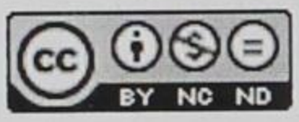
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An Association for preserving constitutional Order and Liberty as well as Property against the various Efforts of Levellers and Rebublicans entered into at Manchester the 12th Day of December 1792. upon the Principles contained in the following Declaration.

We whose Names are hereunto Subscribed seriously considering the Affairs of this Juncture and the various Efforts of restless and disaffected Persons tending to subvert the happy Rights and Liberties equally enjoyed by all Descriptions of Persons under the Auspicious Protection of a long experienced and universally venerated Constitution of Government composed of King Lords and Commons Do determine to form ourselves into an Association under the above Title and solemnly engage to afford the most the most vigorous Exertion and Support to the Executive Power of this Country in counteracting all Attempts of Sedition and Treason And for these Purposes we declare and resolve as follows.

First We solemnly declare in the most unequivocal Terms that we will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to our Sovereign Lord King George And that we are firmly attached to the sacred Constitution and Government of this Country as now established.

Secondly. That we will by every legal Measure endeavour to discover and bring to Justice the Authors Publishers and Distributers of all seditious and treasonable Writings and especially all Persons who shall be engaged in any Societies or Combinations for the Dispersion and Promotion of such Doctrines.

Thirdly That we will at all times exert ourselves in the Suppression of Tumult and Disorder and in bringing to legal Punishment the Promoters thereof.

Fourthly. That we will by the Distribution of plain and undisguised constitutional Principles endeavour to undeceive such Persons as may have been misled by the Sinister and inflamatory Insinuations of designing men.

Fifthly That in order to facilitate the salutary Purposes of this Association a Committee consisting of the following Gentlemen Viz.t shall be immediately formed. Viz.t

+ Mr. Jas. Ackers + Mr. John Lees & Mr. + Joseph Haddon

The Boroughreeve and Constables of Manchester.

Nathan Bromfield
+ Henry Farrington
William Mayor
Samuel Clowes Junr.
James Boron
+ Thomas Johnson
~~Henry Barton~~
William Boardman
James Barton
John Sedgwick
William Barrow
+ John Simpson
John Ridings
+ John Headley
James Edge
+ John Poole
Lawrence Peel
Joseph Pickford
Robert Peel
Thomas Starkie
William Hale
+ Robinson Foxley
+ Thomas Stott
Robert Markland
Holland Ackers
James Entwisle
+ William Douglas
William Whittaker
James Radford
James Bateman
Joseph Tipping
~~Thomas Sharpe Junr.~~
Charles Horsefall
Joseph Thackery
John Ford
Dauncey Hulme
~~C. Tempest~~
Richard Wilson
Henry Barton

Ashton Ethelstone.
~~Anthony Wilkinson~~
+ Nathaniel Kirkman
James Broom
William Broom
Jeremiah Bower
+ Thomas Richardson
Revd. J. Gastcliff
~~C.~~ F. Williams
William Hodson
Jonathan Bower
Nathaniel Greene
+ William Sergeant
Christopher Marriott
David Locke
Charles Fredk. Brandt
+ Richard Hall
+ Samuel Gardner
+ Robert Keller
Jno. Parke
James Whittaker
William Fox
The Magistrates of the Hundred of Salford.
~~John Eglington~~
~~Thos. White~~
Will.m Frodsham
~~Henry Houlds~~
~~Revd. J. Hall~~
Revd. C. W. Edleston
Revd. James Bagley
~~Samuel Simpson~~
Revd. J. Radcliffe
~~Revd. Richard Lloyd~~
John Douglas.
~~Richard Peers~~
~~William Bamford~~

Sir Watts Horton
~~Matthew Fletcher~~
William Starkie
John Blackburn
The Members of the County
Thomas Wilkington Junr
Richard Yates
Joseph Hanson
Thomas Gaskell
William Brown
William Harris Junr
~~Rec. Jolyon~~
James Cooke.
~~Thomas Hulme~~
Lord Grey de Wilton
~~James Whittaker~~
John Lawrence
Thomas Hopping
~~Rec. H. Clayton~~
~~James Darcy~~
~~John Edge~~
~~William Mills~~
William Beaver
C. Wheeler
~~Chas. Mc. Dixon~~
William Marsden
Charles Lawson Mr a
~~Rd Chadwick~~
Thomas Yates

Revd Thos. Horton
John Marriott
William Marriott
Edward Hobson
Thomas Boardman
~~James Dixon~~
Thomas Whittaker
John Entwisle
James Hardman
John Ratcliffe
James Hanson
~~Charles Wade~~
~~Daniel Whittaker~~
James Billinge
John Hardman
~~Joseph Smith~~
~~John Wilkington~~
Edward Place
James Halliwell
~~Richard Wilson~~
John Lees
John Gardner
Tho. Lucas
Saml Smith
Benjamin Wilson
Geo. Webster
Thomas Bolcher
Richd Langton
~~Joseph Pilkington~~

Seventh That any twelve of such Committee shall at all times be competent to the Transaction of Business and they may add such other Names to themselves as they see proper.

~~Sixthly~~ Seventhly That a Subscription shall immediately commence for defraying the Expences attending this Association and the said Committee shall correspond with the Committees of the like principles in other Places.

Those who accord in the patriotic sentiments of this Association are desired to subscribe their Names to this Declaration thereof Copies of which will be left at the Shops of Messrs Hanson and Wheeler respectively and at the Bulls Head where subscriptions will be received

But this Association think it necessary to declare that those who subscribe to these principles are not on that Account engaged to advance any Money but are entirely left to their own Choice in that respect.

× Jn° Ackers Lath
× John Leaf Rosiful
× Joseph Hardman Princes Street
× Nathan Compton St James Squa
× Clowes Jun. Broughton
× James Billinge N° Parade
× John Hedgeley King Stre
× Willi Baker Leopold Stre
× Chris. Marriott Beaumont
× Robert Hiller. Fountain Stre
× John Parker King Street
× Ch. Thompson Fountain Stre
Squa
× John Blackburne Mansion
× Jn° Starkie King Street
× Jn° Fawcett Jun. D°
× Robinson Hoxley Beaumont
× Henry Barton Market Stan
× Jn°. Sedgwick Beaumont
× Charles Fred Brandt Lower Bea
× Jn° Laurence St James Squa
× Jn° Washington Beaumont
× Sam. Smith St Anns Sq

Wm Wyatt Piccadilly
James Edge St James Square
~~Wm Jones Office Strutt~~
Wm Simpson Brown Strutt
Tho. Stott Deansgate
Tho. Johnson High Strutt
James Bateman St Mary's
Jonathan Bower D°
John Cole D°
~~Robt Pettinger~~
Wm Marriott Mount Pleasant
John Marriott Cannon Street
B Wilson St Mary's
Joseph Dilkins Crumpsall
~~Robt White Longsight~~
~~Lan. Simpson~~ Temple
Jas Entwistle Norfolk Street
~~Robt Pell Wells Bury~~
Robt. Peel Radcliffe
Lan Peel D°
Chas. Lawson M. a. Manchester
Robert Maitland Deansgate
Ralph Milne Ridge Field

+ Sr. Hardman Quay St.
+ Will Mayer. King St
+ Tho. Lucas Marsden St — end.
+ Wm Hall, — Long Millgate
+ Will. Englaud Brazennose Street
+ Jno. Baldwin 1 Jno. Square
+ Peter Dan Shuter Smithfield
~~Lord Londesboro' Whitby Street~~
~~Arch. Maxwell Spring Gardens~~
~~Henry Worrall, Market Place~~
+ John Haldman, Granby Row
+ James Stamp, Marketplace.
+ ~~Captain Boardman R.N.B. Dr~~
Lieut Lujh R.N.B. Surgeon
Rigby Hamilton Lieut. Lieu. R. N. B. Reg.
Cornet Mackay. " R. N. B Drag.
Hardy " R.N.B Drag.
Capt. Tompson R. N. B. Drag.
+ ~~Richard Hall Deansgate~~
+ Wm Douglas Pendleton
+ Jno. Yates — Marley Street
+ Wm Williams Parish Street
Wm Preston Chorlton

~~Revd C. Eltelston Sen.~~

Wm Wilson Cross — Dead

Mr. Leadham

Jr. Cowlin

~~Edward Heath Sen.~~ no

Wm Steel — — Oldham Street

Revd J. Derby —

Jas ~~Smith~~ Walker

Mr Wm Tate, Linnen

Richard Hall Deansgate. —

Leigh Phillips

Francis Phillips

Howell Hoff

John Barton

John Baldwen

Joseph Cowgill

R. Hindley Junr

Thomas Bowon

Mr. R. Shegmen

Thomas Porter

Sonuy Rasbotham

Revd J. Hindley

Philip Wright

Mr. Thomas Marriott

Mr. John Bilsie

+ Tho: Horton, Hundill Yorkshire

+ George Woodhead Holden Edge Yorkshire

+ William Beever — Ardwick

+ Jas Barton Ardwick

Thomas Withington Jun. Pendleton

Rich: Alsop Ordsall

+ John Seddon Upton ~~street~~

~~Peter Scompton~~ — Spring Gardens —

~~Thomas Barrock~~ St. James Square.

R. Marriot Spring Gardens —

+ Mr. Nathaniel Gould Piccadilly

+ Mr. Thomas Norris Aylesmoat

+ Mr. Robt. Hindley Salford

~~Mr Robt Gorton~~ Rusholme

+ William Norris Jun.

+ Thomas Darwell Ridgefield

~~James Rogbarce stable street~~

~~Jeremiah Holden~~

~~Joshua Nelson~~

+ Mr. W. Houghton

+ Mr. Edward Cheshyre

Rev. John Clowes

+ Mr. Wm Hardman

Committee Room Bulls Head Dec.r 12th 1792

Orders of the Committee of Association for preserving constitutional order, liberty, and property against the seditious efforts of Levellers & Republicans ——

At a meeting of the Committee this day

James Ackers Esq.r Chairman ——

8th Ordered — that Mr. John Simpson be appointed Treasurer to this Society — and that Henry Darnell, William Hall, James Barton, Thomas Stott, and William Hodson be appointed to audit the Treasurers accounts ——

9th Ordered — that the Revd. John Gastliff be appointed Secretary to this Society, with thanks for his accepting the office ——

10th Ordered — that ten thousand Copies of the declaration and resolutions of the meeting on Tuesday shall be immediately printed & dispersed throughout the Town.

