

**TO
THE SUBSCRIBERS
TO
THE TAIN ACADEMY**

Upon submitting to the Subscribers a further Report of the state of the funds of the Institution, the Committee beg leave to refer to the printed Pamphlet and Appeal, dated 15th May 1810.

They have now the pleasure of announcing that in pursuance of the measure then intimated, the centre part of the Plan was contracted for, containing the public School Room, four Class Rooms, Apparatus Room, Rector's Room, and Observatory; and that it is now finished, and as soon as the Class Rooms are fitted up, and the Grates fixed, the House will be ready for the reception of Scholars.

In putting the Resolutions of 20th April 1808 into execution by adding two feet in height to the Rooms in each of the stories of the Academy, it was found that the proportions of the Building would be destroyed. But the Meeting at Tain, conceiving themselves not warranted in any deviation that would create additional expense, Mr Rose of Glastullich engaged to procure Subscriptions to cover the amount (viz. L.100), to pay for two feet addition to the breadth; and the additional breadth was accordingly given, and the expense provided for out of the subsequent subscriptions procured by Mr Rose.

	£.	s.	d.
In building the Academy and other incidental expenses they have actually paid, per accounts produced	2572	18	2

There is still due to the Contractor	455	8	0
Besides extra work approved of by the London and Tain Committees, which it is supposed will amount to	100	0	0
The supposed expenses of fitting up Class Rooms	100	0	0
Grates and Fire Irons	100	0	0
Balance still due on the Expense of procuring a Crown Charter	23	6	0

Total Sum to complete the Centre Building of the Academy for the reception of Scholars	778	14	0

By a reference to the printed Accounts there was a sum of L.2520 taken as the expense of building the centre, but it is to be observed that the price contracted for, including the Observatory and additional width, was L.2850, exceeding the sum (L.2520) then taken as the expense of building by L.330, --that the incidental expenses, including a second payment for obtaining the Crown Charter of L.65:15, amounted to L.178:6:2, and the Extra Work, Classes, Grates, &c. amount to a further sum of L.323:6. These sums added together create a total unprovided for by that Meeting of L.831:12:2, after giving credit for dividends, and all other sums received.

To provide for this deficiency with a view to the immediate permanent arrangements of the Institution, without breaking in on the sum funded, and by the Resolutions of 20th April 1808 to be preserved for Salaries, Mr Hugh Rose of Glastullich, and Mr John Urquhart, the Secretary, with the approbation of the Committee, granted their joint bill to the British Linen Company for L.1050 at 12 months, due 1st August next.

	£.	s.	d.
This sum due to the British Linen Company unprovided for	1050	0	0
And also due to the Contractor, &c. as already stated	778	14	0

To provide for this deficiency the County			
Assessment is in course of payment and amounts	£.	s.	d.
to	1000	0	0
County Subscriptions	196	5	0

	1196	5	0

Add interest of money and other supposed expenses	170	0	0
And due Messrs Ross and Co. besides interest	100	0	0

Total sum unprovided for	*902	9	0

The Dividends and L.25 annually from the Town of Tain, making the sum of L.265 reserved for the salary of three Teachers, under the present high prices of every necessary of life, will be barely adequate for that purpose, consistent with the limited scale of School Fees, to which the attention of the Directors will be particularly called, so as to make the proposed system of liberal education of easy access to all.

By the state of the expenditure it appears that the money funded cannot be preserved entire for that purpose, and any encroachment thereon will defeat and render impotent for a time this work of patriotism and benevolence. It will indeed absolutely suspend the election of Teachers, thus effectually checking all further progress, as the operation of the funds would not extinguish the debt in less than five years, even on the supposition that the payment could be deferred until it was paid off from this source.

By order of the Committee.

London, 14th May, 1812.

JOHN URQUHART, Secretary.

**The deficiency may be taken at £.1000.*

Subscriptions received since the last Report.

