

Sir Homewood Crawford was unanimously elected Chairman, and the following Members were co-opted from the Livery. Mr Thomas Lea Southgate Mr Arthur Frederick Hill, Mr Charles Ernest Rube, Sir George Clement Martin and Mr John Fred Randall Stainer. The offer of the De Haysers Royal Hotel Company Limited Victoria Embankment to afford the committee accommodation for their meetings gratuitously was accepted. The committee proceeded to consider various matters in connection with the Exhibition, and resolved to recommend that the same should be held, if possible, in the city of London, at one of the Livery Halls, and should remain open for at least 21 days. Further, that steps should forthwith be taken to secure Royal Patronage, and that a Guarantee Fund be opened to meet the expenses connected with the Exhibition. The Chairman intimated as the result of his experience of previous Exhibitions that about £1000 would be required.

At a Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February, Mr A. F. Hill and Mr J. F. R. Stainer consented to act as joint Honorary Secretaries and were so appointed, and the following additional Members were added to the committee:— Mr Alfred Henry Littleton, Mr Clifford Blackburn Edgar, Sir Ernest Clarke, and Mr Thomas Bellingwood Fenwick. It was resolved to request the Court to be good enough to place a sum of £150 out of the general funds of the company at the disposal of the committee for initial expenses:— and the following subscriptions to the Guarantee Fund were announced:— The Master Mr Frank Hawood Lecher £25, the Senior Warden Mr William Hardy Herring £21, the Junior Warden Mr Charles Thomas Daniel Crews £50, Mr John Clementi Ballard £21, Mr Edward Ernest Cooper, £21 Sir Frederick Bridge £20 and Sir Homewood Crawford £50. The Chairman was authorized to address a circular letter to other Members of the Court and to the Livery, inviting them to join the Fund.