

‘A committee was formed for the purpose of raising Funds to relieve those in want...’ (Letter re Hull Fishermen’s Widows and Orphans Fund, 9 Jan 1895 )

# CHARITABLE FUNDS

For the Benefit of the Distressed Widows and Orphans of the Unfortunate Seamen who perished in the Ship Royalist.

MECHANICAL & OPTICAL EXHIBITION,  
WHITEFRIARGATE, HULL.

MR. LOUIS, duly impressed with a sense of gratitude for the generous and distinguished Patronage, with which his “RATIONAL AMUSEMENTS” at the above place have been honoured, by the Inhabitants of Hull and its Vicinity; prompted also by a feeling of Humanity, to assist in the noble undertaking of wiping the tear from the eye of those who have so unfortunately been plunged into Wretchedness, by a most calamitous and untoward Disaster, begs most respectfully to announce, that he intends apportioning the Whole of the Receipts of One Day and Evening’s Exhibition in aid of the RELIEF of the said WIDOWS and ORPHANS, who, by this unfortunate Event, have been deprived a like of Protection and Support: and that MONDAY next, September 19th, is fixed upon for that Purpose; when the nett Profits arising from that Day and Evening’s Exhibition will be paid into the Hands of the Gentlemen forming the Committee for managing the Subscription for the above benevolent design.

The Proprietor pledges himself, that nothing shall be wanting on his part to render the Day and Evening’s Exhibition, worthy of their attention: and the Public, at the same time that they have an opportunity of witnessing these truly and wonderful Pieces of Art, will have the pleasing reflection, that they are also contributing their Mite towards the Alleviation of the Distresses of the Widow and Orphan.

The EXHIBITION will be Repeated, on TUESDAY the 20th, for the BENEFIT of Mr. LOUIS’s STAGE ASSISTANTS, whom, on account of their unremitting attention to their duty, he begs to recommend to the protection of a generous and feeling Public.

\*. Doors open in the Morning, from Eleven o’clock until Four.—Admittance One Shilling.

☞ In the Evening, the Doors will open at Half past Six, and the Performance begin precisely at Seven.—Admittance Two Shillings each Person: but in order to give an opportunity to the Rising Generation to see those vast efforts of human invention, Children, under Twelve Years of Age, will be admitted at One Shilling.

Appeal to the Public.

JOHN JEFFERSON,

Lately a SHIP OWNER in the Trade between  
YORK and LONDON,

HAS, by recent and unavoidable calamities, been reduced to a state of extreme exigency.

Domestic troubles, and other circumstances, over which he had no control, had very materially diminished his Property, when the ship Essex, which formed the chief source of his livelihood, was wrecked, during one of the severe Storms of last Season, and completed the ruin of his Fortune. The Sum insured upon the Ship, which was scarcely one half of its value, along with his Household Furniture and all his other Effects, he has assigned for the equal benefit of his Creditors, who have all accepted the offer, and who he earnestly hopes will receive from 15s. to 17s. in the Pound.

Being thus cast from a respectable Situation in life into one of complete indigence, some of his Fellow-Citizens, who have long known and respected his Character, have determined to endeavour to raise a Sum, for the purpose of enabling him to obtain, by industrious exertion, a Subsistence for Himself, his Wife, and two Children. For this object, they venture to appeal to the sympathy of a benevolent Public.

Any Donation will be most thankfully received, and may be paid at the York Banks; to Messrs. TUXE, WALLER, and CORSE; Mr. JOSEPH AGAR; Messrs. CATTON, CROSBY, and Co., York; or Mr. R. ALLANSON, Packet Office, Scale Lane, Hull.

YORK, August 14th, 1823. Hull Packet, 1 Sep 1823

Hull Advertiser and Exchange Gazette, 24 Jan 1801

SUBSCRIPTIONS  
For the Wives and Families of Sailors detained in Russia.  
HULL, January 2d, 1801.

