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THE SOCIETY OF
THE
ATTORNEYS & SOLICITORS
OF
IRELAND

The Society

of

The Attorneys & Solicitors

of

Ireland

Established May

1841

This Book contains the early proceedings connected with the formation of the above Society, and also the minutes of its various Public Meetings, held in the Solicitors Room, at the Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts.

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 The following Resolution calling a meeting
 of the Profession was published in the several
 Dublin Newspapers -

"We the undersigned request the Attendance of the
 "Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland, at the Court of
 "Common Pleas on this day the 19th Inst. precisely
 "at the hour of two O'clock in the Afternoon, with a
 "view to Appoint a Committee or Deputation to wait
 "upon the Benchers of The Honble Society of Kings Inns
 "to Ascertain when it will be their pleasure to give
 "the Members of the Profession generally the possession
 "of the new Rooms at the Vere of the Courts" -

"N.B. The Chair will be taken precisely at the hour
 of two O. in the Afternoon -

Josias Dunn	Robert Mordaunt	Rich ^d Barrington
Mathew Franks	Thos Reilly	Terence O'Reilly
Cornelius O'Brien	Richard Scott	Fethstone H. Briscoe
Thomas R. Symes	John Bagnall jr.	James Spring
Saml. S. Reeves	Michl Kennedy	John Hazlett
Edw ^d Reeves	Jas ^s Fitzpatrick	Sathum Swatough
Thos. W. Barlow	Jas McCormick	Terence J. Polan
B. Ball & Son	George Kernan	Alex ^r Dudgeon
Pierce Mahony & Co	Pat ^r A. Saaffe	Wm th McQuath
Barnaby Scott, Jr.	Thomas Seward	Villiers B. Fowler
J. Maher	Math ^w O'Reilly	Jasper Villiers Fowler
Edmund Beatty	Fras O'Reilly	Henry Mills
Richard Meade	Col Rocheport	Wm Goddard Son
Fandy & Co	Kenny Purcell	Thos Beasley
John C. Hughes	James Watters	Wm th Carroll
Rich ^d P. Tighe	Rich ^d A. Walker	

Court of Common Pleas

Wednesday 19th day of May

1841

Meeting of Attorneys & Solicitors

Moved by Mr Osborne - Seconded by Mr. Maher -

That Mr Goddard do take the Chair -

Moved by Mr Conry, seconded by Mr Carroll -

That Edward. Mles Esq^r do Act as Secretary

Letter from Jonas Dunn Esq^r Addressed to the Chairman of the meeting Apologising for his Absence read by the Chairman -

The foregoing Resolution calling the meeting was read by the Chairman -

Mr William Henry Carroll moved the Appointment of Trustees to take up possession of the Rooms, and Suggested the names of the several Trustees to be so Appointed. -

Mr Myles O'Reilly moves the Appointment of the five trustees whose names were submitted to the Benchers in the joint memorial which was presented by the Law Society and Law Club in January last - viz Messrs Dunn, Franks, Montgomery, Knox and Goddard. -

Mr Meade seconded Mr O'Reillys motion, and Mr Carroll withdrew the previous motion and agreed to Mr O'Reillys, being substituted, - viz⁵ -

Resolved -

Trustees to get possession of Building

Motion for 5 Trustees Mess^r Dunn - Franks. Mont-gomery Knox and Goddard

Resolved. That the Benchers of the Hon^{ble} Society of Kings Inns be requested to give possession of the rooms erected for the accommodation of our profession to Josias Dunn Matthew Franks, Alex^r Montgomery, Samuel Knox and W^m Goddard Esq^s in trust, until a Committee of Management be appointed by the profession, and such regulations adopted as may appear necessary with respect thereto. -

Moved by Mr Cantwell, Seconded by Mr Carole &
Resolved That the duties and powers of the Committee appointed shall be strictly confined to receiving possession of the room and apartments in question, and that it shall be incumbent on said Committee within 10 days after receiving such possession to convene a meeting of the profession generally to consider and adopt such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary for the government and management thereof -

Moved by Mr Ford, Seconded by Mr Meares &
Resolved That the thanks of this meeting be given to The Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas for affording to the profession the use of His Lordships Court for holding this meeting. -

Mr Goddard having left the Chair and Mr Beasley being called thereto -

Moved by Mr O'Brien, Seconded by Mr Haylett &
Resolved. That the cordial thanks of this meeting be given to Mr Goddard for his dignified conduct in the Chair this day.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution
To request possession be given to foregoing Trustees of Solicitors Room

Resolution
Resolved
For a Committee of management.

To call public Meeting of the profession

Resolution
Thanks to Lord Chief Justice for use of

Trustees

The Trustees who were appointed at the foregoing Meeting of the Profession which was held on the 19th day of May, caused the following Requisition to be published in the Newspapers -

Call Meeting
of Profession
for 28th May
1841

"General Meeting of Attorneys"
"We the undersigned request a general meeting of the
"profession on this day. the 28th of May Inst^t at the Court
"of Common Pleas.

"The Chair will be taken at half past three
"o'clock precisely -"

- "Josias Dunn
- "Mathew Franks
- "Samuel Knox
- "Alex^r Montgomery
- "Wm Goddard "

Court of Common Pleas -

Friday 28th day of May 1841 -

Meeting of Attorneys, pursuant
to the above Requisition -

Moved by Mr. Meares, seconded by Mr. Knox

That Mr. Franks do take the Chair

Moved by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Seward -

That Edward Nes Esq^r, do act as Secretary. -

Mr. Nes has to cut or
test. as informant
Meeting -

Their Report
on obtaining
Possession of
Sol^rs Rooms

The Report of the five trustees appointed at the meeting
of the 19th May Inst^t to receive possession of the Solicitors Rooms
Read - as follows -

Copy -

"Report of Mess^{rs} Dunn, Franks, Knox, Montgomery
"and Goddard, Trustees appointed at the general meeting of
"Attorneys held in the Court of Common Pleas on the 19th day
"of May 1841, to receive possession of the Rooms erected for the Accommodation
"of the profession, until a Committee of Management sh^d. be Appointed. -

The before named Trustees have to report, that on the 22nd Inst, three of them attended at the Queens Bench Chamber, and after waiting for some time, Mr Dobbs the Sub Treasurer of the Kings Inns, came into the Room, and said that if those three persons would accompany him, as he was in a great hurry and had the Keys, he would give them possession as the Benchers had come to a Resolution for that purpose, and that he would send them a Copy of the Resolution on Monday.

