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The names of the Gentlemen who have paid their half Crowns for the Servants of the year 1738

Mr. Atkinson - P.

Mr. Hope - T.

Mr. Bigge – D.C

Mr Merlott – B.P

Mr. Sutton – D.P

Mr. Osbaldeston

Mr. Bound

Mr. Bristoe

Mr. Barnes – SP

Mr. Clarke D B/P

Mr Comyns

5<sup>th</sup> of Nov 1736

At a meeting of the Ancient and Honble Society of the Bears –

Mr Atkinson lays with Mr Bigge one Gallon of Clarett that Mr Geo Edwards is married before the sd Mr. Bigge

[Subscript] Pd by Mr AtkinSon

Mr Lloyds lays with Mr Jonston five Guineas that Mr. Osbaldeston is married before Mr Paranius to be spent in the Society

[Subscript] pd cv

Mr Biggs lays with Mr. Preston One Gallon of Clarett that he is married before Mr Preston

[Subscript] Sameday pd by Mr Preston

19<sup>th</sup> Nov 1736

At a meeting of the Honble Society of the Bears held by adjournment Mr Atkinson holds Mr William Bigge one Gallon of Clarott that the Geo Edwards is married before the sd Bigge

[Subscript] 25. ffeby 1736 pd by Mr AtkinSon

5<sup>th</sup> May 1738

Present

R. Atkinson P

F.W. Osbaldeston T

R Barnes S

James Clarke D B.P

G Edwards

R Sutton

E. Bigge

Mr. Clarke lays with Mr Sutton One Gallon of Clarett that Mr Geo: Edwards will be married before any of the Honble above mentioned

[Subscript] paid

10<sup>th</sup> Nov 1738

Mr. Clarke lays Mr. Comyns One Bottle of Burgundy Wine that the said Mr Comyns is married before the said Mr. Clarke

[Subscript] 7 Sep 1745 paid by Mr Clarke

The names of the members belonging to the ancient & Honble Society of the Bears, who placed/paid Allen Comyns early for going out of Town – 1738

Mr. Merlott.. B/P Mr Comyns

Mr Denton +Mr Edwards pd

Mr [Jole?] + Mr Preston

Mr. Lloyds ~~Mr Soullby~~

~~Mr Pirhard~~

Mr Sutton D.S. ~~Mr. Hidge~~

Mr Bigge paid D.C.

Mr. Clarke D.S. p Mr Dyofe

Mr. Barnes S Mr. [Spencer?]

Mr. Bigge Sowl Mr. [Brauer?]

Mr. Atkinson P Mr. Chevely

Mr. Coppinger

Mr. Hope T Mr. Remsford

Dr Bradbury

+Mr. Galliard

+Cap. Jackson – C

Mr. Osbaldeston

Mr. Bound

Mr. Hill

At a meeting of the ancient & Honble Society of the Bears held by adjournment last Monday  
25<sup>th</sup> Octr 1738

Mr Richard Sutton was Elected Deputy Secretary to the said Society And Captain Jackson  
was at the same time Elected Champion

11<sup>th</sup> Nov 1738

At a meeting of the Ancient & Honble Society of the Bears held by adjournment

Mr. [Westell?] Bristoe was Admitted a member of the sd Society

18<sup>th</sup> Novr 1738

At a meeting held that day Mr. Clarke lays with Mr. Barnes One Gallon of Clarett that he the  
sd Mr. Barnes will be married before the sd Mr. Clarke.

24<sup>th</sup> Novr 1738

Downes as [ffolsaw?]

Mr. Clarke lays with Mr. Lloyds a Bottle of Clarett that the Court of King's Bench do not grant  
a new Try all in this Ceufs

[Subscript] Paid

Mr Hill lays with Mr. Sutton the same wager

[Subscript] Paid

11<sup>th</sup> Decr 1738

At a meeting of the Ancient and Honble Society of the Bears held by adjournment. Jack  
[Okewer?] Esq was admitted a member of this Society

29<sup>th</sup> Janry 1738

At a meeting held this day

Cap. Jackson lays a Bottle of Port Wine with Mr. Sutton that my Lord Hallifaxes Son had not  
a Honorary Grant from the Crown of the Office of Auditor of the Estuary

[Subscript] Paid

7<sup>th</sup> April 1739

At a meeting of the ancient & Honble Society of the Bears held by adjournment

Charles Crowe was admitted a Member of the sd Society and upon the same day He was  
unanimously Elected Record Keeper to the Society

17<sup>th</sup> April 1739

Mr. Biggs lays with Mr. Atkinson a Bottle of Wine that his Green Silk Waistcoate laced with Gold is made of Senge-de-soy

Now the Company were drinking Clarett

Present

Mr. Atkinson P.    Mr. Crowe RK

Mr Hope. T        Mr. Lloyds

Mr. Bounds S.

Mr. Sutton D.S.

Mr. Biggs D.C

Mr. Osbaldeston

The Sameday MeSrs Sutton and Lloyds paid each of [illiom?] a Bottle of Clarett for wagers formerly lost vide Records

The Company abovementioned upon receiving the sd Wine promised to Indemnify the sd Mr Sutton and Mr Lloyds

3<sup>st</sup> July 1739

The names of the members belonging to this antient & Honble Society of the Bears who each paid their Crowns each for going out of Town

Mr. Comyns    Mr. Bristoe

Mr. Atkinson . P    Dr Bradbury

Mr Hope T        Mr Edwards

Mr. Barnes S        Mr Hill

Mr Merlott D.S    Capt Jackson

Mr. Osbaldeston

Mr. Sutton D.S.    Mr. Galliard

Mr. Biggs D.C.    Mr Chevely

Mr Dyofe            Mr. [Dakooen?]

