

HULL CONNECTIONS

Charles Staniforth was a merchant living in London by 1771, and when he made his will in 1783. His brother John and brother-in-law Philip Green were to be executors, and he left £100 each to Joseph Green and 'my friend Robert Motherby' of Königsberg. Staniforth's daughter Harriet, who was left £500 by her uncle Joseph Green of Königsberg, married John Green, originally from Hull, who was Secretary to the Levant Company.

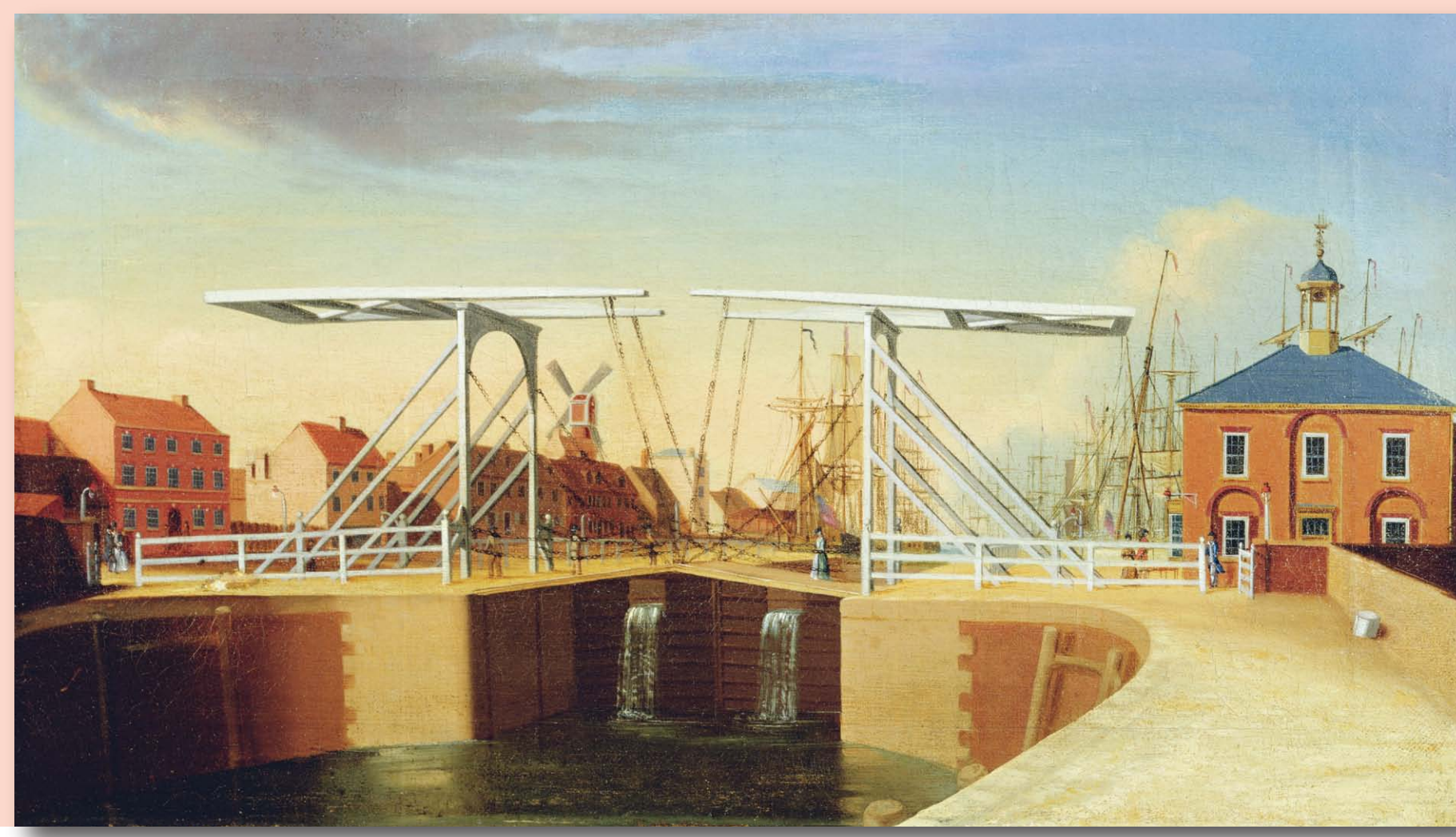
Staniforth's son John, a London merchant, and Director of the Bank of England, was one of the MPs for Hull, 1802-18. He was first elected with the support of his uncle Philip Green who, it was said, had much political influence in the port, particularly with the 'lower classes'.



