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THE BRITISH HOSPITAL, LISBON, 1793

Continued research has brought further confirmation that the present Chaplain's house, No. 4 Rua da Estrella, Lisbon, adjoining the British Protestant Cemetery, was formerly part of the British Hospital erected by the generosity of Mr. Gerard de Visme, a British merchant, and a member of the British Factory. This is shown by correspondence which has recently come to light and which took place between the Dutch Consul Guildemeester and British Consul Brackenbury in 1875. Just previously the British government had declared its intention of ceasing to be responsible for any part of the upkeep of St. George's Church and Cemetery, handing over the entire property, with all its financial responsibilities, to the Lisbon British protestant community. Hence the desire of the then British consul to clear up the legal position as between the British and Dutch ownership of their parts of the cemetery ground.

In his letter dated 19th March 1875, the Dutch Consul Guildemeester says:

«Sur l'emplacement de ces deux maisonnettes» (cemetery ground facing Rua da Estrella) «la factorie Britanique a construit son hôpital, et par missive du 30 janvier 1791, le Chevalier Hort, représentant de la factorie a demandé à la factorie Hollandaise, la permission d'empiéter sur son terrain près de l'entrée pour agrandir ledit hôpital qui dès lors se trouve construit en partie sur le terrain Hollandais, et fut plus tard converti en habitation pour le pasteur de la chapelle Britanique».

We take advantage of this opportunity to reproduce the following:

«1789 April 13 «JOHN, son of John Laidley and «Sarah his Wife; born on the tenth «of April was baptised on the «thirteenth of the same month».

«I hereby Certify that the above is truly «copied from the Register of Baptisms of «H. B. M's Protestant Chapel, Lisbon.

«British Hospital G. J. Prior

«May 28th 1838 Offtg. Chaplain»

(The original document, as above, is in the possession of R. G. Jayne Esq., C. B. E.)

The British Hospital had ceased to function, apparently, as an hospital since 1825, date, *de facto* of the abolition of the British Factory, since *de jure*, it had been virtually abolished by the Treaty of 1810. For economical reasons — there was no more money from the now extinct Constitution Fund for upkeep of the hospital — it was probably found convenient and cheaper to house the Chaplain in the empty hospital building and which main remnant, save for modifications and repairs, has continued to be the permanent residence of the Chaplain to St. George's Church.

In the old Cash Book of the Contribution Fund «Accounts for the year 1841» the following entry occurs:

«By ground-rent of the Chaplain's house — late «hospital — Mil reis 21:620».

The words «Chaplain's house» have been crossed out, and the words «late hospital» written above them.

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It may perhaps not be amiss, as giving some idea of Gt. Britain's commercial interest in the trade at Lisbon, to give a list of these British Merchants and Factors:

BRITISH MERCHANTS IN LISBON 150 YEARS AGO.

(from the Lisbon 1794 «Almanach»)

Style of firm	Address
Archibald Brownlie	Ribeira Nova
Andrew James Murrough	Rua Alecrim
Brander & Co.	S. Paulo
Buller & Stephens	Caes de Santarém
C. M. Allen & Co.	Paulistas
Carret, Koster & Co.	Rua dos Fanqueiros
Connell & Morony	Rua Fresca
Daniel Bowden & Sons	Travessa dos Remédios
Devisme & Co.	Rua Formosa
Jeremiah & Thomas Dyson ...	Calçada da Madalena
James Alton	Rua dos Retrozeiros
James Phillips	Buenos Aires
James Burn & Son	Rua Nova de S. Francisco
James Forest	Rua Nova de S. Francisco
James Slack & Co.	Corpo Santo
James Joyce	Rua da Caldeira
Evans, Offley & Sealy	Pedras Negras
Ficke, J. & B. Illius	S. Julião
Fitz-Gibbon & French	Rua Nova d'El-Rei
Forrest, J. T.	Pedras Negras
Francis Murrough	Rua das Flores
Gerard Gould	Rua das Flores
Goodair, Hugh	Largo de S. Paulo
Harrison & Gonne	Pedras Negras
Henry Gallwey & Co.	Sequeiro das Chagas
Holford Gonne & Co.	Quintinha
Horne & Sill	Pampulha

J. B. Herbert, Vivien & Co.	Rua Nova de S. Francisco
John Bell & Co.	Rua dos Douradores
John Bulkeley & Son	Ribeira Nova
John Cuffin	Corpo Santo
John Edwards	Rua do Arsenal
John Stanley	Travessa de Santo Amaro
John Turner	R. dos Douradores
George Thos. Bulkeley	Rua Direita do Arsenal
Joseph Axtill	Chiado
George Roach	Rua Madalena
Lewis Stephens & Co.	Rua Aurea
Matthew Taylor	Travessa dos Remolares
May, Coppendale & Co.	Caes de Santarém
Mayne & Brown	á Lapa
Mordaunt & Co.	Ribeira Nova
Nicolas Conoly	Poiais de S. Bento
Parminter, Farquhar & Co. ...	Rua da Emenda
Patrick Caffary & Son	Caes da Ribeira Nova
Parker & Co.	Ribeira Nova ao pé do Arco
Power & Co.	Rua do Alecrim
Robert Slack & Co.	Rua Aurea
Stert, Amies & De la Rue	As portas do Mar
Thomas Arthur	Rua Alecrim
Thomas Doran	Buenos Aires
Thomas Herbert	Rua do Ferregial a S. Francisco
Thomas March & Co.	Rua Aurea
Thomas Rice	Rua do Caldeira
Timothy Goodall	Boa Hora
Walter Grosset & Co.	Por traz da Igreja da Conceição Velha
William & John James Stephens	Rua das Flores
William Davenport	Rua Augusta
William Tonkin	Calçada do Corpo Santo

(This list must not be held to be complete as there were possibly other British merchants who had not given their names for publication).

LISBON ALMANACH FOR 1794, *continued.*

(British officials, etc.)

British Envoy & Minister Plenipotenciary to the Court of Portugal:	The Hon. Robert Walpole (à Santa Martha)
British Consul General:	Sir John Hort, Rua da Bela Vista
» Vice Consul:	Francis Arbouin, Rua Bela Rainha
Deputy Consul & Vice-Consuls:	
PORTO:	John Whitehead
CAMINHA:	Thomas Allen
VIANA:	Richard Allen
FIGUEIRA & AVEIRO:	John Hitchcock
FARO:	John Lempière
SETUBAL:	William Williamson
MADEIRA:	
Consul General:	Charles Murray
Vice-Consul:	Robert Cock
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Medical Practitioner:	Dr. Charles Newman, ao Loreto. (also of the British Hospital)
Teacher of Horse riding:	Robert John Gamby

Teacher of French & English: Edmund Bellings

«House of English Education
«for Girls:«Miss Carey; going from the
«Chiado to the Rocio»

«A House of English Education for Girls» is decidedly period wording; and situated «going from the Chiado to the Rocio» a direction simplicity itself in those days, but rather vague in these.

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