

Work of the 1870s

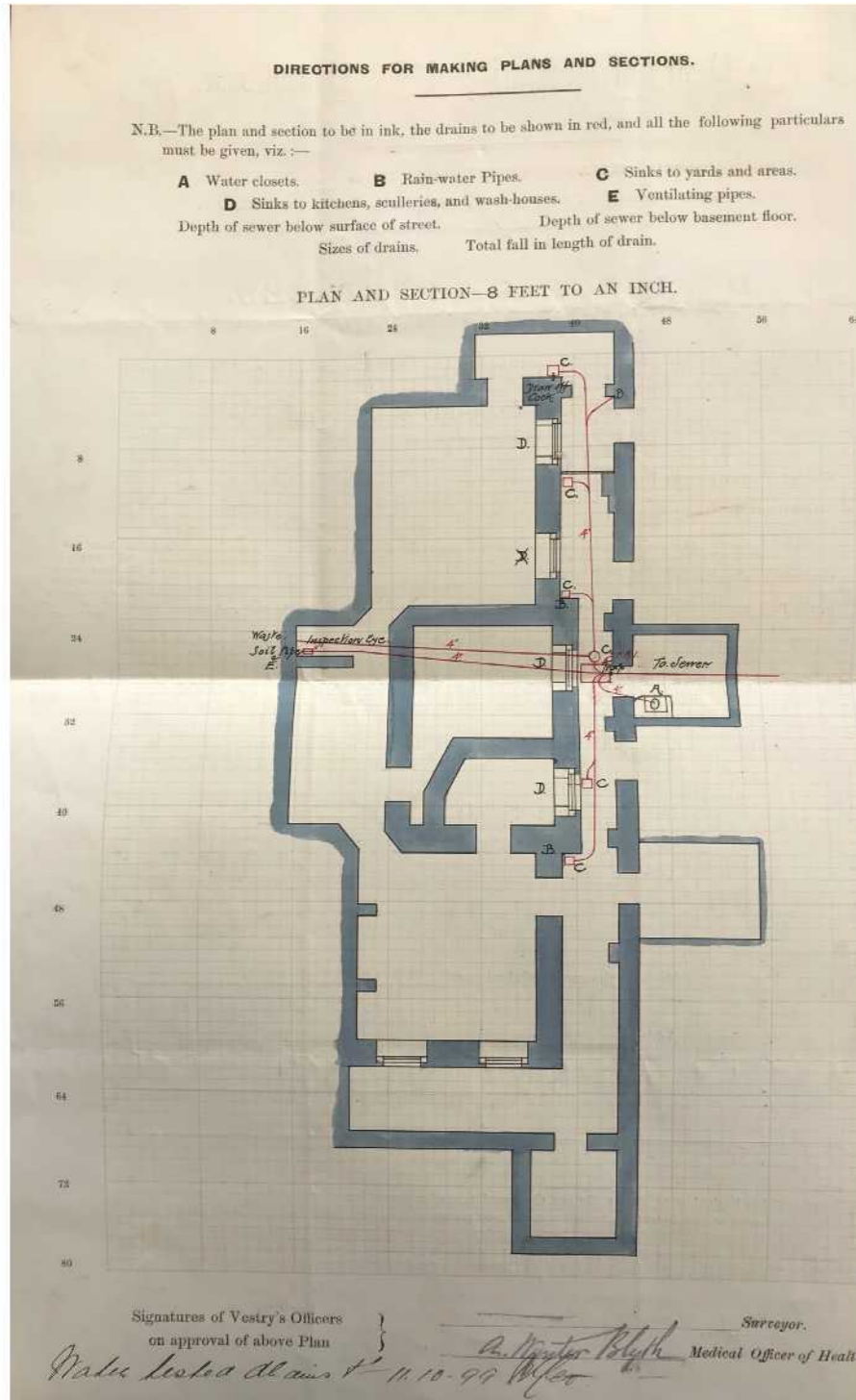


Figure 3.4 1899 lower ground floor of house only

3.15 The banking hall was extended c.1873. Work at this time included the eastern four bays of the main building including a new entrance in the penultimate eastern bay and a new porch to the west. Although externally it is designed to be almost indistinguishable from the earlier banking hall, internally the extension had different arrangements. For unknown reasons, the 1873 section is slightly set back from the 1826-7 section.

