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1876 December 23rd At a Chamber Meeting
this day held pursuant to Notice
The Summout as under was given to the Poor
viz £28 " " 6 " 0 Members Present
Rev^d M Guerity, R W Higgins, M J B Fettle
W T Strawbridge, M D Power, F Stokes

1877 January 10th A Chamber Meeting
having been held this day pursuant to notice
to consider the appointment of a Master
for the Feoffee School
Also repairs required at Horiton, A Wall
to be rebuilt, End of a Cottage requires Plastering
The rain comes in the Printing Office at W Mark's
Dwelling House at Looching requires Thatching
Also a long list of Applicants for Assistance

It was resolved that the Master's salary
be £80 a year and the house (reserving
the use of the Chamber &c)

That the ~~Master~~ number of the free
boys be increased to 12 -

That the Master be required to give these
boys a sound English & Commercial
education, without Latin & French except
in cases ^{when} ordered by the Chamber.

That the free boys be elected for two years
but may be re-elected for such farther
time as the Chamber may think fit.

That the Sons of Residents be received
by the Master at Four p^rin^ras a year -
and be taught as the free boys, with
Latin & French, if desired or not objected to

by the parents.

That no advertisement be made -
That a Meeting be held on Saturday
next at 11 o'clock to appoint a
Schoolmaster, subject to the above
conditions.

Repairs at Honiton & to stand over
All applications for assistance to stand
over.

- M. Gueritz - Chairman
- Dan. Power
- John Baker
- John Harding
- R. W. Steggins
- John Mounstephen
- Tho Stawbridge
- W. Hoop
- H. Stokes

1877 January 13th St. Chamber Meeting
this day held pursuant to notice to
elect a School Master for the Troffer School

It was unanimously resolved that the Rev.
Jose Fortescue Lawrence Gueritz is hereby
appointed to the office of Master of the
Troffer School, on his ~~expressing~~ ^{expressing} the fact
having first signed the following agreement.

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| John Baker | John L. Scambrough (Chairman) |
| John Harding | W. Hoop |
| Dan. Power | R. W. Steggins |
| Thomas Paly | John Mounstephen |
| | M. Gueritz |
| | J. B. Kettle |
| H. Stokes | Tho Stawbridge |

I, Jose Fortescue Lawrence Queritz
do agree to undertake the office of Master
of the Troffee School, being appointed thereto
by the Chamber of Troffees and Twenty men
of Colyton, under the following conditions -

The Troffees and Twenty men to pay the
Master a salary of £ 80 a year in half
yearly payments and to allow him the
use of the School house free of rates
and Taxes, reserving to themselves the
sole use of the room in which their
meetings are held, with free ingress and
egress at their pleasure.

The Master shall receive into the School
twelve free boys nominated by the
Chamber, to whom he shall give a sound
English and Commercial education
without Latin or French except when
required by the Chamber in the case
of any particular boy or boys -

The Master shall receive sons of residents
in the Parish of Colyton at Four Guineas
a year for each and shall give them the
same education as the free boys, with
Latin or French if desired or not objected
to by their parents.

The Chamber of Troffees and Twenty men
may dismiss the Master without assigning
cause after six months written notice
given to him in pursuance of a resolution
passed at a meeting duly convened for
that express purpose, such resolution being
affirmed by a majority of the members present.

For urgent cause the Chamber may, by resolution passed at a special meeting duly convened for the express purpose, and affirmed by a majority of the members present, declare that the Master ought to be dismissed from his office and in that case they may appoint another special meeting to be held not less than a week after the former one and may then by a similar resolution wholly & finally dismiss him - Such dismissal to take effect within seven days of such meeting. And if the members assembled at the first of such meeting think fit at once to suspend the Master from his office, until the next meeting they may do so by a resolution affirmed by as large a proportion of members -

Full notice and opportunity of defence at both meetings shall be given to the master -

I Josi Fortescue Lawrence Gierutz do hereby agree to the above conditions and declare that I will always to the best of my ability discharge the duties of Master of the Colyton Feoffee School during my tenure of the office and that if I am removed by the Chamber according to the above conditions I will acquiesce in such removal and will thereupon relinquish all claim to the Mastership and its emoluments and will deliver up to the Chamber of Feoffees and Twenty men, as they may direct, possession of all their property then in my possession or occupation.