Mr Dobbs was then asked if any terms were imposed, as the taking of possession depended upon that, he then said he would give a copy of the resolution, and then went out to direct his Clerk to make one; on his return he was asked what rooms were to be given, when he stated that they were the large room and the two rooms on the landings, and that the Benchers would hereafter decide about the four Rooms below Stairs. Mr Harris the Clerk then brought in an extract of a document which is as follows - "We Recommend that possession may be delivered to such Members of the body, as they may appoint to receive the same, to be held for the use of the Profession at large subject to such Regulations as the Benchers may from time to time think proper to make respecting same" -

- Josias Dunn
- Matthew Franks
- Samuel Knox
- Wm Goddard
- Alex. Montgomery

Trustees on behalf of the Profession

Resolution Resolved. Trustees to get possession of Rooms from Benchers.

Moved by Wm H. Carroll Esq. Seconded by Tho. Beasley Esq. & Resolved. That the 5 Trustees who were appointed at the meeting of the Profession held on the 19th Inst. - be authorised and requested to receive the possession of the Rooms erected for the accommodation of the Profession. -

Resolution Resolved. for Committee of 21. to prepare Rules & Regulations for management of Rooms

Moved by Mr Ford, seconded by Mr Pilkington, and Resolved. That the Attorneys of Ireland do proceed on Monday next at the hour of two O'clock at the Solicitors Room (in the new Buildings at the head of the four Courts) to elect by Ballot from among the Members of the Profession, a Committee of 21 to prepare Rules and Regulations for the management and

government of said Rooms, and also for the formation of a Society for the better Regulation of the Profession of Attorney and Solicitor in Ireland. -

Moved by Mr Scott & seconded by Mr Kife, and Resolved. That such Ballot be presided over by Messrs Dunn, Franks, Montgomery, Knox and Goddard (or one of them) with the assistance of Mr Hes, and said Ballot to commence at two o'clock on Monday, and terminate at 4 o'clock same day, and to be resumed on Tuesday and Wednesday following (the 1st & 2nd days of June next) from 12 to 4 o'clock each day, and shall close finally at 4 o'clock on said last mentioned day and that every Attorney of Ireland be qualified to vote for such Committee. -

Ballot for such Committee to be presided over by Trustees & Secretary.

Moved by Mr Haylett seconded by Mr Dechan - & Resolved That said Committee so to be appointed do report to a general meeting of the Attorneys of Ireland (to be held in said Room on the 14th day of June next at the hour of 12 o'clock at noon) - such Rules and Regulations for the Adoption Amendment or Rejection of such meeting. -

Such Committee to Report to a Gen^l Meeting the Rules &c

Moved by Mr Cantwell, seconded by Mr Campion & Resolved - That save for the purposes of the Ballot and general meetings of the Profession, said Rooms shall not be open to the Profession until after the Adoption of the Rules and Regulations for the government of said Rooms, and of the Society about to be instituted - but that the trustees do in the mean time retain the possession of same. -

Rooms not to be opened until Rules adopted

Moved by Mr Knox - seconded by Mr Seward and Resolved. That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Law Society for the great benefits the Profession have derived from their exertions. -

Resolutions to be published

Moved by Mr Daly, seconded by Mr Scott. - & Resolved. That the foregoing Resolutions be published in the following

following

following Morning and Evening newspapers - viz. Saunders
 Freeman, Register, Evening Mail, Post, Packet, Pilot and
 Monitor -

Mr Franks having left the Chair and Mr Ford
 being called thereto, the unanimous thanks of
 the meeting were accorded to Mr Franks for his
 very proper and dignified Conduct in the Chair. -

Solicitors Buildings

Four Courts

Saturday May 29th 1841 -

In consequence of the resolution which was passed at
 the foregoing meeting held on the 28th Inst. authorising and
 requesting the said Trustees to receive possession of the rooms
 from the Honourable The Benchers -

Messrs. Druin, Montgomery, Franks, Knox and Goddard
 attended this day for that purpose, when Mr Dobbs the under
 Treasurer of the Kings Inns (who had been deputed by the Benchers
 to hand over the Key, and deliver up possession of the rooms) met
 the said Trustees, and handed to them a document of which
 the following is a copy - viz.

"Report of the Building Committee respecting the
 Apartments to be allocated to the Attorneys & Solicitors,
 and respecting the Arbitration Rooms, and the payment
 of the Bills for furnishing same. -

"We have this day (May 18th 1841) inspected the rooms intended for
 the accommodation of the Attorneys and Solicitors, - We find that
 they are now fitted up, furnished and ready for occupation, - We
 recommend that possession may be delivered to such Members of
 their body, as they may appoint to receive the same, to be held for
 the use of the profession at large, subject to such regulations as the
 Benchers from time to time may think proper to make respecting
 the same. -

Sol^{rs} Room

Trustees attend
 Mr Dobbs to
 get possession
 thereof

Who hands them

the Benchers

Report

Copy

"We have also inspected the four Arbitration Rooms, and we
 "find them also ready for Occupation, and we recommend that a
 "discreet and meritorious person be appointed to the care of
 "said Apartments, who is to have the control and management
 "of them, subject to such Regulations as the Society of Benchers may
 "think proper to adopt -

"That such person provide fire, and pens & Ink for such
 "Barristers, Solicitors and Attorneys, as may require the use of
 "such Apartments, and that such care taken be remunerated
 "in the following manner - viz - by charging such persons as
 "may engage such Apartments for the purpose of Arbitration or
 "Consultation 2/6 - for the first hour, and 1/- for every succeeding
 "hour, during which they may occupy same, - all such payments
 "to be made in Advance -

"We also recommend that the Bills for the furniture of the
 "Attorneys and Solicitors Apartments, for the Arbitration Rooms,
 "and for the Coffee Room, as certified by Mr Owen the Architect
 "and Mr Dobbs the under treasurer, amounting in whole to the
 "sum of £461 - 5 - 3 as due to Mr Jones the Upholsterer be
 "discharged by the Treasurer -"

No Signature
 to said Report

Note - The foregoing document had not the signatures
 attached to it, of the Buildings Committee of the Benchers
 whose Report it purported to be -

Mr Dobbs then added to it the following Acknowledgement
 for the trustees to sign of their having received from him the
 possession of the Apartments, for the use of the profession, and
 which the Trustees then signed accordingly -

Mr Dobbs pre-
 = paras acknow.
 Trustees sign
 same

"Received the possession of the 3 Rooms intended for the
 "Accommodation of the Solicitors & Attorneys this 29th day of May 1841.

Josias Dunn

Mathew Frankes

Samuel Knox

Alex^r. Montgomery

Wm. Goddard.

Solicitors Room
New Buildings, Four Courts.

Monday 31st day of May 1841.