3.16 The extension is reflected in the 1875 and 1896 OS plans for the area. The 1875 plan does not yet show the c.1873 extension as a garden space is present adjacent to the bank facing Margaret Street. By the time of the 1896 plan the garden space has been developed.

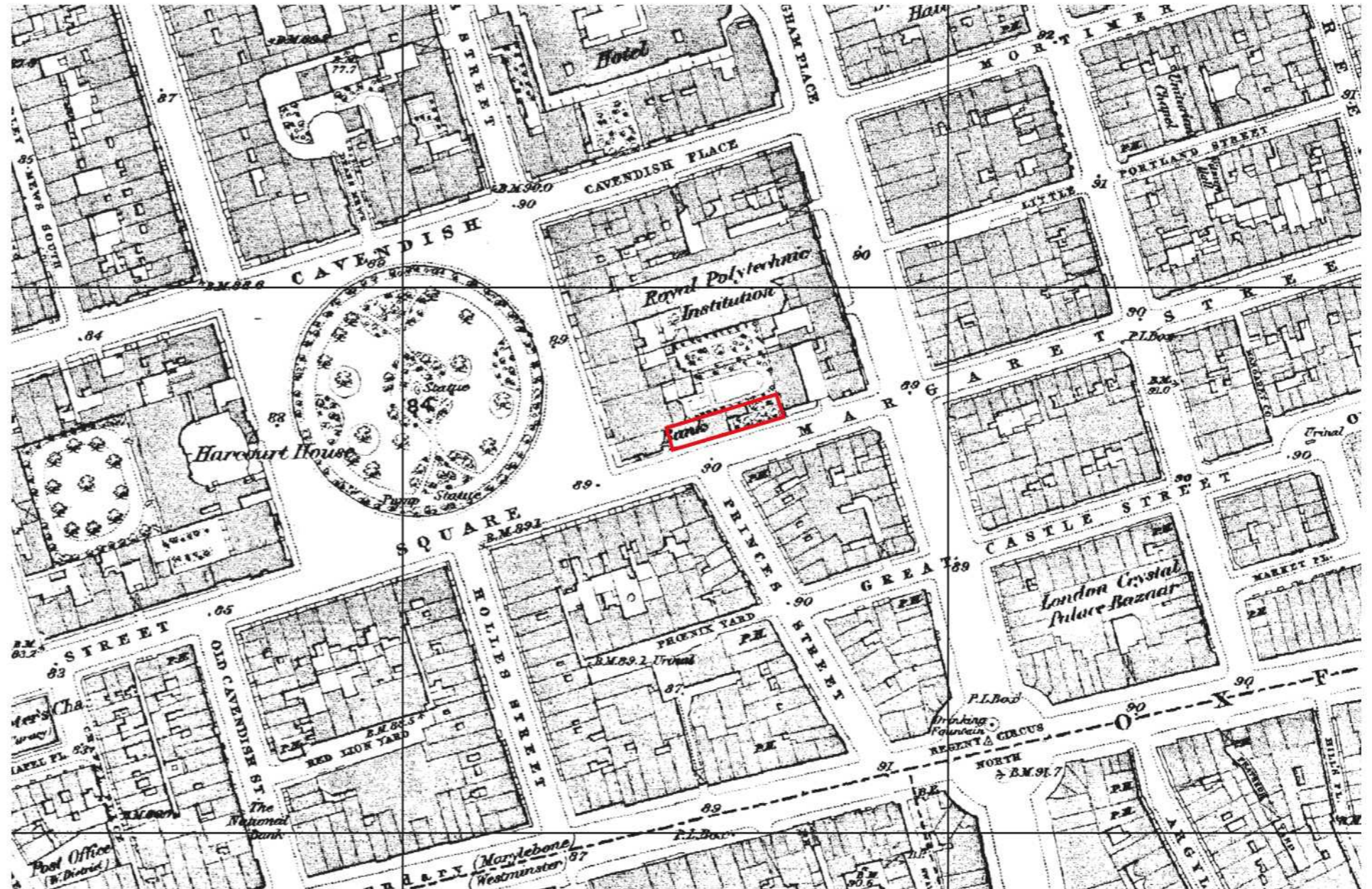


Figure 3.5 1875 OS plan (indicative site boundary shown)

