

At a Committee of the Court of Assistants of the Worshipful  
Company of Musicians held at the Chapter Coffee House in  
Paternoster Row on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 1786.

Present

M<sup>r</sup> Holmes Master  
M<sup>r</sup> Gutfield  
M<sup>r</sup> Treating  
M<sup>r</sup> Hardy  
M<sup>r</sup> Salto

The Committee ordered several Members of the  
Company to be summoned to pay their Steward and  
Livery Fines as  $\text{f}$  list in the Rough Minute Book.

The Master appointed the next Quarterly Court  
to be held on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> Instant at the  
King's Head Tavern in the Poultry.

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At a Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of  
Musicians held at the King's Head Tavern in the Poultry on  
Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1786.

Present

M<sup>r</sup> Holmes Master

M<sup>r</sup> Butler Warden

M<sup>r</sup> Gatfield

M<sup>r</sup> Keating

M<sup>r</sup> Hardy

M<sup>r</sup> Gibson

M<sup>r</sup> Salte

M<sup>r</sup> Chivers

M<sup>r</sup> Akerman

M<sup>r</sup> Davies

M<sup>r</sup> Ederton

M<sup>r</sup> Humphreys

The Minutes of the last Court and of the Committee were  
read and confirmed.

The above twelve Gentlemen of the Court received five  
Shillings each for timely Attendance.

The Court proceeded by Poll to the Election of an  
Assistant in the Room of M<sup>r</sup> Williams retired into the Country  
when there were put in Nomination for the same

M<sup>r</sup> Madd

M<sup>r</sup> Harrop

M<sup>r</sup> Key

When M<sup>r</sup> Harrop was elected, and paid the Sum of £10. 10. 0

M<sup>r</sup> John Pritchard

M<sup>r</sup> William Langford

severally paid their Livery Fine of £15. 15. 0 each.

M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Munden

paid his Stewards Fine of £5. 5. 0

Ordered that John Wilkinson the Beadle be paid  
a Gratuity of £6. 6. 0.

Christopher

19<sup>th</sup> January 1786.

Free of Red  
N<sup>o</sup> 8

Christopher Fisher son of Thomas Fisher of Claxton  
Lincolnshire Farmer was this day admitted by Redemption  
and sworn. pp 2. 13.  
N<sup>o</sup> 30 Poultry, Silk-Mercer.

20<sup>th</sup> January 1786.

Appr  
(no Cons)  
N<sup>o</sup> 9.

George Wilkinson son of Tristram Wilkinson of Greenwich  
in Kent Taylor was this day bound Apprentice to Edward  
Rogers for seven Years. (no Cons) p. 17.4

14<sup>th</sup> February 1786.

Free of Serv  
N<sup>o</sup> 10

James Hall late Apprentice of Samuel West for seven  
Years was this day admitted by Service and sworn. 1. 12.  
Fountain, St. Mary Hill, Victualler.

14<sup>th</sup> February 1786.

Free of Serv  
N<sup>o</sup> 11

John Mortimer late Apprentice of George Buckland  
Citizen and Plaisterer deceased was this Day admitted by  
Act of Common Council by Service and sworn. 1. 12.  
Whistlers' Court Cornhill S<sup>r</sup> Musician

14<sup>th</sup> March 1786.

Appr  
(no Cons)  
N<sup>o</sup> 12.

William Carter Cumberland son of William  
Cumberland of Upper Pentham in Yorkshire Mercer, was this  
day bound Apprentice to William Gouthit for seven Years  
(no Cons). p. 17.4

29<sup>th</sup> March 1786.

Appr  
(no Cons)  
N<sup>o</sup> 13.

Gavin Henderson son of Thomas Henderson of Pelain  
House Kinross-shire in North Britain Gardener was this Day  
bound Apprentice to Harry Ashby for seven Years (no Cons).

6<sup>th</sup> April 1786.

Free of Serv  
N<sup>o</sup> 14.

William Rowley late Apprentice of Thomas Payne  
deceased was this Day admitted by Service and sworn.  
N<sup>o</sup> 29 Princes Row Mile End Cooper.

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Company of  
Saint Pauls

Appr  
(no Cons)  
N<sup>o</sup> 15.

Appr  
(no Cons)  
N<sup>o</sup> 16.

At a Committee of the Court of Assistants of the Worshipful  
Company of Musicians held at the Saint Paul's Coffee House in  
Saint Paul's Churchyard on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1786.