2 O'clock - P.M.

Ballot for
Committee
commenced
and
Adjourned

In pursuance of the Resolution entered into at the meeting of the 28th Inst. (before referred to) The Ballot for a Committee of 21, to prepare Rules and Regulations for the management and government of said Rooms was commenced, and proceeded with under the Superintendance of Mess^{rs} Dunn, Franks, Montgomery, Knox and Goddard with the Assistance of M^{rs} Sles, and terminated at 4 O'clock this day, when 186 members of the Profession balloted for said Committee. And the Ballot was adjourned until 12 O'clock on the following day (1st June) of which the Trustees directed that notice should be given in the several Morning papers, each day until the Ballot should terminate.

Tuesday 1st day of June 1841

12 O'clock - noon.

Resumed
and
Adjourned

The Ballot resumed when 275 members of the Profession balloted between the hours of 12 and 4 O' for said Committee making a total of 461 Ballots.

Wednesday 2nd day of June 1841.

12 O' - noon.

Ballot further
Resumed and
finally closed
710 Members
voting in 3 days

The Ballot further resumed when 249 members of the Profession balloted for said Committee between the hours of 12 & 4 O' when the Ballot finally terminated. 710 Members having balloted during the 3 days.

The Trustees directed that the result of the Ballot should be published in the Newspapers, and to state that same had finally closed.

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Thursday 3rd day of June 1841 -

11 O'Clock - a.m.

Balloting
Box opened

and Scrutiny
had -

The Balloting box was opened by Mr Dunn in the presence of the other four Trustees - And the Balloting Slips clasped and arranged, according to the different descriptions that had been made use of, and the Scrutiny terminated at 5 O'Clock - and to be resumed at 11 O'Clock on the following morning.

Friday 4th day of June 1841

11 O'Clock - a.m.

Scrutiny
resumed &
terminated

The Scrutiny of the Ballot resumed and terminated in the presence of the five trustees, - And the draft of their Report prepared and approved of by them, and ordered to be engrossed and ready for their signatures next day at One O'Clock -

Saturday 5th day of June 1841 -

1 O'Clock - P.M.

Scrutators Report Read & signed by them
as follows -

"The Solicitors Room, New Buildings, Four Courts

5th June 1841 -

Report of
Scrutiny of
Ballot

"Report of Messrs Dunn, Fraukes, Montgomery, Knowl and Goddard, The Trustees of the new Rooms.

"The Trustees have to report that in pursuance of the
"Resolution entered into at the general meeting of the Profession
"held in the Court of Common Pleas on the 28th of May last, a
"Ballot for a Committee of 21 to prepare rules and regulations for the
"management and government of said Rooms, and also for the
"formation of a Society for the better regulation of the Profession, commenced
"on the 31st of May last, and was continued on Tuesday & Wednesday the 1st
" & 2nd of June Inst when it was closed. -

"That a regular entry was kept of the names of Gentlemen who balloted, and the Trustees having examined the Ballots find that they correspond with the number of names, Viz 710, and that the undernamed Gentlemen have been elected to form the Committee, each having the number of votes affixed to his name-

1 Josias Dunn	682	12 Rich ^d J. T. Orpen	532
2 Wm Goddard	632	13 Willm Ford	507
3 John Tho Rife	624	14 Alex ^r Montgomery	481
4 Mathew Franks	621	15 Alex ^r Bate	479
5 Edw ^d Sandy	610	16 Chas ^r Meares	471
6 Wm A Roe	582	17 J ^{no} McMahon	460
7 Saml Knox	571	18 Edm ^d O'Brien	456
8 Wm B Wallace	557	19 Rich ^d Meade	430
9 James Wato	544	20 Wm J. Cooper	409
10 Tho Beasley	534	21 Tho Conry	360
11 Rich ^d A Walker	534		

Which we submit as our Report this 5th day of June 1841 -

Josias Dunn
Mathew Franks
Alex^r Montgomery -

Samuel Knox
William Goddard

Names
Elected on
Committee

The following Gentlemen were the highest on the Ballot next to the Committee

Rich ^d Scott	194	Arthur Barlow	49	W. H. McCreedy	23
J ^{no} M. Cantwell	171	Robt Power	40	Pierce Mahony	22
J ^{no} Greene	169	Wm H4 Carroll	35	Edw ^d J. Smith	22
J ^{no} Hazlett	154	J ^{no} D. Alkin	31	Geo. Kerman	21
Terence O'Reilly	143	Edm ^d J. Nolan	29	Tho Crozier	20
B. C. Lawless	138	J ^{no} Orpin	26	R. P. Tighe	20
J ^{no} Maher	135	Wm Dix	25	J. D. La Touche	19
P. M. Gantlan	124	J ^{no} Dickinson	25	Leon ^d Dobbin	17
Saml. S. Reeves	76	J. R. O'Shaughnessy	25	Com ^d O'Brien, M.P.	16
M ^{no} Barrington	66	Edw ^d Lloyd	24	John Norman	16
Tho. Babington	65	Wm Duckett	23	W. J. Ryan	16
Tho. R. Syms	51				

The Committee

for forming Rules and Regulations for the Solicitors Room held their first meeting for that purpose on the 7th day of June 1841 - when the following Sub Committee was appointed to draft said Rules, which were to be laid before the Committee of 21, on Thursday the 10th of June -

Sub-Committee	Sub Committee		
to prepare Rules &c	Mr Roe	Mr Wato	Mr Meade
	Mr Bate	Mr Walker	Mr Tandy
	Mr Cooper	Mr Conry	

Report
Rules to Com-
mittee of 21.

The Sub Committee met accordingly five times for that purpose previous to Submitting the said Rules together with their report to the said Committee of 21. - And the said Committee of 21 held four meetings, for the purpose of discussing and finally arranging said Rules previous to their being Submitted for the final Approval and Adoption of the Profession at the Public meeting to be held in the Solicitors Room on the 14th of June. (For their proceedings see Rough Minute Book.) S. Mes. Sec^y -

The first Public Meeting held in the Solicitors Room New Buildings

Monday 14th day of June 1841

Meeting to
consider Rules
&c

Meeting of the Attorneys & Solicitors to take into consideration the Rules & Regulations, prepared by the Committee appointed for that purpose by the Profession, at the Public meeting held on the 28th of May last. -

W^m Goddard Esq^o in the Chair

Resolutions passed at said Meeting of the 28th of May last. Read -

The Scrutators Report of the Ballot for said Committee to prepare said Rules and Regulations, Read -

Requisition published in the newspapers calling this meeting read

Report of the Committee together with the Rules and Regulations which accompanied same, as prepared to be submitted to the Profession this day, read at the meeting. -

Moved by Mr Cantwell, seconded by Mr Morgan, and

Consideration of Rules
adjourned

Resolved - That the consideration of the report now read be adjourned til 12 O'clock on Thursday next, and in the mean time the Trustees continue to act until that meeting shall take place, and that the Committee do direct 12 Copies of the Rules and Report as now read to be posted up in the Rooms, which are to be open to the Profession from 12 til 3 O'clock each day in the mean time, and accordingly that this meeting do adjourn to Thursday next at 12 O'clock - And a notification of said adjournment to be published in the Morning Register on the 15th Saunders on the 16th Inst^l and Freeman Journal on the day of meeting.

and Notice
given

Solicitors Room, New Buildings

Thursday 17th day of June 1841.