Mr. Denton

Mr. Bigge

Mr. Bound

Mr. Clarke D B.P.

Mr. Crowe RK

Mr. Lloyds

26<sup>th</sup> October 1739

At a meeting of the antient & Honble Society of the Bears held by adjournment

George Ann Burchett Esq was admitted a member of the sd Society

7<sup>th</sup> November 1739

Mr Osbaldeston was unanimously Chosen Treasurer of the Antient & Honble Society of the Bears, in the Room of Mr Hope, who resigned upon the same day.

9<sup>th</sup> Nov 1739

At a meeting of the Antient & Honble Society of the Bears held by adjournment

Mr John Barton was admitted a Member of the sd Society

21<sup>st</sup> Nov 1739

[Following section crossed out]

Mr Clarke lays with MeSrs Sutton & Barnes one Gallon of Clarett, That Mr B does not [exe??] part of the [agreed ? to going?] to Mr Bownds house at Chellaston at [Chewluaf?] next

N.B. Ship wager to not take Effect unless the People [willingly?] go.

[Subscript] 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 1739 Ship Wager was invalid [vow?]

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1739

Mr. David Poof was admitted a Member of the Antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

2<sup>st</sup> Decr 1739

Mr Charles Gardener was admitted a member of the antient & Honourable Society of the Bears

13 June 1740

Mr Charles Allen is admitted a member of the Antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

9<sup>th</sup> June 1740

The Names of the Members belonging to the antient & Honble Society of the Bears who have paid five shillings each, for going out of Town

Mr Comyns      Dead ~~Mr Hill~~

Mr Osbaldeston    Mr Clarke

Mr Merlott        Mr Chevely

Mr Burchett      Mr Bradbury

Mr Sutton        Mr Gardener

Mr Poole         Dr Allen

Mr Denton        Mr Craster

Mr Powell        Mr Barton

Mr Edward Bigge      Mr Dyofe

Mr Atkinson      Mr Jole

Mr Barnes      Mr Edwards

Mr Hope      Capt Jackson

Mr Bound

Mr Crowe

11<sup>th</sup> July 1740

Bertram Craster Esq is admitted a member of the antient & Honble Society of the Bears

16<sup>th</sup> July 1740

Thomas Powell Esq is admitted a Member of the antient & Honble Society of the Bears

[Subscript is crossed out]

31<sup>st</sup> October 1740

Mr Samuel Barton is admitted a Member of the Antient & Honble Society of the Bears

31<sup>st</sup> October 1740

Mr William Whitehead admitted a member of the Antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

A list of the Names of the Antient & Honble Society of the Bears – Nov 1740

Mr. Atkinson .P.      Mr. Chevely

Mr. Osbaldeston T.      Mr. Galliard

Dead – ~~Capt Jackson C~~      Mr. Edwards

Mr. Barnes      Mr. [Jele?]

Mr. Crowe R.K.      Mr. Remfford

Mr. Poole DS.      Mr. Dyofe

Mr. Edw Bigge DC.      ~~Mr Hill~~ Dead

Mr. Sutton D.S      Mr. Barton

Mr. Merlott B.P.      Mr. Craster

Mr. Clarke D.B.P      Mr. Allen

Mr. Hope      Mr. Gardiner

Mr. Comyns      Mr. Carr      Mr [Oakoeer?]

Mr Denton      Mr. Swan      Mr. Bigge

Mr Bradbury      Mr. Brigstork

Mr Lloyd      Mr. Harper

Mr. Bounds      Capt Ellis      Mr Whitehead

Mr Burchett

Mr Edwards

5<sup>th</sup> November 1740

Mr. Nicholas Carr is admitted a member of the antient & Honble Society of the Bears

10<sup>th</sup> November 1740

Mr George [Cornelind?] Swan is admitted a member of the Antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

21 Novr 1740

[Below entry is crossed out]

Mr Whitehead lays with Mr. Fawkes five Bottles of Port Wine to one that the present parliament will not sit till March next

[Subscript] 6 March 1740 paid by Mr Whitehead [Signed] RP

5<sup>th</sup> December 1740

[Below entry is crossed out]

Mr. Lloyd lays with Mr. Bigge one bottle of Port Wine that the price of Lottery Ticketts will be under 5 before the Lottery begins drawing

[Subscript] pd by Mr Bigge

7 December 1740

Mr Thomas Brigstock is admitted a member of the Antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

19<sup>th</sup> December 1740

[Below entry is crossed out]

Mr. Lloyd lays with Mr. Barnes one Bottle of Port Wine That Seignor [JoShaw?] & hs Wife [damned?] thy therfore the same night that [Comme?] was performed at Drury Lane Theatre

[Subscript] Pd by Mr Burchet

30<sup>th</sup> December 1740

[Below entry is crossed out]

Mr. Atkinson lays with Mr. Craster one Bottle of Clarett that Nathaniel Gundry Esq will be Chose a member the beginning of the next Session of Parliament

[Subscript] Paid by Mr Craster

13 Feby 1740

Mr Preston lays with Mr Lloyd ten Bottles of Port Wine to one ~~that Sir Robert Walpole~~ for the good of the Company and the Question to be determined by the Company that Sir Robert Walpole is acquitted of any Charge payd against him in the House of Commons this day

27 Feby 1740

[Below entry is crossed out]

Mr Thomas Lloyd lays with Mr Dyofe that the five shillings that the following words vig  
Gore Caire Juvet Hyomud quoque Wupore confort  
are not in any Author for verse

[Subscript] Paid by Mr. Dyofe

5<sup>th</sup> March 1740

[Entry is crossed out]

Mr Atkinson lays with Mr. Barnes ~~One Bottle~~ Two Gallons of Clarett, that He is married  
before Mr Atkinson

[Signed] RB S.

