our Innocence and Vertue, which affect us much more seriously than those which touch our Lives, and that, whether we consider the getting or the enjoying of a great Estate : For in the getting an Estate in every Profession, the Temptations and Opportunities of Injustice are so near us, stand so thick about us, and solicit us so strongly, and by such various Ways, that it is next to a Miracle, if our Vertue escapes unhurt in such a dangerous Conflict ; especially, if we live in the Dregs of a corrupted Age, where Profuseness and Covetousness are predominant Vices, and Examples are always ready to justify the most unlawful ways of Gain---It is exceeding difficult to avoid the greatest and most infamous Practices of



Injustice, Oppression, Fraud, Deceit, Extortion, Uncharitableness; for Virtue is seldom a Match for Avarice---but it is harder still to retain an unpolluted Conscience, if we are let into all the Secrets and Mysteries of Iniquity; for in the present Situation of Things, and as the World is now conducted, there are a thousand Ways of Fraud, which the Vulgar are not acquainted with; and Men of Dexterity are arrived at such a Perfection in the Arts of Falshood and Injustice, have so many secret and invisible Methods of Deceit, and can carry on and execute the most gainful Projects in such a dark and unobserved Train of Business, that in the Eyes of ordinary Observers (though God sees and sets a Mark upon their Steps) they shall pass for Men of great Integrity; whilst, at the Bottom, they thrive and prosper by the foulest and most infamous Practices, by circumventing the innocent, and imposing upon and pillaging the ignorant and unwary---And what, I would ask, can be more difficult, than for a Man, who is let into these dangerous Secrets, to preserve his Innocence, when he can gain so much by the Loss of it, and with such little Hazard to his Reputation? But, to wave this, and consider the more ordinary and old-fashioned Ways of Trade and Business, it is prodigious difficult to be strongly bent upon raising an Estate, and not to exceed the Bounds of

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Innocence to accomplish it---Or, if we are not notoriously guilty in that Respect, but keep clear, it may be, of the great and atrocious Sins, yet it is next to impossible, but the Desire of encreasing our Circumstances, will engross too much of our Time and Affections, and call us off from that, which is our greatest and most valuable Concern, the Love of God, and the Interests of another Life---Upon which Account, our Saviour (*who knew what was in Man*) has endeavoured to guard against Covetousness, for this very Reason, because, *where our Treasure is, there will our Hearts be also.*

And then, for the enjoying Riches when we have got them----That is usually thought the easiest Matter in the World, and, if the covetous Man can but raise an Estate, he thinks it impossible but his Posterity must be wise enough to use and enjoy it---Whereas it really requires much better Parts to spend an Estate, than to get one---I mean to spend it usefully, and honourably, and wisely---It requires an understanding Heart, and a well-pois'd Judgment to become a great Estate---For to be made the Prey of Fools, and Parasites, to squander it away in Madness, Gaming, and Intemperance, to be intoxicated with Pride, and, as I may say, perpetually drunk with Sensuality, no Man will say, there is any thing commendable and creditable in this---



nothing is more infamous, more giddy and irrational, and more contrary to the wise and sober Department of a Christian life---It is an admirable Figure, it must be own'd, that the rich Man makes in the Gospel, and he has left behind him an excellent Character for Imitation, when all that is commemorated of him is, That he lived luxuriously and uncharitably, died, as it may seem, untimely, and had an expensive Funeral---a most pitiful and worthless Character, and yet it suits more Men than we are aware of. How imprudently do we act, and against all Experience, in imagining we make our Children happy, by leaving them very rich. Alas! if you have made no other Provision for their Happiness, and have not sown the Seeds of Virtue in their Minds, cultivated their Understandings, and broke their Passions to the Commands of Reason; in giving them Riches, you have only put Instruments of Mischief into the Hands of Madmen; and your Friends will live to see it, when you are dead and gone, that all your Care and Pains, your Trouble and Solitude, your laborious Days and watchful Nights, the Forfeiture of your good Name, and Loss of all your Virtue, have only serv'd to minister to the foolish and riotous Excesses of a thoughtless and wicked, and ungrateful Child, who ridicules and insults your Memory, squanders away your Substance, and makes your Industry, and even  
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your Tendernefs and Affection for him, the Jeft of his loofe Companions. *Solomon* has told us, That after having been at great Pains and Coft in contriving, and purchafing, and fettling every Thing, that could contribute to the Support of his Throne, and to the Ornament of human Life ---He fet himfelf down to confider to what Purpofe all this Expence and Labour? and he was fo far from being pleafed and fatisfied in the Reflection, that he tells us, in a Strain of Indignation, *That he hated all his Labour, which he had taken under the Sun, because he fhould leave it to the Man that fhould be after him, and who knoweth, whether he fhall be a wife Man or a Fool (intimating perhaps the unpromifing Genius of Rehoboam)? yet fhall he have Rule over all my Labour, wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have fhewn myfelf wife under the Sun---This is alfo Vanity.*

The plain Truth is, if Children are good, the Providence of God, and their own Virtue and Industry will make them happy---If they are bad, or difpofed to be fo, Riches will confirm them in their Vices, and fupply the Calls of them---Many a virtuous and good Youth has been fpoiled by a great Fortune, but never made unhappy by the Want of one. So that this, again, confirms our Saviour's Advice, and recommends the Good-



Goodness and Wisdom of it, because Riches, both on Account of acquiring and enjoying them, are Matters of such dangerous Temptation. The Moralist has more than once repeated it for our Observation, *That he that hasteth to be rich, shall not be innocent.* And Tacitus, I remember, the Roman Historian, of approv'd Judgment and uncommon Penetration, speaking of the native Poverty of the German People, who knew not the Use of Gold and Silver, says, *Argentum & Aurum propitii an irati dii negaverint, dubito.* He questions whether that sort of Ignorance was not rather owing to the Blessing than the Displeasure of Providence. The Apostle St. Paul, admonishes us, *That they that will be rich, fall into Temptation and a Snare, and into many foolish and hurtful Lusts, which drown Men in Perdition and Destruction: For the Love of Money is the Root of all Evil, which, while some coveted after, they have erred from the Truth, and pierced themselves through with many Sorrows.*

And our Saviour has set the Matter in a very strong and affecting Light indeed, when he tells us, *That it is easier for a Camel to go through the Eye of a Needle, than for a rich Man to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven*---What can more emphatically express the dangerous Temptation, or be more importantly urged to awaken the Care and quicken the Diligence of the Rich ones,  
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than to be told by our Saviour himself, who is the Judge, and the great Disposer of Life and Death, that it is next to an Impossibility, that they should be saved?