Adjourned meeting of the Attorneys & Solicitors to take into consideration the Rules and Regulations prepared by the Committee, Appointed by the Profession on the 28th Ult^o. -

Moved by Mr Campion, seconded by Mr Seward

That Mr Dunn do take the Chair -

The following Requisition published in the Newspapers calling meeting read. -

" Law Intelligence

Take Notice that a Meeting of the Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland will

Requisition
calling
Meeting

will be held at the Solicitors Room in the New Buildings Four Courts on Thursday next the 17th June Inst (prior to Adjournment) to take into Consideration the Rules and Regulations prepared by the Committee appointed by the Profession on the 28th of May last. - The hour to be taken at 12 o'clock precisely

By order Edward Hes Secy pro tem.

Proceedings of last meeting read -
Moved by Mr Ford and Seconded by Mr Meares
That the Report and Rules as prepared by the Committee be read. -

Same read accordingly

Moved by Mr Meares and Seconded by Mr Seward -
That the Report and Rules just read be received ^{& adopted} and entered on the minutes. -

Report of
Rules adopted
containing
Rules &

"The Report of the Committee of the Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland, appointed in pursuance of the Resolution passed at the General meeting held in the Court of Common Pleas on the 28th of May 1841. -

Your Committee ^{cannot but} congratulate the Profession on the high place it now holds in public estimation, - a place to which it is entitled as well from the respectability of its members, as from the nature and importance of the duties attached to it. So long as Laws shall be administered in these countries, the most unreserved and ample confidence and trust must be placed in a Profession, the members of which are so intimately connected with all the transactions of Life, - the legal protection of property, of Liberty, and life itself, being entrusted to their peculiar care. - It behoves the Public on the one hand, to hold the members of such a Profession in respect and esteem; while on the other, it becomes the bounden duty of the members of that Profession, by a zealous, honest, and faithful discharge of their arduous duties, to merit and maintain that public estimation which they now so deservedly hold, and which has been acknowledged from the highest tribunals, - second to none of the other liberal Professions. -

This is a just subject of Congratulation; and having attained its proper Station, the Profession must continue to maintain that position;— this can only be effected by having a Ruling or governing Society emanating from the Profession at large. Such should be the Society about to be formed, and your Committee submit that the following should be among its principal Objects:—

First. To afford by lectures to be delivered in their Rooms, an improved System of Education in the Theory of our Laws, and the Rules and Practice of our Courts. Your Committee being strongly impressed with the Opinion that the education of Apprentices should be retained in the hands of the Profession, under the Control of the Judges, and under no Circumstances should that Control be permitted to fall into other hands—

Secondly.— To procure a Library of elementary and other Law books including the Statutes before and since the Union—

Thirdly.— To suggest such Alterations in the Statute Law, and in the Rules and Practice of the Courts, as experience or Circumstances may render necessary; and to watch over all Bills that may be proposed to Parliament, in which the Rights of the Profession may be directly or indirectly involved, so that those Rights and the interests of the Profession may be protected—

Fourthly.— To preserve the rights and Privileges of the Profession and to guard its Respectability by a vigilant Attention to the preservation of upright and honorable Practice; and to prevent the Apprenticing of uneducated and improper persons, and their Admission to the Profession—

To enable such a Society to act efficiently, it should possess the unlimited confidence and Support of the Profession, and have ample funds to carry out the Objects of its Institution in all their details.—

To have the unlimited confidence and Support of the Profession such a Society should emanate from, and be of the Profession.— We therefore recommend that it should be composed of Attorneys & Solicitors only, and that every Attorney & Solicitor of Ireland be eligible to be a Member of it, his only qualification being that he is an Attorney or Solr. and that he shall pay a Subscription

Annually for the use of the Society. —

To create funds to enable the Society to fulfill its objects we recommend the payment in Advance of a moderate Annual Subscription from each Member, together with a small additional Sum to entitle such Member to the use of a press in the Room. — From these two Sources your Committee hope a sufficient fund will be raised for all the purposes of the Society, and which they submit, should be disbursed by the Committee, in carrying out its most useful objects. —

Having detailed the Objects of the Society, — the persons who should compose it, — and the manner of raising sufficient funds for its support, — your Committee submit that the Committee of the Society should be annually elected by Ballot from amongst its members, and should be 31 in number, including a President and two Vice Presidents; and with a view to have the support of their Brethren who may not reside in Dublin they submit that non resident members shall have a right to vote by proxy, so that by such mode of voting, and the extended number of the Committee, every Member of the Society, and every branch of the Profession may be fully represented. —

Your Committee submit that the Committee of the Society should have the management of the Rooms; — the Appointment control and dismissal of the several Officers and servants of the Society; — and it should be their peculiar care to guard and protect the rights and privileges of the Profession, and to carry into effect those Objects, your Committee submit the following Rules, for the management of the Rooms and the government of the Society. —

No 1. — That a Society be formed for the Regulation of the Profession of Attorney and Solicitor in Ireland, for protecting their rights and privileges, and also for the institution and support of a Library, for the use of the Profession, and for the providing means for the instruction of Apprentices, and that such Society be called, The Society of the Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland. —

N^o 2 - That the Apartments adjoining the Four Courts, allowed for the exclusive use of the Profession of Attorney and Solicitor be placed under the Control and management of such Society. -

N^o 3 - That a Book be opened in which all Solicitors and Attorneys desirous to become Members of such Society shall insert their names and Residences, And that said Book shall contain a declaration that each Subscriber will conform to the Rules and Regulations of the Society - and preserve the property of the Society - and will not injure or knowingly permit any other person to injure same - Nor Remove or knowingly permit to be removed any Paper Book or Document of the said Society from said Room, without permission of the Committee to be obtained through the Secretary. - And each Subscriber shall pay a sum of £1. as a Subscription for one Year commencing on the 1st of May 1841 - and a like Subscription of One Pound shall be paid by each Member Annually in Advance on or before every 1st day of May. -

