

London chamber of commerce, Members 1823-4.

A London chamber was established in 1823 which survived for 2 years. It was active enough to mount several lobby campaigns, but its lack of success in gaining government backing and a charter put off the chamber leaders and it fell into disuse. This nevertheless constitutes the first significant attempt to establish a London chamber with a broad membership. A first London chamber of commerce had been established by John Weskett and existed over 1782-1800. However, this was essentially a one-man operation that chiefly focused on arbitration of commercial disputes. Several later attempts were made to establish a London chamber, but they did not finally succeed until the modern chamber was founded in 1882 (see R. J. Bennett (2011) *Local Business Voice*, OUP, pp. 100-101, 193-200).

The initial meetings of the chamber had 280 subscribers who signed their support; unfortunately this list does not survive. What does survive is the 55 names of the members of the standing committees of the chamber in 1823 and 1824, plus another 13 members whose comments are reported in chamber meetings: N=68 in total. This is 24% of the subscribers, and constitutes all the leading members from the chamber's committees.

The known membership is notable for the high number of MPs. This suggests that this first effort to develop a chamber, whilst attempting to cover the general business community, was more of a parliamentary grouping to draw together MPs who had a business interest in London and more generally.

BoE = Bank of England

BoT = Board of Trade

EIC = East India Company

Ptnr = partner

MP indicates a member of parliament in 1823-4

Sources: Reports of chamber meetings in the *Morning Chronicle*, 19 and 29 March 1823 and 5 April 1824; R. J. Bennett (2011) *Local Business Voice*, Oxford University Press, pp. 100-101, 193-200.

Other sources: ODNB; History of Parliament, *The Commons* (eds. Thorne and Fisher); City of London inhabitants; London Metropolitan Archives catalogues; London Lives; Bunhill Fields burials;

<i>Name</i>	<i>Birth/death</i>	<i>Business</i>
1823 Standing Committee		
Baring, Alexander	1773-1848	Merchant, banker (dominant ptnr 1810-) retired 1830; BoE director 1805-17, Pres BoT 1834-5
Bernal, Ralph	1783-1852	Lawyer, son of WI merchant
Brougham, Henry	1778-1868	Lawyer; ex-L'pool and Manchester chamber agent, etc.; later Social Science Assoc.
Courtenay, William	1777-1859	Lawyer, specialist in bankruptcy; family from Atwells bank (failed 1770); S. Sea Co.
Davis, Richard Hart	1766-1842	WI merchant, ptnr in Harford Bank, Bristol [SMV & Bristol chamber member]
Farrand, Robert	1792-1855	Corn factor and agric interests
Gladstone, John	1764-1851	Corn merchant, shipping & WI estates, ptnr of Edgar Corrie chamber member in L'pool and others
Grant, John	1778-1866	Lawyer, supporter of Canning
Haldimand, William	1784-1862	Director of BoE
Huskisson, William	1770-1830	President of BoT
Irving, John	1765-1845	Merchant & financier, Alliance Insurance; Cork agents and property in WI
Marryat, Joseph	1757-1824	WI merchant, colonial agent for Grenada, formerly for Trinidad; chair of Lloyds; bank ptnr
Martin, John	1774-1832	Ptnr Grasshopper Bank (Martins)
Newport, Sir John (Simon)	1756-1843	Ptnr Newport Bank, Waterford [Waterford chamber member]
Onslow, (Sergeant) Arthur	1759-1833	Lawyer, bankruptcy specialist
Phillimore, Dr. Joseph	1775-1855	Lawyer, merchant family
Plummer, John	1780-1839	Rum & WI merchant & plantation owner; insurance broker
Ricardo, David	1772-1823	Author, broker & loan contractor for govt. stock; free market supporter
Scarlett, James	1769-1844	Lawyer and judge
Scott, Samuel	1772-1849	Corn merchant, director Royal Exchange Assurance; father principal of Scott, Dent & Co. bank
Smith, John	1767-1842	Ptnr Abel Smith bank of Notts.
Smith, William	1756-1835	Merchant, grocer & dissenter; director London Assurance, Albion Assurance, British Herring Co.
Sykes, Daniel	1766-1832	Merchant, lawyer, iron ore interests, Hull trade etc.
Wallace, Thomas	1768-1844	Master of Mint, lawyer
Wells, John	1761-1848	Shipping, local land development, EIC & navy contracts
Wetherell, Charles	1790-1846	Lawyer
Williams, William	1774-1839	Bank ptnr in Dorchester
Wilson, Thomas	1767-1852	Grenada merchant and shipping (Co.), director Phoenix Assurance; banking connections
1824 Standing Committee (additional members)		
Bainbridge, John		Merchants (Co.); later bank ptnr
Birkett, Richard		Corn with Thos Fothergill; ptnr Birkett's bank
Bridges, George	? 1762-1869	Wine merchant
Buckle, John William	-1846	Wine and brandy merchants & insurance brokers (Co.), manager & ptnr in <i>Batavia</i> ship
Cook, James		Stockbroker (Co.)
Dorrien, George		Merchants at Old South Sea House; ptnr Dorriens Mello bank; director BoE
Doxatt, Lewis	1778-1871	Editor, <i>Morning Chronicle</i>
Freese, John Henry jun.		Merchants, brokers (Co.)
Glynn, George Carr	1797-1873	Ptnr Glynn's bank, railways, dir St. Katherine's Dock, & Globe Insurance
Hall, John		Insurance broker (Co.), colonial broker; ptnr Hankey's and Child's banks
Hankey, W. A.		Ptnr Hankey's bank
Hodgson, John	-1831	Merchant with Chas Stokes; tea broker (Co.), father WI planter