Another Argument to the Discouragement of an avaricious Temper is, That Riches, to a Man already possess'd of as much as is sufficient to the Necessities and reasonable Accommodations of Life, come in as troublesome Superfluities ; for, to such an one, they bring nothing that I can think of, which he might not enjoy as well, and better without them in his present Station. It is justly observed by a great *French* Philosopher, " That Riches are wrongfully called and accounted Goods, for they neither make any one good, nor reform the wicked, and are common both to good and wicked : They will neither mend a Man's Mind, nor reform his Vices, nor improve his Understanding" --- If they make any Alteration there, it will probably be for the worse---It will probably be to dull and stupify his Understanding, to animate and excite his vicious Passions, and to spoil his Mind by Pride and Uncharitableness. They will not cure his Diseases, nor ease him of his Pains---They will rather multiply and aggravate them both, at least they will administer the Occasions of them in the Plenty and Luxury of his Table, if he has not the Virtue and Resolution to withstand the  
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Temptation---One Thing indeed they will do, if they cannot secure him against Sickness, they will beget him a great deal of Ceremony and Attendance in it, so that he shall hardly be able to rest for the infinite Solitude of his numerous Friends, *i. e.* he will be sick with more Ceremony, but less Quiet and Tranquillity, than his meaner Neighbours.

His Riches will not lengthen his Days, nor add to the Chearfulness and Comfort of them-- But if he has not a good Guard upon himself, they will make them shorter than God designed them; and for the Air and Chearfulness of an innocent and fearless Mind, they will give him the Disquiet, the Thoughtfulness, the Fear, the Danger of a guilty one: They will not increase the Number of his Friends, or make him more beloved by his Relations, or more esteemed by other People--- If he does not use them well, they will make him more fear'd than lov'd, more envied and hated than esteemed--- They will enlarge his Flatterers, but contract the Number of his Friends; and, instead of an affectionate Correspondence, will create mutual Jealousies and Suspicions between himself and his Relations; so that, as the rich Man may manage it, with all the imaginable Advantages for Happiness, he shall, as it were, stand alone upon the Earth, hated by and hating all about him, without Esteem, without Friend-  
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ship, without natural Affection. Riches have such a general Ascendant over Men, that one is liable to be suspected of Insincerity, and acting a Part to say any thing to discredit them ; but, I think, I have spoken but the Truth of Things, and that nothing has been said to Excess : For, I cannot see, that Riches of themselves, exclusive of a generous and religious Use of them for the Good of others, do advance our Happiness one Jot ; for, if a moderate Fortune, with a contented Mind, and a virtuous Life, will procure us necessary and comfortable Subsistence --- If it leaves us Time and Opportunity to improve and better our Minds---If it puts us into the most likely Way to habituate ourselves to Temperance ---to preserve Health and lengthen Life---If it allows and supports us in modest and innocent Amusement, and sweetens our Enjoyments---If it renders us easy and chearful in our Conversation, creates us sincere Friends, loving and kind Relations, and makes us valued and esteemed by other People---I say, if all this is most usually and most naturally procur'd by a low Fortune, with a moderate and virtuous Mind, and Riches rather break in upon and disturb this Tranquillity, than establish and increase it, then is it a Precept exactly suited to the Wisdom and Kindness, and compassionate Care of our Blessed Saviour for us, to enjoin us, *not to lay up for ourselves*



*Treasures upon Earth*; for they are of themselves of so little Importance to the Happiness of particular people, that, when all Accounts are cast up, it will appear plainly upon the Balance, that there is no Good in them, but for a Man to rejoice and do good in his Life.

The next Thing I shall urge against a fordid Temper, and in Justification of our Saviour's Precept is, that Riches, when we have got them, are not properly our own---They belong to the great Lord and Proprietor of the Universe, and are entrusted in our Hands only for the Good of others---The Rich are the Stewards and Dispensers of GOD's Bounty, he expects an Account of the Distribution, and will severely punish the Neglect of it---so that, that very Consideration upon which only Riches are desirable to a Man of a modest and humble Mind, and who has a just Sense of his Frailty, is an Argument why he will not desire them. I know, it is given, as a plausible Reason by the covetous, when he is pressed upon the Point, that he only heaps up Riches to enlarge his Opportunities of doing good---But, in the Mouth of the covetous, this is a light and unseemly Answer to a Question of very serious Moment, for all the World discerns, and he himself is conscious that he means nothing less---But, supposing his Intentions never so honest, yet, I say, it is more agreeable to the Modesty and Humility of



a Christian, not to be over-forward upon the Point, not to hasten to be rich, out of a vain Conceit of our own Virtue and Abilities to use Riches well, but rather to sit down contented, and wait the Issues of God's Providence, and if he thinks fit to bless our Industry, and enlarge our Circumstances, it is then Time enough to adjust our Charity. I know this is a Matter, that rich Men are not usually much concerned about; but, I am sure, if the Gospel tells us Truth, they have no small Affair upon their Hands, to make a good and christian Use of their great Fortunes---Our Blessed Saviour intimates, that it was an happy Thing to be rich, but then the Reason is (a very distasteful one to the Generality of Men) that it is more *blessed to give than to receive*; the Charity of the Rich is their great Privilege and Advantage. And agreeably to this, *St. Paul* gives a very solemn Charge to us, *That those, who are rich in this World, be sure to do Good, to be rich in good Works, glad to distribute, willing to communicate.* And *St. James* speaks very freely, but affectingly, when he observes the Unmercifulness of wealthy People; *Go to now ye rich Men, weep and howl for your Miseries that shall come upon you, your Riches are corrupted, and your Garments moth-eaten, your Gold and Silver is cankered, and the Rust of them shall be a Witness against you.* And in the Account which our Sa-



viour gives us of the Proceedings at the Day of Judgment, it seems as if Charity and Mercy would be the principal Points of Enquiry : And, for that Reason, because they are too often defective in their Duty, the Apostle *St. John* represents the great ones of the Earth, as more affectingly struck than others, with the Terrors of the last Day ; *For the Kings of the Earth, and the great Men, and the rich Men, and the chief Captains, and the mighty Men will hide themselves in the Dens, and in the Rocks of the Mountains, and will say to the Mountains and Rocks, fall on us, and hide us from the Face of him that sitteth on the Throne.*