11th Ordered — that a Chairman of this Committee shall be appointed by a majority of votes at each meeting. ——

12th Ordered — that the Extract from the Commentaries of Judge Blackstone be immediately published as follows.

"If a person apprised of any treason, does not, as soon as conveniently may be, reveal it to some Judge of Assize, or Justice of the peace, he is guilty of misprision of treason

"which is punished by the loss of the profits of lands
"during life, forfeiture of goods, and imprisonment
"during life. —

"But if there be any probable circumstances of
"assent — as if one prev to a treasonable meeting
"knowing beforehand that a conspiracy is intended
"against the King, — or being in such company
"once by accident, & having heard such treasonable
"conspiracy, — meets the same company again,
"and hears more of it, but conceals it, — this is
"an implied assent in law, and makes the
"concealer guilty of high treason —

"Contempts & misprisions against the
"King's person and government may be by speaking
"or writing against them, cursing or wishing him
"ill, — giving out scandalous stories concerning him,
"or doing any thing that may tend to lessen him in
"the esteem of his subjects, may weaken his
"government, or may raise jealousies between him
"and his people. —

"It has also been held an offence of this species
"to drink to the pious memory of a traitor; these being
"acts which impliedly encourage rebellion. —

For these species of contempt, a man may not only be fined & imprisond, but suffer the pillory or other infamous corporal punishment. L. & C. J. 1.123

Resolvd unanimously

that this meeting do solemnly declare, in the most unequivocal terms, their love & affectionate allegiance to their Sovereign Lord King George, and their inviolable attachment to the sacred Constitution of these Realms as by law established.

Resolvd unanimously

that it is the duty of every person, when called upon, to strengthen the hands of the executive power, — to resist the violation of the peace in their respective neighbourhoods, and thereby to insure to this Town and its vicinity uninterrupted harmony & tranquility.

13th.

Resolvd also

that a reward of ten Guineas shall be given by this Committee to any person or persons who will come forward & give such evidence as will discover and bring to justice any person or persons guilty of writing printing, publishing, or dispersing seditious & treasonable writings, books, or papers, — or be guilty of any other species of treason or sedition, — & particularly those

who may have attempted, or shall hereafter attempt, to seduce any of the Soldiers from their allegiance to the King, by circulating any treasonable or seditious doctrines. ——

R. Compton Chairman

14th
× Ordered —— that the Declaration and resolutions entered into on Tuesday last shall be immediately published and inserted once in each London Paper, and twice in each of the Country Papers after mentioned —

The Star
Morning Herald
Morning Chronicle
London Packet
Sun
General Evening Post
English Chronicle
Hampshire
Wheeler's
Salisbury
Sheffield
Birmingham
Bath

Bristol
Sherborne Packet
York
Leeds
Chester
Glasgow
Caledonian Merc.
Dublin Evening
Liverpool
Shrewsbury
Exeter
Norwich
Newcastle upon Tyne

~~Ordered — that a person be appointed to attend at their houses. —~~

~~of this Committee — and that~~

~~that all be excluded &c —~~ (rescinded)

15th Ordered — that the thanks of the Committee be given to the Innkeepers for their laudable conduct in forbidding all seditious meetings to be held at their houses. —

16th Ordered — that all Papers, published by order of this Committee, be brought immediately into the Committee-room before circulation: — and that some of these Papers be sent to all the towns in the neighbourhood by means of the news-carriers of Harrop's & Wheeler's papers. —

17th Ordered — that a person be stationed at the door of the Committee-room to interrogate every Gentleman whether he is a member of this Committee; and to assist the Secretary when required; — and that he be appointed and paid at the Secretary's discretion. —

18th Ordered — that a card be printed for the use of the Secretary, that he may with greater ease give notice to the members of this Committee. —

19th Ordered — that in order to put in force the fourth resolution a Committee of the ~~seven~~ nine following Gentlemen be appointed — viz. Samuel Clowes Esq.r, Rev.d Mr. Sandford, Mr. R. Foxley, Rev.d J. Radcliffe, Mr. Chas. Ladson, Rev.d J. Sedgr, and Mr. S. Williams. — Rev.d J. Flak & Rev.d J. Griffith,

Committee Room Dec.r 14 — 1792

Samuel Bower Park.r Esq.r in the Chair

20.th Ordered — that at every meeting of the Committee, the Resolutions of the preceding meeting be read, before any other business be transacted. —

21.st × Ordered — that the Resolutions of the Committee of Association for preserving constitutional order, liberty, and property assembled on Tuesday Dec.r 11.th be publish'd in Wheeler & Talkner's Papers to-morrow: —

× also that the hand-bills of Dec.r 12.th & 13.th be printed in the same Papers. —

22.d Ordered — that every Member sign the declaration of Secrecy before admittance into the Committee-room. —

23.d Ordered — that no Member be allow'd to speak unless he rise from his Chair. ~~— and that his name be first announced by the Chairman.~~ —

24.th + Ordered — that the thanks of this meeting be given in a hand-bill to Mr.r Marshall and his Son for their endeavours to quell all tumult on Tuesday Evening, and to all other Gentlemen who were active in the same cause. —

~~25.th Ordered — that a select Committee of 24 Members shall be appointed to transact business in regular rotation; 12 of whom shall be competent to form a Committee; that they shall sit from 11 till 2 o'Clock if required, & that a Magistrate be requested to attend them.~~

~~4th Resolved~~

4th Ordered — that no Attorney of this Committee be concern'd either directly or indirectly in the defence of, or advice concerning any ~~person~~ prosecution that may hereafter be commenc'd against any person or persons in favor of treason or sedition. —

5th Ordered — that 24 Members be Summon'd in regular rotation; and, if any Gentleman is unable to attend, that some friend be appointed in his stead. that 12 of this number shall be competent to transact the business of the day, that no interruption may be occasion'd by those who have not been Summon'd: — yet no one is precluded either from attending or bringing forward any new motion. —

A Magistrate also shall be requested to attend them.

Committee Room Dec.r 17th — 1792

Samuel Clowes Just.r Esq.r in the Chair

27th
×Ordered — that the plan of this Association be published in the London Gazette. —

28th
×Ordered — that the thanks of this Committee be given to the members of the Hibernian Society for their spirited resolutions inserted in the public papers in defence of their King & Country; and for their laudable request to co-operate with this Association in the vigorous support of the British Constitution and public tranquillity —

that this Committee also inform the members of the Hibernian Society that books are opened for all persons who wish to shew their attachment to those principles which are professed by this Association. —

29th
×Ordered — that the information received by this Committee, that a person has been committed by Joseph Pickford Esq.r for misprision of treason be immediately published. —

30th
Ordered — that the newspapers ordered by Mr. James Barton shall be paid for by the treasurer.

Mr. Robt. Gordon, Mr. Robt. Tindley, & Mr. Thos. Norris were proposed as members of this Committee. —

4th Ordered — that the thanks of this Committee be given to the Inn-keepers of Stockport and Bolton and all other neighbouring Towns for their endeavours to prevent seditious meetings & disturbances. —

5th Ordered — that every Member of the Committee be requested to attend at eleven o'Clock on Wednesday morning.

6th Ordered — that the Papers sent by Mr. Blackburn be re-published. —

7th Ordered — that a Committee of the following Gentlemen be appointed to circulate Papers — —

Mr. T. Johnson
Mr. T. Pilkington
Mr. L. Peele
Mr. James Chetwode
Mr. Jas. Billinge
Mr. W. Bevan
Mr. Boardt
Mr. W. Boardman
Mr. John Peardey
Mr. Richard Wilson
Mr. John Sedgwick
Mr. R. Markland

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Mr. Joseph Jeffries in the Chair.

The deputation of Messrs. Harrop, Radford, Hindley, and Atherton was taken; and, after some desultory conversation, the meeting was adjourned. —

Mr. R. Gorton, Mr. R. Hindley, & Mr. T Norris were elected. —

General Meeting Dec.r 19 —

Samuel Clowes Esq.r in the Chair

35th

Ordered — that the thanks of this and the Salford Committee shall be given to the Salford Association for their offers to co-operate with the resolutions of this Society. —

36th

Ordered — that the 1700 Copies of the Paper, viz "Minutes of a Conversation at the Royal Oak", distributed on the eleventh of Dec.r be paid for at the expence of this Association. —

37th

Ordered — that something be prepared by the Committee of Papers in order to counteract any bad effects which may arise from Mr. Gregs misrepresentation. —

38th

Ordered — that a select committee of five shall be appointed by Ballot out of the daily Committee to take into consideration such matters as may appear to require particular attention. —

Committee-room Ball's head Dec.r 20.

Mr. White in the Chair ——

1st Ordered —— that the Committee of Papers be requested to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock to transact the business relative to Mr. Gregs misrepresentation. ——

2d Ordered —— that Copies of the several Papers published by this Association be sent from time to time to the Revd. Mr. Fawcett of Eldham to be distributed there at his discretion; —— and that the Secretary write to him accordingly. ——

3d Ordered —— that four Copies of Dr. Richard Price's work entitled "Rights and Happiness" be purchased for the use of this Association. ——

4th Ordered —— that the thanks of this Committee be given to Robt. Peel Esq.r M.P. for the very handsome manner in which he defended the Manchester Association against the unfounded attacks of Mr. Gregs in the House of Commons on Monday the 19th. of this month. ——

5th Ordered —— that a Copy of the 12. Resolution, signed by the Chairman, be transmitted to Robt. Peel Esq.r, and that it be published in the Manchester news-papers. ——

Mr. W. Flavelman & the Revd. John Clowes jun.r proposed by Mr. Sandford as Members of the Committee.