N^o 4 - That no person but a Member of such Society, shall have a right of entry into those Apartments, and that any Member whose Subscription shall be in Arrear one month after the 1st of May in any Year, shall cease to be a Member until his Arrear be paid. -

N^o 5 - That English Solicitors and Scotch Writers to the Signet be Admissible to the Rooms on the introduction of a Member, during their temporary sojourn in Dublin, (but not exceeding one month,) at any one time. -

N^o 6 - That the Affairs of such Society be under the Control and management of a Committee of 31 - Consisting of a President and two Vice Presidents and 28 other Members - such Committee to be Chosen Annually by Ballot, by the Subscribers from their own body, as herein after mentioned, and to continue in Office until another Committee shall be elected. -

N^o 7 - That a meeting of the Subscribers shall take place on the 15th day of June Inst. at 12 O'Clock to ballot for a Committee for the Current Year - Such Ballot to continue for 3 days from 12 to 4 O'Clock each day, and to be presided over by such 9 persons as shall be appointed by the meeting of whom 3 to be a

quorum, — And that such Scrutators shall return the names of those elected, and shall also return the names of the 10 persons, having the next greatest number of votes, after the 31 members who shall be so elected, out of which ten additional names all vacancies occurring in the Committee during the year shall be filled up according to the majority of votes.

No 8 — That all subscribers whose usual place of residence shall be distant 30 miles at the least from Dublin shall be entitled to give their votes by proxy at election of committees according to such form, and under such regulations and restrictions as shall be prescribed by Bye Laws to be formed by the Committee. —

No 9 — That the Committee to be now chosen shall out of their own number elect by Ballot a Treasurer or Treasurers who shall continue in Office for life, or until he or they shall resign or be removed by a vote of a majority of the Committee. — And the Committee to be now chosen shall have the Appointment of an Officer to be Librarian and Secretary who shall be elected annually by the Committee, and the Committee for the time being shall have the Appointment of all such other Officers and Servants as shall be necessary; which Officers and Servants as also the Librarian and Secretary shall be under the control of, and be liable to be removed by the Committee for the time being, who shall have the power of appointing others in their stead. —

No 10 — That the Committee to be elected for the present year, shall be chosen by a majority of votes, and in case of two or more persons having an equal number of votes their priority shall be decided by lot — And that no ballot which shall have more names thereon than 31 (including one who is to be stiled on the Ballot as President and two as vice Presidents) shall be admissible but there being fewer names than 31 shall not invalidate any Ballot. —

No 11 — That upon the 1st of June 1842 and on every future 1st of June (not being Sunday) a Committee of 31 including a President and two vice Presidents shall be

elected by Ballot in like manner as the Committee for the present year are to be now elected - such Ballot to remain in like manner open for 3 days - every such future Committee to have the like powers and Authorities as the Committee to be now elected, and in case the 1st, 2nd or 3rd of June in any year shall fall upon a Sunday, the Ballot shall be continued on the 4th of June. -

N^o 12. That the Committee shall keep a Book in which the names of all subscribers to the Society shall be kept in Alphabetical Order, and the Committee shall keep regular entries of all their proceedings, and that the Committee may make bye Laws for their own government and alter same from time to time, provided such bye laws be not repugnant to, or inconsistent with the general Rules of the Society, which bye Laws shall not be altered by any subsequent Committee unless with the express consent of a Majority of their number. -

N^o 13 - That the Society shall hold two general meetings in every year. viz. On the day after the last day of Easter and of Michaelmas term (unless any such days shall be Sunday, in which case the meeting shall be held on the day following). At which meetings all questions within the principles of the Society, or any contemplated change in its general rules may be discussed: Provided notice of the subject matter for discussion shall have been furnished to the Secretary to be posted in the Public Room of the Society for ten days at least previous to such meeting. -

N^o 14. That at the general meeting after Easter Term in each Year, the Committee shall submit to the meeting the Accounts of the Society up to the previous 1st of May. Whereupon the Chairman shall nominate 5 Members, not of the Committee (3 of whom shall be a quorum) to Audit such Accounts, and report thereon to the general meeting in the ensuing November.

N^o 15. That at all meetings of the Society and of the Committee all questions shall be carried by majority of votes, and the Chairman shall have (if necessary) a casting voice, and at all meetings of the Subscribers, The President, or in case of his absence one of the Vice Presidents or in case of their absence, one of the

Committee shall be Chairman. —

N^o 16 That the several presses in the large Room being 468 in number, shall be by the Committee assigned by lot, to such Subscribers to the Rooms, as shall in Addition to their Annual Subscription of £1. pay the further Annual Sum of Five Shillings in Advance, and also a deposit of 5^s. to be returned to him, on his delivering up the Key of the press to the Secretary / such further sum of five Shillings per annum to be payable on and from the 1st of May in each Year. —

N^o 17. That a list be opened by the Trustees on the 15th Inst^s, which shall be continued by the Committee when elected, and shall remain open til the 1st of July next, in which list the name of each Member proposing to subscribe for a press shall be entered — And on said 1st of July the Committee shall assign by lot to such Subscriber, a Press according to the number on such Press, to correspond with the number of the Lot drawn by or for each such Subscriber. —

N^o 18 — That in case there shall not be presses sufficient for the number of Subscribers who shall have paid their Subscriptions therefor, the names of such Supernumerary Subscribers shall be entered by the Committee in a list, according to the priority of the numbers upon their lots — And such Supernumerary Subscribers shall be entitled according to such priority to such presses, as (and according as they) shall from time to time become vacant — And any Occupier of a press shall be at liberty to exchange the same, with the Occupier of any other press, under such regulations as the Committee shall adopt with respect thereto.

N^o 19. That in case there shall be more presses than sufficient for the number of Subscribers for the first Allotment, such Subscribers shall have a choice of presses according to the priority of the numbers on their lots — And the Committee shall open and keep open a list for further and future Subscribers who shall according to priority of Application be entitled to make choice of any one of said presses, as shall at the time be unoccupied. —

N^o 20. That upon a Requisition for an extraordinary general meeting for any purpose, coming within the Objects of this Society, signed by 41 Members at the least, the Committee shall within 4 days from the Receipt of such Requisition, call such general meeting for the purpose of such Requisition: Such meeting to be held not sooner than six, nor later than 10 days from the posting of such notice: — And in case the Committee shall neglect or refuse to comply with such Requisition, such 41 Members may be at liberty to convene such general meeting upon giving the like notice, and the Committee may at any time call an extraordinary general meeting upon giving six days previous notice. —

Moved by McCantwell, That the sense of the meeting be taken on each rule Seriatim. —

Rules Read accordingly and approved of as altered down to Rule N^o 9 and meeting Adjourned to next day to consider the remainder of them. —

NOTE. — The alterations made in the Rules at this meeting will be found in the Copy of them at page where they are correctly entered, as finally settled and adopted by the Profession. —

Ordered — That notice of said Adjournment as also of the Ballot be published in the several Newspapers, to take place next day at 12 O'Clock. —

Friday 18th day of June

1844.