It is observed by *Strada*, giving the several Reasons of the Abdication and Retreat of the great Emperor *Charles V.* that one of them was, that he might sit down and recollect himself, *Antequam ad Dei Tribunal attraheretur, tantæ humanæ felicitatis reus*, before he was summoned to the Tribunal of God, to answer for the wise and good Administration of such extraordinary Felicity as was laid to his Account and Charge. Upon this Consideration, doubtless, there is a remarkable Mercy and Compassion in our Saviour's Advice ; for no wise Man would desire to enhance his Account at that awful Day, but to have it as clear, and short, and honest as is possible. It is a prodigious Duty, that is incumbent



bent on the Rich, as Stewards, and Dispensers of GOD's Bounty; for all that they squander in Vice, and Pride, and Licentiousness, is not so much thrown away, but *treasured up against the Day of Wrath, and Revelation of GOD's righteous Judgment.* And what Shame and Confusion, and Terror must surprize them, when the fordid and unmerciful, or when the careless and luxurious Great Ones shall be call'd to the Bar of Judgment, and Enquiry made into the Use and Administration of their Treasures, how much Good they have done by their Charity, and what Part of them they have distributed in promoting the Glory of GOD, and the Good of Men, feeding the Hungry, cloathing the naked, visiting the Sick, releasing the Prisoner, and doing such Offices of Tenderness and Humanity as were due to their Fellow-creatures.

As little as most of us are disposed to think so, it is however a most certain Truth, that to be rich is a very nice and perilous Trial of our Virtue; and he that has the Sincerity and Modesty of a Christian, will not only be contented, but even thankful to GOD for a safer and more humble Station---Or, if it has pleased GOD to bless your honest and well-governed Industry with Success, you will esteem it a Circumstance of great Happiness to you, that you live in a Place, where so many Opportunities present themselves

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of doing good, and that by the wise and charitable Oeconomy of this rich and populous City, Matters are so prudently conducted, that the Opportunities of gaining Riches are not more in Number, or more obvious to Practice, than those of employing them charitably and religiously. We are apt, out of a national Self-love, to pride ourselves upon the Extent of our Trade, and the prodigious Riches of our Capital---It is, perhaps, a pardonable Vanity, and something may be said to excuse it, but that which would truly distinguish us, and give us a Praise and a Name to all Posterity, would be, that we were not more to be observed for accumulating Riches, than for employing them usefully and wisely: And it were certainly one of the best Marks we could shew of our being sensible of Gratitude to GOD, of our Obligations to Christianity, of Humanity, and Tenderness to our Fellow-creatures, if, upon every Occasion of publick Charity, we prevented the Petitioners, and acted with such a ready and disinterested Generosity, that we might seem to have our Saviour's Precepts engraven upon our Hearts, *That it is more blessed to give than to receive.* In Confidence of your good Dispositions therefore, of your Gratitude to GOD Almighty (the great Friend and Benefactor to us all) of your Sense of the Obligations of your Religion (which in the Design and Spirit of it, is Love and

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Good-nature) I stand here your Petitioner for something in Assistance to this great and good Design.

The Providence of God has made these poor Sufferers dependent upon you for their Support, and Cure, and Consolation; and, rightly judged, it is not more an Happiness to them that they have such a certain and generous Fund of Subsistence, than it is to you, that, by the Blessing of God, you are made the Managers and Distributers of it---Your kind Attendance on this Work of Love, shews your Sensibility of this, and, in some sort, renders our Arguments to Charity superfluous---Were there more Occasion to press them than there is, I should be more confident of Success in my Application to you, because, I am sure you observe, and observe too with a proper Resentment, that however it may fare with Charity, there never was greater Encouragement given to Luxury and Vice---I need not enter into Particulars of this kind---The World sees too much of them, and therefore it is the proper Character of the virtuous and generous Man of Quality, and of the frugal and sober Man of Business, to keep up a better Spirit in our Country, and to shew the observing World, by their Example, that Riches are given us by Providence for other and more important Purposes, than Vanity and Sensuality. It is not my Meaning, by disparaging Riches, to raise Charity upon the Ruin of Industry :



stry: That were absurd, the State of the World will not bear it: Besides, Industry is the best Friend to Charity---Nor, when we are Masters of Wealth, does Reason or Christianity forbid the Use of it, or debar the Rich of every innocent, comfortable, or distinguished Accommodation of Life---Wealth is one of the Blessings of GOD, in the Language of GOD's Holy Spirit; but then it must never be forgotten by the wealthy, that the best Enjoyment, the most Epicurean Use of Riches (I speak the Sentiments of every humane and generous Heart) is to do the greatest and most extensive Good with them. Upon which Consideration the Charity here before you claims your particular Attention---You know the Nature, you see the Conduct, and as you have a quick Sensibility of the Sufferings of the unfortunate, I may say, in the strictest Sense, by seeing them relieved; you have felt the Good of it by Experience, and I should wrong you grievously to suspect, that your Munificence can be wanting to it in any Degree, when you are told, by most authentic Accounts, *That since the 3d of November, 1740, it has pleased GOD to bless the Design with such Success, that above † Twenty Thousand distressed Objects have been relieved by the London Infirmary, and from labouring under the Oppression*

† See the Account printed at the End of the Lord Bishop of Landaff's Sermon, and the Accounts of the following Years.



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*sion of some of the most malignant Diseases, and unhappy Accidents, have been re-instated in their honest and industrious Capacities of Working, whereby the publick again enjoy the Benefit of their Labour, and they and their poor Families are preserved from perishing, and prevented from being a constant Encumbrance to the Community----* If this be the Case, look round about you, and either support this noble Plan of Charity, with a Bounty becoming your Wealth, and illustrious Distinction, or find out another, if you can, that more deserves your pious Regard and Encouragement.