Present

M<sup>r</sup> Holmes Master  
M<sup>r</sup> Gatfield  
M<sup>r</sup> Keating  
M<sup>r</sup> Hardy  
M<sup>r</sup> Salte

Settled with the Clerk and Beadle, and paid them  
£5. 1. 0 for collecting £25. 6. 0 Quarterage.

Paid the Beadle £2. 18. 0, his Fees to the 18<sup>th</sup> of  
January last.

Ordered sundry Persons to be summoned to pay their  
Steward and Sivery Fines as f<sup>o</sup>llow

The Master appointed the next Quarterly Court to be  
held at the King's Head Tavern in the Poultry on  
Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> Instant.

19<sup>th</sup> April 1786.

Appr  
(no Cons)  
N<sup>o</sup> 15.

Christian Schindler son of Christian Godfrey  
Schindler was this day bound Apprentice to Georgelouth  
for seven Years (no Cons) Old Fish Street.

26<sup>th</sup> April 1786.

Appr  
(no Cons)  
N<sup>o</sup> 16.

Charles Sansom son of Richard Sansom of  
Paddington, Middlesex, Vict<sup>or</sup>, was this day bound Apprentice  
to Thomas Sanderson for seven Years (no Cons).  
George Street, Hanover Square, Baker.

At a Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Musicians  
held at the King's Head Tavern in the Poultry on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
April 1786.

Present

- Mr Holmes, Master
- Mr Rutter, Warden
- Mr Keating
- Mr Hardy
- Mr Gibson
- Mr Salte
- Mr Chivers
- Mr Davies
- Mr Elderton
- Mr Humphreys

The Minutes of the last Court and of the Committee were  
read and confirmed.

The above ten Gentlemen of the Court received five Shillings  
each for timely Attendance.

Mr Joseph Harrop elected an Assistant at the last  
Court was sworn and took his seat accordingly.

Mr Benjamin Newbery and  
Mr James Nelson severally paid their Sivery Fine  
of £15. 15. 0 each.

2<sup>nd</sup> May 1786.

William Evans son of William Evans late of Lower Brook  
Street Grosvenor Square in Middl<sup>e</sup> Grocer deceased, was this Day  
bound App<sup>r</sup> to Thomas Flint for Seven Years (no Cons<sup>d</sup>)  
Gracechurch St<sup>r</sup> Haberdasher. o. 17. 4

App<sup>r</sup>  
(no Cons<sup>d</sup>)  
N<sup>o</sup> 17

22<sup>nd</sup> May 1786.

Thomas Joseph Snelson son of Joseph Snelson of  
Church Row St<sup>r</sup> John's Horslydown in Surry Carpenter, was this  
Day bound App<sup>r</sup> to Jonah Hogg for Seven Years (no Cons<sup>d</sup>)  
Fair St<sup>r</sup> Horslydown. o. 17. 4

App<sup>r</sup>  
(no Cons<sup>d</sup>)  
N<sup>o</sup> 18

25<sup>th</sup> May 1786.

John Treadwell son of John Treadwell late of Waddington  
Oxfordshire Farmer deceased, was this day admitted App<sup>r</sup> sworn  
N<sup>o</sup> 19 Fore St<sup>r</sup> Cheesemonger

Free of Red<sup>n</sup>  
N<sup>o</sup> 19

Free of Serv<sup>t</sup>  
N<sup>o</sup> 20.

App<sup>r</sup>  
(no Cons<sup>d</sup>)  
N<sup>o</sup> 21.

Free Serv.  
No. 20.

15<sup>th</sup> June 1786.  
James Greetham late Apprentice of James Craven from the 3<sup>d</sup>  
July 1781 for 7 years was admitted p<sup>re</sup>sent p<sup>re</sup>sent

No. 4 Thomas St. Fishmonger. 1. 12. -

Appr.  
(no Con<sup>sn</sup>)  
No. 21.

26<sup>th</sup> June 1786.  
John Whitehead Son of John Whitehead of Devonshire wheel  
Midd<sup>le</sup> Doctor of Physic was this day bound Apprentice to William  
Huson for 7 years (no Con<sup>sn</sup>)

Newgate St. Grocer.

At a Committee of the Court of  
 Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Musicians  
 held at St. Paul's Coffee-house in Saint Paul's Church  
 Yard on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 1786.

Present.

Mr. Holmes. Master

Mr. Rutter. . . Warden

Mr. Gatfield.

Mr. Keating.

Mr. Salter.

The Committee proceeded to examine  
 the List of such of the Sivery who had paid all  
 Fines and directed such Members only to be invited  
 to the annual Stewards' Feast as are specified by  
 List in the rough Minute Books.