6<sup>th</sup> March 1740

Mr Atkinson lays with Mr. Bigge two Gallons of Clarett that He the sd Mr. Bigge is married  
before Mr. Atkinson

[Signed] RB/S

Sameday

Mr. Atkinson lays with Mr. Poole Two Gallons of Clarett that He the sd Mr. Poole, is married  
before Mr. Atkinson

[Subscript] 2 March 1744 paid by Mr Poole

12<sup>th</sup> March 1740

Mr. Edwd Bigge (Deputy Champion) was Elected Champion to the Ancient & Honble Society  
of the Bears in the Room of Major George Jackson deceased

Same day Mr James Clarke was promoted from being Deputy Bell Puller to be Deputy  
Champion to Mr Bigge

Same Day Mr Swan was Elected Deputy Secretary in the Room of Mr Sutton lately married

Same Day Mr Comyns was Elected Deputy Bell Puller, in the Room of Mr. Clarke

13 March 1740

Captain William Ellis was this day admitted a member of the Antient and Honourable Society  
of the Beards

[Subscript] Dead

20 March 1740

[Below entry is crossed out]

Mr Denton lays with Mr Clarke ~~that Simon Mitchell Esqr will not~~ a Bottle of Port Wine That  
Simon Mitchell Esqr will not be discharged by the Court of Chancery from his present  
Containment before the first day of next Michaelmas Term

[Subscript] Paid by Mr Denton



21 March 1740

Mr Atkinson lays with Mr Lloyd a Bottle of Port Wine that the Play called The [Concerons?] Lovers was not acted above twenty years ago

[Subscript is crossed out] 14<sup>th</sup> Janry 1741 [?] Mr Lloyd proved that the play called the [Conferons?] Lovers was played above 20 years ago [?] wins next Monday sennit Mr Lloyd to pay the wager

[Subscript] Pd by Mr. Lloyd

6<sup>th</sup> April 1741

Mr Tho. Hutinson is admitted a member of the antient & Honourable Society of the Bears

2d June 1741

Mr Allen lays Mr Barnes one Bottle of Port Wine that in Sir Charles Wager make his Election in Parliament for the [duly?] of Westimr [Westminster]

22d July 1741

Mr Lloyd lays a bottle of Port Wine with John Craster Esq that the present Attorney General is not made Master of the Rolls before the last day of Michaelmas Term [?]

[Subscript] Paid by Mr Craster 10<sup>th</sup> [?]

6<sup>th</sup> July 1741

The names of the Members belonging to the antient and honble Society of the Bears who have paid five shillings each for going out of Town

X Bertram Craster      Mr [Southlinton?]

X David Poole Esq      X Mr Denton

Mr Charles Crowe      Mr Brigstork

X Mr. Atkinson .P.      Mr Edwards

X Mr. Powell              Mr. Dyofe

X Mr. Hope                Mr Burchett

X Mr. Sutton              X Mr. Barton

X Mr. Bigge                Mr Bounds

X Mr Lloyd                Mr Swan D.S.

Mr. Wilkinson

Mr. Banyard

X Mr. Osbaldeston

X Mr Merlott B.P

X Mr Clarke D.C.

Mr Allen

X Mr. Comyns D BP

Mr Carr

6<sup>th</sup> Janry 1741

Mr. Lloyd lays with Mr. Middleton a bottle of Port Wine that Mr. Turner names his Election for the County of York agt Mr Fox

[Subscript] Paid

carries

26<sup>th</sup> Janry 1741

Mr. Clarke lays with Mr. Osbaldeston a bottle of Port Wine that, If there is a DiviSion upon the Heddon Election, Sr Robt. Walpole votes against the Sitting members

[Subscript] Mr. Lloyd lays with Mr. Clarke ~~that~~ a bottle of Port Wine that Sr Robt. Walpole does vote, if there is a division, upon the sd Election

The names of the members of the Antient and Honble Society of the Bears who have paid 5 each for going out of Town in Trinity Vacation 1742

Mr Powell Mr Crowe

Mr Craster Mr Whitehead

Mr Denton Mr Brigstork

X Mr Poole Dr Allen

Mr Sutton Mr Crowe

Mr Clarke Mr Edwards

Mr Merlott Mr Bound

Mr Lloyd Mr Galliard

6 Augt

Mr Comyns

Mr Bradbury

Mr Barton

9 Augt

Mr Osbaldeston

Mr Bigge

Mr [?]

Mr Atkinson

5 Nov 1742

Mr Osbaldeston lay with Mr Lloyd 5 Guineas that he the said Mr Osbaldeston will be married before the said Mr Lloyd

The Case of George Ann Burchett Esqr being taken into consideration

Resolved

That the sd George Ann Burchett do pay to Mr Charles Crowe five Guineas (one to this Society upon his marriage) for the use of the Society and that Mr Crowe do [?] give a proper receipt for the same if required

5 Novr 1742

Mr Poole the Deputy Treasurer of this Society was this day nemine contradicente chosen Secretary in the room of Mr Barnes decead

Mr Hope was at the same time chosen Deputy Treasurer also nemine contradicente in the Room of Mr Poole promoted to the place of Secretary

Mr Lloyd was also at the same time chosen Deputy Secretary nemine contradicente in the Room of Mr Swan

1742 9 Nov

[Below entry crossed out]

Mr Thomas Lloyd represented that last night at Serles Coffee House Mr Edward Bigge layd that Thomas Boothe Esqr would be made the next Chief Baron & Mr Lloyd layd that Justice Parker wd be made the next Chief Baron – whereupon a Bottle of Wine was layd

11<sup>th</sup> Nov 1742

Mr Charles Crowe according to Order attended George Ann Burchett Esqr to demand of him five Guineas due to this Society upon his marriage when the said George Ann Burchett paid to the said Mr Crowe the said five Guineas which the sd Mr Crowe paid to the Treasurer to the use of the Society