	£.	s.	d.
1810. June 1. Jackson Hooker, of Hazleworth, Suffolk	5	5	0
August 27. John Ross of Demerara	31	10	0

		Alex. Baird, Arrabella Farm, Glastullich	5	5	0
		Alex. Campbell, at Glastullich	1	1	0
		James Smith, Architect, Inverness	10	10	0
		David Ross, Writer, Tain	5	5	0
		Hugh Ross, of Savannah, Carolina	26	5	0
		Alex. Ross, Sadler, Tain	2	2	0
		Donald Cameron, Writer, Dingwall	6	6	0
	Dec. 5.	Lieut. General Sir Charles Ross, Bart. Second Subscription	52	10	0
1811.	July 24.	Duncan G. Forbes, of Culloden	50	0	0
	Sept. 28.	Francis Lord Seaforth, second Subscription	57	15	0
		Robert Home Gordon, of Embo	50	0	0
		William Ross, Bloomsbury Square	15	15	0
1812.	January	William Munro, of Jamaica	52	10	0
	March 5.	John Ross, Great Coram Street	50	0	0
		John Innes, Copthall Court	10	10	0
		David Alison, Newcastle Street, Strand	5	5	0
		Sir Gilbert Stirling, Bart. of Tarlogie	52	10	0

At a general Meeting of the Subscribers to the Tain Academy, convened by circular notice from the Committee at the Gray's Inn Coffee House, London, on Thursday the 14th day of May, 1812,

Sir GILBERT STIRLING, Bart. in the Chair,

RESOLVED, --That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the British Linen Company for their readiness in granting a loan on the security of Mr Rose and Mr Urquhart, and that they be requested to continue the same until it be liquidated by the County Assessments and such Subscriptions as may be received in aid of the Institution, under the guarantee of the general fund, and that Messrs Rose and Urquhart be requested to renew the bill annually for the balance that may appear due on every 1st August, and that the fund of the Academy shall make good the same to them.
AND that Mr Urquhart, the Secretary, be requested to accept of Fifty Pounds for his unwearied zeal in promoting the interests of the Institution.

The Meeting having taken into consideration the Report submitted to them of the state of the funds and the progress of the Buildings of the Academy, have resolved to subscribe the following sums, under the condition that a sufficient fund shall be raised for completing the Academy without encroaching on the money funded for the payment of Teachers' Salaries.

The Lords Reay and Seaforth, Hugh Innes, Esq. of Lochalsh, M.P. and Henry Davidson, Esq. of Tulloch, were by unavoidable circumstances unable to attend, but have concurred in the Resolutions, and authorized Mr Rose of Glastullich to subscribe for them additionally as follows:

	£.	s.	d.	
Right Honourable Lord Reay	50	0	0	
Right Honourable Lord Seaforth	10	10	0	per annum for 10 years.
Hugh Innes, Esq. of Lochalsh, M.P.	10	10	0	per ditto for 5 years.
Henry Davidson, Esq. of Tulloch	50	0	0	
And Kenneth Macleay, Esq. of Newmore	50	0	0	

And the Gentlemen, who were present, subscribed as under, viz.

	£.	s.	d.
Sir Gilbert Stirling, Bart. of Tarlogie	52	10	0
Andrew Reid, Esq. Russel Square	52	10	0
John Reid, Esq. Bedford Square	52	10	0
Francis Robertson, Esq. of Balham Hill, Clapham	52	10	0
William Ross, Esq. Boswell Court	25	0	0
John Ross, Esq. Great Coram Street	50	0	0
Hugh Rose, Esq. of Glastullich	52	10	0
John Urquhart, Esq. Tower	50	0	0
Alex. Ross, Esq. Bishopsgate Street	26	5	0
John Innes, Esq. Copthall Court	5	5	0

All the preceding are additional Subscriptions.

New Subscribers

Divie Robertson, Esq. Bedford Square	10	10	0
Charles Sutherland, Esq. St Helen's Place	10	10	0
James Amos, Esq. St Helen's Place	10	10	0
George Ross, Esq. Copthall Court	10	10	0
William Munro, Esq. Thames Street	5	5	0
William Robertson, Esq. Cornhill	5	5	0
Francis Beattie, Esq. New Court, St Swithin's Lane	2	2	0

AND do further resolve that a copy of these proceedings be forwarded by the Secretary to every Subscriber, and do strongly recommend to them an additional Subscription of *Fifty per cent.* on their original Subscriptions, or of such sums as they may think proper to contribute, in order that the very desirable objects of the Institution may be carried into effect without delay.

GILBERT STIRLING.

The Chairman having left the Chair,
RESOLVED, --That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to Sir Gilbert Stirling, Bart. for his conduct in the Chair.

* * *The Magistrates of the Town of Tain, by their Minute of 12th June, unanimously approved of the recommendation of the above Meeting, and subscribed accordingly.*