At a Meeting of the Merchants, Ship-Owners, and other Inhabitants of this town, holden at the Exchange this day,

W. OSBOURNE, Esq. in the Chair,

It was unanimously resolved,

That a Subscription be immediately opened for affording such relief to the Wives and Families of our brave and unfortunate Seamen belonging to this port, now confined in Russia, as their peculiar situations may require.

That the undermentioned Gentlemen be appointed a Committee, and be requested to solicit Subscriptions.

That the Fund to be raised for the above purpose be under the management and direction of the Committee, and will be received by Messrs. Smiths and Thompson; Messrs. Pease, Knowlsey, and Wray; Sir C. Sykes and Co. Messrs. Pease, Harrison and Co. and Messrs. Mozsons, Bankers, in Hull, where Subscription Lists are also left.

COMMITTEE.

Wm. Jarratt Esq. mayor  
John Sykes, Esq.  
William Osbourne, Esq.  
William Bolton, Esq.  
Joseph Egginton, Esq.  
Mr. Thomas Thompson  
Avifon Terry  
William Collinson

Mr. George Knox  
William Gibson  
Thomas Collinson  
William Horncliffe  
John Ogle Ogle  
Anthony Atkinson  
Obifon Kirkbride  
A. Hollingworth

SUMS ALREADY SUBSCRIBED, AND NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Corporation of the town of Hull	100	0	0	James Shepherd	5	5	0
The Dock Company	100	0	0	Thomas Robinson	5	5	0
Wilberforce, Smiths and Co.	100	0	0	John Carrick	5	5	0
Jos. Sykes, Sen & Co.	100	0	0	A Atkinson	5	5	0
John Sykes, Esq.	20	0	0	William Bourne	5	5	0
William Jarratt, Esq.	20	0	0	James Milnes	5	5	0
W Osbourne, Esq.	31	10	0	Jos. Wilkinson	5	5	0
Wm. Williamson, Esq.	50	0	0	J. S. Brandstrom	5	5	0
Carlill, Greenwood and Co. for Ships	50	0	0	John Wm. Hentig	5	5	0
Dwina and Perle- verance	50	0	0	Barkworth & Dowson	5	5	0
R. Terry & Son	31	10	0	Benjamin Holland	5	5	0
Wright and Bowden	21	0	0	Richard Baker	5	5	0
W. & C. Bolton	21	0	0	Outram and Lambert	5	5	0
W. Horncliffe	42	0	0	Hall and Emmett	5	5	0
John Robinson	42	0	0	John Collinson	5	5	0
Benjamin Hickson	42	0	0	Charles Roe	5	5	0
Thomas Collinson	31	10	0	Benjamin Blydca	5	5	0
G. and J. Egginton	21	0	0	W. Middleton & Son	5	5	0
				A. & J. Whitaker	5	5	0
				Francis Wood	3	3	0
				W. G. & C. Sellers	3	3	0
				J. Howard	2	2	0
				T. Cleadow	2	2	0
				T. Shackles	2	2	0
				John Atkins	2	2	0
				Tho. Wood (Dock-side)	2	2	0
				Thomas Middleton	2	2	0
				William Young	2	2	0
				Nichols Wahse	2	2	0
				Mrs. Mary Smyth	2	2	0
				Wade and Richardson	1	1	0
				John Bowden	1	1	0
				W. Rawson	1	1	0
				Wm. Pycock	1	1	0
				Wm. Clifford	1	1	0
				Thomas Rodmell	1	1	0
				Dr. Alderson	1	1	0
				Thomas Westerdale	1	1	0
				Tho. Richardson, sen.	1	1	0
				Francis Clifford	1	1	0
				Robert Burton	1	1	0
				Thomas Minnett	1	1	0
				Dan. Macpherson	1	1	0

Fact: In 1801 a subscription was started to help the families of Hull seafarers being held as prisoners of war during the Napoleonic Wars with France







Cogan House,  
Bowlalley Lane,  
HULL, 9th January 1895.

Sir,

Hull Fishermen's Widows and Orphans Fund 1895.