J. Fortescue, L. Gierutz

1877 January 22nd At a Meeting of the Chamber held this day pursuant to notice for the purpose of fixing a day to elect 12 free Boys for the Free School

It was resolved that the Election of ^{the} free boys ~~to~~ take place on Tuesday the 30th Inst. at 6 o'clock in the Evening - and that public notice be given by means of handbills -

W. Gueritz. Chairman

W. W. Gray

John Harding

W. B. Bartlett

Thos Shawbridge

Thomas Pady

W. Farmer

W. B. Vittle

Sam. Power

John Mounstephen

H. Stokes

1877 January 30th A Meeting of the Chamber
having been held this evening, pursuant
to notice, for the purpose of electing free
Boys for the Troop School

The following boys were elected.

- John Bursell
- Samuel Sweetland
- Frank Richards
- Walter Pavey
- Fred Richards
- William James Smith
- Henry Stuart
- George Langford
- George Lilly
- Henry Strawbridge
- Bernard Sellar
- Samuel Hoskins

subject to the entrance examination.
That the Troopers do find the necessary
books & stationery for the free boys.

M. Gueritz - Chairman

- ~~W. H. P. G. G.~~
- Thomas Pugh
- John Mounstephen
- W. H. Higgins
- Thos. K. G. G.
- J. V. Keate
- W. B. Bartlett
- John Barber
- John Harding
- F. Stokes

1877 February 7th A Chamber Meeting having
 been held this day pursuant to notice
 To order payment of Messrs Cox & Every's Bill

Also to order a lease for Lovehayne Farm

It was resolved. That Messrs Cox & Every's
 account (£89.5.4) be paid forthwith.

A Cheque for the amount was signed.

The question of a lease
 for Lovehayne was deferred until Mr Palmer
 has been consulted.

That a Committee consisting
 of Mr Power & such other members as
 may wish to accompany him be
 appointed to visit Lovehayne to inspect
 & report upon the state of repair.

John L. Scarborough Chairman

R. H. Higgins

John Mounstephen

M. Queritz

W. B. Bartlett

Phil. Scarborough

J. B. Kerale

John Harding

Thomas Pugh

F. Stokes

1877 February 16th A Chamber Meeting
having been held this Evening, pursuant
to notice

To elect a free Boy for the School
in the place of Walter Pooz, who is unfit

Also to order a desk for the School

That Frank Aming be elected
subject to Entrance Examination

That two desks be provided

M. Gueritz, Chairman

- John Harding
- Edw Shawbridge
- W D Bartlett
- W W Ling
- John Mounstephen
- J B Kettle
- F Stokes

1877 March 9th A Chamber Meeting having been held this evening pursuant to notice to receive the report from Mr Power respecting the repairs at Lovehayne

Also to decide if Potatoes are to be given & A Wall requires to be repaired at Hampton

The Bailiff was directed to write to Mr Power to inform him that sundry repairs are required in the buildings at Lovehayne and also that Reed must be provided immediately for about 50 squares of thatch.

It was resolved to give away potatoes as usual and to advertise ^{in Pulman} for tenders for ^{about} 200 bags

M. Gueritz - Chairman -

W. Framed.

John Harding

Thomas Day

W. B. Bartlett

Thos Brownbridge

Dan. Power

W. Thorne

John Mounstephen

A. Stokes

1877 March 16th A Chamber Meeting having
 been held this day, pursuant to notice
 To receive tenders & Samples for Potatoes
~~and~~ Application for Assistance for Widow Hoskins

Mr Pearce's tender for 200 Bags according to
 sample to be delivered at the Market house
 at 5/3 a bag was accepted -

It was resolved to grant Widow Hoskins £ 5-

M. Gueritz. Chairman

Thomas Pugh

W D Bartlett

John Harding

Thos Shawbury

W. Fanner.

Geo. Power

John Mounstephen

F Stokes

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1877 March 23rd A Chamber Meeting having
been held this evening pursuant to notice

for the purpose of meeting Mr Hutchings
of Colyford who wishes to retake the House

Also to read a letter from the School
Board who wants to lay a one inch pipe
to convey water from the Town Seat

It was resolved, that the House & premises
at Colyford be offered to Mr Hutchings
at a yearly rent of £ 28 -

That the Feoffees will allow the School
Board to take water from the stream
on such conditions as may hereafter
be mutually agreed upon -

M. Gueritz. Chairman -

Thomas Perry

John Harding

Thos Snowbridge

W. Bartlett

J. Kettle

W. Farmer.

Sam. Power

W. Wood

H. Stokes

1877 March 27th A Chamber Meeting having
been held this evening pursuant to notice

To arrange and let Garden Plots at Ridgeway

It was resolved that Plot 21. (the late Emanuel Carters)
be let to John Woram - and the half of plot 29
(now held by J Woram) be let to ~~George Long~~ Tom. Fowler.
That Witley Bed be let to Harriet Carter
at 1/- a year -