The Master appointed the next  
 Quarterly Court to be held at the New London  
 Tavern in Cheapside on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> Day  
 of July 1786 and ordered Dinner to be provided  
 for one Hundred.

27<sup>th</sup> Jan 1785.  
 and  
 11<sup>th</sup> April 1786.

The Clerk this Day produced a Report  
in Writing, which was read in the following  
Words -

27<sup>th</sup> Jan 1785.  
and  
11<sup>th</sup> April 1786. }

In Obedience to the Commands of the Court  
of Assistants and Committee of this Worshipful Company,  
"to search the City Books, and make such further Inquiry as  
"might be found necessary, into the Claim of this Company upon  
"the Company of Fishmongers, by advancing the Sum of  
"Twenty Pounds towards the maintenance of the Plantations in  
"the Province of Ulster, in the Kingdom of Ireland, granted  
"by King James the first to the City of London, Anno 1609;" -  
your Clerk proceeded, with all Diligence, to examine the Books  
in the Town Clerk's Office, (to which Mr. Town Clerk was pleased  
to give ready Access) and after Variety of Searches at different  
Periods, (which engaged his Attention a considerable Space of  
Time) took Minutes of every Matter concerning the Company -  
a Copy whereof is herunto annexed - but, to his Mortification,  
could find no Trace whatsoever of the Matter in Question.  
The next Step that he thought expedient to be taken, was to  
look into historical Authority; and, upon examining the  
History of Ireland, he found that the wild Natives had been,  
perpetually making Incursions within the Pale, as it is  
termed, of the said Province of Ulster; on which Account, it  
became necessary for the Planters, to erect Fortifications for  
their Security, both numerous and expensive. Finding  
Nothing further therein to elucidate the Subject, he was

then



then led, as the dernier Resort, to appeal to the Candour of  
 the Company of Fishmongers for a final Explanation.  
 Mr. Grubb the Clerk, with his usual Gentility and Complaisance,  
 was pleased to give Directions to search the Company's Books,  
 for the Entry concerning the Transaction, and where it might  
 terminate. Some few Days after, your Clerk waited upon  
 Mr. Grubb, and was shewn by that Gentleman, an Entry in the  
 Court Book of the Company, dated March 7<sup>th</sup> 1613, to the  
 following Purport: "That the Company of Fishmongers under  
 " their Seal had given a Release (or in other words perhaps) exonerate  
 " the Company of Musicians from any further Burthen or  
 " Contribution" - From hence your Clerk, with due Deference,  
 infers from the foregoing Account of erecting and maintaining  
 such a Number of Fortifications, and considering the  
 prodigious Expences attending the same, it may be fairly  
 deduced that this Company for those Causes, applied to the  
 Fishmongers for the forementioned Release or Exoneration,

All which is most humbly submitted  
 to this Worshipful Court by their  
 dutiful Servant

Thomas Whittell  
 Clerk

References in the City Books concerning the Worshipful  
Company of Musicians

- Anno. 1546. R. Gresham 11 Feb. 481 - about - Wastes of Minstrels  
 1552. Mar 2 Ed. 6 R 245 Leg 239 C. No Foreigner to play in the City  
 1602. 3 Rep. 26 Bernett fol. 299 Incorporated  
 1604 July 8 Jac. 1 the Charter 1. M. 2 W. 20 Assistants  
 1606 Aug 1. 1 Jac. R. 10 Judges to confirm the Bye Laws  
 1606 Aug. 25. 1 Jac. Bye Laws confirmed. Lw. Time 2 of Fees  
 1660 Cha. 2 Stat. 19. Sect. 3. Not named as a Company  
 1682 Rep. Moore 87 fol. 258, 246 declared an Antient L.  
 1688 Lw. restored by W. & Mary.  
 1694. 11 Sep. W. & M. fo: 52. Ashhurst fo: 15. No Foreigner L.  
 1698. Rep. 133 Childs 194 Leave granted to prefer a Bill  
 for better Regulation L.  
 1699. Had but 17 Livery  
 1700. Alney fo: 308 & 358. Act of Co. L. ag<sup>t</sup> Foreigners  
 1710. Had but 25 Livery  
 1717. Rep 122. Lower fo: 97. New Charter, refused not having  
 the consent of L. Mayor & Ald. Approved fo: 186  
 1724. Had Livery 30  
 1727. Ditto 28. April  
 1734. Ditto  
 1739. Ditto 31.  
 1772. Ditto 225  
 1773. Ditto 252. Dec. 11

A Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Musicians  
held at the New London Tavern in Cheapside on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
July 1786.