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1743

[Below Entry crossed out]

The names of the Members of the Antient & Honourable Society of the Bears who have paid five shillings each for going out of Town

Mr Lloyd

Mr Bound

Mr Poole

Mr Cooke

Mr Craster

Mr Allen

Mr Whitehead upon being preferred in his office

Mr Whitehead

Mr Comyns

Mr Crowe

Mr Bigge

Mr Clarke

Mr Osbaldeston

Mr Dyofe

Mr Atkinson

[Subscript] 1<sup>st</sup> July 1743

28<sup>th</sup> June 1743

Bryan Cooke Esqr was this Day admitted a Member of the antient & Honourable Society of the Bears

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1743

Mr Atkinson lays Mr Cooke a Bottle of Port Wine that the sd Mr Cooke will not be in London at any time within Michaelmas Term went

[Subscript] pd by Mr Cooke 16<sup>th</sup> April 1744

Nov 2d 1743

Edward Clive Esq was this Day admitted a Member of the antient & Honourable Society of the Bears

Nov 2d 1743

Mr Richard Wolfe was this Day admitted a member of the antient & Honourable Society of the Bears

22 Novr 1743

Mr John Potter is admitted a member of the antient & Honourable Society of the Bears

9 Dec 1743

Mr Thomas Daughter is admitted a member of the antient & Honourable Society of the Bears

16<sup>th</sup> Dec 1743

George Wroughton Esqr is this Day admitted a Member of the antient & Honourable Society of the Bears

Jany 13<sup>th</sup> 1743

Daniel Armstrong Esqr is this Day admitted a Member of the Antient & Honourable Society of the Bears

The same Day Thomas Martin Esqr is admitted a member of the antient & Honourable Society of the Bears

Jany 30<sup>th</sup> 1743

Mr Robert Hopkinson is this Day admitted a Member of the antient & Honourable Society of the Bears

30 Janry 1743

It is Ordered by the antient and Honourable Society of the Bears That Peirce Galliard Esqr a member of this Honourable Society, upon noteworthy Order, Do attend the said Society upon Thursday the 2d day of Febry next to [come?] and celebrate his [foot mykhaf?] 27<sup>th</sup> ffebry 1743

Mr Poole lays with Mr Atkinson one Gallon of Clarett that he the said Mr. Pool will be married before he [ffellessive?] at the age of forty one years

[Subscript] 2d March 1744 paid by Mr Atkinson

27 ffebry 1743

Peirce Galliard Esq having been forced with the order of the antient & honourable Society of the Bears requiring him to attend the Sd Society upon Thursday the 2d instant to June & celebrate his [left?] nuptials and the sd Society having attended upon the afore sd day the said Peirce Galliard made default It is therefore Ordered by the antient & honourable society of the Bears that the sd Peirce Galliard p expelled & go forever [enjoined] from being a Member of the sd Society and that Mr Charles Crowe the Record Keeper of the sd Society do give notice of this Order to the sd Peirce Galliard to the instant that the sd Peirce Galliard may [?] presume or attought to appear in the said Society.

21 March 1743

Mr Brigstock lays Mr Atkinson a Bottle of Port Wine that the Canon of the Church of England to taking to the Office of a Preacher before he begins his sermon the Preacher is required to use a form of prayers prescribed by the Canon or some other Form of Prayer, and not an exhortation only –

Mr Brigstock lays Mr Lloyd a Bottle of Port Wine that a person admitted a Caller in the Court of Chancery may practice by virtue of the Act of Parliament in the Court of King's Bench Chambers was in the records of the [Honeyd?] of yjays Court without [?] ordered [?] an attorney or [?] of that long

[Subscript] 8 June 1744 pd by Mr Lloyd

21 March 1743

Mr Brigstock layd with Mr Clarke the like wager as he had that day layd with Mr Lloyd

[Subscript] 9 June 1744 paid by Mr Clarke

[Entry is crossed out beyond recognition]

Mr Lloyd layd with Mr Atkinson a Bottle of Port Wine that in Littleton Ryder or Cahr's Dictionary the Latin Word {Suufis} is recorded {saued}

[Subscript] pd by Mr Lloyd & Mr Atkinson The Cover to pay the other

[Subscript] Paid

19 May 1744

Mr Cooke layd with Mr Lloyd a Bottle of Port Wine That it appears by Farresly's Reports that a cause was depending whilst Ch J. Holt was Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, in which [Jpue?] Was or might have been joined in such a manner as to have been hyed [? Duollum?]

[Subscript] 9 June 1744 paid by Mr Cooke

James Hutton Esq is this day Admitted a Member of the Antient and Honoble Society of the Bears.

[Subscript] 25<sup>th</sup> June 1744

2d July NB Mr Bigge Mr Clarke Burnt an old Record in order to [frick?] their Tubes

June 7<sup>th</sup> 1744

The names of the Members of the Antient and honourable Society of the Bears who have paid 5 each for going out of Town in Trinity Vacation 1744

Mr. Bound Mr. Lloyd 19 Oct

Mr. Armstrong Mr. Wolfe 19

Mr. Wroughton Mr Allen 19

Mr Cooke Mr. Brigstork

Mr. Poole Mr. Carr

Mr. Whitehead Mr. Gardener

Mr. Comyns D.B.P Mr. Hops

Mr. Bigge C Mr. Vaughan

Mr. Clarke DC Mr Denton

Mr. Hutton Mr. Barton

Mr. Osbaldeston Mr. Harper

Mr Crowe

Mr. Martin 19 Oct

Mr. Atkinson 19 P

Mr. Clive

29<sup>th</sup> June 1744 Mr William Perkins in the this day admitted a member of the antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