Committee-room Dec.r 21.st

Mr. James Cooke in the Chair —

44.th

In consequence of a letter sent to the Chairman by a Society under the title of "Church & King Club" held at the Heavers Arms Cockpit-hill — it was ordered that two members of this Committee, viz.r Mr. Rhethean and Mr. W. Norris, shall wait upon that Society with the Association-Book for their signatures on Monday next. — and that the thanks of this Meeting be given to that Society. —

45.th — In consequence of a letter delivered to the Chairman by Mr. Griffith from the Revd. Mr. Ward of Chester as member of a Committee held at Chester for similar purposes, requesting a communication with this Committee — it was ordered that Mr. Thos. Withington be requested to send such of our Papers as may be necessary, together with a letter from this Committee, written by the Secretary, thanking them for their offer of Correspondence, which this Association will chearfully accede to. —

Mr. W. Gladman and the Revd. John Clowes Junr. were balloted for and elected members of this Committee

Mr. Edward Cheshyre was proposed as a member of the Committee. —

Committee-Room Dec.r 22d

Present John Simpson in the Chair

6th Ordered — that a general meeting of the Committee be summoned to attend on Friday the 28th Inst.t at 11 o'Clock

7th Ordered — that the thanks of this Committee be given to the Society assembled at the Cross & Cushion in Salford for their offer to co-operate with this Association — and that Mr. Webster & Mr. W. Beever be appointed for that purpose. —

8th Ordered — that this Society do countenance & support the Constitutional Associations established at the Rose & Crown Deansgate, and at the Black Swan, Smithy-door, in effecting the purposes of their Association — and that Mr. James Barton and Mr. Thomas Lucas be appointed to inform them thereof. —

9th Ordered — that all the Papers of the day be transcribed into the Book — and that the letter to Mr. Dundas be signed and transmitted to the Chairman. —

Mr. E. Cheshyre was balloted for & elected.

Committee Room Dec.r 24 — 1792

Present Mr. W. Boardman in the Chair.

Mr. James Barton
R. Fuller
T. Bradock
R. Compston
R. White
R. Gorton
R. Sandford
R. Barton
T. Withington
T. Douglas
R. Hall
W. Barrow
H. Farrington
J. Gardner
J. Ackers
H. Major
J. Simpson
T. Johnson
L. Peel
J. Clowes Junr.
P. Drinkwater
R. Foxley

Read a letter from R. Peel Esq. to R. White Chairman of the Committee Dec.r 20 — 92

Read a letter from T. Stanley Esq.r to J. Ackers Esq. Borough reeve of Manchester. —

Read a letter from Mr. John Whittaker of Holywell to J. Ackers Esq. inclosing the resolutions of an Association there. —

Read a letter from Peter Wright Esq. of Macclesfield to J. Ackers Esq. — inclosing the resolutions of that Association. ——

A letter to J. Ackers with the resolutions of the Bolton Association. ——

Letter from the World office to J. Ackers Esq.

50th Ordered — that the above letters be taken into consideration on Friday next. ——

51st Ordered unanimously — that the meetings in future shall be held on every Monday & Thursday exactly at 12 o'clock till further notice is given

52d. Ordered — that the Resolutions of this Association, as printed in the other Papers, be published in the World.

53d. Ordered — that the Paper, called the Manchester Herald, of Dec.r 22d. 1792 be recommended to the consideration of the Committee of Papers. ——

54th. Ordered — that Messrs. Milne & Sergeant be requested to send Tolhurst's last Paper to Messrs. Chamberlain and White, Solicitors to the Treasury, and to desire they will give such opinion as they may think proper as to the legality of it. ——

General meeting Dec.r 28 — 1792

James Acton Esq.r in the Chair

55.th Ordered — that the expences incurred before the forming of this Association, be paid by this Committee. —

56.th Ordered — that Mr. Lowes motion — viz "that the members of the Constitutional Society be called upon to declare their names" — be taken into consideration by the Committee of Papers, and a report made by them to the general Committee. —

57.th Ordered — that the passages extracted from a Sermon on the times by the Revd. C. W. Ethelston be laid before the Committee of Papers.

58.th Ordered — that the Secretary be requested to write to the Editor of the Star, to enquire the reason why he has neglected to publish the original Resolutions of this Association. —

59.th Ordered — that the publications brought forward by Lord Lyes de Wilton & Mr. Jas. Barton be laid before the Committee of Papers. —

NB. — The Secretary wrote this day to the Editor of the Star according to the 58.th resolution: — the letters from Mr. Wright of Macclesfield, Mr. S. Whittaker of Rotherham, Revd. T. Alexander of Horley, & Revd. R. Dean of Bolton, were also answerd. —

Committee-room Dec.r 31 — 92

Present John Ford Esq.r in the Chair.

Sam.l Clowes Junr.
John Heaviley
— Woodhead
R. Foxley
Tho.s Stott
R. Marsland
Cha.s Tempest
Ja.s Barton

Ja.s Billinge
H. Douglas
R. Whitaker
Ja.s Bateman
Cha.s Horsefall
Joseph Thackery
— Webster
Josiah Pheasant

Mr. Cross proposed as a member of the Committee by Mr. Billinge 60th

Ordered — that this Society do countenance and support the Black Trade Association; and that Mr. James Barton & Mr. Thomas Lucas be requested to inform them thereof: — that the same Gentlemen wait also upon a Society at the York Minster Deans-gate for the same purpose. —

61st

Ordered — that the Secretary write to J. Beecheroft Esq.r to request permission to publish the Declaration of the Underwriters in the Manchester Papers either with or without their names. —

62°. Ordered — that Mr. Heaseley be requested to send for five hundred impressions of the Caricature called "the Contest" — to be paid for at the expence of this Committee; — that the Secretary's Clerk shall dispose of them only to such Gentlemen as may be willing to purchase them. —

63d. Ordered — that notice be given in the Papers of to-morrow and Saturday that this Committee meet only at present on Mondays and Thursdays. —

NB. — The Secretary wrote this day to J. Beaufoy Esq. according to the sixty-first Resolution. —

He also answered Mr. Bitters' Letter, acquainting him with the thanks of this Committee for his two publications.

Committee Room Jan.y 3d 1793

Present Mr. Thos. Richardson in the Chair

John Wilkinson
T. Garbett
J. Burke
James Barton
Sergeant
R. Wilkie

Revd. Ethelston Secr.
R. Ethelston
R. Fidler
Jas. Billinge
W. F. Williams
T. Gatliff

Mr. Cope was unanimously elected a member of this Committee; the meeting was afterwards adjourned.

Committee Room Jan.y 7.— 1793

Present Revd R. Sandford in the Chair

Lord Greg de Wilton	Revd S. Hall
J. Pickford Esq	R. Yates
J. Clowes Junr Esq	T. Blackburn
J. Billinge	H. Brown
H. Homer	J. Cooke
C. Tempest	J. Lawrence
Jas. Barton	T. Tipping
R. Tooley	H. Webster

Mr. Needham was proposed as a Member of this Committee by Mr. Tempest, and seconded by Mr. Billinge —

Dr. Cowling proposed by Mr. Tooley, and seconded by Mr. J. Clowes. —

64th. Ordered — that Mr. Tooley be requested to wait on Dr. Cowling with the thanks of this Committee for the very handsome manner in which he was pleased to communicate his sentiments to this Society. —

65th. Ordered — that this Committee do countenance and support the Bedwick Association — and that Mr. T. Tipping and Mr. James Barton be requested to acquaint them therewith. — —

6th
Ordered — that the Committee of Papers have notice
to meet on Wednesday next at 12 o'clock, in order to put
in force the fifty-sixth Resolution. —

67th
Ordered — that 2000 Copies of the Publication
called "Equality" be printed by Mr. Wheeler at the rate
of six Shillings a hundred, and paid for at the expence
of the Committee. —

NB. — The Secretary wrote this day to the Editor
of the Star, for an explanation of his improper behaviour.

Committee Room Dec.r 10.th 1793

Present James Ackers Esq.r in the Chair

James Barton
Jas. Heaton
W. Boardman
J. Billinge
C. Tempest
Rev.d T. Seddon
R. Compston
R. Fuller
L. Peele
W. Beevor
R. Yates
S. Whittaker
W. Douglas
T. Whittaker
John Haddman
Jas. Haddman
John Douglas
W. Whittaker
Thos. Yates
I. Simpson

Mr. Cowling and Mr. Needham unanimously elected. —

68.th Ordered — that this Committee do countenance and support the Saddleworth Association, and that Mr. Seddon be requested to inform them thereof: — that such Publications and information shall be sent them by the Secretary, as may appear to promote the good effects of such Societies. —

Read a letter from Mr. Broomhead and Mr. Flanagan inclosing the following Declarations of the Catholic Inhabitants of this Town and neighbourhood —

Manchester Jan.y 31.st — 1793

"At a Meeting held this Day by the Catholic Inhabitants
of this Town and neighbourhood, the following declaration
were unanimously adopted ——

"Impressed with a deep sense of gratitude for the
many advantages we enjoy under our mild Government, —
and consistent with that sacred profession Catholics were
so lately called upon to make of their loyalty and obedience
to their most gracious Sovereign King George the third,
and from attachment to the Constitution; — we are again
happy to renew this unequivocal Declaration of our loyalty,
that we are, and shall ever remain, attach'd to the present
form of Government as it stands composed of King, Lords,
and Commons; and revere it as a precious Deposit left
us by our fore-fathers; — and bear true allegiance to his
Majesty's Person, not less from affection, than from
principle and duty. ——

"We regard with horror all attempts, which tend
to mislead the ignorant, by seditiously disseminating Doctrines
inimical to the allegiance we owe his Majesty and the
present Government; whether they proceed from the malice
of foreign Emissaries, or, what is more unnatural, ill designing
men at home. ——

We feel a peculiar satisfaction in signing this open and sincere Declaration of our loyalty, — and shall be equally ready in our exertions, & with our wishes, to co-operate in any measure that can secure obedience to the laws of our country. ——

6th

Ordered — that the Secretary send an answer to Mr. Broomhead and Mr. Keegan, informing them that the Declarations of the Catholics are inserted in the minutes of our Proceedings; and that we are happy in the opportunity of thanking them for the handsome testimony they have given of loyalty to our Sovereign, and attachment to our most excellent Constitution. ——

7th

Ordered —— that the following Advertisement be inserted in the Star, the Times, and the World ——

Manchester Jan.y 10.th 1793

The Committee of the Association for preserving constitutional order, liberty, as well as property, against the various efforts of Republicans and Levellers, held this day at the Bull's head, — observed at the delay of the Editor of the London Paper called the Star in not publishing the original Resolutions of this Association, which were sent him on the 15.th of Dec.r 1792, — and more particularly as, contrary to his own letter to the Secretary of the Committee

he has published Resolutions of much later date
than publicly call upon him to answer for a Conduct of such
distinguished preference as is inconsistent with his generally
professed impartiality.

