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**Transcript of minutes from Common Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1666**

*[Translated from Latin]*

A Common Council holden at Gresham House on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1666 and in the 18<sup>th</sup> year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles II now King of England etc. before Sir Thomas Bludworth knight Mayor of the City of London, Thomas Adams knight and baronet Alderman, Richard Chiverton knight Alderman, Thomas Aleyn knight and baronet, William Wyld knight and baronet Serjeant at Law and Recorder of the City of London, William Bolton knight Alderman, Samuel Starling Esq Alderman, Joseph Sheldon Esq Alderman and Robert Hanson and William Hooker knights Aldermen and Sheriffs of the same City and also the greater part of the Commons in the Common Council of the same City then & there assembled

Sir Rich[ard] Ford Kn[igh]t sent up for ye proposealls

This Court being informed That some Pap[er]s have beene p[re]sented by Sir Richard fford Knt & Ald[e]r[m]an to the hono[ur]able Committee of the house of Comons as proposealls from this Court for rebuilding the City which were onely in p[re]parac[i]on and not Agreed on nor ordered to be p[re]ferred to the said Committee or otherwise publiquely produced It is now ordered That Sir Richard fford be p[re]sently sent to to procure and bring back the said Papers into this Court That they May proceede to alter and Act thereupon as they see Cause And to perfect the same to be offered to ye proposeall and Judgm[en]t of the hono[ur]able Committee

Ordered [tha]t Sir Jo[h]n Laurence & the rest of ye Committee form[er]ly appointed to attend the right hono[ur]able the Lord High Chancellour of England with some proposealls, in p[re]parac[i]on touching the rebuilding of the City doe againe attend his Lo[r]dshi[p] & excuse ye p[re]posterous deliv[er]y of the same proposealls to the Committee of Parliam[en]t before they had received his Lo[r]dshi[ps] Opinion thereupon and of what other Matters were fitt to be added thereunto

Newgate & Old Baily to be

It is ordered by this Court That the City workemen shall repaire Newgate soe as to make it sufficient to hold ye Prison[ers] And [tha]t ye

repaired Sessions house at the Old Bailey be forthw[i]th fitted for publique use And [tha]t the places in Guildhall where the Courts of Justice were form[er]ly held be by them w[i]th all speed forthw[i]th fitted for their former use And Mr Chamblein is ordered from time to time to pay the monys due for ye same worke

Starkey Brewer Complieint being made unto this Court That the Brewhouse of Philip forbid Starky in Crutched ffryers was fired the last night & by that Brewilling till meanes (had it not beene suddenly Quenched) the adjacent houses Order were in great Danger And alsoe that the same house hath severall times lately beene on ffire to the Endangering of this City It is ordered That Mr Dep[u]ty Jeofferries the Comon Councillmen of Aldgate Ward & the City Veiwers or as many of them as can Conveniently Meete doe forth with Veiw the same Brewhouse and Consider whither it be convenient that the said Philip Starkey or any other person follow ye Profession of a Brewer there for the future & what danger it may be to continue the same for a Brewhouse and how it may be p[re]vented And to report their Opinions therein to this Court And John Cole to warne & attend them And it is ordered that the said Philip Starkey cease from brewing till the further Order of this Court

Order Upon ye Petic[i]on of John Richardson Esq & Citizen & Goldsmith of London Disch[arged] shewing that in ye Majoralty of Sir John Dethick he was discharged from Richardson the place of an Ald[e]rman for ye ffine of CCC<sup>li</sup> which he paid into ye Chamber from Sher[iff] of London And he being lately chosen one of the Sheriffes of this City & County of Midd[lesex] for ye yeare ensueing he appeared before the Court of Ald[e]r[m]en with his Compurgators to have sworne he was not really worth M<sup>li</sup> thereby to be exempted from that Office But that upon the Promise of the Court of Ald[e]r[m]en That he should be recomended by this Court to pay noe more then CC<sup>li</sup> he was induced to seale a Bond for the Paym[en]t of CCCC<sup>li</sup> as was usuall And therefore praying upon Paym[en]t of CC<sup>li</sup> to be exempted from that Office And to have his Bond delivered

up This Court upon debate of the whole Matter finding the whole suggestion of the said Petic[i]on to be true doth Order That the said John Richardson upon his Paym[en]t of the said CC<sup>li</sup> into the Chamber of London shall be discharged from being eligible to the office of Sherrivalty of this City and County of Midd[le]s[ex] for ever hereafter And that his Bond be deliv[er]ed up to him to be cancelled or be sufficiently released & discharged of the same

Disch[arged]  
Frewin from  
Sheriffe

Upon ye Petic[i]on of Stephen ffrewin Esq Citizen & Skinner of London shewing that he was form[er]ly discharged from ye place of an Ald[e]r[m]an for ye ffine of CCC<sup>li</sup> and paid ye same into ye Chamber of London And that being lately chosen one of the Sherriffes of this City and County of Midd[le]s[ex] for ye yeare ensueing although he then could & still may make Oath he was not really worth xM<sup>li</sup> did Never ye lesse for Examples for to seale a Bond for ye Paym[en]t of CCCC intending to rely on the ffavour of this Court It is there upon ordered That the said Stephen ffrewen (in case he shall within ten dayes now next comeing pay into the Chamber of London ye Sume of CCC<sup>li</sup>) shall be exempted from being Eligible to the Office of Sherriffe of this City & County of Midd[le]s[ex] for ever hereafter And tha]t his said Bond be delivered up to him to be Cancelled or shall otherwise be sufficiently released & discharged of ye same

Noe goods to  
be delivered  
from ye Armory  
at Finsbury  
w[i]thout Order  
of Court

It is ordered That none of ye goods or other things (w[hi]ch according to his Ma[jes][t]ie[s] late Proclamac[i]on shall be brought into the Armory in ffinsbury ffeilds) shall be delivered out to any person claimeing the same w[i]thout Order from ye Court of Ald[e]r[m]en or ye Lord Maior & Sheriffes for the time being

Alder[men]  
Order for ye  
Bailiffs of  
Southw[ark]e

It is ordered That ye Bailiffes of Southwarke Westm[inster] & other adjacent Lib[er]ties be forthw[i]th sent to to deliver into the Armory at ffinsbury ffeilds all such goods & other things as they have in their Custody

delivery of ye or disposeall which they have seized to have beene deliverd to them  
goods lost in ye since or dureing the late dreadfull ffire in this City to be disposed  
Fire to Armory of according to the same Proclamac[i]on  
at Finsbury  
Mr Hookes Mr Hooke haveing upon the Moc[i]on & Encouragem[en]t of this  
Model Court p[re]pared & p[re]sented an Exquisite Modell or draught for  
rebuilding of this City this Court doth declare their good Acceptance  
& Approbac[i]on of the same