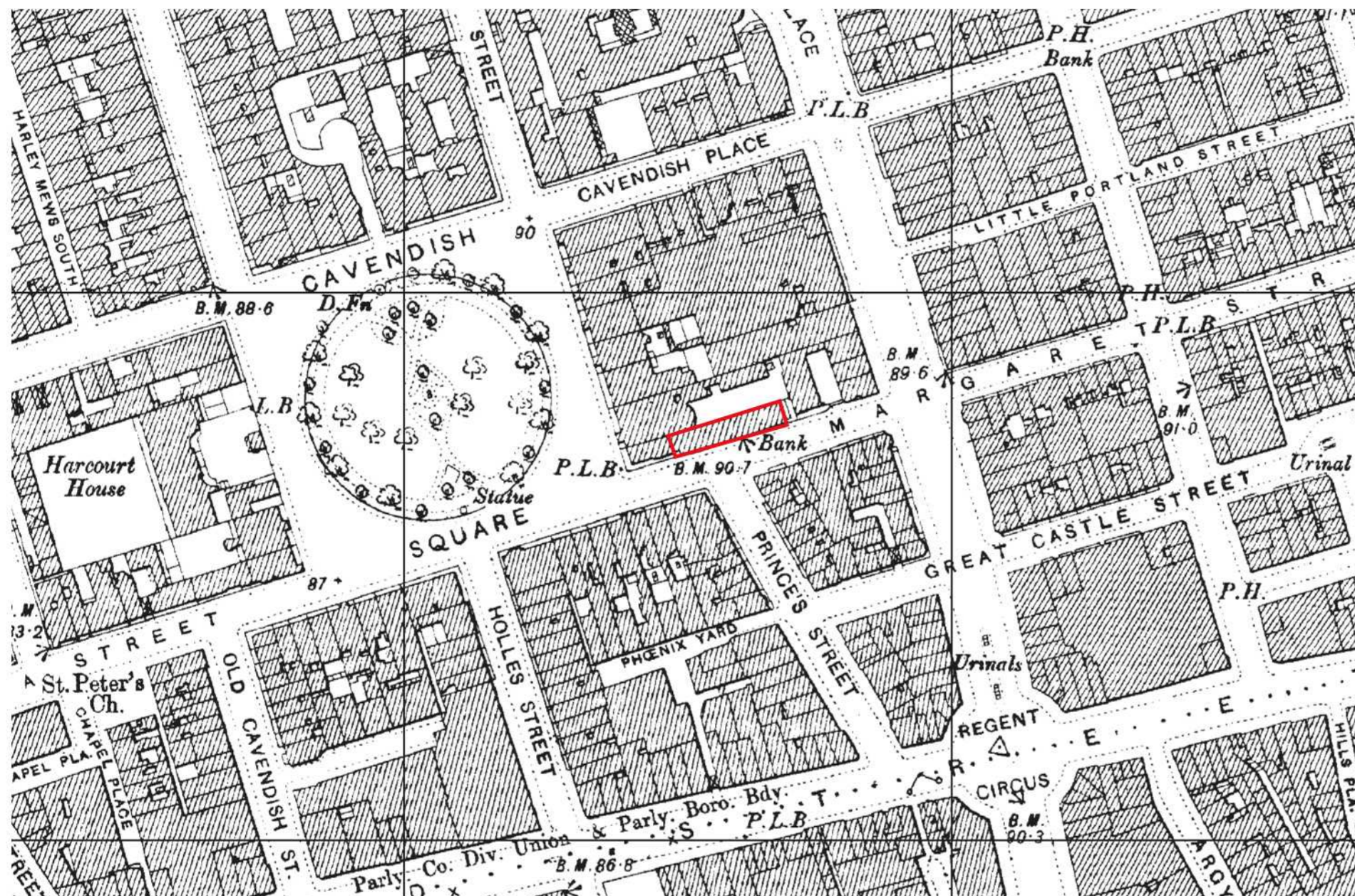


Figure 3.6 1896 OS plan (indicative site boundary shown)

- 3.17 The western bay of the 1873 extension was a top lit hall, lower than the main banking hall. Its function is not clear - a plan of 1926 shows it separated from the main hall by an arch closed with a partial screen, but it may have been a more private inner section of the public space.
- 3.18 The eastern three bays of the 1873 extension were two storied behind their single storey screen façade. This section, which was taller than the adjacent linking bay, provided a service entrance and back office functions. Set on two floors above the basement, it had staff rooms, toilets, and offices. Hidden from view behind the parapet, windows from the staff room on the first floor opened westwards towards the rooflight of the linking bay.
- 3.19 Also at this time, a new single bay western porch was added, comprising the eastern bay only of the present porch. The architect of this work is not known, but the builders were Holland and Hannen.
- 3.20 No plans or elevations of this date are known to survive, but the arrangements after the 1870s extension can be surmised from "as existing" plans and elevations of 1927.
- 3.21 The as existing elevation of 1927 shows the façade with windows similar to those extant today, but with projecting hoods. The 1870s single bay porch had paired Doric pilasters similar to those on the present porch (they may be reused), with the inner set rounded and fluted, the outer set flat.
- 3.22 Internally by 1927, and probably representing the 1870s arrangements, the eastern porch led into a large ante-room created out of the eastern two bays of No 1A. There was a further small room to the west, but the room facing Cavendish Square may have been part of the residential accommodation, entered via the original 1820s entrance.
- 3.23 The bank became part of Parr's Bank in 1894, then part of the Westminster Bank (later NatWest) from 1918.