Holdon, Robert		Merchant, bank (Co.)
Kemble, Edward Bedwall		Tea brokers (Co.)
Kymer, John		Merchants, coffee w/house, brokers; ptnr of Max
Kymer, Maximillian R.		Merchants, coffee w/house, brokers; ptnr of John
Loughnan, Andrew		Merchants (Co.)
Masterman, J.		Peters, Walker, Milched bank
Morton, Robert H.		Brewers (Co.)
Richardson, C.		Wine merchants, brokers (Co.)
Ryland, Richard	-1832	Stockbroker & banker with Stonard; corn factor (Co.)
Shaw, Robert	1774-1849	Merchant & Ptnr Leighton & Shaw's bank [Dublin chamber member]
Smith, H. W.		Stockbroker / barrister ?
Thompson, William	1792-1854	Shipping, insurance, iron merchant & Welsh iron mine owner; Chair of Master Ironmongers Co.; (BoE director 1829); connected to Attwoods Bank
Ward, H.		Agents and brokers (Co.)
Wilkinson, T.		Brokers (Co.); ex ptnr Mackworth Dorsetts & Bloxham bank
Wollaston, H. S. H. (Henry Septimus Hyde)		Merchant; director London Assurance; mf. of Roman cement with Astides F. Mornay
Other members 1823-4		
Browne, (J. K.)		Corn factor (Co.)
Combault, (Honorius)		Merchants (Co.)
Freshfield, James Joseph Wm.	1775-1864	Solicitor for BoE, Royal Exchange Assurance, & Smiths bank
Grenfell, Pascoe	1761-1838	Cornish copper smelters; governor of Royal Exchange Assurance
Hibbert, George	1757-1837	WI merchant, director of WI Dock, agent for Jamaica 1812-30 [family of Jamaica chamber members 1778-85]
Lockwood, Joshua		Grocer & hop merchant
Lyon, David	? 1794-1872	Scotch factors & merchants (Co.), WI merchant
Manning, William	1763-1835	Stockbroker, BoE director & governor, president London Life Assurance; WI planter family, agent for Grenada
Mille, _____ (? Thomas)		? Silk manufacture (Co.)
Shaw, B(enjamin)	1770-1843	Merchant, EIC shareholder, Ptnr Perring, Shaw bank
Soltau, William		Geo & Wm. merchants; [Geo a bank ptnr in Plymouth and a leading Plymouth chamber member d. 1819]
Tooke, Thomas	1774-1858	Author, merchant (Co.); director Royal Exchange Assurance
Warre, Sir William	1784-1853	BoE director; ex-governor of Cape Colony etc.