9 August 1744

Mr Clarke lays Mr Comyns a Bottle of Wine (Port) that Mr. John Poole of the Clerks Office was not a [favoured?] Clerk of the Sd Clerks Office before the year 1721

[Subscript] 24 Feb 1745 paid by Comyns

19 Oct 1744

Ordered- That the Presidt Treasurer & Champion of this antient & Honoble Society do attend the Exon of Richd Merlott Esq and acquaint on that thy Society intends to Comemorate [sic] their Testator the 5<sup>th</sup> of Novr next

19 Oct 1744

Dr Morley is this day admitted a member of the Antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

The same Day

Mr Cunningham is this day admitted a member of this Antient & Honourable Society

The Same Day

Mr Samuel Blackwell is this day admitted a member of the Antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

26 Oct 1744

This day Patrick Ohara Esquire is admitted a member of the Antient & Honoble Society of the Bears

2 Nov 1744

This day Christopher Rigby Esqr is admitted a member of the Antient and Honoble Society of the Bears

5<sup>th</sup> November 1744

Mr. Poole the Secretary of the Society is this day the Sen Attorney Gen of the sd Society in the room of Bertram Craster Esq deced

5<sup>th</sup> Novr 1744

Mr Lloyd Deputy Secretary of this Society is this day chosen Secretary of the sd Society in the room of David Poole Esqr promoted to the Office of Attorney Genl of the sd Society

The same day

Mr. Clarke is appointed Deputy Secretary in the room of the mr Lloyd who is promoted to the Office of Secretary

5 Nov 1744

Mr. Comyns is the day elected Bellpuller of the Society in the room of Richd Merlott Esq decd

The same day

Mr. Hutton is appointed Deputy Bellpuller in the room of Mr Comyns advanced to the office of Bellpuller

The same day

Mr Allen is chosen Deputy Champion of the Society in in the room of Mr Clarke who is pmoted to the office of Deputy Secretary

5<sup>th</sup> Novr 1744

Mr. Geo Lodge is this day admitted a member of this Antient & Honourable Society of the Bears

5<sup>th</sup> Nov 1744

Moved that it be Resolved that every Barrister Member of this Society shall in [liv?] like times on in Case the [stradedye?] a Barrister heerafter [?] on admission shall pay five Guineas at [Poost?] for the careful of fluid Society routine one Month [??] sixth members [Dowafs?]

[Signed] After Debate It regarding Negatives

The same day

Mr Thomas Banyard is this day admitted a member of the antient & Honble Society of the Bears

5<sup>th</sup> Novr 1741

This day the [Esloe?] of Richd Merlott Esq Thomas Banyard & [Sound?] Harper attended this Society 10<sup>th</sup> a long of the will of the sd Mr Merlott [immoch?] sd [fold clack oye?]

That day, [??] to Mr Bower Clubb of which [foce?] a member & agreed the Sum of 18 in entertaining the Gentlemen & staging to it & was paid a gallon of claret accordingly

Present the sd 5<sup>th</sup> Nov

Mr. Atkinson    Mr. Blackwell

Mr. Osbaldeston    Mr. O'Hara

Mr. Bigge        Mr. Paramous

Mr. Clark        Mr. Armstrong

Mr. Hope        Mr. Lodge

Mr. Poole        Mr. Banyard

Mr. Comyns    Mr. Rigby

Mr. Denton

Mr. Lloyd

Mr. Barton

Mr. Allen

Mr. Gardiner

Mr. Haspert

Mr. Whitehead

Mr. Carr

Mr. Brigstock

Mr. Vaughan

Mr. Hutton

Mr. Jenkins



Mr. Cunningham

Members admitted since

Taylor White Esq

Mr Rogers

Matthew White Esqr

Marmaduke Dayrell Esqr

John Hainault Esqr

John Grubb Esq

Thomas Gross Esq

14<sup>th</sup> Dec 1744

Taylor White Esqr is this Day admitted a Member of the Antient & Honourable Society of the Bears

The same day

Mr Timothy Rogers is this Day admitted a member of the Antient & Honourable Society of the Bears

The same day

Matthew White the Younger Esq is this day admitted a member of the Antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

14 Decr 1744

Many & frequent disputes having arose in this Antient and Honourable Society of the Bears respecting the Regularity of the AdmiSion of Mr Thomas Brigstocke into that Antient & Honourable Society To prevent such Disputes for the future It is this day agreed by that Antient and Honourable Society Than Mr Brigstock was duly admitted a member of the Antient and Honourable Society of the Bears.

[Below entry is crossed out]

21 Dec 1744

Ordered that the President be paid by Mr Treasurer 3:6 d

21 Decr 1744

Ordered that the Treasurer do pay to the President 3:6d for a Book Intitled the [tovary?] bought by the President for the use of this Society – The Book to be delivered to Mr Crowe the Record Keeper of the Society

23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 1744

Marmaduke Dayrell Esq is this Day admitted a member of this antient and Honble Society of the Bears

27 Decr 1744

John Harcourt Esq is this Day admitted a member of the antient & Honourable Society of the Bears

27<sup>th</sup> Dec 1744

John Grubb Esq is this day admitted a Member of the antient & Honble Society of the Bears

Janry 11<sup>th</sup> 1744

Mr Bigge layd with Mr Atkinson one Bottle of Port Wine that Mr Fenwick has been a Member of Parliament for twenty years

[Subscript] 2 March 1744 paid by Mr Bigge

18 Janry 1744

Thomas Grosse Esq is this Day admitted a member of the Antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

15 March 1744

Mr Wm Perkins layd with Mr Chevely & Allen two Bottles of Claret that Admiral Lestock will be broke for his misbehaviour in threats engagement with the Spaniards in the Mediterranean