Figure 3.7 Façade as existing, 1927

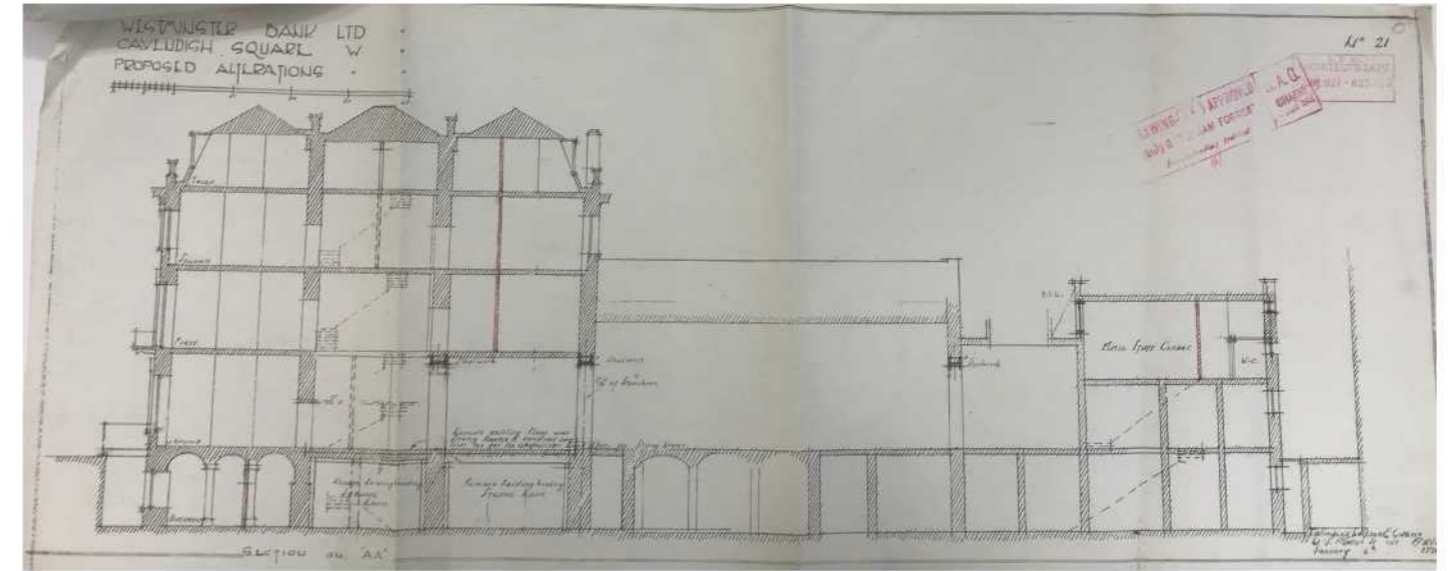


Figure 3.9 Section as proposed, 1927



Figure 3.8 Façade as proposed, 1927