By order of the Committee

John Gatliff Sec"

13. — The Secretary wrote to Mr. Broomhead and
Mr. Keegan on Friday the 11th Inst. — pursuant to the
69th Resolution. —

Committee Room Jan.y 14 — 1793

Present the Revd. I. Griffith in the Chair

I. Broadoak
— Baxter
I. Smith
J. Billinge
J. Whitteen
I. Belchas
I. Cooper Junr.
I. Tipping
R. Milne

Revd. R. Sandford
J. Barton
W. Coffe
R. Fuller
I. Colvin
R. Haldman
R. Fowler
Jas. Harrop
G. Webster

Read a Letter from the Secretary of the Coventry Anchor Association

Read a Letter from the Bolton Association. —

Read a Letter from Mr. Hooper, inclosing a Publication.

71st Ordered — that Mr. Hooper's Pamphlet be laid before the Committee of Papers. —

72d Ordered — that this Committee do support the Association at the Black Boy's Head; & that Mr. Jas. Barton and Mr. Lucas be requested to inform them thereof. —

73d Ordered — that the two Publications sent by Butterworth Bayley Esq.r be laid before the Committee of Papers. —

74th Ordered — that the names of the Black Swan Society Smithy-door be added to the list of this Association. —

Ball's head Jan.y 8th 1796

Present

Br. Heaseley Chairman, Ld Grey de Wilton, Br. R. Yates
Br. Sedgwick Br. Sergeant Br. Starbie
Br. Webster Br. Tipping Br. Topley
Br. Jas Barton Br. R. Hall Br. Gatliff
Br. Cooling Br. S. Gardner Br. Tetloe
Br. Shilbrean Br. Barton Br. Smith

Resolved

that Br. R. Hall, Br. Topley, Br. R. Yates, Br. Tetloe, and Br. Heaseley be appointed Delegates to the united meetings of the several Local Associations, and that other members of this Society be at liberty to attend them in the business of their Delegation.

that for the purposes of this Association a third subscription is necessary, and that the same be entered into without delay; and that the following Gentlemen be appointed to collect the same, viz, Br. Heaseley, Br. Tetloe, Br. Poole, Br. Sedgwick, Br. S. Smith, Br. S. Gardner, Br. R. Yates, & Br. Tipping; and that Br. R. Hall be requested to accept the office of Treasurer for the same.

that the forfeitures of the last Delegates now brought forward be paid out of the fund of this Society.

that Br. Walworth be paid £1-1-0 annually from this Association for his care in keeping the Books of the Delegates of the united Societies.

that the thanks of this meeting be given to the Delegates who acted during the last year.

that this meeting do adjourn till the 5th of February.

Mr. Thos. Walker Merchant
—— Thos. Cooper Whitster
—— Richard Roberts Merchant
—— Thos. Bateman Cotton Dealer
— Thos. Beesley Calico Printer
—— W. Sedden Attorney at Law
—— Richard Walker Merchant
—— G. Wakefield Merchant
—— J. Flaxman Merchant
—— R. Norris Merchant
—— R. Collier Surgeon
—— J. Ogden Birch Merchant
—— G. Philips Merchant
—— J. Jackson Cotton Dealer
—— W. Rigby Junr. Merchant
—— W. Pearl Paper Stainer
—— Thos. Wood Merchant
—— W. Gibbert Merchant
—— J. Goss Merchant
—— J. Robinson Merchant
Revd. W. Hawkes Prince's Street
Mr. J. Nightingale Fountain Street

Wm. John Grimshaw Merchant

— R. Robinson Merchant

— R. Grinsted School-master

— G. Duckworth Attorney at Law

— Ogden Surgeon Dentist

— J. Todd Tin-man

— G. Salvin Merchant

Rees Calico-Printer

— John Ashworth Merchant

Priestley Merchant

John Foot Calico-Printer

Bromley Merchant

— Allan Jackson Cotton-Dealer

Committee Room. Jan.y 21st 1793

Present Mr. Thomas Stott in the Chair

Mr. R. Heathland
— J. Entwistle
— J. Billinge
— J. Tipping
— John Sedgwick
— J. Beevor
— C. Tempest
— R. Wilson
— T. Simpson
— T. Leaf
J. Clowes Junr.
J. Peters
J. Barton
J. Pashe
W. Broome
J. Broome
R. Pottinger
R. Crompton
R. White
Jas. Hardman
J. Lawrence

77th Ordered — that 1000 Copies of Mr. Chadwicks Note and Lord Grenville's Answer be immediately printed and posted up in most parts of the Town. ——

78th Ordered — that the Committee of Papers be summond to meet to-morrow at 11 o'Clock to take into consideration Mr. Walker's Letter of Saturday last; that Mr. W. Tate Junr. Mr. Martin Marshall & his Son, and Mr. Hallows be requested to attend them. ——

79th Ordered — that a general meeting be summond to attend on Thursday ——

80th Ordered — that Mr. Paley's Pamphlet be laid before the Committee of Papers. ——

Ordered — that notice be given to the Editor of the Star not to publish the original Resolutions of this Association; and that the whole Correspondence relative to this Affair be immediately printed in the Sun, the Morning Herald & the World.

NB. The Secretary wrote this day, Tuesday Jan.y 22d — to the Editor of the Star, pursuant to the 8th. Resolution.

The *Letter also, respecting the non-insertion of the original Resolutions of this Society in the Star, were properly arranged and committed to the care of Mr. Hasop, that they might be published according to order. ——

* Vide Advertisement-Book ——

General Meeting Committee Room Jan.y 24th. 1793

Present Samuel Lowes Jun.r Esq.r in the Chair

Mr. Jas. Ackers
— J. Barton
— J. Billinge
— T. Bott
— R. Bradley
— T. Tipping
— J. Blackburn
— C. Ethelston Sen.r
— C. Ethelston Jun.r
— T. Fedden
— R. Sandford
— C. F. Brandt
— T. Radcliffe
— John Sedgwick
— R. Cooling
— R. Wilson
— C. Hodgkell
— J. Locke

J. Gardner
J. Gardner
W. Marsden
W. Hodson
E. Hobson
W. Beevor
R. Compston
J. Burke
W. Starkie
W. Boardman
W. Major
J. Bateman
J. Lees
W. Norris
J. Lowes
G. Webster
W. Whitaker
R. Potter

Read the Correspondence relative to the behaviour of the Editor of the Star. ——

Read a letter from Mr. Frend inclosing the proposal of a new Publication. ——

82d Ordered — that the thanks of this Society be given to Mr. Gatliff for the trouble he has taken in assisting the Secty relative to the correspondence with the Editor of the Star, and for the very proper manner in which he has conducted the business. ——

83d Ordered — that the thanks of this meeting be written by the Secretary to Mr. Frend; and that Mr. Jas. Cooke be requested to deliver the letter, and to view the Plan which he recommends to the public notice. ——

84th Ordered — that 2000 Copies of Mr. Paley's Pamphlet be immediately printed at the expence of this Committee.

85th Ordered — that the following Advertisement be rescinded

published in the three Manchester Papers and in the Sheffield Paper, with the names of the whole Committee

Whereas some Persons have assembled at different times under the appellation of a Constitutional Society, and have published various Resolutions signed by Tho. Walker, and others as Presidents, and Samuel Jackson as Secretary to the said Society: — We, the Committee of an Association

established at a public meeting upon real constitutional principles do call upon the members of that Society to publish their names and places of abode; for we think it highly necessary that those men should be known, who have taken so much pains to enlighten the minds of the People, by recommending to their particular attention a Book published by Thos. Paine, entitled "Rights of Man," a Publication of most seditious tendency, and which has been proved by a British Jury to be a libel upon Government; — who have also entered into a Correspondence with the Jacobin Club of Paris, the avowed enemies of Religion and of Kings; — which acts directly contradict their pompous declaration and repeated Assertions that a Reform in the lower House of Parliament is their only Object, — and that they have assumed the title of a "Constitutional Society" to impose upon the ignorant and unwary, and to overturn that very Constitution they pretend to support. —

The Committee likewise beg leave to put the following Queries to Mr. Thos. Walker —

Whether his appearance as a Principal in these transactions has not been the means of exasperating the People against him, — and whether the attack upon his House may not be attributed to that Cause?

