

3. That the place of meeting be the Thatched House Tavern.¹

4. That the following gentlemen be members of the Club :—

Arthur Aikin.	Rev. A. Irvine.
Fras. Baily.	Thos. Jemmett.
Rev. Prof. Buckland.	A. B. Lambert.
Henry Burton.	Chas. Lyell.
Alexr. Caldcleugh.	Danl. Moore.
Fras. Chantrey.	W. H. Pepys.
Major Colby.	E. W. Rundell.
H. T. Colebrooke.	Jesse Watts Russell.
P. D. Cooke.	Sir G. T. Staunton, Bt.
Sir Alexr. Crichton.	Charles Stokes.
Robt. Ferguson.	John Taylor.
Dr. Fitton.	Henry Tucker.
G. B. Greenough.	J. F. Vandercom.
J. Guillemand.	Jas. Vine.
Dr. Horsfield.	Henry Warburton.

From the MS. Transactions of this Club the following records are extracted :—

November 19, 1824. Mr. Lyell having stated that an experiment had been instituted of enclosing toads in several cavities in rock in the month of September last, with the view of opening the cavities in a succession of years, one in each succeeding year :

The president [the Rev. Prof. Buckland] bets Mr. Warburton two bottles of champagne to one, that at the end of one year from the time of enclosing, one toad will be found alive.

Mr. Warburton also bets the president a bottle of champagne that no toad will be found alive at the end of the second year.

Mr. Taylor bets Mr. Stokes a bottle of champagne that at the end of one year one of the toads will be found alive ; also another bottle that one will be found alive at the end of two years ; and another bottle that one will be found alive at the end of three years.

Mr. Warburton bets Mr. Taylor four bottles to one that none of the toads will be found alive at the end of four years.

¹ This celebrated tavern in St. James's Street stood, from 1711 to about 1843, on the site of the present Conservative Club house. The business was then removed to adjoining premises, and continued there until 1865, when the building was pulled down, and the Civil Service Club (now the Thatched House Club) and Thatched House Chambers were built on the site. Wheatley and Cunningham, 'London Past and Present,' iii. 1891, p. 370.