

to be ordered from that firm.

Sir Ernest Clarke further reported that following upon the suggestion that he had made at the last Court that these Band Instruments might probably be found of great value to the City of London National Guard, with which three Members of their Court were associated, he had placed himself in communication with Colonel Chambers, the Band Controller of the Guard, and had ascertained that that Regiment was very desirous of establishing a Flute Band, for which the services of the members of the Drum and Bugle Band already in existence would be utilised. For this purpose about 25 Flutes, 1 Piccolo and 1 pair of Cymbals, with Arm Cardholders and Cases for the Flutes would be required. He had obtained an estimate from Messrs Hawkes and Son of the cost of a set of these instruments of the same quality as recently supplied by them to the Welsh Guards, and the net cost of these (allowing for discount on the instruments, but not on the cases etc.) would be about £56. Assuming, which there was every reason to believe, that Hawkes & Son would take back the Fifes and Drums originally ordered, and allow for them at or about the net price paid by the Company (£31.19.3) a further grant of some £25 from the Company's funds would enable a presentation to be made, creditable to their Guild and to the recipients, to a Regiment which it was hoped would be permanently associated with the City, and he trusted the Court might see its way to adopt the suggestion he had made. It should, of course, be made clear to the City of London National Guard, if the presentation were decided upon, that in the event of the Guard being disbanded at any future time or the Flute Band discontinued, the Court would expect the Instruments to be returned to the Company.

After hearing this report, the Court unanimously resolved on the motion of Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford, seconded by Past Master J. Harwood Leecher, Past Master J. C. Collard (Treasurer) supporting, that Sir Ernest Clarke be empowered to conclude on behalf of this Court an arrangement with Messrs Hawkes & Son and