M. Gueritz - Chairman

Thos Shawbridge

John Harding

W. Vetter

Rev. Power

for John Mountsopher
Fr. Stokes

1877 May 10th A Chamber Meeting having
been held this Evening pursuant to notice
for the purpose of transacting the under named business
Elect a Boy for the free School

Audit & Pass the Accounts to Lady day 1877

Subscribe towards the Town Clock

Repairs & Lease for Lovelhayne

Letter from Honiton requesting a Pump

grate required at Colyford

Gate & Posts at Hampton

Applications for Assistance from various Persons
as per List

It was resolved -

- 1 That a son of Mr J. Patch, Hamberhayne
be elected to the School in place of Hoskins.
- 2 The accounts were audited & passed
- 3 That £2 be subscribed towards paying for
winding up the clock during the ensuing
year -
- 4 That Ann Richards be employed to survey
the repairs necessary at Lovelhayne and
that Mr Dawe be requested to fix a
day (before the 24th Inst^s) to meet him
for that purpose -
- 5 That nothing be done at present about the well
at Honiton.
- 6 Mr Stokes was authorized to provide a grate
for the cottage at Colyford - & to see about
the timber for gate & posts at Hampton -
The meeting was adjourned until next
Tuesday at 6 o'clock to consider the
applications for assistance
M. G. Chairman

1877 May 15th An adjourned Meeting having
been held this Evening,
To consider Applications for Assistance

The following grants were made

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| Sarah Woodrow - £ 1-0-0 | May Ann (Dower) 1-0-0 |
| May Ann (Dower) 1-0-0 | Widow Lockyer 1-0-0 |
| Philip Mitchell - 1-10-0 | John Turl - 1-10-0 |
| Widow Barrett - 0-10-0 | Tom Fowler 1-10-0 |
| Chas Purse 1-10-0 | Wm Purse - (Pair ¹⁶ Boats) |
| Chas Barrett 1-10-0 | Walter Barrett 1-10-0 |
| Thos Fowler Sr 0-10-0 | John Hupley 1-0-0 |
| John Mitchell 0-10-0 | Rd. Langford - 2-0-0 |
| Tom Coop' boy - Pair of ^{8th} Boats | |

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| M. Gueritz - Chairman | W. H. Jones |
| W. Farmer | Thomas Pady |
| J. R. Vette | M. G. R. |
| W. S. Bartlett | John Mounstephen |
| John Harding | F. Stokes |
| John Shawby | |

1877 June 6th A Chamber Meeting having been held this Evening, pursuant to Notice for the purpose of transacting the under named Business

To define the work of the Water Bailiff, John Richards

" Appoint a School Committee

" To a committee to inspect the Garden Plots

To receive an Application from Messrs Rogers &

Farmer, to assist a Person who is in need

Also to receive a list of Applications

Do & The report from the Par^{ts} M Guesity and Mr J B Kettle, as to the rent of Mr Hutchings, House at Colyton

A letter was read from Mr Dawe, dated 23rd May. As he has failed to fix a day for the survey of repairs as requested by the Chamber the Bailiff is now instructed to write to Mr Dawe naming a day on which he will be at Lovelhayne with a Surveyor for that purpose, and inviting his attendance -

John Richards' duties were defined to be -

" to ~~attend~~ inspect the whole watercourse weekly - and to keep it clear - To attend to the tanks, grates &c - To carry out all notices, and to attend ~~at~~ ^{at} the Meetings when required -

The following were appointed as a Committee to inspect the Garden plots & water course Messrs Bartlett, Farmer, Kettle, Rogers & Strawbridge.

The following were appointed a School Committee, whose duties shall be, to inspect the School occasionally -

To receive any communications from the Master or the parents of the boys. To receive applications for admission of free boys. & examine candidates - and for general business pertaining to the School - Messrs Baker, Kettle, Rogers & Snook -

* A grant of £10 was made to Mr. J. Harris in consideration of sickness & loss of horse - also. Job Richards £1. Benjamin Botz £1. John Mitchell 30/- James Long £1. Harriet Small 10/- Henry Richards £1. Widow Osborne 10/- Mary Ann Barrett £1.