Present

- |             |         |              |  |
|-------------|---------|--------------|--|
| Mr Holmes   | Master  |              |  |
| Mr Rix      | Wardens |              |  |
| Mr Rutter   |         |              |  |
| Mr Gatfield |         | Mr Crozier   |  |
| Mr Keating  |         | Mr Davies    |  |
| Mr Hardy    |         | Mr Elderton  |  |
| Mr Salte    |         | Mr Humphreys |  |

The Minutes of the last Court were read and confirmed.  
 The above eleven Gent<sup>l</sup> of the Court received five Shillings  
 each for timely Attendance.  
 This day was held the Annual Sherwards Feast at which  
 seventy seven Members were present.

5<sup>th</sup> July 1786.

*Appo*  
 in Cons<sup>o</sup> of S<sup>r</sup> 13. 13. 0 of Parking Alley Tower Street Dealer in Coals was this day  
 bound Apprentice to John Smith for seven Years in Cons<sup>o</sup> of S<sup>r</sup> 13. 13. 0  
 of Shoemaker New Pitfields. a. 17. 4

*Free of Serv*  
 N<sup>o</sup> 23. Francis Payne late Apprentice of Willy Crump for 14 Years  
 was this Day admitted by Service, by the Testimony of Francis  
 Payne Citizen and Clockmaker, and sworn. 1. 12. 0

Three Sun Court, New & Street.

17<sup>th</sup> July 1786.

*Appo*  
 (no Cons<sup>o</sup>)  
 N<sup>o</sup> 24. Thomas Dalton Craig Son of Robert Craig of the  
 Tower Hamlets Yeoman was this day bound Apprentice to  
 Henry Adams for seven Years (no Cons<sup>o</sup>). a. 17. 0

3<sup>rd</sup> August 1786

*Appo*  
 (no Cons<sup>o</sup>)  
 N<sup>o</sup> 25. James Clark Son of James Clark, was this day bound  
 Apprentice to his said Father for seven Years (no Cons<sup>o</sup>). a. 17. 0

Windsmit, Necessary Lane, Pat.

*Free of Serv*  
N<sup>o</sup> 26.

*Free of Serv*  
N<sup>o</sup> 27.

*Free of Serv*  
N<sup>o</sup> 28.

*Free of Serv*  
N<sup>o</sup> 29.

*Appo*  
(no Cons<sup>o</sup>)  
N<sup>o</sup> 30.

*Appo*  
(no Cons<sup>o</sup>)  
N<sup>o</sup> 31.

2<sup>nd</sup> September 1786

Free of Red  
No 26.

Thomas Wilkinson son of handle Wilkinson of Old Road  
Cheshire, Farmer, was this day admitted by Red and sworn.  
Brooker 1. 12. 0

7<sup>th</sup> September 1786

Free of Serv  
No 27.

George Thompson late Apprentice to Edward Bury for  
seven Years, was this day admitted by Service and sworn.  
Craven Court, Craven Street. 1. 12. 0

7<sup>th</sup> September 1786.

Free of Serv  
No 28.

Thomas Cummins late Apprentice of Edward Bury for  
seven Years was this day admitted by Service and sworn.  
No 85 B<sup>ro</sup> Without. 1. 12. 0

7<sup>th</sup> September 1786

Free of Serv  
No 29.

William Glover late Apprentice of Edward Bury for seven  
Years was this day admitted by Service and sworn. 1. 12. 0  
No 85 B<sup>ro</sup> Without.

28<sup>th</sup> September 1786.

Appr  
(no Cons)  
No 30.

Edward Waddington son of William Waddington of the  
Parish of Saint Leonard Shoreditch Hosier, was this day bound  
Apprentice to Anthony Clark for seven Years (no Cons). 17. 4

3<sup>rd</sup> October 1786.

Appr  
(no Cons)  
No 31.

John Smith son of Thomas Smith, late of Ristborough  
Bucks, Lace Manufacturer, dece<sup>d</sup> was this Day bound Appr  
to Thomas Flint for seven Years (no Cons). 17. 4

At a Committee of the Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company  
of Musicians held at the St. Paul's Coffee House on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of October 1786.

Present

M<sup>r</sup> Holmes Master

M<sup>r</sup> Gatfield

M<sup>r</sup> Spencer

M<sup>r</sup> Keating

M<sup>r</sup> Salte

M<sup>r</sup> Hardy

Ordered several Members to be summoned to attend the  
next Court to pay the respective Fines of Peward and Sivery

The Master appointed the next Quarterly Court to be held  
at the King's Head Tavern in the Poultry on Wednesday the  
eighteenth Inst.

