

Moments in Our History

(Excerpts from the Dissenting Church of Christ at St. John's 1775 – 1975)

The Employment of Begging (Part 1)

With the property purchased and the Governor's permission to build secured (how different from the first Meeting House!) the Committee of Six, together with the Reverend John Jones, met on 27 November 1787, to lay plans "for the furtherance of the new Building."

It was agreed that Messrs. Lang, Parker and Lowman, as their business permitted, should send their men into the woods that winter to cut and square timber. They were to be allowed four shillings a day. Two winter servants were hired to collect the wood and haul it into town. Wallis Lang would board them at the church's expense (£ 12.12.0) and a quarter cask of rum left in his care to give to the workmen "as directed by the Committee."

The following order was sent to Poole:

12000 M Brick

20 Hogsheads Lime

30 Pieces Timber 8" square at the top

20 Gallons Linseed Oil

700. White Lead Paint etc.

Various rose nails, spikes and sprigs

4 Boxes of Glass 14" x 1 0"