You will no doubt have seen the report in the papers as to a Meeting of the Fishing Trade held yesterday to consider what steps should be taken to alleviate the suffering and distress caused by the Gales on the 22nd December last.

A Committee was formed for the purpose of raising Funds to relieve those in want and a Deputation was appointed with a view of enlisting your assistance. Mr Alderman Tooze and Mr Councillor Simpson will see you to arrange for a Deputation to wait upon you at your convenience

We are, Sir,

Yours obediently

ROBT. HODGSON. WALTER SCOTT ) Joint  
J. VIVIAN W.R. HAWORTH. ) Hon. Secs.

The Rt Worshipful the Mayor of Hull,

The Town Hall,

HULL.

Letters to the Mayor of Hull, 1895 [C WM/184]

Sir,

At a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Kingston-upon-Hull, held at the Town Hall yesterday for the purpose of tak-

ing such steps as might be deemed expedient for the relief of the widows and orphans of the Hull fishermen, who lost their lives during the recent gales; a resolution was passed, requesting me to make an appeal, through the Press, to the general public, on behalf of the Fund which has been established.

Altogether 106 Hull fishermen perished, and they have left 55 widows, 128 orphans, and 12 to 15 aged parents, who were dependent upon them.



January 18th 1919

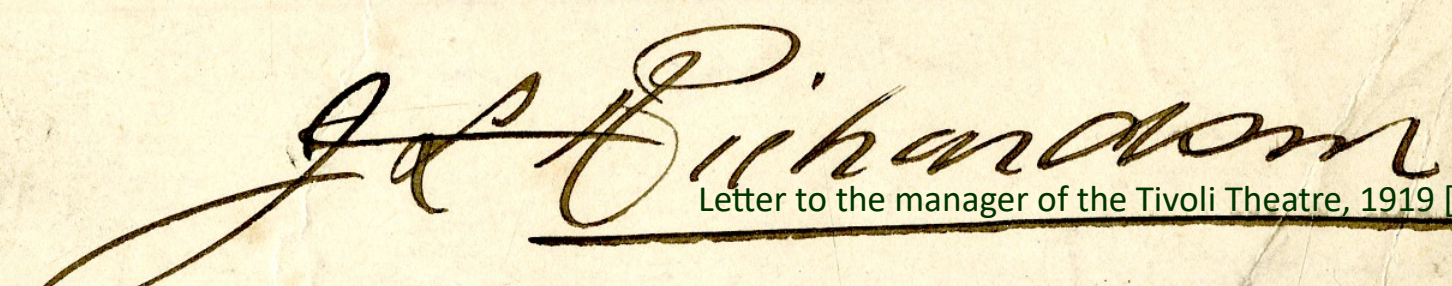
George Ashton Esq,  
Tivoli Theatre,  
Hull.

Dear Mr Ashton,

On behalf of the Minesweepers' Widows & Orphans Fund I wish to thank you very much indeed for your kindness and the valuable assistance you rendered to our society in arranging and carrying out the Charity Matinee at the Tivoli Theatre, Hull on November 9th 1918, which was such a complete success.

Apart from our appreciation you will have the satisfaction of knowing that through your endeavours you have relieved the sufferings of many widows & orphans in this City and we are truly grateful to you.

Yours faithfully,

  
Letter to the manager of the Tivoli Theatre, 1919 [C DITT/2/9]  
Chairman, Hull Committee  
Humber Minesweepers' Widows & Orphans Fund.

**Fact:** As a result of the loss of life caused by mines during the First World War, a Hull Minesweepers' Widows and Orphans Fund was established to provide financial aid to the victims' families

Subscriptions, collections and benefit events were often arranged following a major disaster resulting in a large loss of life.

Following particularly bad storms, a significant wreckage, or during times of war, it was common to find newspaper advertisements of such charitable efforts to aid the families of lost and stranded seafarers.

Subscriptions were usually raised by a committee of local civic figures, often including the mayor of the town.

Collections were held during services in chapels and churches that were closely associated with the seafaring community.

Local business owners and entrepreneurs would also make donations to such funds by holding benefit evenings and charity events.