

president, Mr. Greenough, recommended, and which proved successful.'¹ While he is said to have resisted 'calmly but fearlessly,' the proposals brought before the Society, he at the same time 'endeavoured to conciliate matters by every means in his power. He pointed out to Sir J. Banks the true objects of their intended action; with his own hands he drew up a list of the subjects which it was intended to make the objects of inquiry, and promised that any papers he desired should be freely placed at the disposal of the Royal Society. But all in vain; the hostile feeling could not be overcome. Still Mr. Greenough was unshaken.' It is satisfactory to know that 'although much warmth was elicited in these discussions, Mr. Greenough never lost a friend.'²

The following are official records:—

March 3, 1809. Letter received from Right Hon. Charles Greville.

Resolved that plan proposed by him be printed and copy be sent to every ordinary member.

The secretary communicated to the meeting a letter which he had that day received from Sir Joseph Banks, containing a request that his name should be withdrawn from the list of the Geological Society, and mentioning that he had written to the president on this subject.

Resolved that the secretary be instructed to acquaint Sir Joseph Banks that the Society accept his resignation with deep regret, and that they are not conscious of having deviated from the principles which they entertained at their first establishment.

A special general meeting was held on March 10, 1809, at the Freemasons' Tavern, in order to consider a 'Plan for consolidating the Geological with the Royal Society as an Assistant Society,' as proposed by the Right Hon. Charles Greville. The proceedings were as follows:—

G. B. Greenough, M.P., in chair, and present: Mr. Aikin, Count de Bournon, Rev. E. J. Burrow, Dr. Franck,

¹ *Proc. Geol. Soc.* iii. p. 524.

² Obituary of Greenough, by W. J. Hamilton, Address to Geol. Soc. 1856.