By what acts have any of the respectable Inhabitants of this Town deserv'd the opprobrious Epithets of the Enemies of Freedom and the Friends of Despotism?" ——

As to the still more opprobrious Term of an "unprincipled Faction", which Mr. Walker has likewise thought proper to apply to some of his Townmen in his letter to his Friends and fellow-Citizens of Sheffield —— when the Constitutional Society have publish'd their names, the Public will have an opportunity of judging who best deserve that Appellation. —— Rescinded

86th Ordered — that the Committee of Papers have notice to meet on Tuesday next at 11 o'Clock. —— and that Mr. Stothie's Sermon be taken into consideration. ——

Mr. Walsh proposed as a member of this Committee by Mr. Marsden, and seconded by Mr. Galliff ——

87th Ordered — that this meeting be adjourn'd to Saturday next. ——

88th. — The Secretary wrote on Friday the 25th Inst. to Mr. Fennel pursuant to the 83d Resolution ——

Committee-Room Jan.y 26 — 1793

Present Mr. White in the Chair

T. Cooper Junr.	R. Foxley
T. Holt	T. Blackburn
E. Locke	T. Parke
J. Barton	J. Whittaker
W. Beaver	J. Ackers
W. F. Williams	W. Boardman
R. Hall	T. Gaskell
W. Hall	W. Marsden
T. Belshaw	T. Seddon
J. Beaver	R. Fairhurst
C. Marriott	T. Richardson
T. Simpson	W. Hodson
T. Sedgwick	R. Compston
T. Boardman	

Mr. Swann elected a member of the Committee. —

Mr. W. Gould proposed by Mr. Gaskell, & seconded by Mr. J. Barton

Read a letter from Mr. Alexander, inclosing the Resolutions of an Association in the neighbourhood of Henley. —

88th Ordered — that the Secretary answer Mr. Alexander's letter, and send him such Publications as he may think necessary —

Read the Deposition of Martin Marshall, & Tate Junr. and James Hallows, with Mr. Tarleton's opinion thereupon. —

89th Ordered — that the Rules and Regulations of this Society be sent to the Mayor of Liverpool, at the request of Mr. Richardson.

90th Ordered — that 1000 Copies of the Dozen recommended by Mr. Foxley be immediately printed. —

— That this Meeting be adjourned to Thursday next. —

Committee room Jan.y 31 — 1793

Present Rev.d R. Sandford in the Chair

J. Badcliffe	J. Bowron
R. Fuller	G. Webster
J. Barton	W. Sergeant
J. Blackburn	W. Stabbie
G. Woodhead	L. Peele
J. Simpson	T. Johnson

Read the Resolutions of the Rochdale Association. —

91st Ordered — that Mr. Stanley Fluhme be requested to present the Rochdale with the thanks of this Society. —

92d Read two letters from the Editor of the Star. —

Ordered — that these letters be inserted in the Advertisement-book with the other part of the Correspondence.

Read a letter signed Amicus. —

93d Ordered — that Mr. Webster be requested to make all the enquiries possible respecting the information given by Amicus. —

94th Ordered — that the following Advertisement be inserted once in Wheeler's and Harrop's Papers —

Bull's head Manchester Jan.y 31st — 93

In consequence of a requisition from the Association at the Crown and Anchor London, the Committee of the Manchester Association request that all the Societies lately established for similar purposes, will send Copies of their original Declarations* to this Committee, Meetings of which are held on every Mondays and Thursdays in this Town & neighbourhood.

at 12 oClock / in order that such Declarations may be transmitted to the Association at the Coon and Anchor without delay. —

By order of the Committee

John Gatliff Sec

Here followed the Requisition &c

Mr. W. Gould unanimously elected a member of the Committee. ——

This Meeting adjourned to Monday next. ——

Committee Room Feb.y 4.th — 1793

Present Mr. James Billinge in the Chair

Jas. Hardman	T. Yates
Chas. Wheeler	T. Belcher
R. Miller	G. Webster
T. Clowes	Jas. Barton
T. Bott	R. Fosdey
T. Tipping	L. Peele

95th Ordered — that a fifth part only of the Publications hereafter printed by order of this Committee be brought into the Committee-Room, — that the rest be disposed of at the Shops of messrs. Hardman, Wheeler, Clarke & Banks, or circulated by means of the News-Carriers, allowing sixteen to the Dozen for the sale of them —

Read a Resolution of the Association at Lewes respecting a Subscription for raising a certain number of Seamen, in addition to the Bounty offered by Government. —

Received the Resolutions of the Hibernian Church & Poor Club, — of the Poor Minister Association, — of the Black Rock, and Black Moor Head Associations. —

The Revd. Mr. Jebb proposed as a member of the Committee by Mr. Gatliff, and seconded by Mr. Billinge. —

96th Ordered — that a general Committee be summoned for Thursday next. —

Committee Room Feb.y 9th 1793

Present Samuel Cowdery Esq.r in the Chair.

Mr. R. Compston	Mr. R. Fairbank
— J. Boddon	— J. Beevor
— H. Barton	— R. Hall
— J. Barton	— J. Gardner
— John Sedgwick	— H. White
— J. Simpson	— J. Bretherton
— J. Heawley	— T. Milne
— J. Edge	— G. Webster
— L. Peele	— J. Griffith
— R. Foxley	— W. Croft
— T. Stott	— E. Dixon
— J. Bateman	— S. Holme
— J. Jepson	— W. Major
— T. Sharp	— R. Yates
— J. Thackeray	
— J. Todd	
— C. Ethelston	

The Revd. Mr. Derby unanimously elected.

97th Ordered — that the Committee shall meet in future on Thursdays only, unless notice be given for a special meeting.

98th Ordered — that Mr. Harrop and Mr. Wheeler shall print and distribute with each Newspaper a Copy of Lord Loughborough's Speech upon the third Reading of the Alien Bill.

99th Ordered — that the thanks of this Meeting be transmitted by the Secretary to the Borough-reeve & Constables of this Town for their very proper and spirited Conduct respecting Mr. T. Walker's Answer to the Letter of condolence from the Constitutional Society at Sheffield and that this Resolution be published in the three Manchester Papers. —

100th Ordered — that the Committee of Papers be summoned to meet on Saturday at ½ past eleven o'Clock ——

101st Ordered —— that a special meeting be called for Monday next to consider of the propriety of making a Requisition to the Boroughreeve and Constables that they will call a Town-meeting for the purpose of assisting Government in the present exigence.

This meeting adjourned to Monday ——

General Committee Feb.y 11th — 1793

Samuel Clowes Esq.r in the Chair ——

Mr. Cowling appointed a Member of the Committee of Papers.

Read a letter from the Boroughreeve and Constables. ——

This meeting adjourned to Thursday. ——

Committee-Room Feb.y 14 — 93

Present S. Clowes Jun.r Esq.r in the Chair

Mr. R. Boardman	Mr. T. Tipping
— J. Billinge	— R. Cowling
— R. Sandford	— T. Seddon
— R. Crompton	— R. Fowles
— R. Fuller	— J. Edge
— A. Peele	— J. Barton
— R. Cross	— J. Ford

Read a letter from the Oldham Association. ——

102d. Ordered — that the day of meeting be advertised in Wheeler's & Harrop's Papers, — and that the Committee have private notice thereof ——

103 Ordered that all Persons, who have demands upon the Society, be directed to lay them before the Auditors, and that the Auditors passing them be a sufficient order for the Treasurer to pay the same. Adjourned till further notice.

Bull's Head Oct^r 15— 1794

At a meeting of the Committee for the purpose of taking into consideration some resolutions received by the Secretary from the Delegates of the several Loyal Associations held in this Town—

Present

Joseph Shackerly Esq^r in the Chair

John Simpson
Lawrence Peel
James Barton
John Blackburne
William Stackie
Jonathan Beevor
Richard Symington
Joseph Shaddock
James Billinge
John Leaf
James Acherley
John Withington
William Major
John Ratcliffe
J. Pheathean
James Entwistle
John Heasley
Robt Miller
George Webster
Richard Hall
James Hallibrell
W. T. Williams
W. Marsden
J. Marshall
T. Johnson
Beth. Compston
James Edge
W. Cops
Richard Gaston
James Cooke

It was resolved — that the thanks of this meeting be communicated to the Delegates of the different Loyal Associations and that Mr Webster be deputed to wait upon them for that purpose; and to inform them that Wednesday the 22^d Instant is appointed, that their proposals may be taken into further consideration.

Committee room Oct. 22nd 1794

Present Br. Jas. Butterfield in the Chair

Br. Sedgwick
Br. Dorley
Br. Joseph Hardman
Br. James Hardman
Revd. C. Wheldon
Revd. R. Sandford
Br. Fidler
Br. Cooke
Br. Jonathan Bacon
Br. James Barton
Br. Lucas
Br. Williams
Br. Withington
Br. James Haworth
Br. H. Lomax
Revd. J. Griffith
Br. James Bekes
Br. Parke
Br. G. Webster
Br. Richardson
Br. Shacklock
Br. Gatliff

Br. Barbotham and Revd. Br. Bardsley proposed by Br. Gatliff as Members of this Committee, and seconded by Br. Sedgwick unanimously elected.

105 — Resolved that a general meeting of the Committee be summoned to attend on Monday the 24th Inst. and that the following notice be issued by the Secretary for that purpose

Sir

As a Member of the Committee of the Manchester Association for preserving constitutional order, Liberty, and property; your attendance is requested in the Committee room of the Bull's Head inn, on Monday the 27th day of October, precisely at 11 o'Clock in the forenoon, to take into consideration certain resolutions received from the several loyal Associations in this town, respecting the propriety of raising an armed Volunteer Corps, for the immediate defence of the Town & neighbourhood. J. Gatliff Sec.

Resolved — that Mr. Griffith and Mr. Webster be deputed to attend upon the Delegates of the several Loyal Associations, to acquaint them with the further adjournment of this meeting that the subject of their resolutions may have such a full consideration, as the importance of it seems to require.

187 Resolved — that Mr. Harrop be paid at the expence of this Committee for nine Copies of the report of the Committee of secrecy of both houses of Parliament.

Read a letter from Mr. Paynter respecting some expences incurred in obtaining evidence against several seditious persons.

185 Resolved — that the above letter be delivered into the care of Mr. James Barton, to be examined by the Auditors.

This meeting adjourned till Monday the 9th Inst. at 11 o'Clock

Committee Room Sept 27 1794

Present Mr Jas Easterbe in the Chair

Mr Barbotham
Mr Joseph Eastman
Mr Leaf
Mr Jas Lekes
Mr T. Hoff
Mr T. Tipping
Mr G. Webster
Mr H. Barton
Mr Sandford
Mr Thackeray
Mr T. Richardson
Mr Griffith
Mr Gould
Mr Fuller
Mr Jas Whitaker
Mr B. Wilson
Mr Borron
Mr Torley
Mr Cowling
Mr E. Cherbyre
Mr Brown
Mr Basbe
Mr Starbuc
Mrs Sedgwick
Revd S. Radcliffe

At a meeting of the Committee this 27th day of October 1794 for the purpose of taking into consideration certain resolutions received from the different loyal Associations in this town respecting the propriety of raising an armed Volunteer Corps for the immediate defence of the town & neighbourhood it was resolved that the sense of this meeting be taken whether it is necessary to arm.