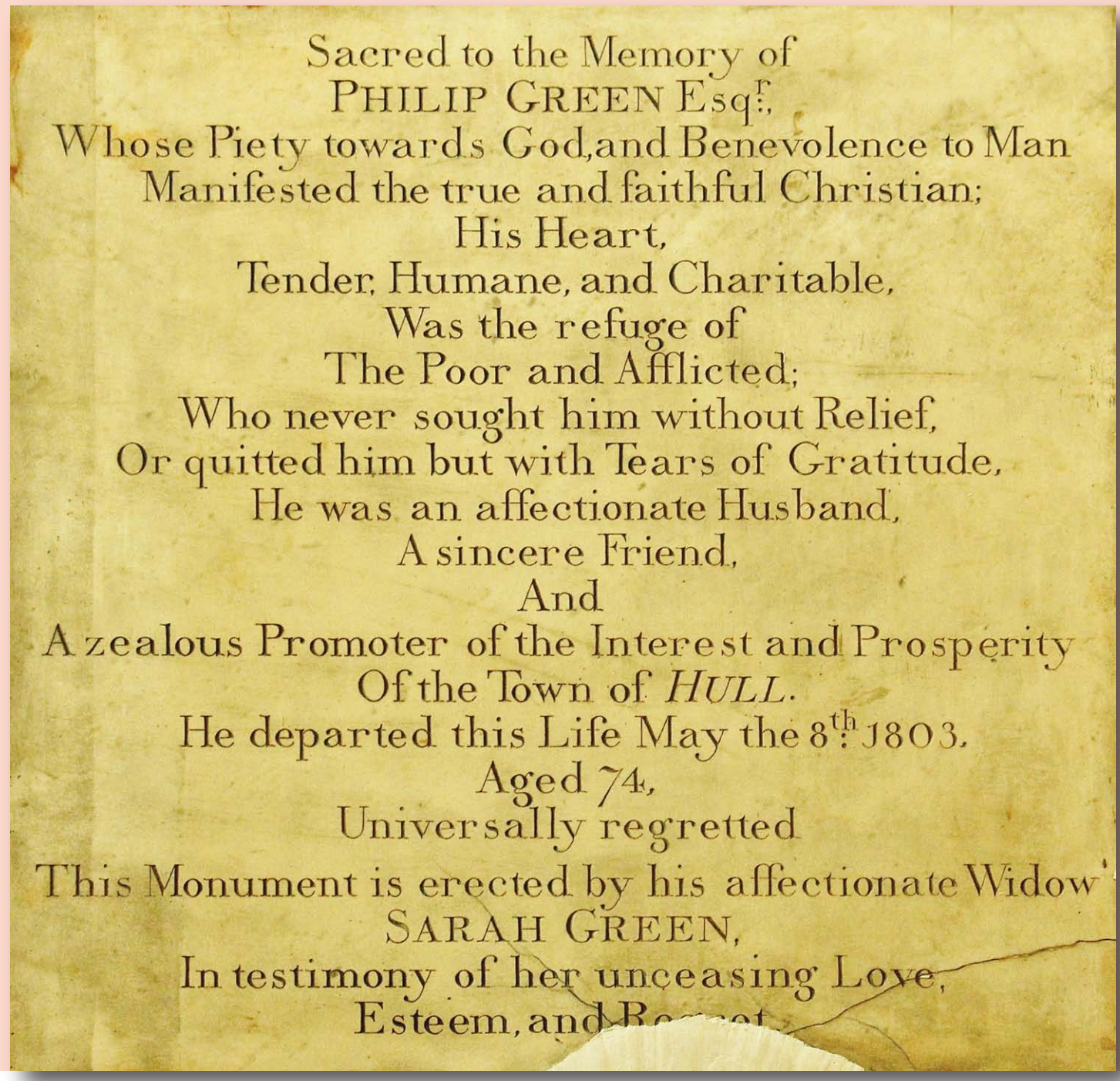
High Street, Hull, the home of Philip Green 1767-74.

Philip Green (1729-1803) was a master-mariner, captaining the Perrott from Hull to Königsberg many times between 1747-58. He then took over the family merchant house from his father Joseph Green, senior, who died at Welton in 1762.

"The grand dock at Hull, being the largest in England, was opened [on 22 Sept. 1778] for the admission of ships, when the Manchester, belonging to Mess. Staniforth and Ramsay, of that place, went in first, ornamented with a great number of flags of various nations; the Favourite, belonging to Philip Green, Esq; of 1000 tons burthen, the largest ship in that Port, followed after." Stamford Mercury 1 Oct. 1778



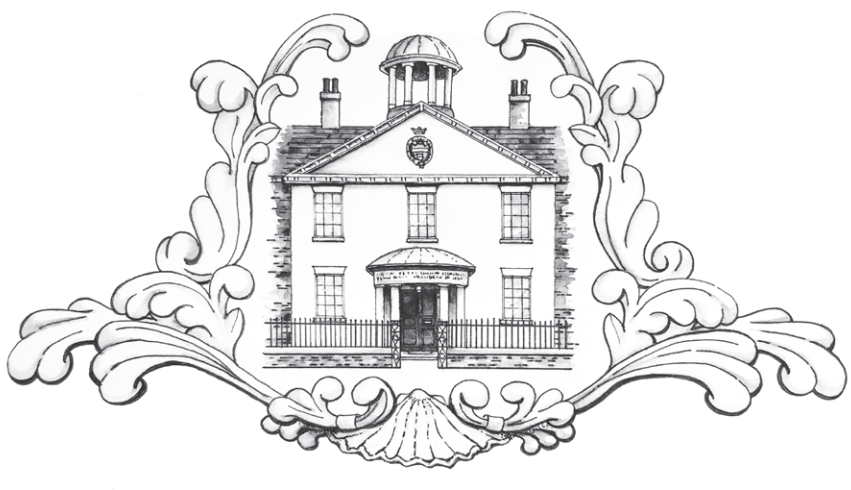
Robert Thew, An East View of the Bridge and New Dock at Kingston upon Hull (Ferens Art Gallery)



Wall-tablet to Philip Green, 1803 at the west end of the nave north aisle, Hull Minster

Philip Green and John Staniforth (Charles' brother) were leading shipowners involved in the lucrative whaling industry and, as shareholders, in the building of the new (Queen's) dock. Both were amongst the first to build houses in the 'new town' north of the dock, Green on Charlotte Street and Staniforth on George Street.

When Philip Green died in 1803, the *Hull Advertiser* noted: "The loss of this gentleman will be severely felt by many of the lower class of inhabitants of this town. We have been creditably informed that in a manner the very reverse of ostentation, his private charities have for several years amounted to not less than about four hundred pounds per annum."



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Philip Green's home in Charlotte St, Hull (now 83 George St), 1782-1803. Charles Staniforth died here in 1797

