

The undersigned, one of the Trustees of the Academy in the Town of Hay Market, Prince William County, and having acted as Secretary by the said Institution during its existence at said place, and also as Treasurer part of the time, being called on to state the situation of the Affairs of the said Institution at this time hereby certifies that when the public Buildings were sold in the said Town under an Act of the Legislature in 1812 they were purchased by sundry persons in the neighbourhood for the purpose of converting them into an Academy, which purpose was expressed in the Deed executed to them by the Commissioners. For the attainment of the object proposed, these persons entered into a subscription, whereby each subscriber became bound for the sum subscribed by him, to be applied to the purpose of fitting up the said Buildings for such use, which subscription, in the aggregate, amounted to several hundred Dollars. Upon the foundation of this subscription, and relying on a further contribution from the public, Contracts were entered into with workmen, and considerable expenses incurred in carrying the said Institution into effect. The necessary repairs and alterations of the Buildings, however, requiring a more prompt and pressing demand for money than was contemplated, the school, owing to this, and some other circumstances, equally unpropitious, beginning to decline, many of the subscribers

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became delinquent, and refusing to ~~pay~~ make any further ad-
vances for its support it was finally put down altogether, leaving
the Company saddled with considerable debts, for one of which
suit has already been instituted, and several others threatened.
Several abortive efforts have been made by some of the Trustees
to revive this Academy, which has been at an end for ~~the~~
years; and the Buildings, being in a ruinous condition,
will, unless their destination be changed, go to decay, and
tumble down.

Given under my hand this 2. of ~~the~~ October
1824.

J. B. [Signature]

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Oct. 23. 1821. - I do certify that I have examined the
 foregoing certificate signed by Edmund Brooke Esq.
 & that the statements therein contained are correct.

J. Furber

late President of

The Haymarket Academy

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