Resolved that it is at present unnecessary.

Resolved also — that Mr. Griffith & Mr. Webster be deputed to wait upon the Delegates of the several loyal Associations, and to acquaint them, that this Society do highly approve of their loyalty and zeal displayd in their Resolutions, but are of opinion that there is no necessity for arming in defence of this Town & neighbourhood at present.

This meeting adjourned till further notice. —

Committee Room Bull's head 13th Feb 1795

At a very respectable meeting of the Association for protecting liberty and property against Republicans and Levellers ____ present ___ John Hearsley Esq in the Chair

Lawrence Peele
W. Hall
Jas Barton
Jas Billinge
T. Stott
E. Clayton
J. Blackburne
Jas Edge

T. Richardson
Jas Acres
Jon Beever
Jas Harrop
G. Webster
Jas Hallwell
W. Beever
Jn Sergeant
Jn Fairmen

It was resolved as follows

First ___ That the principles embraced by the several Legal Associations in Manchester & Salford clearly accord with those which influence this Society, not only in an unalterable regard for the venerable Constitution of Great Britain as conferring the most substantial Enjoyment of rational freedom and complete protection, but also in a firm determination to detect oppose & expel the hostile attacks & machinations of Republicanism, under all the various forms it may assume. ___

Second — That the vigilance, steady perseverance, becoming zeal, sincerity and noble attention of the loyal Associations have rendered most effectual services to the common cause, and demand from this society acknowledgments of unfeigned satisfaction & gratitude.

Third — That the respectful thanks of this Society be therefore communicated to such Associations by a Delegation consisting of Dr. Heaviside, Dr. Stott, Dr. James Barton, & Dr. Webster ——

Fourth — That in order to establish a more effectual communication & lasting friendship between this and the other loyal Associations, — each of them be requested to appoint two of their members to be honorary members of this Society annually ——

Fifth — That the expences, which may be incurred relative to the late Address to his Majesty and Petition to the House of Commons, be discharged out of the funds of this Society. ——

Sixth — That this Society regularly meet at the Bull's head on the first Monday in every month at 6 o'clock in the evening, and that the Secretary give the usual notice of the first meeting. ——

Seventh — That the proceedings Resolutions signed by the Chairman & Secretary, be inserted in both the London Papers.

Eighth — That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Chairman for his very impartial conduct. ——

P. Bull's head 7th April 1795

At a meeting of the Association for protecting Liberty & Property against Republicans & Levellers. —

John Bearsley Esq^r in the Chair

Resolved — That the several Loyal Associations co-operating with this Society be entered upon the Books in the following order. —

1 The Crown & Cushion
2 Black-moor's head
3 York-minster
4 The Grapes
5 The King, Oldham-street
6 St Michaels
7 Balloon
8 The Union
9 Rose & Crown
10 White Lion
11 King's Arms, James-street
12 Queen Ann, Red-bank
13. Crown & Shuttle

That five Gentlemen of this Association be appointed as Delegates to attend the Monthly meetings of the United Delegates from the other Loyal Associations. —

That the following Gentlemen viz. Mr. Bearsley, Mr. T. Stott, Mr. R. Oates, Mr. Thackeray, & Mr. Webster be the Delegates from this Association for the succeeding month. —

This meeting adjourned till further notice.

Bull's Head 18th Novr 1795

at a meeting of the Association for protecting Liberty & Property against Republicans & Leveller. —

James Perkins Esqr in the Chair

Resolved —— that Captain John Chadgre be admitted a member of this Association ——

—— that it is the opinion of this meeting, that a Petition be prepared for Presentation to the honourable the House of Commons respecting the two Bills now pending in Parliament viz. "a Bill for the more effectually preventing seditious meetings and Assemblies" — and "a Bill for the safety & Preservation of his Majesty's Person & Government against treasonable and seditious Practices & Attempts." ——

—— that the Committee of Papers be requested to prepare a Petition against 11 Clock to-morrow-morning, and is herewith empowered to avail itself of the assistance of any member of the Association. ——

—— that the thanks of this Association be presented to the loyal Associations in Manchester & the neighbourhood, and that 20£ be given to the united delegated meeting of the different loyal Associations, as a Subscription towards defraying the expences of publishing Pamphlets, & to be paid to their Treasurer

Resolved ___ That the Chairman be desired to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr Reeves' letter — to express the high approbation with which it has been received, and to give the thanks of the meeting for the communication of the Papers. —

___ that Captain Richard Atherton Farrington be admitted a member of this Association. ___

___ that Mr Pearson be desired to print off 5000 Copies of a Hand-bill, & 200 large ones — & for Advertisement-Book.

___ that the thanks of this meeting be given to the Chairman

This meeting is adjourned till 7 o'Clock this evening. —

Bull's Head Room 19th 1795

At an adjourned meeting of the Association for preserving Liberty & Property against Republicans & Levellers ___

James Ackers Esqr in the Chair

Present

Mr Thackeray
Mr Bidings
Mr W. Barrow
Mr Shearsby
Mr Webster
Mr St. Farrington
Mr Cross
Mr Leach
Mr S. Beever
Mr S. Cooke

Resolved ___ that this meeting do adjourn to to-morrow at 11 o'Clock in the forenoon. ___

Note — if there appears to be a Chasm here — observe, Mr Gatliff was confined at home by a Cold, & Mr Hindley, his substitute had made no minutes of the proceedings of the 20th November. —

Bull's head Dec^r 4 — 1795

At a special meeting of the Association for protecting Liberty and Property against Republicans & Levellers ——

James Ackers Esq^r in the Chair —

Present

H. Douglas	S. Clowes	H. Beeson
J. Cartwright	H. Snowden	T. Yates
Jer^h Harrop	J. Booson	G. Webster
J. Thackeray	H. Sergeant	R. Hall
J. Beeson	R. Phillips	D. Tour
I. Hindley	N. Gould	I. Barlow
Jos: Hadelman	J. Halliwell	I. Brion
C. Granoff	I. Phillips	J. Brooker
T. Boardman	I. Seddon	R. Turner
H. Granoff	J. Cooke	I. Thurston
I. Heaseley	R. A. Tompson	I. Cooper
R. Yates	John Leaf	I. Radcliffe
H. Barton	I. Billinge	Jn^o Hardman
R. Thickman	C. Needham	T. Richardson
H. Croft	T. Rothwell	R. Green
I. Gardner	I. Parke	I. Poole
R^d Langston	I. Gatliff	R Forkes
E. Cheshyre	I. Edge	H. Bagot
B. Wilson	W. Brown	R. Markland
I. Simpson	I. Cowling	E. Globon
T. Biden	C. Lawton	R. Waite
J. Bozon		T. Lowell
		H. T. Williams

In taking into consideration — a Request that the Inhabitants of the Town and neighbourhood will meet together at the new-Market-Hall in Manchester on Monday next the 9th Instant at 11 o'Clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering the propriety of petitioning against the two Bills now pending in Parliament, and praying the Legislature to use effectual means for restoring the Blessings of Peace and Plenty to this Country" —

It was resolved — that a Protest be entered into against the above meeting, the Boroughreeve & one of the Constables of the Town, the other Constable being absent, having, for the sake of Peace & Tranquillity, refused to call a public meeting, as the sense of the Town had before been fully and deliberately upon the Subject. —

Resolved — that the Committee of Papers be requested to withdraw to prepare the said Protest, and that Mr. Thos Richardson be added to the Committee of Papers. —

Resolved — that an additional Subscription be entered into for defraying the expences of this Association. —

This meeting adjourned till 6 o'Clock this evening

Adjourned Meeting Committee Room Dec^r 4^th^ 1795

James Ackers Esq^r in the Chair

James Walker, William Tate, Junior, Mr. Leigh Philips,
Mr. Baldwin admitted Members of this Committee

The Committee of Papers read a Protest agreeable to the
morning's Resolution ——

Resolved — that the above Protest is approved of,
and that 5500 Copies be printed & dispersed with all speed.

Resolved — that 5000 Copies of the two Hand-bills
viz — "Wolves in Sheep's Clothing" — and "Plain Answers" —
be printed at the Expence of this Committee. ——

For the above Protest & Handbills, vide Advertisement-Book

This Meeting adjourned till further notice.

