

The following donations were reported of:  
 From Professor Kalkham Thomas's History of Great Britain  
 " " History of England during the reign of the Stuarts  
 " Mr Raffle 14 Volumes  
 " Mr Hughes A Diagram of Electric Telegraph  
 " " A Steam Engine  
 " " A Fire Engine

The Secy to acknowledge the receipt of same with the thanks of committee

Resolved. That the Secy do call a Special Meeting for Saturday week to consider Mr Montgomery's proposition relative to opening the Reading Room to the public free of charge in consideration of an annual grant from Government and that Mr Montgomery be invited by the Secy to attend.

Read & confirmed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1866  
 Edward Weston  
 Chairman

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1866

Special Meeting of the Committee

Present  
 Dr Prins in the Chair  
 Mr Holmes Mr Wood  
 S. B. Bishop Preston  
 Farr & the Secy  
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Mr. Montgomery attended and explained his proposition.  
 Resolved. That the thanks of this committee be given to Mr Montgomery for his attendance this evening

Resolved. That a sub-committee be appointed to consist of the following members viz: - The Treasurer, The Librarian, Mr Weston & the Secy to report to this committee as to what sum should be named to the Government as a consideration for opening the Reading Room to the public free of charge; the sub-committee to report on Saturday next

Read & confirmed this 7 day of November 1866  
 Edward Weston Chairman

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1866  
 Special Meeting of the Committee Mr S. B. Bishop in the Chair  
 Mr Holmes Mr Wood  
 " Preston " Witherall  
 " Raymond " & the Secy

The sub-committee brought up their report, which was received and adopted.

Resolved. That the committee having heard from Mr Montgomery an explanation of his views on the subject of opening under certain Regulations the Reading Room of this Institute to the public free of charge in consideration of a government grant, and the sub-committee appointed on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst to consider the matter having reported that £200 per annum should be the minimum amount named to the Government as a compensation for loss of sub. &c. this committee empowers the following members, Mr S. B. Bishop, Mr S. B. Bishop & Dr Prins Mr Farr & Mr Raymond to wait on the Government with Mr Montgomery to support his views; provided the Government would be disposed to pay to the Institute any sum not less than that above named.

Read & confirmed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1866  
 Edward Weston Chairman

Wednesday 7 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1866  
 Monthly Meeting of the Committee

Present Mr Weston in the Chair  
 Mr Holmes  
 " Raymond  
 " Farrer  
 & the Secy.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed

The following Bills were approved for payment of:  
 Hadfield 9/ Madwell 4 0 6 Ward & Reeves £ 3 3 3 Rowsonport 2 8 0  
 Montgomery 4/ £ 3 10 0 Hughes, Stott £ 1 7 6 Press. 1 12 10.  
 Wellington Independent etc to stand over for the present.