Further meeting of Attorneys and Solicitors,
(pursuant to Adjournment) to take into con-
-sideration the Remainder of the Rules and
Regulations prepared by the Committee, Ap-
-pointed by the Profession on the 28th day of
May ultimo. —

Moved by Mr Seward

That Mr Goddard do take the Chair.

Consideratⁿ
of Rules
resumed

The consideration of the Rules resumed, commencing
with No 10. and proceeded with seriatim, and in addition
to those prepared by the Committee (which consisted of
20 in number) — Three Additional Rules were approved of
viz. No 7. No 22 Relative to Ascertaining the Attendance of the
Committee, and No 23 Appointing ^{Justices} for the Management of the
Funds of the Society —

Rules confirmed

Resolved. That the Rules and Regulations prepared by the
Committee as amended at the Meeting of yesterday
and this day, be adopted; and entered on the
minutes. — And that same do form the Rules and
Regulations, for the Constitution of The Society of
The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland. —

Rules

Copy thereof adopted at the General Meetings of the Profession at large, held
on the 17th & 18th days of June 1844 —

1st That a Society, be formed for the Regulation of the
Profession of Attorney & Solicitor in Ireland, for protecting
their

their rights and privileges; And also for the institution and Support of a Library for the use of the Profession, and for the providing means for the instruction of Apprentices and that such Society be called, "The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland"

N^o 2. That the Apartments Adjoining the Four Courts allotted for the exclusive use of the Profession of Attorney & Solicitor, be placed under the Control & Management of such Society.

N^o 3. That a Book be opened in which all Attorneys and Solicitors desirous to become Members of such Society shall insert their names and Residences; and that said Book shall contain a declaration that each Subscriber will conform to the Rules and Regulations of the Society, and preserve the property of the Society, and will not injure, or knowingly permit any other person to injure same, nor remove or knowingly permit to be removed any paper Book or document of the said Society from said Room, without permission of the Committee to be obtained through the Secretary: and each Subscriber shall pay the sum of One pound, as a Subscription for one year commencing on the 1st of May 1844: and a like Subscription of One pound shall be paid by each Member Annually in Advance on or before every 1st day of May.

N^o 4. That no person but a member of such Society shall have a right of entry into those Apartments; And that any member whose Subscription shall be in Arrear one month after the 1st of May in any year shall cease to be a member until his Arrear be paid.

N^o 5. That English Solicitors and Scotch Writers be Admissible to the Rooms on the introduction of a Member during their Temporary Sojourn in Dublin, but not to exceed One month at any one time.

N^o 6. That the Affairs of such Society be under the Control and Management of a Committee of 31 including a President and two Vice Presidents; Such Committee to be Chosen Annually by Ballot by the Subscribers, from their own body, as herein after mentioned, and to continue in Office until another Committee shall be elected, and that ten Members

of the Outgoing Committee shall not be eligible to be re-elected for three years -

No. 7 - That on every future election for a Committee for this Society, there shall not be a greater number than 21 of the Outgoing Committee thereon, and in case more than 21 members of the Outgoing Committee shall have the greatest number of votes on the Ballot, then the first 21 names shall be on the Committee, and the 10 members necessary to make up the Committee shall be those not on the Outgoing Committee, who shall have the next greatest number of votes. -

No. 8 - That a Ballot do take place by the Subscribers for a Committee for the current year, which Ballot shall commence at 11 O'Clock tomorrow, and remain open till 4 O'Clock each day, and to close finally at 4 O'Clock on Tuesday next; and that Mr. Dunn, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Franks, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Knox, Mr. Pilkington, Mr. Campion, Mr. Dudgeon & Mr. Pastable along with Mr. Hes, be scrutators of such Ballot, and have charge of the Ballot box, which except during Balloting hours is to remain sealed until the Scrutiny shall commence and such Scrutators shall return the names of those elected. and shall also return the names of the 10 persons having the next greatest number of votes after the 21 members who shall be so elected, out of which ten additional names, all vacancies occurring in the Committee during the year, shall be filled according to the majority of votes. -

No. 9 That all subscribers whose usual place of residence shall be distant 30 miles at the least from Dublin shall be entitled to give their votes by proxy at the election of Committees, according to such form, and under such regulations and restrictions as shall be prescribed by bye laws to be formed by the Committee. -

No. 10 That the Committee to be now chosen shall out of their own number elect three Trustees, and in case of a vacancy or vacancies in said Trustees, the then existing Committee shall fill up same; and the Committee to be now chosen shall have the Appointment of an Officer to be Librarian and Secretary, who shall be elected Annually by the Committee; and the Committee for the time being shall also have the Appointment of

of all such other Officers and Servants as shall be necessary which Officers and Servants as well as the Librarian & Secretary shall be under the Control, and be liable to be removed by the Committee for the time being, who shall have the power of Appointing others in their stead; and the Committee to be now Chosen, and every future Committee shall out of their own body elect a President and two Vice Presidents - And that all monies paid to the use of the Society, shall be lodged quarterly by the Trustees in the Bank of Ireland to the credit of the Trustees; and that all monies Required for the use of the Society shall be drawn by Checks signed by the three Trustees, or any one of them, & countersigned by the Secretary.

No 11 - That the Committee to be elected for the present year shall be Chosen by a Majority of Votes; And in cases of two or more persons having an equal number of Votes, their Priority shall be decided by lot; And that no printed ballot nor any ballot which shall have more names thereon than 31 shall be Admissible, but there being fewer names than 31 shall not invalidate any ballot.

No 12 - That on the 1st of June 1842, and on every future first of June (not being Sunday) a Committee of 31 shall be elected by ballot, in like manner as the Committee for the present year are to be now elected - Such ballot to remain open for three days; every such future Committee to have the like powers and Authorities as the Committee to be now elected; And in case the 1st 2nd or 3rd of June in any year shall fall upon a Sunday, the Ballot shall be continued on the 4th of June.

No 13 That the Committee shall Keep a Book in which the names of all subscribers to the Society shall be kept in Alphabetical Order, and shall Keep regular entries of all their proceedings; And that the Committee may make bye Laws for their own government, and alter same from time to time, provided such bye laws be not Repugnant to, or inconsistent with the general Rules of the Society, which bye laws shall not be altered by any subsequent Committee unless with the express consent of a Majority of their number.