Bull's Head Dec^r 5^th 1795

Joseph Thackeray Esq^r in the Chair

Present

H. Mayor	R. Foxley	J. Cooke
I. Leaf	I. Cheshyre	R. Gates
I. Heaseley	I. Sedgwick	G. Webster
I. Smith	T. Boardman	R. Sergeant
I. Cowling	H. Barton	R. Hall
I. Gardner	I. Baldwin	R. Kirkman
I. Poole	L. Philipps	I. Hindley
I. Gatliff	F. Philipps	R. Gould
I. Beever	I. Brookes	R. Tate
T. Yates	I. Crompton	H. Ross
Jos: Hardman	I. Halliwell	

Jn^o Frazier Philipps admitted a Member of this Association

Resolved — that this Meeting retains its former sentiments respecting the propriety of abstaining from the meeting in the Hies-Market-hall on Monday next; but, as it appears that all the other Loyal Associations in Manchester & Salford entertain a different opinion, it is resolved, that the Paper brought forward the preceding evening by the Committee of Papers,

requesting that persons will not attend such meetings, be herewith suppressed. ——

Resolved —— that the abridgement of the above Paper now read is approved of, and that 5000 Copies be immediately printed & dispersed. ——

Resolved — that this meeting be adjourned till to-morrow at 11 o'clock. ——

Bell's Head Dec.r 6th 1795

John Lee Esq.r in the Chair

Present

Captain Cheshyre	Mr. R. Hall
Mr. Thackeray	Mr. E. Cheshyre
Mr. J. Cooke	Mr. W. Hall
Mr. B. Hundley	Mr. Cowling
Mr. D. Holme	Mr. Poole
Mr. Sergeant	Mr. Fowley
Mr. Gatliff	Mr. Webster
Mr. S. Yates	Mr. Sedgwick

Mr. Wright admitted a Member of this Association

Resolved ___ that as many of this Association as possible be called together for a meeting at 4 o'Clock this evening. ___

___ that the Committee of Papers be requested to prepare an Address to the King &c Petition to the House of Lords for the consideration of a general Meeting this evening. ___

Resolved ___ that this Meeting do adjourn to 4 o'Clock this evening. ___

Bull's head Dec.r 6th 1745

John Sedgwick Esq.r in the Chair

Present

Mr. Richardson	Mr. Lees
Mr. Gatliff	Mr. Poole
Mr. Forley	Mr. Cowlin
Mr. Hutchman	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Bedhen	Mr. Borron
Mr. Bateman	Mr. Billinge
Mr. Warden	Mr. Wright
Mr. Sewell	Mr. H. Yates
Mr. Cooke	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sergeant	Mr. Hearsley
Captain Cheshyre	Mr. Hobson
Mr. Baldwin	Mr. Hall
Mr. H. Barton	Mr. Ibbet
Mr. I. Barton	Mr. Findley
Mr. H. Hall	Mr. Walker
Mr. Tate	Mr. Webster
Mr. T. Yates	Mr. I. Findley
Mr. Jos.h Barton	Mr. T. Hoff

Mr. John Barton & Mr. Horwell Hoff admitted of this Association.

Resolved — That the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. H. Tarrington & Mr. C. Garnett (the Boroughreeve & one of the Constables) to Mr. Richardson & Mr. Leaf for having waited upon Mr. G. Philipps (in the absence of Mr. Lloyd) respecting the Call of the public, to take (what is unjustly termed) the sense of the Town & Neighbourhood of Manchester on the question of the Bills pending in Parliament against Seditious meetings &c for the preservation of our precious Sovereign. —

Resolved — That every support possible shall be given by this meeting to the other Legal Associations on Monday the 9th Instant.

Resolved — That this & the other Legal Associations be requested to meet at the New Market Hall to-morrow morning (the 7th Inst.) at 10 o'Clock. —

Resolved — That Mr. James Acres be requested to be the Chair at the meeting of the Legal Inhabitants of the Town and neighbourhood agreeable to the preceding Resolution —

Resolved — That the Address to His Majesty & Petition to the House of Lords, brought forward by the Committee of Papers be approved of by this Association, with such alterations, (if any shall be hereafter required) as that Committee shall think necessary.

Resolved — That public notice of the meeting be given by a hand-bill as now prepared, and that 4000 Copies be ordered to be printed. —

Resolved — that 2000 Copies of the notice, that the Address and Petition are lying for Signatures at the several places mentioned in the notice, be printed. —

Resolved — that the Address & Petition be printed. —

Resolved — that the thanks of this meeting be given to the Chairman. —

This meeting adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Bull's head Dec^r 9th — 1795

John Sedgwick Esq^r in the Chair —

Mr. I. Dodgson & Mr. R. Hindley jun^r admitted members of this Association. —

Resolved — that the Duke of Bridgwater and the Right honourable Lord Grey de Wilton be requested to present the Petition to the House of Lords, and that the Address to his Majesty be transmitted to the County members. —

Resolved — that this meeting be adjourned till further notice. —

Bull's head Dec.r 10th 1795

James Acker Esq.r in the Chair

Present

Br.r Sergeant	Captain Farrington	Captain Charlyon
Br.r Boson	Br.r J. Walker	Br.r Leach
Br.r J. Harrop	Br.r Baldock	Br.r Jer.s Steadman
Br.r Richardson	Br.r Bateman	Br.r Brookes
Br.r C. Harriott	Br.r Sedgwick	Br.r J. Douglas
Br.r Thackeray	Br.r J. Bacon	Br.r Radcliffe
Br.r Doyley	Br.r Tate	Br.r Barton
Br.r Marsden	Br.r Eastland	Br.r Webster
Br.r J. Stott	Br.r Brandt	Br.r Darwell
Br.r Cowling	Br.r R. Hindley Junr.	Br.r Bower
Br.r Thurston	Br.r Chadwick	Br.r R. Stubbman
Br.r J. Edge	Br.r H. Harriott	Br.r Langston
Br.r R. Wilson	Br.r H. Farrington	Br.r Lucas
Br.r J. Cooke	Br.r N. Gould	Br.r Shiller
Br.r Cowgill	Br.r J. Whitaker	Br.r Booth
Br.r I. Simpson	Br.r T. Boardman	Br.r R. Yates
Br.r Parke	Br.r D. Gardner	Br.r Gatliff

Br.r T. Boson & Br.r J. Cowgill admitted members of this Association

Read a Handbill from the opposite Party (vide Advertisement Book)

in consequence of which the following Resolutions were unanimously

agreed to ——

Resolved — That this meeting respectfully feels anxious for the restoration of an honourable & lasting Peace, and relies with the fullest confidence on his Majesty's gracious assurance to establish such Peace as soon as existing circumstances may furnish a reasonable basis of negotiation for the same. ——

Resolved —— That this meeting sees with regret that in total disregard of such assurance, a certain description of persons indiscriminately opposing all measures of Government, are again obtruding themselves on the attention of Parliament with an extravagant Enumeration of evils in the shape of a Petition for Peace. ——

Resolved — That an interference so unnecessary & ill timed and in language so violently calamitous may defeat the End it professes to answer, and operate a considerable injury to the Country at large by furnishing the Enemy with fresh Inducements for the continuance of the War. ——

Resolved — That a Petition to the Honourable the House of Commons be therefore prepared expressive of the sentiments of this meeting. ——

The Petition, as prepared by the Committee of Papers, being then read — it was unanimously resolved ——

That the Petition now read be approved & engrossed, & that the same be left for signatures until Saturday Evening next at the following places, viz. ——

at the Bells head, John Shaws, Harrops, Wheelers, Banks's
and at such other places as the Committee shall think proper.

Resolved — that the Chairman be then requested to
present such Petition to Thos Stanley & John Blackburne Esqrs
the Members for the County, desiring them to present the
same after the presentation of the other Petition. —

Resolved — that the Declaration be read at every Meeting
previous to the transaction of any other business. —

Resolved — that the Committee of Papers be requested
to meet this evening at 6 o Clock, to consider of the best
mode of contradicting the false Assertions advanced in a
certain Hand-bill now in circulation. — (see Advertisement-book)

Resolved — that this meeting do adjourn till further notice

Balls Head 14 Oct 1795

John Sedgwick Esq in the Chair

Present

Benj Gibbs	S. Cowles	J. Radcliffe
J. Hindley	J. Richardson	G. Becon
J. Cowle	S. Thirkman	J. Baldwin
J. Goodrich	E. Cheshyre	H. Mayor
W. Hale	J. Seddon	T. Stoff
H. Ackers	J. Eastwale	J. Cooke
T. Seawell	T. Porter	J. Leaf
R. Langston	J. Gatliff	B. Hindley Jun
J. Hay	J. Cheshyre	R. Fuller
J. Barlow	J. Brion	J. Smith
J. Harrop	J. Walker	H. Bacon
J. Cooper	In Green	J. Harrison
J. Booth	H. Revett	J. Seddon
R. Turner	J. Whitehead	J. Hackney
G. Webster	R. Yates	J. Bateman
L. Phillips	B. Winter	T. Phillips
J. Cooke	R. Gregson	H. Snowden

Mr. W. Brown admitted a Member of this Association ——

Mr. T. Gaskell, Revd Mr. Shaw, Mr. T. Foster, Mr. G. Heymer,
and the Mayor of Rochdale admitted Members ——

Read a letter from Lord Grey de Wilton ——

Read a second letter from do ——

Resolved —— that the Contradiction to the Hand bill
alluded to in the proceedings of the 10th Inst now produced
by the Committee of Papers be approved & printed in the
Manchester Papers ——

This Meeting adjourned till further notice

Committee Room Bulls Head Oct 6 1796

I. Thackray in the Chair

Present

Jas Akers
Wm Needham
J. Thackray
N. Shirtman
I. Gardner
L. Peele
H. Croft
R. Peele.
G. Webster
R. Miller
J. Cooke
R. Foxley

Resolved unanimously that a list of those Members of the Association be made out, who have not paid their second Subscription towards the Expences of this Society, and that they be called upon by the Secretary for that purpose.

Resolved that Mr. Foxley, Mr. Cooke, Mr. I. Gardner, Mr. N. Shirtman & Mr. E. Cheetham be appointed Delegates to attend the monthly meetings of the United Delegates from the other Associations for three months.

This meeting adjourn'd till further notice.

Committee Room Bull's Head Oct^r 10^th 1796

I. Heaseley in the Chair

Present

Mr. J. Hardman
Mr. T. Tipping
Mr. Miller
Mr. W. Hall
Mr. J. Aston
Mr. Forley

Mr. Tipping
Mr. Compton
Mr. I. Gardner
Revd. I. Radcliffe
Mr. G. Webster
Mr. Cowling

Resolved — That it be recommended to the Delegates of the several Loyal Associations to have the handsome offer transmitted to this Society, until the Issue of the present negotiation with France be known —

Resolved — That, in case the negotiation does not terminate in Peace, this Society will certainly join the different Loyal Associations in their truly patriotic Intentions. —

Resolv'd — That these Resolutions ~~be presented~~ by presented by the Delegates. — —

This Meeting adjourn'd till further notice.

