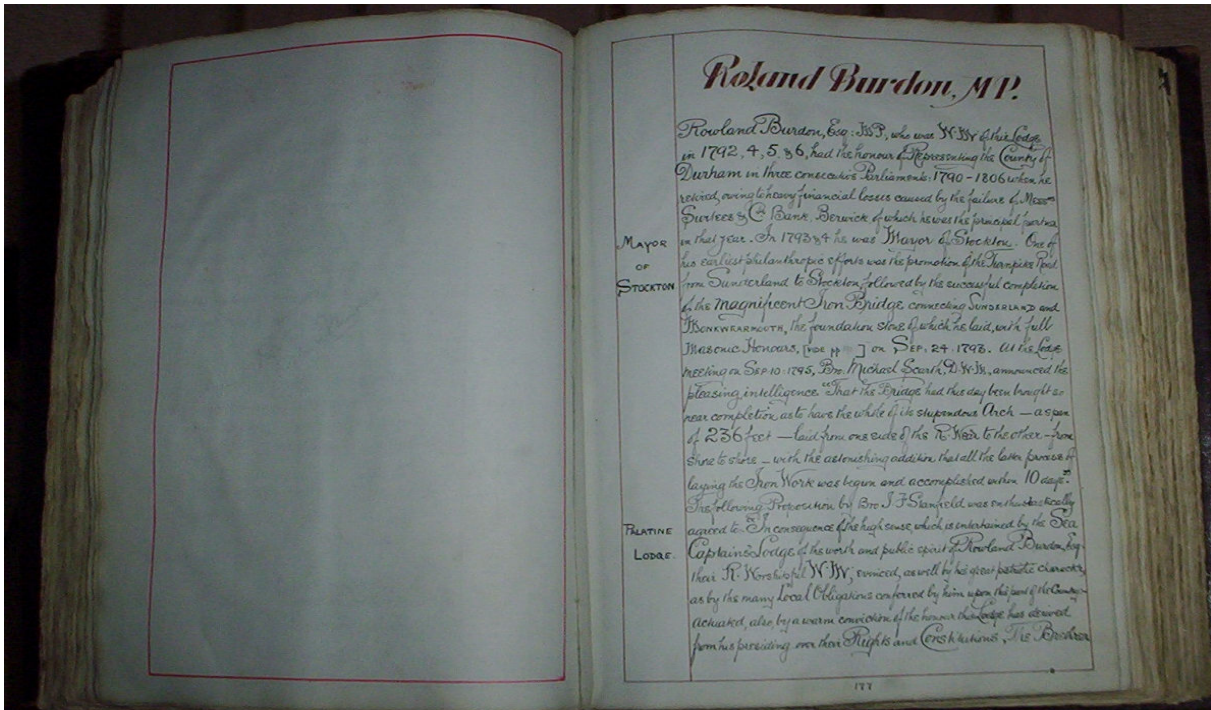


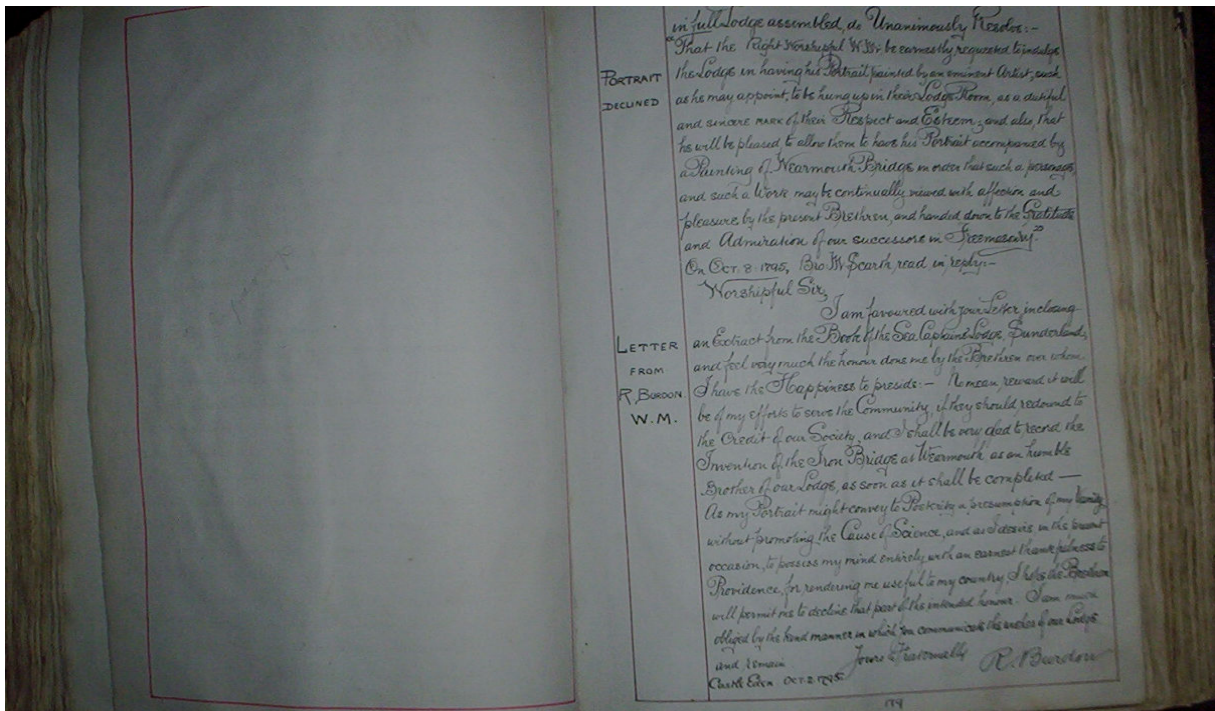
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Dr. Johnson's Dissertation was a good practical Reason, more & greater in the cause. One circumstance of peculiar importance is mentioned with our deceased Doctor, and as a subject of deep interest was that this distinguished Scotch anatomist the Bishop of a ministerial friend and Doctor.

On 1799 when on his place in the House of Commons, he read the Reading of a Bill brought in by the Government for the suppression of societies by secret meetings. It immediately occurred to him, that the Bill would operate to prevent the Meeting of Masons Lodges. The work and cost off by special messenger, according to the late Dr. Johnson, the then Grand Secretary intimating the necessity of convening the Grand Officers for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken on the Subject, and promising to transmit to the Grand Secretary a Copy of the Bill the moment it was printed. The Doctor's activity led to the happy result. The Bill was afterwards amended, and the two emphatic words "Freemasons excepted" being introduced, the Order, which was for the moment threatened by legal process still more substantially fixed in the minds and hearts of its men and just.

The Doctor's true Laurel in Masonry was worn in the Bonnet of his Country.

[Masonic History of the Year 1839]

COST OF WEARPOUTH BRIDGE.