And thus much has been said to recommend to our Practice, the first Part of our Saviour's Instruction, *Lay not up, &c.* And you see upon the whole, with what excellent Wisdom, and condescending Kindness, our Blessed Saviour suits his Precepts to our real Happiness---He might, if he had pleased, flattered our Weakness, and adapted his Instructions to our Passions, and to the Guise of the World---I said, he might have done so---I recal that Word---He could not---It was inconsistent with his Nature and his Character---He was Truth and Goodness, and therefore could utter nothing but what was so, nothing but what tended to inform our Minds, to rectify our Manners, and promote our Happiness---And the Instruction in the Text, if rightly considered, is a great In-



stance of it : For, however it may seem to those, who will not, or cannot discern its Beauty, there is nothing in it extravagant and impracticable, nothing severe and morose, nothing vain and affected, but it is the Voice of the best Philosopher, the best Friend, the best and most faithful Counsellor to Men, which bids them *not to lay up for themselves Treasures upon Earth ; but to lay up for themselves Treasures in Heaven.* For, certainly, if there be a God, if Christianity be true, if Men have immortal Souls, and Religion is a serious Thing, the first and principal Enquiry to every wise Man, will be how to secure an Interest in Heaven.

There is no Comparison, upon the Balance, between the Treasures of the Earth, and the Treasures of Heaven ; because all those Circumstances which attend the one, and demonstrate their Vanity and Imperfection, do serve to recommend and illustrate the Excellency of the other---For, it is the Excellency of the heavenly Treasure, the Felicity of another Life, that it will affect and dwell in our Minds, the most valuable and noble Parts of us, and which is properly the Seat of real Joy and substantial Happiness---That it will be durable and certain, an Inheritance incorruptible, upon which Time itself will make no Impression, *neither Moth nor Rust will corrupt it, nor will Thieves break thro' and steal.*



*steal. When I see you again, says our Blessed Saviour to his Disciples, your Hearts will rejoice, and your Joy no Man taketh from you---*It is the Excellency of the heavenly Treasure, that it is acquired by Innocence and Virtue, and enjoyed with pure and unmixed Delight---That there is nothing in it, that is niggardly and selfish, but every thing perfectly charitable, and kind, and communicative---That it is so far from injuring the Possessor, as Riches often do, that it is an Happiness constant and uninterrupted, with this Circumstance of Perfection in it, that it is increased and doubled to him, by being communicated to others. It is the Excellency of the Treasure, that is above, that it puts us out of all Danger and Temptation, for it is Reward and final Judgment. It is the Excellency of it, that it consists in virtuous Improvement, growing Perfection---That it wipes away all Tears from our Eyes; for, *in the Tabernacle of GOD, there shall be no more Death, neither Sorrow nor Crying, neither shall there be any more Pain, but pure Love, Fulness of Joy, immortal Pleasure, heavenly Conversation.*

This is the exalted Strain of Scripture Language in its Descriptions of Heaven, when it would awaken our Diligence and engage our Affections in the Pursuit of it---And, no Man, one would think, that could set and compare these  
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Things together, would quit his Pretensions to such an invaluable Purchase for Things so uncertain, so imperfect, so low and mean, so useles to the Purposes of Happiness, so unsatisfying, so dangerous and ensnaring, so full of Envy and Mischief to the Possessors of them, as the Treasures of the Earth.

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only Conversation. This is the exalted State of Seraphim, engaged in the Delightments of Heaven, when it would awaken our Diligence and engage our Affections in the Pursuit of it. And, no Man, one would think, that could see and compare these Things



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*Such Persons as are inclined to encourage and promote so laudable a Work, are desired to send their Subscriptions or Benefactions to Mess. Minors and Boldero, Bankers, in Lombard-street, who will give proper Receipts for the same. And any Person inclined by his last Will to bequeath a Legacy to this Charity, is desired to do it in the following Manner, viz.*

*Item, I give and bequeath unto A. B. and C. D. the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ upon Trust, and to the Intent that they, or one of them, do pay the same to the Treasurer, or Treasurers for the Time being, of the Society of the Governors of the London Infirmary, for the Relief of Sick and Diseased Manufacturers, Seamen in Merchant-Service, their Wives and Children; which said Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ I desire may be applied towards carrying on the charitable Designs of the said Society.*







# RULES and ORDERS

OF THE

## LONDON INFIRMARY.

- I. **T**HAT the Society consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and all the Trustees, or Governors, together with such Officers and Servants, as from Time to Time may be thought necessary.
- II. **T**HAT all Persons who pay the Sum of Five Guineas yearly, to the Support of this Charity, be Governors, so long as they continue such Contribution: And all who give a Benefaction of Thirty Guineas or upwards, at one Time, be Governors for Life, with such others as shall be elected from Time to Time, at a general Court of Governors.
- III. **T**HAT such general Court be held four Times in the Year namely, every second *Wednesday*, in *March*, *June*, *September*, and *December*, or within ten Days before or after, at Ten o'Clock in the Morning, to take the Report of the Committees, inspect Accounts, and transact such other Business as may then be laid before them; and that every general Court consist of fifteen Governors at least.
- IV. **T**HAT the President, Vice-Presidents, or either of them, and in their Absence, the Treasurer, have Power to call a general Court at any other Time, by a Writing under their Hands, giving at least one Week's Notice, by a Letter to each Governor, and an Advertisement in some of the Daily Papers: And if the House-Committee, or twenty-one Governors, by a Writing under their Hands, desire a general Court; the President, or Vice-Presidents, and in their Absence, the Treasurer, shall call one in the like Manner.
- V. **T**HAT the particular Business, for which any extraordinary Court is called, be express'd in the Summons, and first entered upon and determined, before any thing else be proposed.
- VI. **T**HAT a Committee be appointed at every General Quarterly Court, consisting of thirteen Governors at least, who shall have Power to receive and dismiss all Patients; to order and inspect the Diet and Provisions, and all Goods sent in by the several Tradesmen for the Use of the Infirmary, and see that they be cheap and good of the kind; to order any Conveniencies that may from Time to Time be wanting, and examine into the Conduct of all the Officers, Patients, and Servants; and may make such particular Rules as regard their own Meetings and Conduct, provided they be not contradictory to any general Rule or Order. That the said Committee meet
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the first *Tuesday* after their Appointment, and chuse a Chairman, who shall preside for the whole Quarter; and appoint four to attend every *Tuesday* for the first Month, four for the second, and four for the third Month, having a regard to the Conveniency of the several Gentlemen in such Appointment. That every other Governor who attends shall have a Vote; and in case of an Equality of Voices, the Chairman, *pro tempore*, shall have a second, or casting Vote. That every Member of the Committee be summoned to the last Meeting in the Quarter, when they shall consider of proper Persons to succeed them as a Committee for the next Quarter, and prepare the Business to be laid before the General Quarterly Court; which, with such other Matters as have been transacted during that Quarter, shall be reported in writing by the Chairman.

