

Resolved. That for immediate purposes provision be made in the Cottage for sleeping accommodation for the family of the Clerk to the Institute - and that the two upper rooms of the Institute be furnished in a suitable manner for Reading Rooms one of which shall be used as a smoking room.

Resolved. That an Estimate be prepared and submitted to the next meeting of the Committee of the sort of the same.

Mr Gould kindly offered to give as a donation of 25 per cent on the amount received for carrying out the above improvements.

Mr Gould also expressed his willingness to purchase the Shares from the Shareholders at £1 per share on behalf of the Institute as a gift, but in the event of the Government purchasing the property ^{for the purpose of purchasing a free library} then the sum paid by him for the Shares to be refunded by the Government.

Friday 9 Oct 1868.

Present - The Vice President in the Chair
Mr Gould Mr Bishop
Pris St Quentin
Alport & the Secretary

Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Fraser stated that the application had been made by him to the Government & he made a verbal report to the effect that the Government did not wish the matter to be pressed officially on their attention for the present.

Mr St Quentin handed in his Estimate as to the cost of the improvements as follows: -

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| Making 2 Rooms | 13-0-0 |
| Tinting Walls | 4 10 0 |
| Chairs 24 @ 10/- | 12-0-0 |
| Tables | 6 0 0 |
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| Alterations to Cottage | 45-0-0 |
| Alterations to Library | 4 10 0 |
| Gas (laying on) | 20-0-0 |
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