15 March 1744

Mr Allen acquainted the Gentlemen present that Patrick O'Hara Esqr had desired him to treat this Society with two Bottles of Burgundy or Clarett

Resolved that two Bottles of Burgundy be now drunk to the Health & succeS of the said Patrick O'Hara Esqr

And the same was drunk accordingly

15 March 1744

The Honourable Thomas Baue is this Day admitted a member of this antient & Honourable Society

The same Day

John [Esow?] Esqr is admitted a member of this antient and Honourable Society

3 May 1745

Sir James Harrington Baronet is this Day admitted a Member of the antient & Honourable Society

16 July 1745

Mr. Robert Pardoe is this day admitted a Member of this Antient and Honourable Society

16 July 1745

The names of the Members of the Antient and Honourable Society of the Bears who have paid 5. each for going out of Town in Trinity Vacation 1745

Mr Dayrell    Mr Wroughton

Mr Bownds Mr. Martin

Mr. Allen

Mr Sutton Mr. Rogers

Mr. Denton 19th Mr Grubb

Mr Clarke 19th Mr. Crowe

Mr. Lloyd 19th Mr Douglas

Mr. Osbaldeston 19 Mr White 5Nov

Mr Cunningham

Mr Vaughan 19 Mr Rigby

Mr Atkinson 19 Mr Bradbury

Mr Perkins

Mr Hope 19 Mr Whitehead

Mr Carr

Mr Bigge 19 Mr Lodge

Mr Brigstock

Mr Pardoe Mr Poole

Mr Armstrong Mr Hascourt

Mr Woolfe Mr [?]

Mr [Grammott?] Mr Cooke

Mr Grosse Dr Morley

Mr. Vane Mr Gardiner

29 Augt 1745

Mr Edward Ferrand is this day admitted a member of the antient and honourable Society of the Bears

20<sup>th</sup> Sepr 1745

The Reverend Mr Nathaniel [Horried?] is this day admitted a member of the antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

1 Nov 1746

Mr Harry Barnes is this Day admitted a member of the Antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

30 Novr 1745

Samuel Henry Pont Esq y this day admitted a member of this antient and honble Society of the Bears

7<sup>th</sup> December 1745

Samuel Henry Pont Esq is this day chosen Prolocutor of this Society

13 Decr 1745

Mr Wm Mason is this Day admitted a member of the Antient & Honble Society of the Bears

20 Decr 174

Mr Lloyd layd with Mr Cooke and Mr Hutton a bottle of Port Wine that he will produce a Dictionary in which the word {wet} [sigulfers?] the sane as the word [rift]

[Subscript] Mr Lloyd pd Mr Cooke & Mr Hutton pd each to be spend attends to the [?]

27 Dec 1745

An Account of the Distribution of the Half Crowns collected for Mr Crowes Servants for Christmas 1744

To the Barkeeper – 0.10.6

To the Cook – 1.1.0

To the under Cook – 0.10.6

To the Kitchen maid – 0.10.6

To [moard?] the far Drawer – 0.7.0

To John the Porter – 1.1.0

To Mary and Better Shr

} 0.17.6

Housemaids 8.6 each

4.17.6

29 Janry 1746

Mr Armstrong layd with Mr Atkinson, that Mr Bigge will be married before Mr Pardoe, a Bottle of Clarett

[Below entry is crossed out]

Mr Pont layd with Mr. Pardoe a Bottle of Claret, that he Mr Pont will be married before Mr Pardoe

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[Subscript] Pd by Mr Pont

30 Jan 1746 Mr Bigge lays with Mr Atkinson a Bottle of Port Wine that Mr [Wineheptem Samson] lives in Norfolk [thny?]

[Subscript] 31 Feb 1746 paid by Mr Atkinson

31 Janry 1746

Charles Deaves Esqr is this Day admitted a Member of the antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

8 Febry 1746

William Edwards Esqr is this day admitted a member of the antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

Edmond Hoskins Esqr is at the same Time admitted a member of the antient & Honourable Society of the Bears.

11 Febry 1746

Mr Pardoe layd with Mr Lloyd a Bottle of Port Wine that Lord Chief Justice Willes will be Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England before the first day of next Term

[Subscript] 15 May 1746 paid by Mr Pardoe

[Below entry is crossed out]

Mr Pardoe lays a Gallon of Claret with Mr Atkinson and Mr. Martin that Mr. Bound and Mr. Mason will be marryed before Mr. Hutton

Mr Armstrong goes halves 20<sup>th</sup> Mr Pardoe

[Below three entries are crossed out]

24<sup>th</sup> ffeb 1745

Mr Atkinson lays a Bottle of Port with Mr Pardoe that Mr Bound will never enter into the Holy State of Matrimony

8<sup>th</sup> March 1745

Walter Edwards Esq is this day admitted a member of the Antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

3 April 1746

Matthew Ridley Esq us this Day admitted a member of the antient & honourable Society of the Bears

3 May 1746

William Osbaldeston Esq is this Day admitted a member of this antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

Andrew Wilkinson Esqr is the same Day admitted a Member of this antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

5<sup>th</sup> July 1746

The names of the members of the Antient and honourable Society of the Bears who have paid 5 each for going out of Town in Trinity Vacation 1746

Mr. Bounds    Mr Grubb    Mr Cunningham

Mr. Armstrong    Mr Allen    Mr Harcourt

Mr Lloyd      Mr. Edwards      Mr [Oaue?]

Andrew Wilkinson Esq

Mr Sutton      Mr. Stanhope

Mr. Vaughan

Mr. Pardoe      Mr. Crowe

Mr Atkinson

Mr. Grosse      Mr. Wt Edwards

Mr Comyns      Mr White

Mr Denton      Mr Woolfe

Mr Brigstock      Mr Bigge

Mr Bradbury

Mr Blackwell      Mr Pont

Mr Barren

Mr Dayrell      [Stamett?]