No 14 That the Society shall hold two general meetings in every year - Viz. - On the day after the last day of Easter

and of Michaelmas Term (unless any such days be Sunday in which case the meeting shall be held on the day following) at which meetings all questions within the principles of the Society, or any contemplated change in its general Rules may be discussed, provided notice of the subject matter for discussion shall have been furnished to the Secretary, to be posted in the Public Room of the Society for ten days at least previous to such meeting. -

No 15. That at the general meeting after Easter Term in each year, the Committee shall submit to the meeting the Accounts of the Society up to the previous 1st of May - Whereupon the Chairman shall nominate five members not of the Committee (three of whom to be a quorum) to audit such Accounts, and report thereon to the general meeting, after the ensuing term. -

No 16. That at all meetings of the Society, and of the Committee, all questions shall be carried by majority of votes, and the Chairman shall have (if necessary) a casting voice; And at all meetings of the Subscribers, the President, or in case of his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, or in case of their absence, one of the Committee shall be Chairman.

No 17. That the several presses now in the large room, being 408 in number, shall be by the Committee assigned by lot to such subscribers to the Rooms, as shall in addition to their annual Subscription of One pound, pay the further annual sum of five shillings in advance (and also a deposit of 5/- to be returned to him, on his delivering up the Key of the press to the Secretary) such further sum of five shillings per annum to be payable on and from the 1st of May in each year.

No 18. That a list be opened by the Trustees on the 18th Inst^l which shall be continued by the Committee when elected and shall remain open till the 1st of July next, in which list the name of each member proposing to subscribe for a press shall be entered. And on said 1st of July the Committee shall assign by lot to each such Subscriber, a press, according to the number on such press to correspond with the number of the lot drawn by or for each such Subscriber. -

N^o 19. That in case there shall not be p^resses sufficient for the number of subscribers who shall have paid their subscriptions therefor, the names of such superannuated subscribers shall be entered by the Committee in a list, according to the priority of the numbers upon their lots; and such superannuated subscribers shall be entitled, according to such priority, to such p^resses as, (and according as they) shall from time to time become vacant, and any occupier of a p^ress shall be at liberty to exchange the same with the occupier of any other p^ress, or for a vacant one, under such regulations as the Committee shall adopt with respect thereto.

N^o 20. That in case there shall be more p^resses than sufficient for the number of subscribers for the first allotment, such subscribers shall have a choice of p^resses, according to the priority of the numbers on their lots, and the Committee shall open a list for further and future subscribers, who shall according to priority of application, be entitled to make choice of any one of such p^resses as shall at the time be unoccupied.

N^o 21. That upon a requisition for an extraordinary general meeting for any purpose, coming within the objects of this Society, signed by 51 members at the least, the Committee shall within 4 days from the receipt of such requisition, call such general meeting for the purpose of such requisition, such meeting to be held not sooner than six, nor later than 10 days from the posting of such notice; and in case the Committee shall neglect or refuse to comply with such requisition, such 51 members may be at liberty to convene such general meeting upon giving the like notice; and the Committee may at any time call an extraordinary general meeting upon giving six days previous notice.

N^o 22. That at the election of each subsequent Committee a Book containing a correct Registry of the Attendance of the several Members of the previous Committee, shall be placed on the Table, open to the inspection of the subscribers.

No 23 - That Josias Dunn, Mathew Fraunce & William Goddard Esqrs be appointed trustees to this Society and that subscriptions or donations shall be paid only to them or one of them, or to the Secretary, the Receipts to be signed by such Trustees, and Countersigned by the Secretary.

Moved by Mr Cantwell and seconded by Mr Bastable -

Thanks to Com^{ee} who prepared Rules

That the thanks of the profession be and are hereby given to the Committee who prepared said Rules and Regulations. - which was carried unanimously -

The following Resolution proposed by Mr Meade and seconded by Mr Walker -

Rooms to be kept closed -

That after the Ballot shall be concluded, the Committee shall be at liberty, if they see fit, to keep the room closed until such period as may be necessary to enable the Benchers to have the furniture &c completed.

Moved by Mr Watt & seconded by Mr Walker -

That Mr Scott do take the Chair -

Resolved -

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr Goddard for his very proper and dignified conduct in the Chair this day - Carried unanimously -

Resolved. That the following notice be given in the several newspapers of the Rules having been finally approved of by the profession and that the Ballot for a Committee of 31 Members was now going forward at the Sol^{rs} Rooms, and that notice of said Ballot be advertised daily until concluded -

Attorneys & Solicitors, Ireland -

Society's Rooms, Four Courts -

Ballot for Committee of 31.

The profession are informed that the Ballot for the general Committee of 31 for the current year (under the Rules & Regulations now adopted) commenced on Friday the 18th Inst. and will be continued this

day - Monday, and Tuesday, Commencing at 11 and closing at 4 o'clock each day and finally terminate at 4 o'clock on Tuesday the 22nd Inst.

No person can ballot who has not previously become a member by signing the Book and paying the Subscription of One pound - Nor can any person be elected on the Committee who has not signed the Book and paid his Subscription before the close of the Scrutiny -

By order - Edward Mes - Secy. pro tem -

Solicitors Room

New Buildings, Four Courts
Friday 18th June 1841.

11 o'clock a.m.

Ballot

In pursuance of the 8th Rule of the New Society of Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland, The Ballot for a general Committee of 31 for the current year (ending May 1842) was commenced and proceeded with under the superintendance of Mess^{rs} Dunn, Goddard, Franks, Montgomery, Knox, Campion, Dudgeon, Pilkington and Bastable with the assistance of Mr Mes - and the first days Ballot terminated at 4 o'clock this day, when 52 Members of the Profession (being Subscribers to said Room) balloted for said Committee.

Saturday 19th June 1841.

11 o'clock a.m.

Ballot

Ballot resumed when 35 Members of the Profession - (Subscribers to said Room) balloted between the hours of 11 o'clock & 4 o'clock for said Committee, making a total of 87 Ballots up to this day (being the second of said Ballot) -

Ballot further adjourned til 11 o'clock on Monday next the 21st Inst.