Mr. Rogers gave notice for the next meeting, to produce the deed on which the Peoffees hold a gift of £3 a year on Rowlandsham - & to enquire into its present mode of distribution -

Also - to appoint a Finance Committee

M. Gueritz - Chairman & Bed Pass

John V Baker

& Water Bed

W. Foreman

John Harding

Thos Strawbridge

W. S. Bartlett

J. W. Kettle

John Mountstephen

W. Snook

W. D. Rogers

H. Stokes

1877 July 12th A Chamber Meeting having been held this Evening, pursuant to notice for the purpose of receiving the Surveyors report, respecting the repairs at Lovelkayne also to inspect the Deed of Rowlands Ham & Appoint a Finance Committee
 Receive Applications for Assistance from Thomas Somers, John Pady & George Littley

Mr Clarke of Horiton offers to take the House & Premises, now in the Occupation of Miss Williams who leaves at Lady day next

The Chamber having received the report of Messrs Kettle & Gueritz about the house & premises at Coleford in the occupation of Mr Hitchings resolved that the Rent be £ 25 a year -

The Chamber having made enquiry as to the distribution of the Rowlands Ham Charity, the present owner J. L. Scarborough Esq^r furnished a list of twelve poor persons ^{family} to whom £ 3 worth of bread was regularly distributed -

the following

grants were made. viz
 Thomas Somers £ 7.
~~John~~ John Pady £ 3
 George Littley - £ 2

M. Gueritz - Chairman
 John Harding
 W. D. Bartlett
 W. Kettle
 Tho. Sturges
 F. Stokes

1877. July 16th A Chamber Meeting was held pursuant to notice to consider an urgent application from Walter Barrett for assistance -

It was agreed to grant him £5 -

M. Queritz, Chairman

R. W. Higgins

John Harding,

Sam. Power

Thos. Brawley

F. Stokes

1877 August 16th A Chamber Meeting having been held this day pursuant to notice for the purpose of transacting ~~the~~ business as under

- 1. To fix what sum the School Board are to pay yearly, for the use of Water from the Town Lead
- 2. The Rev^d F. Queritz asks for the use of the Troffee Room in the event of his taking boarders -
- 3. Also asks for a safe ^{on Layden} to be put up -
- 4. Front of Troffee House & Front door require painting.
- 5. Application from Mr Clarke for house at Noniton, now occupied by Miss Williams.
- 6. No reply from Mr Dawe respecting the repairs at Lovchayrie -
- 7. Richarda Long's daughter applies for assistance -

It was resolved

- 1. That the School Board pay £1 a year for the use of water from the Town Lead.
- 2. Adjourned for further consideration
- 3. Referred to the House Committee

- 4 Referred to House Committee
- 5 That Mr Clarke be accepted as Tenant in lieu of Miss Williams.
- 6 That Miss Cox & Evey be instructed to examine Mr Dawes lease & to proceed in the matter on behalf of the Chamber -
- 7 Not entertained -

M. Guerry. Chairman -

J. B. Kettle

Sam. Power

W. B. Martlett

John Shawbridge

W. Farmer

John Mounstephen

Thomas Pady, F. Stokes,

1877 August 31st A Chamber Meeting having been held this day pursuant to notice, for the purpose of reading a Letter from Mr Dawes, respecting the repairs at Loochaym & Buddishaym

A Letter was read from Mr Dawes proposing to attend a Meeting of the Feoffees for the purpose of settling the matter in dispute. and it was resolved to refer the matter to Miss Cox & Evey - Mr Stokes was instructed to call on Miss Cox & Evey and show them Mr Dawes Letter.

M. Guerry. Chairman -

John Mounstephen

Sam. Power

W. Farmer

W. B. Martlett

John Shawbridge

F. Stokes

1877 Sept 7th A Chamber Meeting having been held this day pursuant to notice To meet Mr Every Solicitor & Mr Dawe respecting the repairs at Lovelhayne & Buddleshayne

At a Chamber Meeting held this day pursuant to the above notice, after a long discussion

It was ~~Resolved~~ Moved by Mr Farmer and seconded by Mr Strawbridge and carried unanimously "That Mr Dawe's offer of £35 in lieu of all demands made by this Chamber for the Repairs at Lovelhayne and Buddleshayne be accepted"

"It was further Resolved "That Mr Dawe do pay such sum at once"

J B Nettie, Chairman
W. Farmer.
Thos Strawbridge
John Mounstephen
John Harding,
Fr Stokes

1877 Oct 5th A Chamber Meeting having been held this day pursuant to notice To order the repairs to be done at Lovelhayne & Buddleshayne Also to give the sum to be given for lighting, Lamp Water Bed & Bed Pans, required to lend the Poor in Sickly

A Committee (consisting of the Rev^d M. Gueritz & Messrs Bartlett, Pady & Higgins & Stokes) was appointed to visit Lovelhayne & Buddleshayne & order such thatching & repairs as they shall think necessary.