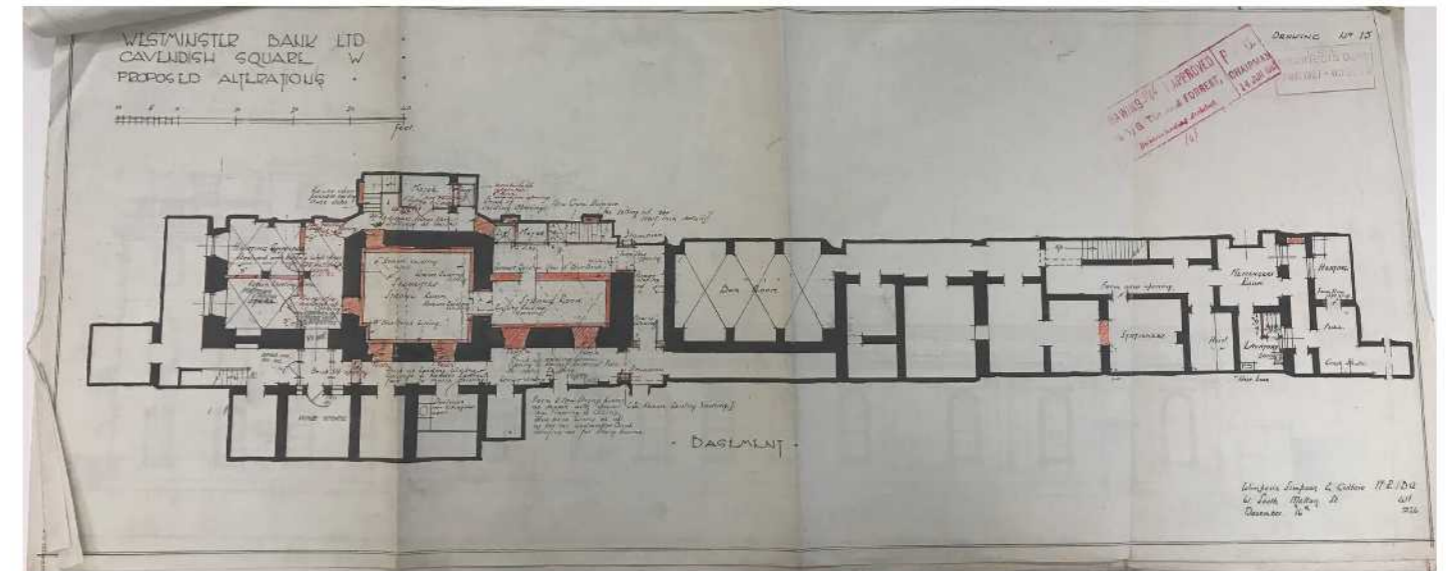


Figure 3.10 Basement as proposed, 1927

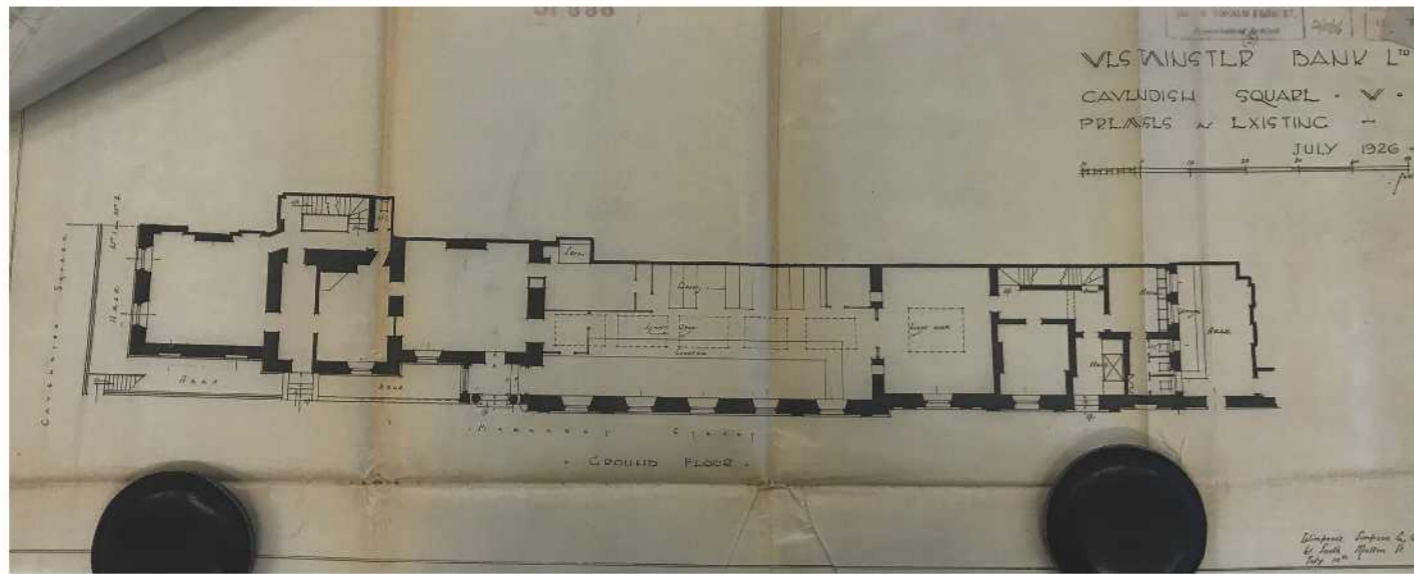