Monday 21st day of June 1841

Meeting of the Profession held pursuant to requisition to take into consideration the Rights of the Profession of Attorney & Solicitor in Ireland, in respect to the Office of Secondary of the Court of Exchequer, Vacant by the lamented decease of James Leathew Esq^r -

Moved by Mr. Mahony and seconded by Mr. Tandy
That Mr. Goddard do take the Chair -

The Chairman requested to know the sense of the Meeting as to admitting the Reporters of the Press -

Carried unanimously that they be admitted

Requisition as published in the Newspapers calling the meeting read by the Chairman as follows -

Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland

A Meeting of the Profession will be held in the Attorneys and Solicitors New Rooms, Four Courts Dublin on Monday the 21st Inst. at two O'clock in the Afternoon, to take into consideration The Rights of this Profession, in respect to the Office of Secondary of the Exchequer Vacant by the lamented decease of Mr. Leathew Esq^r

Moved by Mr. Wato, seconded by Mr. Beasley & Resolved That the Office of Secondary of the Court of Exchequer (Vacant by the decease of James Leathew Esq^r, one of the Attorneys) is a Ministerial one, and of that class heretofore invariably filled by an Attorney. -

Moved by Mr. Conry - seconded by Mr. Seward - and Resolved. That the various duties of this Office, are of such a nature as can be properly performed by a Member of the Profession of Attorney & Solicitor only, and that the appointment of a Member of any other Profession, or of a Non Professional man, to such an Office, would be an injustice to the Members of the Profession of Attorney & Solicitor in

Secondary of
Court of Exchequer

Requisition
calling Meeting
thereon

Resolution
thereon

Ireland, and injury to the Public at large -

Moved by Mr Meares, Seconded by Mr Dix - and

Government
to be applied
to on right of
attys to office
of Secretary

Resolved That the following Gentlemen be appointed a ^{Deputation} Committee
to Communicate with the Government, and Respectfully
to assert the Right of the Profession of Attorney and
Solicitor in Ireland to the Office of Secretary of the Court
of Exchequer - viz

Mr. Lewis O'Brien M.P.

Mr Dunn

Mr Watt

Mr Franks

Mr Sandy

Mr Goddard.

Mr Beasley

Moved by Mr Daly - Seconded by Mr Scott - and

Resolved. That the foregoing Resolutions be published in the
Morning and Evening Newspapers -

Mr Goddard Chairman

Note by the Secy. The deputation immediately proceeded to the Castle
where in the absence of Norman McDonald Esq^r they had an
interview with Capt^r Romilly, at the under Secy's office on the
subject of the foregoing Resolutions, and of which they handed
him a copy. -

Dep^{ty} have
interview with
Capt^r Romilly

Solicitors Room

New Buildings, Four Courts -

Monday 21st June 1841. 1106

Ballot

Ballot resumed when 30 Members of the Profession (Subscribers
to said Rooms) balloted between the hours of 11 and 4 o'clock
for said Committee, making a total of 117 Ballots up to this
day, -

Ballot further adjourned until 11 o'clock on
tomorrow (Thursday 22nd June 5)

Solicitors Room

New Buildings Four Courts
 Tuesday 22nd June 1841 - 11 O'Clock -

Ballot

Ballot further resumed when 164 Members of the Profession (8 Subscribers to this Society) balloted for said Committee between the hours of 11 & 4 O'Clock when the Ballot finally terminated 281 members having balloted altogether. -

Ballotting box opened, to arrange the mode of proceeding with the Scrutiny on the following day, and to enable the Secretary to make the necessary preparations for same. Scrutiny of the Ballot to commence at 11 O'Clock tomorrow morning.

Solicitors Room.

Wednesday 23rd June 1841 11 O'Clock.

Scrutiny
of Ballot

The Scrutiny of the Ballot commenced this day and was proceeded with by the Scrutators - Viz. Messrs Dunn, Goddard, Franks, Montgomery, Kirc, Campion, Dudgeon, Bastable and Campion - with the assistance of Mr Nes - and terminated at 5 O'Clock this day, when draft report of Scrutators agreed to, ordered to be engrossed, and ready for signature on tomorrow. Which report is as follows.

Scrutators

"Solicitors Room New Buildings. Four Courts
 Wednesday 23rd June 1841 - 5 O'Clock P.M.

Scrutators
Report

Report of Messrs Dunn, Goddard, Franks, Montgomery Kirc, Pilkington, Campion, Dudgeon & Bastable, the Scrutators appointed on the 17th Inst. to preside over the Ballot for a Committee of 31 to be elected under the new Rules, which were approved of by the Profession, at their meeting held in the Solicitors Room on the 18th Inst. -

We the Scrutators have to report that in pursuance of the Resolution entered into at the General meeting of the Profession held in this Room on the 17th Inst. the Ballot commenced on Friday the 18th - and terminated at 4 O'Clock on Tuesday the 22nd Inst. -

That a regular entry was kept of the members who subscribed to said Room, and were thereby qualified to vote for said

said Committee, and of said Subscribers to said Society, we have ascertained that 281 have Balloted for said Committee, and that the undernamed Gentlemen having the Number of votes severally Attached to their names, are the Committee for the year to terminate on the 1st May 1842 - viz

1 Josias Dunn	253	12 Tho ^s . Babington.	184	22 W ^m Jos ^h Cooper	148
2 William Goddard	250	13 Sam ^l Knox	183	23 Tho ^s Crozier	145
3 Mathew Franks	242	14 Alex ^d Bate	182	24 Sam ^l Reeves	144
4 Edw ^d . Tandy	227	15 John Liddow	181	25 Tho ^s . Beasley	143
5 J ^{no} Tho ^s Keft	219	16 Alex ^d . Montgomery	180	26 Chas. Meares	110
6 Jas ^s Watt	210	17 Rich ^d . Walker	180	27 Edw ^d . J. Smith	101
7 W ^m H. Roe	213	18 Arthur Barlow	169	28 Rich ^d Scott	95
8 Rich ^d Meade	210	19 Edmond O'Brien	164	29 J ^{no} McMahon	94
9 Rich ^d J. T. O'Ryan	209	20 W ^m Barrington	155	30 Jas ^s Falls	91
10 W ^m B. Wallace	198	21 Wills H. Meurdy	149	31 Tho ^s Conry	87
11 W ^m Ford	196				

And that the following ten names have the next greatest number of votes on the Ballot after said Committee viz

1 Tho ^s . Seward	83	6 Edwin Battersby	68
2 John Collins	75	7 Rich ^d Ellis	61
3 W ^m Furlong	74	8 W ^m J. Kent	60
4 John Grene	74	9 J. M. Cantwell	58
5 John Hazlett	71	10 Leonard Dobbin	49

Which we submit as our Report this 24th day of June 1841 -

Josias Dunn
 W^m Goddard
 Mathew Franks
 Alex^d Montgomery
 Sam^l Knox
 Geo Pilkington
 C. W. Campion
 Alex^d Dudgeon.
 D^e Passtable.