

Petition against Brokers Obstructing Pall Mall

Prayer

SANDHURST, 4TH FEBRUARY, 1873.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Sandhurst

Right Worshipful Sir and Gentlemen,

WE, the undersigned Ratepayers, very respectfully call your attention to the absolute necessity of measures being at once taken to put an end to the obstruction of the main thoroughfare of the City, by Share-dealing being allowed on the footpath in Pall Mall, and in the road. This nuisance has now become intolerable, to the great injury of trade, and the inconvenience of residents. From an early hour in the morning to late hours at night, the footpath is deliberately taken possession of and held, and persons having business in Pall Mall, can only, with the greatest difficulty, force their way through; while to ladies, any passage through is impossible. The Pall Mall footpath is, in fact, virtually closed to the ratepayers.

We consider that we have a right to claim the instant and effectual interference of the City Council, to protect us in the enjoyment of our privileges as ratepayers. We are taxed heavily for roads and footpaths, and it seems monstrous that they should thus be closed to us; and we are satisfied that in no other civilized community in the world would such a gross nuisance be tolerated for one day.

It is not for us to suggest the steps to be taken by the Council in suppressing this scandalous nuisance, but we know that if the smallest article of tradesmen's stock is allowed to encroach upon the footpath, summonses and fines follow; and, we know also, that any attempt on the part of hawkers to occupy the footpaths, would be at once put down; and we cannot understand why the same law is not put in force to put an end to Share-dealing in the public thoroughfares.

It is our duty, most respectfully but most urgently, to call upon the Council for the general interests and convenience, and for the credit of the City, at once to take measures to put down the nuisance of which we complain and to restore the Pall Mall thoroughfare to the ratepayers.

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Notes

4 February 1873 - Women not able to access Pall Mall footpath near Stock Exchange.

This Petition is a more traditional example of Men speaking on behalf of Women. In this case, male Petitioners were concerned for Women's safety and comfort when they needed to navigate Pall Mall.

All pedestrians had to try and negotiate through **“the obstruction of the main thoroughfare of the City, by Share-dealing being allowed on the footpath in Pall Mall...to ladies, any passage through is impossible.”** These Petitioners were, in effect, objecting to the throng of investors who gathered daily outside the city's busy Stock Exchange.

Page	Column	Surname	Christian Name / Initial	Address
1	1	Buick	James	c/o Pall Mall
1	1	Mc Clelland	John	Mitchell St.,
1	1	Emery	John	Mitchell St.,
1	1	Palk & Goss		Mitchell St.,
1	1	Wood	Charles	Mitchell St.,
1	1	Calran	Thomas	Mitchell St.,
1	1	Whyte	David	Pall Mall
1	1	Evans	G. C.	Pall Mall
1	1	Stevens	Robatham	Pall Mall
1	1	Paterson	John	Mitchell St.,
1	1	Sartup & Miell		Pall Mall
1	1	Illingworth & Hoskins		Mitchell St.,
1	1	Grady	Thomas	Mitchell St.,
1	1	Gray	Charles	Arcade
1	1	Murray	Gervas	Market Square
1	1	Benson	Thomas	by his attorney, G. Letheridge
1	1	Benwick	John	
1	1	Mc Leod	John	Mitchell St.,
1	2	Webb	William	Market Sq.
1	2	Stephens	I.	Pall Mall
1	2	Holdsworth	J.	Pall Mall
1	2	Balsilli[e]	Andrew	Pall Mall
1	2	Cattran	Charles	
1	2	Casey & Son		
1	2	Morrison	Andrew	
1	2	Roberts	J. S.	
1	2	Mahaffy & Son		
1	2	Bent	M. W.	
1	2	Metcalf	Robert S.	
1	2	Capewell	William	
1	2	Stewart	John	

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James Buck No. 10 Pall Mall *Minors*
Edw. Aske & Co. 101 St. James Ho. Pall Mall *Master*
John Lavery Mitchell St. *Worham*
Halk & Co. Mitchell St. *Andrews*
Charles Wood Mitchell St. *Charles Catman*

Charles Wood Mitchell St
Pro. Cathan Mitchell St
David Mays Pale Male
J. Evans Pale Male
J. Graham & Thomas " "
J. M. Paterson Mitchell
Garthup & Miel Pall Mall
Whingworth 94 Ashurst Mitchell Street
Thomas Grady Mitchell Street
Thomas Gray 100 Acacia
James Cunningham 111 Ashurst Square
J. P. Benson 151 Ashurst Square
John Remwick
James M. Lord 101 Ashurst Square

Charles Cathan
Casey & Son
Mrs. Morrison
M. J. P. P.
Mahaffy & Son
W. M. Bent
Robert L. P. P.
William G. P. P.
J. M. P. P.

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Petition against broken
obstructing Fall Mill.