Figure 3.11 Ground floor as existing, 1927

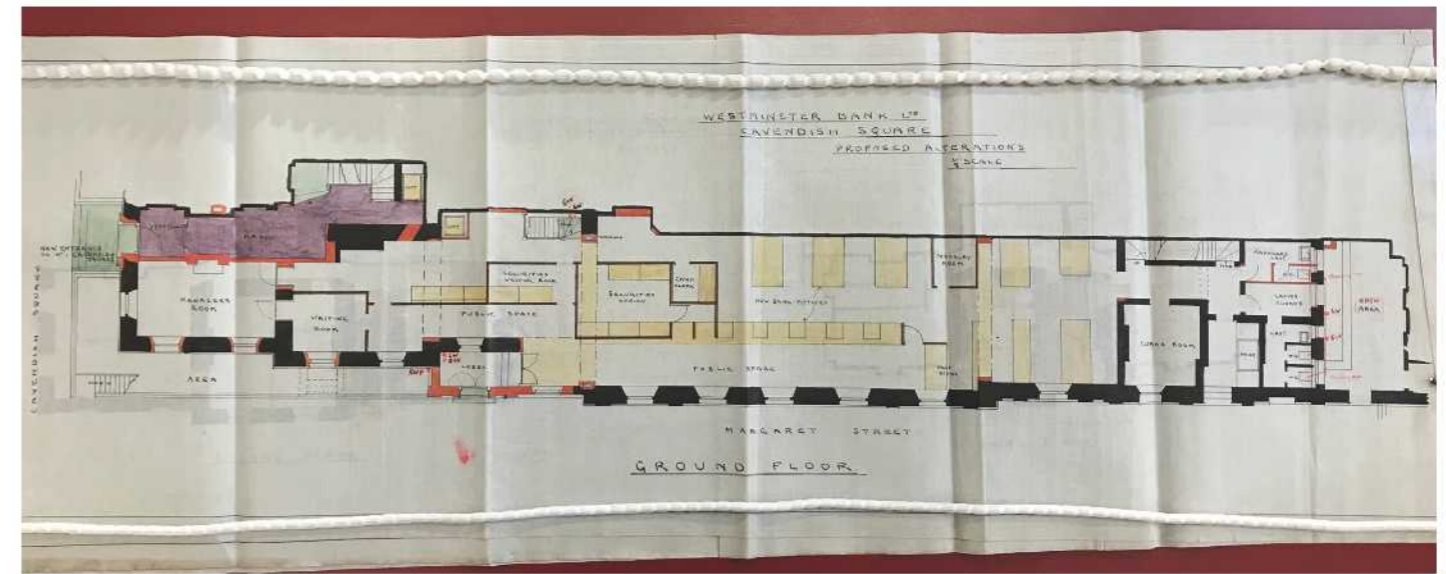


Figure 3.13 Ground floor as proposed (colour), 1927

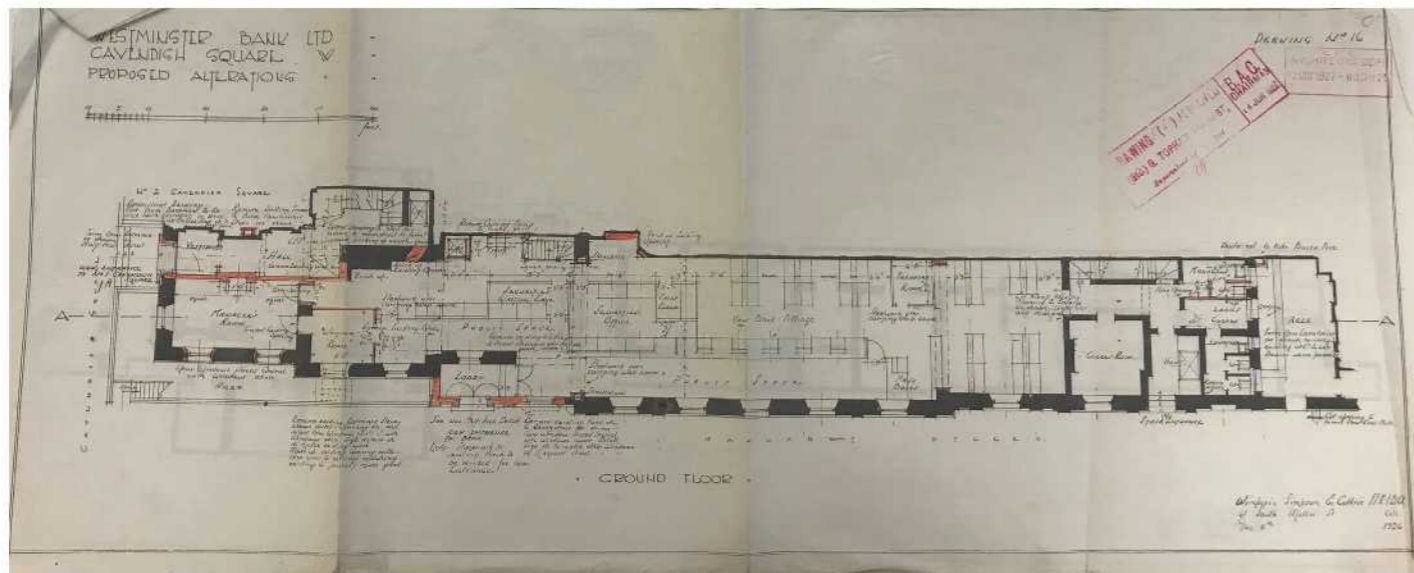