Committee Room Bills Read Jan.y 11th 1797

Present:

Jn.o Heaverley, Chairman
Jn.o Tayler
Jn.o Cooke
Jn.o Belcher
Jn.o Gatliff
Jn.o Beeves
Jn.o Cross
Jn.o Thackeray Junr.
Jn.o Hall
Jn.o Billinge
Jn.o Gardner
Jn.o Hulme
Jn.o Hodgson
Jn.o Halliwell
Jn.o Br.n Marshland
Jn.o Walker

Geo.o de Walton
Jn.o Edge
Jn.o Peele
Jos.h Barton
Jn.o Miller
Jn.o Buckworth
Jn.o Beckham
Jn.o Poole
Jn.o Shaw
Jn.o Braithwaite
Jn.o Iveson
Jn.o Sergeant
Jn.o S.l Gardner
Jn.o J.s Hindley
P. Corbett

Resolved — That the Zealous & unremitting attachment to the principles of the Constitution, manifested by the different Local Associations demand the warmest gratitude from this Society, which cannot fail to accord with their kindred principles. —

Resolved ~~/~~ that under the existing and
circumstances
unprecedented ~~circumstances~~ relative to the present Act of Parliament
which affords ample provision for the internal defence
of the Kingdom, and from the information communicated
by the Rt Honorable T. Grey de Wilton by the Secretary
of State for the Home Department, upon the offer of
a similar Corps, it appears to this Meeting that it would
at this juncture be in some degree unreasonable
to make any offer of a Volunteer Corps from the
Associations; but this Meeting will nevertheless
cheerfully join the Associations in immediately,
intimating to Government their readiness to come
forward, whenever Government shall be disposed
to accept an offer of this nature. ——

Resolved —— that the Delegates from this
Society be instructed to communicate these Resolutions
to the United delegated Meeting of the several
Legal Associations. ——

Resolved — that the thanks of this Meeting be
given to the Delegates for their eminent services, and
that they be desired to continue their official Situation
till the end of the present Quarter. —

Resolved — that this meeting be adjourned till Friday
the 13th Instant.

Bulls head Jan^{y} 13th 1797.

Present

Mr. Heaviley, Chairman
Revd. I. Hindley
Mr. Belcher
Mr. I. Goodier
Mr. Jas. Barton
Mr. Needham
Mr. J. Akers
Mr. Foxley
Mr. Thackeray
Mr. J. Beever
Mr. R. Hall
Mr. Stott
Mr. Lodge
Mr. N. Gould
Mr. Joseph Heathcock
Mr. N. Hitchcock
Mr. Richardson
Mr. Sedgwick
Lt. Grey de Wilton
Mr. Poole
Mr. Rawsthorn

Received the Report of the Delegates to the United delegated Meeting of the several loyal Associations, with the following Resolution, which was carried by a majority of One ——— Resolvd — that the Offer to Government of forming a Armed Corps of Volunteers from the loyal Associations of Manchester and Salford be postponed, until the present Acts of Parliament for the security & internal defence of the Kingdom be carried into execution. ———

Resolved ——— that the ~~piece~~ of the hand-bill
produced by Mr. Fowler & circulated by the other Associations
on bad impressions which may have been made on the
public mind respecting the recent Act of Parliament
for embodying the Militia & be defray'd by this Society.

Resolved ——— that Mr. Priestley, Mr. Poole, Mr. Edge,
Mr. Sedgwick & Mr. Needham be appointed to collect
the outstanding subscriptions. ———

Resolved ——— that the demand of forfeitures
from the Delegates to the united delegated meeting of
the several legal Associations, be paid by this Society.

Resolved ——— that this Meeting be adjourned till
Friday the 3d of Feb'y at Wolloch. ———

Bulls head Feb^{y} 3^{d} 1797

Present.

Mr. Shearsby, Chairman
Mr. R. Hindley Junr
Mr. Douglas
Mr. Poole
Mr. J. Beever
Mr. Simpson
Mr. Jas Barton
Mr. Cheshyre
Mr. Cooke
Recd Mr. Hindley
Mr. Stott
Mr. Baldwen
Mr. Edge
Mr. Holme
Mr. J. Goodier
Mr. Kirkman
Mr. T. Yates
Mr. Jas Walker
Mr. Fowler
Mr. Gatliff

Received the following Resolution from the Delegates of the several Loyal Associations ——

"Resolved — that the different Loyal Associations of Manchester and Salford do immediately make an offer of their services to his Majesty for the defence of the Town & neighbourhood."

In consequence of the above — it was unanimously

resolved — that this Society do make out a list of such of its members as are willing to serve his Majesty for the defence of the Town & neighbourhood either in person or otherwise, agreeable to a plan drawn out for that purpose; and that the other Associations be requested to do the same.

Resolved — that this Meeting do adjourn to Friday the 10th Inst at 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon

Brill's head Feb^y 10^th 1797

Present

Br. Leaf. Chairman
Br. Douglas
Br. Headley
Br. Foxley
Br. Edge
Br. J. Beeves
Br. Freyne
Br. Joseph Eardman
Br. S. Gardner
Br. H. Crompton
Br. John Barton
Br. C. Marriott
Br. R. Hall
Br. Baldwin
Br. Hitchman

Br. Cooke
Br. Jas Ackers
Br. Jas Walker
Br. Miller
Br. Fulme
Br. Poole
Br. Stott
Br. R. Hindley Junr
Br. B. Wilson
Br. H. Barton
Br. Cross
Br. Needham
Br. Webster
Br. Cowling
Br. Gaskill

Br. T. Marriott elected a member of this Society

Resolved — that it is the opinion of this meeting, that arms in defence of the town & neighbourhood ought not to be confined to the loyal Associations.

Resolved — that the Delegates be instructed to communicate the foregoing Resolution to the several Associations, & to request that they will call an early meeting to consider the same.

Resolved — that a Committee of the above Gentlemen be now appointed to carry into effect the Resolution of the preceding meeting — and that five of them shall be competent to act.

Resolved — that this Committee do meet on Friday the 17th Inst at 8 o'clock

Bull's head Feb^{y} 17th 1797

Present —

Br: Edge, Chairman
Br: Baldwen
Br: Cooke
Br: T. H. Hindley
Br: Jos: Hardman
Br: Poole
Br: Foxley
Br: Leaf
Br: Webster
Br: Cheshyre
Br: T. Roberts
Br: T. Smith
Br: Shiller
Br: Needham
Br: R. Hindley Junr
Br: Lucas
Br: Jon^{a} Beever
Br: T. Gardner

Received the following Resolution from the general Delegation

"Resolved — that this meeting fully concurs with the measure recommended by the Loyal Association of the Bull's head."

In consequence of the above it was unanimously resolved —

— that a general meeting of this Society be summon'd to attend the general Delegation of the several Loyal Associations at 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening next for the purpose of determining upon an Address to all well wishers to their King & Constitution in the Town & neighbourhood of Manchester and Salford on the propriety of immediately forming an armed Volunteer Corps for their internal Defence. —

Resolved — that Br: Leaf, Br: Jos: Hardman, Br: Gatliff, Br: Hindley, Br: Foxley, Br: Sergeant, & Br: Baldwen be requested to draw up the heads of such an Address. —

Resolved — that Br: John Milne be admitted a Member of this Society. —

Resolved — that this Meeting do adjourn till Wednesday the 22^{d} Inst at 7 o'clock in the evening. —

Bells head Feb^{y} 22^{d} 1797

Present —

Mr. Leaf, Chairman
Mr. Sergeant
Mr. Compton
Mr. Cowling
Mr. Tiller
× Mr. Cooke
× Mr. Edge
Mr. Frodsham
× Mr. Jos: Hardman
Mr. Markland
× Mr. Baldwen
× Mr. Foxley
Mr. Beaston
× Mr. Shurkman

× Mr. I. H. Hindley
Mr. Lawson
× Mr. Heaviside
× Mr. R. Yates
Mr. Barbotham
Mr. Norris
× Mr. Stott
Mr. Holme
Mr. I. Smith
Mr. Lawson
× Mr. Poole
× Mr. Cooke
× Mr. I. Gardner
× Mr. Gaskan

× Mr. Gaskill
× Mr. R. Hall
Mr. Thackeray
Mr. Jon^{a} Howarth
Mr. Cheshyre
Mr. R. Hindley Junr
× Mr. J. Aikers
Mr. J. Beever
Mr. Johnson
× Mr. John Barton
× Mr. Richardson
Mr. T. Yates
× Mr. Webster
× Mr. Kinaston

Mr. Jon^{a} Howarth & Mr. Beaston elected Members of this Society.

Read a letter from Mr. L. Philips

Read a letter from Mr. Parke

Resolved — that the + Address to the public now read be approv'd of. — + Vide Advertisement Book

Resolved — that a Committee of the above + Gentlemen be appointed to carry into effect the intention of this Address previous to its being printed, & to prepare the necessary Arrangements. —

Resolved — that this Committee shall meet to morrow morning at 11 o'clock, and that five of them shall be competent to act. —

This Meeting adjourn'd till further notice. —

Committee-Room Jan.y 17.— 1793

Present Samuel Crosier Jun.r Esq.r in the Chair

Mr. Jas. Ackers
— H. Faulkner
— W. Naylor
— J. Bowen
— W. Boardman
— Jas. Barton
— I. Simpson
— John Heaviley
— L. Peele
— W. Hall
— R. Formby

Mr. John Frost
— W. Cross
— T. Tedcastle
— W. Brown
— Ince
— I. Blackburn.
— T. Richardson
— T. Stott
— W. Norris
— R. Fuller
— J. Billinge

Read a letter from I. Beachcroft Esq.r

Read a letter from the Editor of the Star.

Read a letter from the Association at the Rose & Crown.

75th Ordered — that the Declaration of the Underwriters of Lloyd's Coffee house be published once in Harrop's and Wheeler's Papers with their names.

76th Ordered — that the Magistrates acting in the Manchester District be requested to summon the following persons to appear before them as soon as possible, and to take the oath of Allegiance to his Majesty King George the third.

Bulls head Feb^{y} 5th 1798

There being only the four following members present, viz,
Mr Heasley, Mr Tetloe, Mr M. Hall & Mr Gatliff, a meeting
could not be formed — Adjourned sine die

July 3^{d} 1799

There being only six members present, viz, Mr Heasley,
Mr Stott, Mr Hall, Mr Foxley, Mr Harrop, & Mr Gatliff,
a Committee could not be formed. — Adjourned sine die

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