

but supposing there was no need of it
& being absent a good deal neglected
I understood them to say that they dined
on the first floor & that all the tables
were filled -

30th I have seen Mr Smith & he
thinks as I do that there must be some
error he says Barnabas & Cutler told
him the tables were full below & can
recollect & name over twenty individ-
uals - among them Jost P. Perkins of Newbury
(the musicians were not among them -
they dined at some other table or tables)
& they all paid their 50 cts each -

In fact there was a slight defect to
make up by reason not collecting on
one side of a table & another at Linnah
by reason of the storm. I think some twenty
tickets short & an allowance was made
for what was not eaten so that I think
only 5 or 6 dollars was paid by the Society.

This is a more serious matter &
if there be any honest & honorable
way of lessening it it seems eligible

Yrs truly
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