

St. Martin in the Fields

At a Meeting of the Gentlemen of the Vestry held
in the Vestry Room on Friday the 19.th day of Nov.
1813. —

The Rev.^d Mr. Archdeacon Pott, Vicar, in
the Chair. —

It was Agreed

That the salutary and benevolent Institutions
which have so long been established in the Parish of
St. Martins for the Education and welfare of the Children
of the Poorer Classes of Inhabitants, exhibit standing
Monuments of the Zeal and Goodwill of the Parishioners
That they continue to produce the most beneficial effects
according to their measure and proportion and can
never fail to find support from the wise and Charitable
Succours of their generous Benefactors; but that there
remains great need for some larger and more general
extension of the benefits of religious Education for those who
are least able to procure it in so populous a parish. —

It was accordingly Resolved

That immediate Steps be taken for establishing
a National School to be united with, and Conducted upon
the plan, and according to the rules of the National
Society for the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the

Church of England - That suitable Premises be sought and provided calculated as far as may be to accommodate the number of those within the parish who may become candidates for the Benefits thus opened to them. —

That the Children of Dissenters from the Church of England be admitted to all the Benefits provided in that School. —

That the Parish be divided into Districts and that Gentlemen be appointed to wait upon the Inhabitants individually and to solicit their Donations and Subscriptions and that as soon as the Inhabitants have been waited upon a general Meeting of the Subscribers be called for the purpose of electing a Committee of management which shall be by Ballot. —

That previous thereto, a respectful intimation of the proposed Plan be made, by a Deputation to be named for that purpose to The Right Honorable John M. Mahon to be submitted to the Notice of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, the Patron of the Parent Institution. —

That a Book be immediately opened and left at the Vestry Room to receive the Donations and Subscriptions of such of the Inhabitants and others who may be disposed to promote the Undertaking. —

Resolved Unanimously that the Thanks of this Vestry be given to Mr. Archdeacon Pott for his judicious and able Conduct in the Chair.

Wm. Symonds Secy