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Subcommittee appointed to consider of, and determine upon the Plan to be adopted for Rebuilding the Theatre Royal Drury Lane. Oct-17. 1811. -

Resolved, That the designs & Model exhibited by Mr Benjamin Wyatt appear to the Subcommittee to be, upon the whole, the best adapted to the purpose of the Subscribers to the Rebuilding of the Theatre. -

That Mr Benjamin Wyatt be informed thereof, and that the Subcommittee are ^{pre}pared to treat with ^{Mr B. Wyatt &} Mr

Rowles, for the Building of the same according to the specification addressed to the Committee by that Gentleman for executing the work: & that the Chairman do enter into Provisional

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Contracts with Mr Benjamin Wyatt and Mr Rowles, under securities, for the performance of the same, which contract shall contain such Clauses as may be necessary for securing to the Committee a discretionary controul over the work in its progress, and the adoption of such alterations as may by the said Committee be judged expedient, without a violation of the terms of the Contract. such alterations to be the subject of previous and distinct estimate. Also for securing to the Committee the advantage of such Professional Experience in the Construction of the Stage, or other parts of the Theatre, or its Machinery as they may judge proper to select.

That the Subcommittee have witnessed with the highest satisfaction the display of talent evinced in the competition for rebuilding the said Theatre.

That the plans of Messrs Foulston Cabanel & Robinson appear to the Subcommittee to possess strong claims to approbation, and discover much ingenuity & professional knowledge.

That the Model and Designs exhibited by Mr. William Wilkins Junior bears full testimony to the depth of His Research amongst the great Specimens of Antiquity, and the success ^{with} which he has cultivated His natural genius; and adapted the great examples which he has personally ^{viewed} ~~examined~~ to produce

a design of great erudition
simplicity, and Magnifi-
cence.—

That the Model and
Designs produced by W. Phelps
Wyatt appears to the Subcommittee
to be deserving of high com-
mendation. The finished
beauty of the Model of W.
P. Wyatt, appears to the
Committee to surpass in
execution any thing that
has ever been produced of
the same nature, and the
Elegance, Richness and
Architectural knowledge
shewn in the whole design,
as well as judicious distri-
bution of most parts of
the design, to claim the
warmest applause.—

The Committee have
found it difficult to make
a selection in a Contest

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of so much genius: and in determining upon one, they deeply regret the necessity of rejecting either of the other two Designs, that of Mr. Wilkins, or that of Mr. Philip Wyatt. — but they congratulate the Country on the possession of such powers, and they cannot help remarking upon the distinguished Rank held in this Competition by the two Sons of Mr. James Wyatt; himself confessedly preeminent in the profession of Architecture. —

That the Chairman do submit a Copy of these Resolutions with all humility in the name of the Subscribers to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent: and do express the grateful sense entertained by the

Subcommittee for the con-
descending favour shown
by His Royal Highness, in
His Patient & enlightened
investigation, of the differ-
ent plans and Models
submitted to the considera-
tion of His Royal Highness,
at Carlton House. —

That these resolutions
be reported to the General
Committee at their Meeting
tomorrow for their consent
and approbation. —

Unanimously agreed to

Signed { Samuel Whitbread
P. Moore
Thomas Hope.