Mr Martin Esq      Mr Perkins

Mr [Kilison]      Mr Carr

Mr Whitehead      Mr Clarke

Mr Osbaldeston      Mr Mason

Mr Lodge

Mr Hoskins      Mr [Balmey?]

Mr Hope      Mr Osbaldeston Esq

Matt White

Mr Gross

Mr Browning      Mr Cooke

Mr [?]

Mr [?]

23 July 1746

Mr Lovel Stanhope is this Day admitted a member of the antient & honourable Society to the Bears

29 July 1746

Mr Thomas AlliSon is this day admitted a Member of the antient & honourable Society of the Bear

1 August

Mr Armstrong layd a Bottle of Clarot with Mr Hutton that one only of the Rebel Lords now under the Sentence of Death will be executed

7 August 1746

Mr Atkinson layd with Mr Martin (that Sir Thomas Pengelly late Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer was above the Age of 55 at the Time of his Death) a Bottle of Port Wine

13<sup>th</sup> Augt 1746

John Browning Esq is this day admitted a member of the Antient & Honble Society of the Bears

19 August 1746

Mr President reports that last night the following Wagers were layd out at Sam's Coffee House that is to say Turn over

Mr Brigstock layd with Mr Hoskins & the president jointly a Bottle of Port Wine

That if p B [?? Eston?] p A renounces & p B aloud proves the will before the Ordinary dyes leaving A

That it is the beter Opinion That at the Common Law A is not intitled to prove the will after the Death of B

The Derermination to be made by Mr Barraw

Mr Brigstock layd the like wager with the President above

17 Oct 1746

Mr Richard Glover is this Day admitted a member of the antient & honourable Society of the Bears

5<sup>th</sup> Nov 1746

John White Esq is this day admitted a member of the Antient & Honble Society of the Bears

14 Nov 1746

Mr Richard Wood is this Day admitted a member of the Antient & Honble Society of the Bears

2 Janrey 1746

Mr Henry Cholmley is this Day admitted a member of the antient & Honble Society of the Bears

2 Janry 1746

Mr Brigstocke layd with the President the like Wager of a Bottle of Port Wine ad layd with Mr Hoskins & the President upon the 10<sup>th</sup> of August last & to be determined in the same manner

20 Jan 1746

John Tracy Atkyns Esq is this day admitted a member of the Antient and honoble Society of the Bears

21 Janry 1746

Richard Ridley Esquire is this Day admitted a member of the antient & honorable Society of the Bears

27 Janry 1746

An Account of the Distribution of the Half Crowns collected for Mr Crowe's Servants for Christmas 1745

To the Bar Keeper 0.10.6

To the Cook 1.1.0

To the under cook 0.10.6

To the Kitchen maid 0.7.6

To the House Maids 0.17.0

To Herbert 0.5.0

To John the Port 1.1.0

To mead the fate Drawer 0.7.6

5.6.0

30 Janry 1746

Mr Thomas Buckle is this day admitted a member of the antient & Honble Society of the Bears

24 April 1747

Robert Harper Esqr is this Day admitted a member of the antient & Honble Society of the Bears

21 May 1747

Mr Abraham Chambers is this Day admitted a member of the antient & Honorable Society of the Bears

3d June 1747

Mr Stanhope lays two Bottles of Port with Mr Cholmley & Mr Lloyd that this present Parliament will not Sit another Session to do BuSines

[Subscript] Pd by Mr Cholmley & Mr Lloyd

6 June 1747

The names of the members of the antient & Honble Society of the Bears who have paid 5d each for going out of Town for ~~Trinity Vacat~~ the Summer

Mr Osbaldeston Esq                      Mr Bristowe

Mr Stanhope                                Mr Harper

Andrew Wilkinson Esqr                Mr Hoskyns

Mr Sutton

Mr Cholmley    Mr Barnes    Mr John White



Taylor White Esq	Mr Pont	Mr Dayrell
Mr Grubb		
Mr Osbaldeston	Mr Carr	Mr Comyns
Mr Armstrong	Mr Blackwell	Mr Chambers
Mr Bradbury	Mr Lodge	Mr Brigstock
[?] AlliSon	Mr S. Harper	Mr Atkyns
Mr Bigge	Mr Deaves	Mr Lloyd
Mr Atkinson	Mr Glower	Mr Vaughan
Mr Denton	Mr Denham	Mr [Puckle?]
Mr Wood	Matt Ridley Esq	Mr Crowe
Mr Whitehead	Mr Edwards	Mr Woolfe
Mr Mason	Mr Osbaldeston	
Mr Pardoe	Mr Masterman	Mr Oaue
Mr Perkins	Mr Harcourt	Captain Ridley

24<sup>th</sup> June 1747

Mr Lloyd lays Mr Pardoe a Bottle of Port Wine that Sr H. Smythson will not be returned at the next Election as a Member of Parlia nor for the County of Middlesex

[Subscript] 10 July 1747 pd by mr Lloyd

Mr Lloyd Lays the same wager with Mr. Hutton

[Subscript] ~~10 July 1747~~ pd by Mr Lloyd

17 July 1747

Yesterday

Mr President reported that at the House of Mr Collingwood a wager was layd between Mr James Harper & Mr George Lodge (both members of this antient & honorable Society) - Turn over- in the wards or to the Effect following [?] Mr James Harper layd a Gallon of Claret with Mr George Lodge that there is no House between the sd Mr Lodge's House in St James's Street (beside St James's Palace) and the House of Lascelles Metcalfe Esqr in James Street was [finyler?]