VII. THAT a Committee of Accounts, consisting of twelve Governors, be appointed at the Quarterly Court in the Month of *June*, who shall examine all Bills, and order them for Payment once a Quarter, or oftner, as they shall agree, provided they be passed by the House-Committee, as agreeable to Contract, with respect to the Receipt, Quantity, and Quality, of the Goods delivered, and signed by their Chairman. And if any Difficulty arises in the passing of any Account, it shall be referred to the House-Committee, and as many of the Committee of Accounts as shall be then present; and finally determined the next Committee-Day, or as soon after as possible.

VIII. THAT there be a Committee appointed at every General Quarterly Court, consisting of twelve Governors, who practise Physick, Surgery, or Pharmacy, or are conversant in the Knowledge of Drugs, to order and inspect the necessary Drugs or Medicines, who at their first Meeting shall chuse a Chairman for the Quarter, and meet every Fortnight for those Purposes, and appoint Visitors to attend at other Times, between the settled Days of Meeting, whose Proceedings shall be reported by their Chairman to the House-Committee, and every extraordinary Circumstance relating thereto, be inserted in the Report made to the General Court.

IX. THAT in case of a Vacancy in any Committee, the same be filled up at their next Meeting; and that the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Chairman of the House-Committee, be Members of all Committees.

X. THAT at all Meetings, either in a general Court or Committee, every Person speaking, address himself to the Chair, and no Person be allowed to speak more than twice on any one Subject or Debate without Leave; and if two offer to speak at the same Time, the Chairman shall direct which of them shall proceed; and if a Dispute or Difference arise on any Question, such Question shall be fairly stated by the Chairman, and determined by holding up of Hands, dividing, or ballot, as the Chairman shall direct; but all Elections, either in a general Court or Committee, shall be determined by one general Ballot.



XI. THAT at the Quarterly Court to be held on every second *Wednesday* in *March*, or within ten Days before or after, the President be chosen out of all the Governors, and out of such Governors as live in or near the City of *London*, two Vice-Presidents, and a Treasurer, who shall enter upon their respective Offices for one Year, from the 25th Day of the same *March*; and no Person shall be chosen Vice-President, or Treasurer, who hath not been a Governor one whole Year before such Election.

XII. THAT in the Absence of the President, or Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer take the Chair, and in his Absence, the Chairman of the House-Committee; but if he be absent, some other Person shall be appointed Chairman by the Governors present; and that the Chairman shall not refuse to propose any Question, or have Power to adjourn or dissolve the Court, without the Consent of a Majority of the Governors present, until the Business be wholly finished; and in case of his Refusal, to propose the Question, or Attempt to adjourn, or dissolve the Court, the Majority of Governors present may appoint some other Governor to act as Chairman, in the same Manner as if such Chairman was absent.

XIII. THAT there be three Physicians, a Surgeon in ordinary, an Assistant-Surgeon, and two Surgeons extraordinary; and that in case of Vacancy by the Death, Resignation, or Dismission of the present, or any future Physicians or Surgeons, such Vacancy be filled up by a general Court of Governors, to be summon'd for that Purpose; and in case of the Resignation of the present or future Physicians or Surgeons, they shall give One Month's Notice thereof to the House-Committee.

XIV. THAT the Minutes of the Proceedings of every general Court and Committee be read, as soon as the Business is finished, and sign'd by the Chairman; which shall be read at the next Meeting, and if approved of, confirmed, before any other Business is entered upon.

XV. THAT there be an annual Meeting of the Governors and Contributors, between the first of *March* and the 30th of *April*, on a Day to be appointed by the President for an Anniversary Feast; when a Report of the State of the Infirmary, of the Number of Patients received and discharged in the preceding Year; of the Proceedings of the Governors, and an Abstract of the Accounts of the Infirmary to within fourteen Days of the said Feast, shall be laid before them; at which Time no other Business shall be transacted.

XVI. THAT all Peers of *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*, and all Ladies, who are Governors of this Infirmary, may send their Proxy in Writing to any Governor, to vote and act for them at any general Court.

XVII. THAT all annual Contributions paid any Part of a Quarter be reckoned, to commence the ensuing Quarter-Day.

XVIII. THAT no Governor shall be present while any Demand or Claim of his is under Consideration.

XIX. THAT proper Tables of the Rules and Orders which relate to the Conduct of the Officers, Patients, and Servants, be hung up in



the Wards, or such other Parts of the House, as the Committee from Time to Time shall think proper.

## Particular RULES relating to the HOUSE, and the Conduct of it.

I. **T**HAT NO SERVANT OF THE INFIRMARY, OR OTHER PERSON BELONGING, OR ANY WAY RELATED TO IT, PRESUME AT ANY TIME TO TAKE OF ANY TRADESMAN, PATIENT, SERVANT, STRANGER, OR OTHERS, ANY FEE, REWARD, OR GRATIFICATION OF ANY KIND, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FOR ANY SERVICE DONE, OR TO BE DONE, ON ACCOUNT OF THE INFIRMARY, ON PAIN OF BEING IMMEDIATELY DISCHARGED.

II. THAT all Tradesmens Bills be brought in once every Quarter, examined by the Committee of Accounts, and discharged by the Treasurer within one Month.

III. THAT the Key of the Poors-box be lodged with the Chairman of the House-Committee, and the Money taken out on the last *Tuesday* in every Quarter, or oftner, as he shall think proper, in the Presence of the said Committee.

IV. THAT no Drugs or Medicines be bought for the Use of the Infirmary, but by the Direction of the Physical Committee; and that an Account of what has been so bought, be laid before the House-Committee, the last *Tuesday* in every Month.