It was on Nov. 9. 1796, that the Bridge, then considered a novel and expensive, and erected at a cost of £39,400, of which amt. the Burden subscribed £20,000 @ 5% interest, was drawn for the public. On the failure of the Bank of the Capital was put up, and the Act of the Legislature of the time. Not being able to support the Service, an Act of Parliament was obtained in 1814, to authorize the disposal of them by Lottery. Under this Act the £20,000 was allotted into 150 Prizes—

1 st PRIZE value £5,000	2 nd PRIZE value £3,000
3 rd PRIZE do £2,000	4 th do do £1,000
6 PRIZES each of £500	20 PRIZES each of £200
120 PRIZES each of £100 value	

LOTTERY

70 Tickets 6000 @ £5 each. No of Blankets 5850. No of Tickets 150 Medals (with vice on one side and inscription on reverse) were given to every one who subscribed and three who became Prizes received £10000 Sterling 5% interest. The last Lottery was conducted in 1846. In addition to the various loss, for the interest in the Castle Egan Estate, value of £15,000 would also have been alienated, had not the Society of the County raised a Subscription in his behalf. This accommodation he would only accept as a Loan, which eventually was repaid in full. His last Public Effort was in connection with the Improvement of the Harbour at Harboursport, in 1832.

DECEASE

On Sep. 10. 1838, he died at Castle Egan at the age of 81 years.

He was buried in the Chapel of the Castle Egan.