The same – 17<sup>th</sup> of July 1747

Henry Masterman Esq is this Day admitted a Member of the antient & Honoble Society of the Bears

Mr Benjamin Denham is this Day admitted a member of the antient & honorable Society of the Bears

25 Sept 1747

The Honourable Charles Townshend is this Day admitted a Member of the antient and honourable Society of the Bears

23 Oct 1747

Mr Thomas Drinkwater is this Day admitted a member of the antient & honourable Society of the Bears

6 Novr 1747

Thomas Stanton Esqr is this Day admitted a Member of the antient & Honble Society of the Bears

6 Nov 1747

Howard Hastings Esqr is this Day admitted a member of the antient and Honble Society of the Bears

[Subscript] Dead

[Below entry is crossed out beyond recognition]

[Subscript] Struck out of order

13 Novr 1747

Dr [John?] Harding is this Day admitted a member of the antient and Honble Society of the Bears

20 Novr

Mr Lodge having this Day acknowledged that he layd a wager with Mr Bradbury concerning the game of whist & that he had lost the same paid the same to the use of the Society

20 Novr 1747

Jeramiah Dyson Esqr is this Day admitted a member of the antient and Honourable Society of the Bears

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1747

[Below entry is crossed out]

Mr Pardoe lays a bottle of Port Wine with the President that the Judges wear five upon their Robes on the Summer Circuit

26 Decr 1747

Mr Lloyd layd with Mr Wilkinson (that Common House [stopped?] 20 Acts of Parli [ouy?] out the County Borough of Carmarthen) a Bottle of Port Wine

[Subscript] paid by Mr Wilkinson

1 Janry 1747

James [Nuad?] Esqr is this Day admitted a Member of the antient & honourable society of the Bears

27 Jan 1747

An account of the diffiSion of the half crowns collected for Mr Crowe's servants for Christmas 1746

To the Barr Keeper 0.16.0

Cook 1.1.0

Under Cook 0.10.6

Kitchen Maid 0.10.0

House Maids 1.1.0

Herbert 0.10.6

John the Porter 1.1.0

£ 5.10.0

2d February 1747

The wager of the 17<sup>th</sup> Jy last between Mr Samuel Harper and Mr Lodge being this day brought into debate It is ordered that a [trial?] be had at the Houses menrond [mentioned] in the sd wager and that Mr Treasurer Mr Barnes Mr Pardoe Mr Denton & Mr James Hutton or any four or three of them be viewers and it is Further ordered by Consent of both parties that the sd viewers ca meet on Monday the 15yh day of February instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon at the House of the sd Mr Lodge and From there proceed to [ladye/Lascalles'?] the and view and upon Report of the sd viewers or of any four or three of them this Honoble Society is to determine the the matter in dispute and the day upon which Captain Allison's nuptials is to be celebrated is hereby appointed for that purpose

15<sup>th</sup> February 1747

Four of the viewers meneond [mentioned] in the order of the second Day of this month vig Mr Treasurer Mr Pardoe Mr Denton Mr Hutton having taken a view of the Houses mentoned in the wager of 17<sup>th</sup> of July last between Mr Samuel Harper and Mr Lodge and having Reported this day to this antient & Honoble Society that there is an House between the sd Mr Lodge's House in St. James Street (besides St James Palace) and the House of Lascalles Metcalfe Esq in St. James Street [woftmr?] It is this day Determined by the said Society that the sd Mr Harper has lost the Gallon of Claret menrond in the said wager and Mr Denton in the absence of the sd Mr Harper having paid the same, the sd Mr Harper is hereby thereof discharged.

15<sup>th</sup> Febr'y 1747

It is ordered that for the future no person shall be admitted a member of this Ancient and Honorable Society but at a meeting consisting of Eight members at the least, and before any person shall be so admitted he shall be proposed to the Society a week at least before his is intended to be Chosen, and the day of his Election shall be fixed at the time of such proposal, and he shall be elected by the members present at such Election and for that purpose a Sufficient number of black balls and white balls shall be prepared by the Record Keeper of this Society and produced to the members then present who shall each of them take out a black and a white ball, and put one of those balls into a hat and if it shall appear that one fourth of the balls we put into the hat shall be black balls the person so proposed shall be rejected and shall forever afterwards be excluded from being proposed as a member of this Society but if it shall appear that the black balls so put into the said hat shall

not amount to a fourth part of the number of members then present the person so proposed shall be elected a member

1 March 1747

The president reported that Mr Grubb & Mr Buckle layd a wager last night at Porter's Coffee House in the following words vig

Mr Grubb lays Mr Buckle a Bottle of Wine, That out of the Room up over paid of stairs at the Maidens Head in [Rom?] Ally where he used to dine any person who can see aby look into the Aliouation Office Garden

12 March 1747

Thomas Edwards Freeman Esqr having been proposed to the Society on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> instant to be admitted a member and this day being then fixed for his Elections, and Mr Freeman being this day present and eight members of the Society being present wherwith a Ballot was taken & upon the Ballot Mr Freeman was approved (nemine contradicente) as a proper person to be admitted a member of the antient & honourable Society of the Bears And the said Mr Freeman is by the said eight members admitted a member of the antient & honourable Society of the Bears

13 March 1747

The President reported that a Wager was made between Mr Bristowe & Mr Mason last night at Serles Coffee House in the following words vig

Mr Bristowe lays a Bottle of Port Wine with Mr Mason that the motto upon the late Mr Bowyear of the five Clerks office his Coach or Chariot was [fide sed cui vide]

[Subscript] 18 March 1747 paid by Mr Bristowe

When Mr Lloyds watch was at 21 minutes he layd Mr Bigge a Bottle of Claret that it was 20 minutes past 12 by Lincoln's Inn Clock

Capt Ellis at

9<sup>9th</sup> Ellis a surgeon in great Pultney Street [Entry incomplete]