Figure 3.12 Ground floor as proposed, 1927

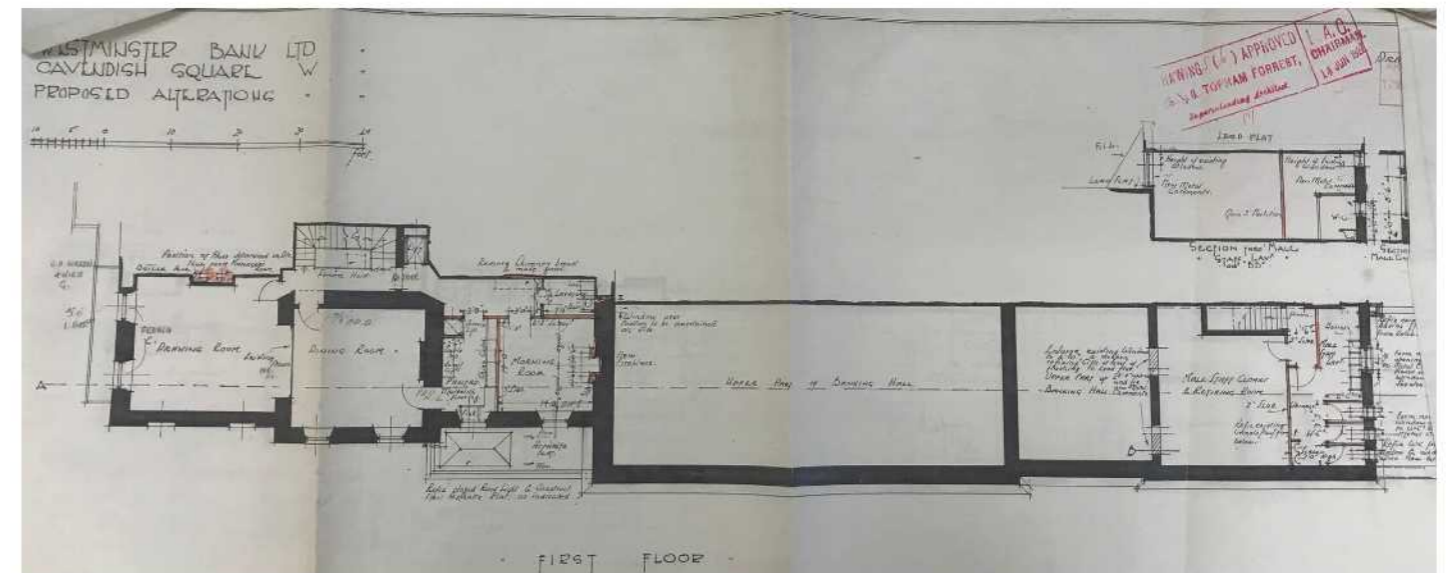


Figure 3.14 First floor as proposed, 1927