At a  
Musicians  
Wednesday

At a Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of  
Musicians held at the King's Head Tavern in the Poultry on  
Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1786.

### Present

M<sup>r</sup> Holmes Master

M<sup>r</sup> Rix Warden

M<sup>r</sup> Spencer

M<sup>r</sup> Gatzfield

M<sup>r</sup> Keating

M<sup>r</sup> Hardy

M<sup>r</sup> Salte

M<sup>r</sup> Akerman

M<sup>r</sup> Crozier

M<sup>r</sup> Davies

M<sup>r</sup> Elderton

M<sup>r</sup> Humphreys

The Minutes of the last Court were read and confirmed.

The above ten Gent<sup>l</sup> of the Court receiv<sup>d</sup> five Shillings each for  
timely Attendance.

The Court proceeded to the Election of Officers for the Year  
ensuing whom there were put in Nomination for

### Master

M<sup>r</sup> Rix

M<sup>r</sup> Rutter

And M<sup>r</sup> Rix was elected.

### Upper Warden

M<sup>r</sup> Rutter

M<sup>r</sup> Akerman

And M<sup>r</sup> Rutter was elected.

### Renter Warden

M<sup>r</sup> Akerman

M<sup>r</sup> Crozier

And M<sup>r</sup> Akerman was elected.

### Committee

The Master and Wardens, M<sup>r</sup> Spencer M<sup>r</sup> Gatzfield M<sup>r</sup>  
Keating M<sup>r</sup> Hardy M<sup>r</sup> Gibson and M<sup>r</sup> Salte were appointed.

The

The Clerk and Preadle were re-elected.

Mr Thomas Ellis paid his Livery Fine of £15. 15. 0  
Arch. 24th.

Free of Pat.  
No 34

Mr Joseph Delafons Son of James Delafons was  
this day admitted to the Freedom of this Company by Patrim<sup>o</sup>  
and sworn. P<sup>o</sup> 1. 12. 0

Afterwards the said Joseph Delafons paid his Livery  
Fine of £15. 15. 0.

No 5 Dolphin Court, Ludgate Hill.

24<sup>th</sup> October 1786.

Free of Pat.  
No 35

James Trussell Son of James Trussell was this day  
admitted by Patrimony and sworn P<sup>o</sup> 1. 12. 0

No 2 John St. Hoxlydown

2<sup>nd</sup> November 1786.

Free of Serv.  
No 36.

William Fisher Son and Apprentice of Christopher  
Fisher from 10<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1778 for seven Years was this  
Day admitted by Service and sworn. P<sup>o</sup> 1. 12. 0

No 38 Queen Street, Chapside.

7<sup>th</sup> November 1786.

Appor  
No 37.

William Lake Son of John Lake of Frating in  
Essex Shopkeeper, was this day bound Apprentice to Humphrey  
Darnton for seven Years (no Lord). P<sup>o</sup> 1. 17. 4  
Covhill

10<sup>th</sup> November 1786.

Appor  
No 38

Charles Whitaker Son of George Whitaker of Court  
Court Throgmorton Street, Gentleman's Servant, was this day  
bound Apprentice to Benjamin Innocent for seven Years in  
Consid of £20. P<sup>o</sup> 1. 17. 4  
No 47 Old Broad St. Taylor.

5<sup>th</sup> December 1786.

Free of Red.  
No 39.

William Young Son of William Young, late of Leatham  
Yorkshire Gentleman, was this Day admitted by Redemption  
and sworn. P<sup>o</sup> 1. 17. 4  
No 8 Featherstone Build<sup>g</sup> Holban, Wilt.

No 40.

Afterwards the said William Young paid his Livery  
Fine of £15. 15. 0.

28<sup>th</sup> December 1786.

Apprs  
(no Cond)  
s. 45.

Allan Miles Son of John Miles of Mitcham in Surry  
Shoemaker, was this day bound Apprentice to John Deighton  
for seven Years (no Cond).

Fetter Lane.

P. a. 17. 1.

At a Committee of the Court of Assistants of the Worshipful  
Company of Musicians held at the Saint Paul's Coffee House in  
St Paul's Church Yard on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1787.

## Present

M<sup>r</sup> Ria MasterM<sup>r</sup> Akerman, WardenM<sup>r</sup> KeatingM<sup>r</sup> HardyM<sup>r</sup> Salte

The Committee ordered several Members of the  
Company to be summoned to pay their Steward and  
Sivery Fines at the next Court.

The Master appointed the next Quarterly  
Court to be held on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst at the  
Globe Tavern in Fleetstreet.