V. THAT no person, (except Governors, or one employed in the Business of the House,) be allowed to go into the Wards, between the Hours of Eleven and Three, without the Matron's Leave; and that they do not then stay above half an Hour.

## ADMISSION of PATIENTS.

I. **T**HAT any Persons whatsoever, who meet with sudden Accidents, requiring the immediate help of Surgery, be admitted at any Hour.

II. THAT no Woman big with Child, no Children under seven Years of Age, (except in case of Compound Fractures, Amputations, or cutting for the Stone,) no Person disordered in their Senses, or suspected to have the Small-pox, Itch, or other infectious Distempers, or who are judged to be in a consumptive, asthmatick, or dying Condition, be admitted on any Account whatsoever.

III. THAT no one be assisted either with Advice or Medicines, who ask Alms in the Streets, except in extraordinary Cases.

IV. THAT all Governors be at Liberty to recommend In-Patients, but not to have more in the House than one at a Time; however, they and all other Contributors, may recommend as many Out-Patients as they please.



## The FORM of Recommending Patients.

To the Physicians and Surgeons of the LONDON INFIRMARY,  
in *Prescot-Street, Goodmans-Fields.*

Gentlemen,

*Being well satisfied that the Bearer* *of the Parish of*  
*is a proper Object of the Charity as to*  
*Circumstances, if upon Examination you think* *so, with regard to*  
*Distemper, receive* *under your Care as an* *Patient,*  
Your Humble Servant.

<sup>174</sup> Dr. Andree, Dr. Coningham, Dr. Hibbins,	}	Attend	{	<i>On Monday, and Thursday,</i> <i>Tuesday and Saturday,</i> <i>Wednesday, and Friday.</i>	}	From Eleven till One o'Clock. The Surgeons, every Day.
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V. THAT if any Person recommended for an In-Patient shall, by the Physicians, Surgeons, or House-Committee, be thought improper to be received as such, then a Letter to the following Effect be sent to the Governor recommending, *viz.*

London-Infirmary,  
Goodmans-Fields.

*According to the Rules and Orders of the House, I beg Leave to acquaint you, that* *recommended by you for an In-Patient appears improper to be admitted as such, but will be taken Care of as an Out-Patient.*  
Your Humble Servant.

IF the House be full at the Time of such Recommendation, then the following Letter be sent to the Governor recommending, *viz.*

London-Infirmary,  
Goodmans-Fields.

*According to the Rules and Orders of the House, I beg Leave to acquaint you, that* *recommended by you for an In-Patient could not be received this Day for want of Room, but is now made an Out-Patient, and will be admitted on the first Vacancy,*

Your Humble Servant.

VI. THAT when the Patients are cured, they shall return Thanks the next Committee Day; and to the Governor or Contributor who recommended them, as well as in their respective Places of publick Worship.

VII. THAT no Patient be kept in the House longer than two Months, but then discharged, unless continued by order of the House-Committee.



## P H Y S I C I A N S.

I. **T**H A T one of the Physicians attend daily from Eleven o'Clock till One, to prescribe, to receive and examine the Patients who offer themselves, or are recommended by Governors or Contributors.

II. **T**H A T each present a List respectively to the House-Committee of such Patients as are cured, or fit to be discharged.

III. **T**H A T they open all recommendatory Letters, when the House-Committee is not sitting, and act according to the Rules and Circumstances of this Infirmary, in regard to the receiving or refusing of Patients.

## S U R G E O N S.

I. **T**H A T they attend daily from Eleven o'Clock 'till One to dress their Patients, and at the examining and admitting of new ones.

II. **T**H A T they present to the House-Committee, a List of such Patients as are cured, or fit to be discharged.

III. **T**H A T they open all recommendatory Letters when the House-Committee is not sitting, and act according to the Rules and Circumstances of this Infirmary, in regard to the receiving or refusing of Patients.

IV. **T**H A T no capital Operations be performed, but by the Advice and Consent of at least a Majority of the Physicians and Surgeons of the Infirmary.

V. **T**H A T the Physicians and Surgeons do regularly once a Week, or oftner if necessary, go round the House, to consult together in all Cases that may require it, as also in regard to all Out-Patients.

## A P O T H E C A R Y.

I. **T**H A T he find two good Sureties, to the Satisfaction of the House-Committee, to be bound with himself in the Penalty of 200*l*.

II. **T**H A T he fix a Ticket on every Patients-Bed, specifying their Names and Time of Admission, and the Diet directed for them.

III. **T**H A T he keep a Book of the Number of Patients on each Diet, and give the Matron every Day an Account thereof.

IV. **T**H A T he do not practise as an Apothecary out of the House, or attend any other Business than that of the Infirmary.

V. **T**H A T he take Care of the Utensils and Medicines of the Dispensary, and see that none be wasted, spoiled, or embezzled; and make up and deliver out the Medicines, according to the Directions of the Physicians and Surgeons.

VI. **T**H A T he never be absent from the House on any Account, without leaving a Note in the Dispensary where he is to be found. That he always attend the Physicians and Surgeons at their Hours, that he be at Home at Eleven o'Clock at Night at farthest; that he never lie out of the House without special Leave from the President, Vice-President,

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Treasurer, or House-Committee ; and in such case he appoint another Apothecary, who shall be approved by the Physicians or Surgeons, to officiate in his Place.

VII. THAT he visit the Patients in their several Wards every Morning at Nine o'Clock, in order to inform the Physicians and Surgeons of their Condition.

S E C R E T A R Y.

I. THAT he be present at all general Courts, at the House-Committee, and at all other Meetings or Committees at the Hours appointed.

II. THAT he keep the Books and Accounts in a methodical Manner and do all such Business as is requisite, and commonly done by Secretaries at other Infirmaries.

R E C E I V E R.

I. THAT he find two good Sureties to the Satisfaction of the House-Committee, to be bound with himself, in the Penalty of 200 l.

II. THAT he wait on the Governors and Contributors within two Months after the Expiration of every annual Contribution, with the following Letter

London-Infirmery,  
Goodmans-Fields;

S I R,

THE Charitable Society for relieving sick and diseased Persons, and particularly Manuſacturers, Seamen in the Merchants Service, and their Wives and Children, at the London-Infirmery, in Prescot-Street, Goodmans-Fields, to which you are pleased to contribute, beg Leave to acquaint you, that your last Contribution ended at last ; and for the better carrying on so good an Undertaking, they desire the Continuance of your Favour, for which the Bearer hereof, or Messieurs Minors and Boldero, Bankers in Lombard-Street, will give a proper Receipt.

