

“ Society aforesaid, this thirteenth day of January, in the fifteenth year of our  
 “ sovereign lord CHARLES the second, by the grace of God, of England, Scotland,  
 “ France, and Ireland, king, defender of the faith, &c. *annoque Domini 1663.*”

It was ordered, that the operator desire Mr. MARTYN and Mr. ALLESTRY to attend the Council on the Monday following, to receive their commission, and to hear the statutes concerning their duty, and to be sworn as printers to the Society; they having no exception against such commission and statutes.

The statute of the duty of the printers, as also the statute of a certain number of printed copies to be presented by the printers of the Society, both passed the first time.

*November 4.* At the meeting of the Society,  
 The earl of ARGYLE was admitted.

Mr. THOMAS COX was elected.

The statutes of the Society were published.

Dr. WILKINS presented the Society with several things for their repository :  
 1. A wind-gun. 2. A burning-glass, in a brass frame. 3. Another burning-glass, in a wooden frame. 4. Scales for weighing of gold without any counterpoise. 5. A strange bone, with a rib in the middle. 6. A geometrical arch, composed of many small pieces of wood, without any nails or pins. 7. A loadstone, then in the hands of Sir WILLIAM PERSALL, and ordered to be called for by the operator. 8. A large concave metal. 9. A cylinder metal. 10. An angular metal. 11. A blue concave glass. 12. A piece of petrified wood. 13. A cocoa-nut. 14. An ostrich's egg-shell. 15. A piece of perspective. 16. Two papers of petrified grass. The operator was ordered to fit the wind-gun, and to polish and varnish the burning-glass. The presenter of these things received the thanks of the Society; and it was ordered, that he be registered as a Benefactor; together with prince RUPERT, for his water-engine; the bishop of Exeter<sup>p</sup>, for his pendulum-clock; Mr. BOYLE, for his pneumatic-engine; Sir HENEAGE FINCH, solicitor-general, for remitting the fees due to him for the Society's charter; and Dr. BATE, for a present of ten pounds.

The history of whale-fishing, and of the making of whale-oil, was delivered in by the secretary from Mr. GRAY of the Greenland company, who had been in those parts, and present at the killing of whales and the making of oil a dozen times; and was ordered to be registered<sup>q</sup>, as follows :

“ We have, according to the bigness or smallness of our ships, the more or fewer  
 “ boats : a ship of 200 tuns may man six boats; a vessel of 80 or 100 tuns, four

<sup>p</sup> Dr. SETH WARD.

<sup>q</sup> Original Register, vol. ii. p. 308.

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