The Rev^d M. Gueritz was requested to order a Lamp & lantern complete from the Contractor at Winchester. in order to test the quality & expense of the light as used in that City

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Mr Snook was requested to order three
bed chairs & four bed pans -

M. Gueritz - Chairman

John Harding

Members Present, as under: Mr R. W. Higgins,

Mr W. Snook, Mr T. Pady,

Mr J. B. Flotte, Mr W. Bartlett,

Mr T. Straubridge, Fr Stokes

1877 Oct^r 19th A Chamber Meeting having been
held this evening, pursuant to notice
to decide what repairs shall be done, to a
Linhay at Cornalls, which is damaged
by the Gale on Sunday evening last

Resolved:—

That the linhay at Cornalls be tiled
and that a Committee, consisting of
Messrs Higgins, Harding and Bartlett, be
appointed to superintend the same

Mrs Bull's application as to her retaining
the plat in the Vineyard was refused

That Mr White of Upottery be accepted
as the tenant of the Cottage at Polyford

R. W. Higgins J. W. Kettle

W. Farmer.

W. B. Bartlett

John Harding

Fr Stokes

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1877 Nov^r 16th A Chamber Meeting having
been held this Evening pursuant to Notice

To decide what Light shall be used
for Lighting the Public Lamps
Repairs required at Ottery & Honiton
Mr Harrison, Honiton for bearing on Wall
Extension of Pavement
Applications for Assistance

A letter having been received from Mr Every
stating that Mr Dodwell had given notice of
Appeal against the judgement of the Master
of the Rolls, Mr Stokes was requested to instruct
Mr Every to take such steps as he may think
necessary on behalf of the Chamber -

Mr Davis having agreed to light the
lamps with gas from Nov^r 22nd /77 to
March 31st /78th ^{for 132s. a lamp.} it was resolved by the
Chamber to give £20 towards the
expense, if the rest be subscribed by
the public - A Committee consisting
of Mess^{rs} Farmer, Rogers & Strawbridge
was appointed to carry out the
arrangement -

Orders were given for Shooting at Mess^{rs}
Cann & Mr Hamlyn for £3 -

Front of Mr Godfrey's house to be cleaned -
It was resolved to extend the pavement from
Mr French's to the corner - Mess^{rs} Rogers, Bartlett
& Nettle to be Committee of management -

The School Committee having reported a
complaint from the Master against Frank
Anning for disobedience &c. it was resolved

that the said boy be expelled from the School - A grant was made to Henry Newton £1. The other applications for assistance were refused -

M. Gueritz - Chairman

W. Farmer

John Harding

Thos Shawbridge

W. B. Bartlett

W. Kettle

W. H. Young

Dan. Farmer

Thomas Dury

R. W. Higgins

M. W. F. Stokes

1877 Nov^r 23^d A Chamber Meeting having been held this evening, pursuant to notice for the purpose of deciding, if a new Linhay shall be built at Loochegayne, Also an Application from John Lorig, who has met with an accident at the Saw Mills.

Present, Mess^{rs} Shawbridge, Harding, Farmer, Bartlett & Rogers.

Proposed by Mr W. Farmer & seconded by Mr W. Bartlett that a new linhay be built at Loochegayne in the place of the present old one which from report of Mr Asa Richards is found not worth repairing, the said linhay to be the same length as the former one, to have a tiled one, to be tiled, oak posts in front to be chiselled into stones, and boarded up in front to the height of five feet, the upper part of the wall being defective, if thought desirable, the same to be taken down, and the linhay lengthened at the other end. any materials on the place and available to be used, the tenant to do all the hauling according to agreement in the Lease, and that Mr Asa Richards in compliance

with the foregoing directions he requested to proceed with the work at once.

A grant of one sovereign was made to John Long having injured his hand in the saw mill. —

- W H H Rows, Chairman.
- John Harding
- W B Bartlett
- W. Farmer.
- F Stokes

1877 Dec^r 21st A Chamber Meeting having been held this evening, pursuant to notice, for the under named business

To Audit the Accounts to Michaelmas.
Appoint a free Boy in lieu of Frank Arming.
Robert Sweetland wished to change his Boy

Read a Letter from John Facey
Application from Noah Holmes, for Assistance
having met with an Accident on the Railway

The Accounts were audited & passed -
Charles White was elected to be a free boy in the Peofoe School - The Chamber agreed to allow Robert Sweetland, to send another of his boys ^{for the residue of the two years} instead of the one now in the School -

Resolved to give Noah Holmes £ 2 —
and £ 1 to Harriet French -

- M Guerret - Chairman
- J B Keate John Harding
- W. Farmer. John Mounstephen
- W B Bartlett Thomas P. D.
- Thos Shawbridge W Hook
- F Stokes