By Order of the Governors,  
SECRETARY.

III. THAT he attend the House-Committee every Week, or oftner if required, to receive their Directions as to the manner of his collecting the Contributions, and to give an Account of his Receipts from Time to Time.

M A T R O N S.

I. THAT they take care of all the Household-Goods and Furniture, and be ready to give an Account thereof when required.

II. THAT they acquaint the Steward what Provisions are necessary for the House, and keep a daily Account of the Quantities used by Weight and Measure, and suffer none to be carried out.

III. THAT they take care of the Keys of the Doors, and that they be always locked from Michaelmas to Lady-Day at Six in the Evening, and not opened before Eight in the Morning ; and locked from Lady-Day



*Day to Michaelmas* at Nine in the Evening, and not opened before Seven in the Morning; unless it be ordered otherwise by the President, Treasurer, Chairman of the House-Committee, Physicians or Surgeons, or in case of extraordinary Accidents; and that no Officer or Servant belonging to the House be admitted after Eleven o'Clock at Night.

IV. THAT they see that all the Patients observe the Rules of the House; that the Nurses and other Servants do their Duty; and in case of Misbehaviour or Neglect, they acquaint the House-Committee or Visitors therewith.

V. THAT they take care the Patients breakfast at Nine in Summer, and Ten in Winter; dine at half an Hour after One, and sup at Seven; that they go round the House every Night, and see that the Patients are in Bed at Nine in Winter, and Ten in Summer.

VI. THAT they do not receive any Patient into the House, without an order of the House-Committee, or of a Governor, except Accidents, which they are to receive at all Hours, and immediately acquaint the Physicians or Surgeons.

VII. THAT they do not permit any Person to visit the Patients on *Sundays* till Divine Service is over in the Afternoon, and see that all Visitants quit the House at Six, between *Michaelmas* and *Lady-day*, and at Seven, between *Lady-day* and *Michaelmas*.

VIII. THAT they be not absent from the House without Leave of the Chairman of the House-Committee, or one of the Visitors, Physicians, or Surgeons.

IX. THAT if they know of any of the Rules of the House being transgressed, they give Notice thereof to the next House-Committee.

## S T E W A R D.

I. THAT he find two good Sureties to the Satisfaction of the House-Committee, to be bound with himself, in the Penalty of 200 *l*.

II. THAT he keep an Account of all the Furniture, Household-Goods, and the Additions and Alterations made therein from Time to Time, in a Book provided for that Purpose.

III. THAT he examine all the Provisions brought into the House Coals, Candles, and other Necessaries, as to Quantity and Quality, enter them in their respective Accounts, and deliver them to the Care of the Matrons.

IV. THAT he lay before the House-Committee every Week, an Account of what Things are wanting, for their Approbation.

V. THAT he account every Week to the said Committee, for all Monies intrusted with him for Petty-Expences.

VI. THAT he keep an exact Account of his Receipts and Payments in a Cash-Book, and post them from thence into a Leidger, that the same may, at the End of the Quarter, be enter'd in due Form into the grand Cash-Book and Leidger kept by the Secretary.

VII. THAT he keep a Leidger, wherein the Name of every Person who has any Dealings with the Infirmary shall be entred, and that



each Person have a proper Account opened therein ; and that he daily enter the several Goods that are delivered into the House, with their Prices, so that at the End of the Quarter the several Entries in the Leidger may answer to the Bills delivered in by the Tradesmen.

VIII. THAT he keep a Register of the Names of the Patients, their Place of Abode, Business, Case, Issue of the Case, and by whom recommended, ready for the Inspection of the Governors and others.

IX. THAT he have the Care of the Committee-Room, and all Papers, Books, &c. that shall be left therein, attend all Committees, and obey their Orders.

## NURSES and WATCHES.

I. THAT they shall not on any Pretence be absent from their respective Wards, but that all Errands shall be done by some proper Person, by the Direction of the Matrons.

II. THAT they shall see the Rules and Orders for the Patients exactly complied with by them, and particularly see them take their Medicines as directed ; and in Case of their Disobedience, shall forthwith acquaint the Matrons.

III. THAT they clean their Wards, Pewter, and Utensils, every Day by Seven in the Morning, from the first of *March* to the first of *October*, and before Nine, from the first of *October* to the first of *March*.

IV. THAT the Nurses enter upon the Care of the Patients every Morning at Six in Summer, and Seven in Winter, sup at Ten, and be in Bed by Eleven every Night.

V. THAT the Watches shall go to Bed by Five in the Evening at farthest, and rise at Ten.

VI. THAT they diligently attend the Patients during their Watch, and furnish them with what is directed by the Physicians, Surgeons or Apothecary, and see particularly that they take their Medicines, and complain to the Matrons if they do not.

VII. THAT they always keep the Patients Beds in a neat and decent Manner.

VIII. THAT they be diligent in complying with the Orders of the Matrons, and their other Superiors ; and that they behave themselves with Tenderness to the Patients, and with Civility and Respect to Strangers.

IX. THAT neither Nurses nor Watches shall receive any Present, Acknowledgment or Gratuity, either in Money, Treats, or any Thing whatsoever from any of the Patients or their Friends, either during their being under the Care of this Charity, or after their Discharge.

X. THAT they do not bring, or suffer to be brought in, any Liquors or Provisions of any Sort to the Patients, from or by their Friends, or any other way whatsoever.

XI. THAT they do not convey or carry out of the House, any Provisions or other Things belonging to it, on pain of being immediately discharged and prosecuted.

XII. THAT any Nurse, Watch, or other Servant belonging to the House, being once discharged, shall never be admitted into the Service again on any Account whatsoever.



## I N - P A T I E N T S .

I. **T**HAT they do not lay out of the House on any Account whatsoever, nor even go without the Doors, except by Leave of the Physicians or Surgeons, on pain of Expulsion.

II. **T**HAT they constantly attend Divine Service, and do not swear, curse, give abusive Language, or behave themselves indecently, on pain of Expulsion.

