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Transcript of the regulations

At the Court at WHITEHALL the eighth of May 1667.

Present

The KING'S most Excellent Majesty,

His Royal Highness the Duke of York, Lord Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, Lord Chancellor, Lord Privy-Seal, Duke of Albemarle, Marquess of Dorchester, Lord Chamberlain, Earl of Bridgewater, Earl of Berkshire, Earl of Bathe, Earl of Carlisle, Earl of Craven, Earl of Lauderdale, Earl of Middleton, Lord Arlington, Lord Asbley, Mr Comptroller, Mr Secretary Morice, Mr Chancellor of the Duchy, Sir William Coventry.

An ORDER made by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of *London*, of the 29. of *April* last past, in the ensuing words, (viz.)

It is Ordered, That the Surveyors take special care, that the Breast-Summers of all houses do range of an equal height house with house, so far as shall be convenient, and there to make breaks by their Directions. And that they do encourage and give Directions to all Builders for ornament sake, That the Ornaments and projections of the Front Buildings be of rubbed Bricks and that all the naked part of the walls may be done of rough Bricks neatly wrought, or all rubbed, at the discretion of the Builder, or that the Builders may otherwise enrich their Fronts as they please.

That if any person or persons shall desire in any Street or Lane of Note to build on each side of the Street or Lane (opposite one to the other) six or more houses of the Third Rate, or that the upper Rooms or Garrets may be flat Roofs encompassed with Battlements of Bricks covered with Stone, or Gable ends, or Rails and Bannisters of Iron or Stone, or to vary their Roofs for the greater ornament of Building; the Surveyors, or one of them, shall certify their opinions therein to the Committee for Re-building, who shall have liberty to give leave for the same, if they see cause.

That in all the Streets no Sign posts shall hang cross, but the Signs shall be fixed against the Balconies, or some other convenient part of the Side of the house.

It is Ordered that a Postern shall be made on the North side of Newgate for Conveniency of Foot-passengers, and that Holborn-Bridge shall be enlarged to run straight on a bevil Line from the Timber-house on the North-side thereof, known by the Sign of the Cock, to the Front of the Buildings at the Swan Inne on the said North-side of Holborn-hill.

Forasmuch as it is Provided in the late Act for Re-building, That the Surveyors shall take care for the equal setting out of all party Walls and Piers, and no person be permitted to build till that be done; therefore, for prevention of any Eraction in the taking of such Surveys, and all Quarrells and Contentions that may arise between the Builders, it is Ordered, That no Builder shall lay his Foundation, until the Surveyors, or one of them, (according to the Act) shall view it, and see the party Walls and Piers equally set out, and that all persons observe the Surveyors Directions concerning the Superstructure to be erected over the said Foundations.

And that for the defraying that, and all other incident Charges of Measuring, Staking out, taking the Levell, and Surveying the Streets and Ground, each Builder, before he lay his Foundation, or such Survey shall be taken, do repair to the Chamber of London, and there enter his Name, with the place where his building is to be set out, and to pay to the Chamberlain the summe of six shillings eight pence for every Foundation to be re-built. For which Mr Chamberlain shall give Acquittances: upon Receipt of which Acquittances the Surveyors shall proceed to set out such persons Foundations.

And it is Ordered, That all persons who have already laid any Foundations shall forthwith pay into the Chamber of London six shillings eight pence for every Foundation.

And the Court is consenting and desirous that all streight and narrow Passages, which shall be found convenient for common Benefit and Accommodation, and shall receive his MAJESTIE's Order and 'Approbation', shall and may be Enlarged and made wider, and otherwise Altered, before 20. day of May now next ensuing, as shall be fitting for the Beauty, Ornament, and Conveniency thereof, and Staked and let out accordingly.

Several late Inhabitants of Fleetstreet, intending to Re-build their houses which did formerly stand backward of other foundations near adjoining , and desiring liberty to advance their houses, that the whole Front may run on a straight line; the Committee did agree to the same, if the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of England and the other Lords shall approve thereof, and procure his MAJESTIE's 'Approbation' to the same: and the Committee do desire liberty may be given for other persons in other places, where it shall be found convenient.

And it is Ordered, That the Committee for Re-building do present the Particulars aforesaid to the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of England and the other Lords, and the same (if they receive his MAJESTIE's 'Approbation') shall be forthwith Printed and Published.

Which being this day represented to the board by the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of *England*, the same was allowed and approved of; and it was Ordered that the same be punctually observed in every part thereof. And all persons concerned are required and commanded to yield due obedience and conform themselves thereunto. And that the said Order be forthwith Printed and Published.

Edw. Walker.

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