III. **T**HAT they do not play at Cards, Dice, or any other Game, nor smoak in the Wards or elsewhere, within the House.

IV. **T**HAT the Men do not go into the Womens Wards, nor the Women into the Mens without Leave.

V. **T**HAT such Patients as are able, assist the Nurses and Watches in taking care of the others, in cleaning the Wards, Washing, Ironing, and mending or making the Linnen for the Use of the House, and in such other Manner as the Matron shall think fit, with the Approbation of the Physicians or Surgeons.

VI. **T**HAT they do not set up after Nine at farthest in Winter, and Ten in Summer.

VII. **T**HAT every Patient take such Medicines as are directed by the Physicians or Surgeons, and submit to the Operations judged necessary.

VIII. **T**HAT they do not send for, or receive in any Manner whatsoever, Provisions of any Sort, Spirituous, or any other Liquors, on pain of being immediately discharged.

IX. **T**HAT they do not give away any of the House Provisions, on pain of immediate Expulsion.

X. **T**HAT no Patient discharged for Irregularity be again admitted to the Benefit of this House upon any Recommendation whatsoever.

## O U T - P A T I E N T S .

I. **T**HAT they attend every Morning, at or before Eleven o'Clock, on such Days as the Physicians and Surgeons direct, and that no Tickets of any Out-Patients be received by the Porter after that Time.

II. **T**HAT if they absent themselves for three Days together without having Leave of the Physicians or Surgeons, or giving them a sufficient Reason, they be immediately discharged.

III. **T**HAT they bring Fillets for Bleeding, and Phials and Gallipots to receive their Medicines.

IV. **T**HAT such as are recommended by Governors shall be first taken Care of, unless upon extraordinary Accidents.

## M E S S E N G E R or P O R T E R .

I. **T**HAT he attend the Gate, and do not suffer any In-Patient to go out of the House without Leave, and inform the Matrons of every Stranger who comes in.

II. **T**HAT whenever he is obliged to be absent upon the Business



ness of the House, he give Notice to the Matrons, that another Person may be appointed to do his Duty, and attend the Gate till his Return. 271

III. THAT he carry all the Summons, and attend at all Meetings of Governors or Committees, and obey all Orders for the Service of the House.

IV. THAT he do all such other Business as he shall be directed from Time to Time by the Committee.

## The HOUSE VISITORS.

I. THAT two or more Governors be appointed every Fort-night by the House-Committee, to visit the House twice a Week, or oftner.

II. THAT they make the following Enquiries.

1. WHETHER any In or Out-Patients or Servants, have been guilty of cursing, swearing, drinking, abusive Language, or any other disorderly Behaviour.
2. WHETHER the Patients have been duly attended by the Physicians and Surgeons, Apothecary, Matron, Nurses, Watches, and Servants.
3. WHETHER the Provisions have been duly distributed according to the Rules of the House.
4. WHETHER any other Offence has been committed against the Rules of the House.

THAT they make their Report to the House-Committee accordingly, and suspend, if they think fit, any Nurse, Watch, or Servant, for Misbehaviour, till the next Meeting of the said Committee.



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1745-6, to the 16th of *March,* 1746-7.

		l.	s.	d.
<i>March</i> 20,	The late <i>Hercules Baker</i> , Esq; by <i>John Russel</i> , Esq;	5	0	0
	A Person unknown, by Mr. Deputy <i>Sclater</i>	1	1	0
27,	Ditto, by <i>Edward Patten</i> , Esq; _____	5	5	0
	Ditto, by <i>Richard Chiswel</i> , jun. Esq; _____	5	5	0
<i>April</i> 4,	Ditto, by Mr. <i>John Harrison</i> _____	2	2	0
22,	Ditto, by Mr. <i>David Solomons</i> _____	1	17	6
23,	Ditto, by Mr. <i>John Buxton</i> , jun. _____	1	1	0
25,	Ditto, by <i>William Myre</i> , Esq; _____	21	0	0
<i>May</i> 1,	Ditto, by the Rev. Mr. <i>Kimber</i> _____	7	7	0
<i>June</i> 5,	Ditto, by Mr. Deputy <i>Sclater</i> _____	1	1	0
<i>July</i> 25,	Ditto, by Mr. <i>James Vere</i> _____	5	5	0
<i>Septemb.</i> 19,	A Person unknown _____	5	5	0
<i>October,</i> 11,	Ditto, by <i>Robert Fotherby</i> , Esq; _____	5	5	0
31,	Ditto, by Mr. <i>William Pate</i> , _____	12	17	11
<i>Nov.</i> 17,	Ditto, by Mr. <i>James Godin</i> _____	3	3	0
<i>Dec.</i> 18,	Ditto, by <i>Joseph Faxthrop</i> , Esq; _____	100	0	0
31,	Ditto, by Dr. <i>Andree</i> _____	2	2	0
<i>Jan.</i> 6,	Ditto, by <i>Peter Thomas</i> , Esq; _____	50	0	0
24,	Ditto, by Mr. <i>J. Harrison</i> _____	2	2	0

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<i>March</i> 20,	Sir <i>James Lowther</i> , Bart. _____	40	0	0
<i>May</i> 16,	Mr. <i>James Taylor</i> _____	52	10	0
<i>June</i> 27,	Mr. <i>James Godin</i> , towards the Fund for an in- tended Building _____	21	0	0
<i>August</i> 20,	<i>Richard Warner</i> , Esq; towards ditto _____	10	10	0
<i>Dec.</i> 19,	Mr. <i>Richard Stapell</i> , towards ditto _____	20	0	0
<i>Jan.</i> 22,	The Right Hon. Earl of <i>Shaftesbury</i> _____	35	0	0
<i>Jan.</i> 23,	<i>Peter Ducane</i> , Esq; towards the Fund for an in- tended Building _____	21	0	0
<i>Feb.</i> 4,	Mr. <i>Peter Bigot</i> , towards ditto _____	20	0	0
13,	<i>Fotherly Baker</i> , Esq; towards ditto _____	12	12	0
24,	Mr. <i>John Harrison</i> , towards ditto _____	2	2	0
	Mr. <i>Henry Norris</i> , towards extra Charges of Re- building the Back Premisses _____	5	5	0

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